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- 2 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of child maltreatment, what has been done to implement the recommendations of the 1976 Child Maltreatment Workshop sponsored by the Health Commission, specifying which recommendations have been acted upon and how.
- 3 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the Department of Community Welfare Services has received the Department of Social Security paper "The Future of the Homeless Persons Assistance Programme"; if so, whether the Department intends to comment on the paper and, in that event, whether a copy of those comments will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 4 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in respect of assistance to homeless persons:
 - 1 Whether he and/or officers of the Department of Community Welfare Services are having consultations with the Commonwealth Minister for Social Security and/or her officers concerning the existing Commonwealth programme of assistance to homeless persons; if so, on what basis those discussions are occurring and what is the current state of the discussions.
 - 2 Whether it is the State's policy to take over the administration of services presently provided under the Commonwealth Homeless Persons Assistance Act; if so, on what basis and with what financial assistance from the Commonwealth.
 - 3 What financial assistance the State provides towards homeless persons or organizations assisting homeless persons.
- 5 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what was the date and substance, respectively, of each approach for financial assistance which the Government has received from the Children's Protection Society in each of the past five years, indicating in each case the—
 - (a) date; and
 - (b) substance of the Government's response and what percentage of the assistance specified by the Society was granted.
- 6 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in respect of the review currently being undertaken by the Commonwealth of the Homeless Persons Assistance Act and grants under that Act, whether the State Government has made a submission to the Commonwealth; if so, when, and whether copies of that submission will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 7 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning whether the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works has written to him concerning the reservation for the F2 freeway, south of Bell Street, and whether

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the Board has written to the Brunswick City Council concerning the same matter; if so, whether he will make available to the Member for Brunswick, all files, memoranda and plans concerning this matter.

8 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:

- 1 In respect of the Frankston Hospital, whether it is still intended to change the method of payment for service to a sessional basis by negotiation or otherwise.
- 2 Whether he is aware of a report from the hospital concerning the increased cost of such a proposal; if so, whether Health Commission staff have investigated the hospital's case; if not, why.
- 3 What was the cost of modified fee for service payments for the financial years 1978-79 and 1979-80.
- 4 Whether he and/or the Commission carried out any studies as to the cost of reverting to a system of sessional payment; if so, what were the estimates for sessional payment for the above financial years.

11 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of radiology services carried out in public hospitals on the 60/40 fee sharing agreement:

- 1 Which hospitals operate under this arrangement specifying the group practices involved, and the radiologists concerned in all such hospitals, indicating whether on a full or part time basis.
- 2 In the case of each hospital for the years 1977-78, 1978-79 and 1979-80 and separately for the financial year to date, what income has been received by the hospital to offset the cost of providing the services to private patients.
- 3 Whether payments have also been made in respect of radiology services for public or hospital patients; if so, what amounts in each case.

18 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of an investigation into hospital drug costs in Victoria announced on Friday, 28 October 1977:

- 1 Whether the investigation is completed.
- 2 Whether a copy of the report will be made available.
- 3 What action has resulted from the investigation.

19 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the hospital building programme for the financial year 1979-80:

- 1 Which works were to be carried out and/or planned in Victorian hospitals, specifying in each case—(a) the hospital and the proposed work; (b) the stage this work was expected to reach by the end of the financial year; and (c) the expected expenditure this financial year.
- 2 Which works were paid from 1979-80 loan funds and which works are being constructed using bank loans or overdrafts to be repaid in future financial years.

21 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in respect of accommodation for homeless persons:

- 1 Whether the State Government has made any submissions to the Commonwealth concerning the operation of the *Homeless Persons Assistance Act* 1974 of the Commonwealth; if so, what was the basis of the submissions and what was the Commonwealth's response.
- 2 Whether he is aware that the present subsidies under the Act are based on 1973 costs and are grossly inadequate and that there is apparently

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- no intention to increase subsidies for this financial year; if so, whether he will make representations to the Commonwealth to have subsidies increased.
- 3 Whether the State in any way intends to supplement the Commonwealth assistance to homeless persons in either the recurrent or capital area.
- 22 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the allocation of funds for the Bundoora Geriatric Complex:
- 1 Whether the previous Minister of Health, the Hon. W. V. Houghton, M.L.C., or the Premier, promised \$1 million for the complex during the 1978–79 financial year; if so, why only \$600 000 was provided, forcing the postponement of the site road-works contract for which tender approval had been sought from the Health Commission in March.
 - 2 What works it is proposed to carry out this financial year, and at what cost.
- 25 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the proposed Eastern Suburbs Geriatric and Rehabilitation Centre planned for Burwood Highway, East Burwood:
- 1 What progress has been made in planning the Centre.
 - 2 What allocations of funds have been made to the Planning Committee in past financial years and this financial year for developing the Centre.
 - 3 Whether he will lay on the table of the Library all reports and memoranda relating to the development of this Centre.
 - 4 When it is expected that—(a) documentation will be completed; and (b) construction work will commence.
- 26 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Frankston Community Hospital:
- 1 Whether at any stage prior to 16 May 1979, undertakings were made to the Hospital that its planned extension would proceed; if so, who gave the undertakings and on what basis.
 - 2 Whether he stated that there would be no funds in financial year 1979–80; if so, on what grounds this decision was made.
 - 3 Whether it is now intended to alter the future plans for the Hospital; if so, on what basis.
- 29 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the hospital construction and expansion programme in Victoria:
- 1 What would be the cost at current prices of building all those works and renovations which have been approved in principal and which some commitment has been made.
 - 2 Whether a list of such works will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 30 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the Child Migrant Education Programme in the electoral district of Brunswick:
- 1 How many children are in need of special assistance in each school.
 - 2 How many children are receiving assistance in each school.
 - 3 What is the current number of teachers in each school, specifying whether this is an increase or decrease on last year.

- 31 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of payments to non-fulltime medical staff in hospitals during the 1978–79 and 1979–80 financial years:
- 1 What amount was paid to all visiting and sessional medical staff, specifying the categories of payment for sessional staff on call and recall.
 - 2 What is the estimate for 1980–81.
- 34 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of staffing at the Maryborough and District Hospital, whether the Health Commission has received a detailed submission for additional establishment positions; if so, which positions and whether those positions are to be approved this financial year.
- 39 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of funds for the construction or subsidizing the construction of pre-schools:
- 1 What funds were available in the year 1979–80, specifying funds from Commonwealth sources.
 - 2 Which new or proposed pre-school centres are currently on the waiting list or have had a decision for subsidy deferred.
 - 3 Which pre-schools have had applications for extensions or alterations deferred.
- 45 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the Early Childhood Services Policy Committee, and further to question No. 92 answered on Tuesday, 11 September 1979:
- 1 What progress has been made in the evaluation of the Early Childhood Development Programme.
 - 2 Which aspects of the Programme have been examined.
 - 3 What reports and recommendations have been made by the Committee to the Chairman and/or the Minister.
 - 4 Whether copies of such reports will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 49 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, in respect of the legal position of retarded children and/or retarded adults whether an inter-departmental working party has been set up; if so—(a) when; (b) what is the membership of the committee; (c) what are the terms of reference; (d) when it is expected to report; and (e) whether a copy of the report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 55 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 What is the composition of the advisory committee on units for cardiac surgery mentioned in answer to question No. 1079 given on 12 March 1980 and what are the terms of reference of the committee.
 - 2 Whether the report has yet been submitted either to the Health Commission or to him; if so, whether a copy can now be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 59 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the sub-committee of the Consultative Council on Maternal and Child Health established to advise on the evaluation of the Early Childhood Development Programme, and further to question No. 95 answered on 5 July 1979:
- 1 Whether the report was submitted to the Consultative Council in August 1979; if not, when it was submitted.

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- 2 Whether the Consultative Council submitted the report to him; if so, when; if not, why.
 - 3 Whether he has yet decided to release all or part of the report as suggested in his answer of 5 July 1979; if so, to whom the report has been released and whether a copy of the report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 61 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Community Health Programme:
- 1 Whether the proposed Waverley community mental health team has begun to function; if so, on what basis and with which staff.
 - 2 Whether its activities extend or will extend to the Shire of Knox; if so, on what basis and whether it is intended such a locally based team be created for Knox as well.
- 65 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, further to the answer to question No. 1268 given on 11 March 1980 concerning coronial autopsies:
- 1 What conditions are proposed to be laid down by the Law Department in granting permission to conduct post mortem examinations in certain cases where the death is reportable to the Coroner.
 - 2 Whether any teaching hospitals have yet availed themselves of these new arrangements; if so, which and when.
- 66 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of discussions between the Law Department and Health Commission medical officers concerning the conduct of post mortem examinations by teaching hospitals, in certain cases where the death is reportable to the coroner, what has been the result of these discussions, and whether it is expected that new arrangements may soon apply in at least one Melbourne teaching hospital; if so, which teaching hospital and when it is expected that the new arrangements will be introduced.
- 68 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health further to the answer to question No. 1226 given on 11 March 1980 concerning the rebuilding of the Police Hospital:
- 1 On what basis the Committee of Management of Prince Henry's Hospital was asked to participate in the building of the Police Hospital, either by the Hospitals and Charities Commission or the Health Commission.
 - 2 When the first request was made.
 - 3 What were the details of the arrangements.
 - 4 Whether either commission received progress reports from the hospital concerning the project; if so on what dates and whether all files and memoranda relating to this matter will be laid on the table of the Library.
- 72 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Box Hill Hospital:
- 1 How many administrative officers are employed at the Hospital.
 - 2 How many medical registrars are employed at the Hospital and how this compares with the number of accredited positions at the Preston and Northcote Community Hospital and the Western and General Hospital.

- 74 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether the Health Commission is aware of the lack of corneas for grafting; if so, what action is being taken to increase the supply of donor material.
- 75 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of kidney transplants for sufferers of renal disease:
- 1 How many such transplants have been carried out in each of the past five years.
 - 2 Whether there has been an actual fall in the number of transplants due to a falling number of donor referrals.
 - 3 What steps are being taken by the Health Commission to ensure that the donation of kidneys and other organs is encouraged.
- 82 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Premier what reports have been compiled by—(a) the Anti-discrimination Bureau; and (b) the Equal Opportunity Board, in the past twelve months, indicating whether these reports will be laid on the table of the Library.
- 84 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in each of the past three financial years and the current financial year to date:
- 1 What funds have been allocated to co-operative housing societies, indicating—(a) Commonwealth funds and their source; (b) State funds and their source; (c) funds not used and carried over; (d) revolving funds; and (e) any other funds.
 - 2 What was the actual expenditure and what is the estimated expenditure for the remainder of this financial year.
 - 3 What was the proportion of funds as between co-operatives and the Housing Commission.
- 87 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, following the appointment of a Co-ordinator of Urban Land Development:
- 1 What steps have been taken to establish and monitor a data-bank for urban land production.
 - 2 What steps have been taken to extend the Preferred Development Area system to major urban areas in the country.
 - 3 What steps have been taken, or are currently under consideration, to reduce the cost of land servicing.
- 88 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what is the number of Country Roads Board houses being transferred to the Housing Commission, indicating in each case—(a) the location; and (b) whether the house is occupied and, if so, the duration of current tenancy agreement.
- 89 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 What housing accommodation was vacant at each Housing Commission estate as at 1 January 1980, indicating the number and type of unit.
 - 2 How many Commission flats and houses, respectively, were vacant and undergoing maintenance as at 1 January 1980 in each local government area.
- 90 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in each of the past 24 months to date, how many Housing Commission allocations for both purchase and tenancy have been made, indicating the waiting period in each case.
- 92 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 What was the number of tenancies as at 10 February 1980, indicating the percentage variation from the number as at 10 February 1979.

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- 2 What rent increases associated with the market related rent policy occurred during the year ended 10 February 1980, showing at the close of that period—(a) the number of tenants in arrears and those more than ten weeks in arrears; (b) the total amount owed; and (c) the average amount owed, indicating in each instance the percentage variation from the corresponding figures as at 10 February 1979.
- 93 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in relation to the development of the Goonawarra Estate at Sunbury:
- 1 What amount has been spent on the whole project to date, indicating the expected expenditure at completion.
 - 2 What amount has been spent on the golf course to date, and what is the expected expenditure and the completion date, indicating separate items including the club house and greenkeeper's section.
 - 3 Whether the course has reticulated water and sewerage throughout; if so, what is the cost.
 - 4 How many hectares are set aside for the golf course and its surrounds, and how many for housing.
 - 5 How many house lots are expected to be yielded from the balance of the land.
 - 6 How many houses have been completed to date, and how many are in the course of construction, indicating the cost to date and the expected selling price.
 - 7 How many houses intended for public use have been completed to date, and how many are in the course of construction, indicating the cost to date and the expected selling price.
 - 8 How many house lots will be made available to—(a) private builders; (b) private persons; and (c) public housing.
 - 9 What is the average price of blocks made available to—(a) private builders; (b) private persons; and (c) public housing.
 - 10 How much the advertising campaign has cost to date, and how much it is expected to cost, indicating the source of the funds.
- 94 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what is the result of further discussions with the State Superannuation Board to determine whether loans could be made available to the general public on a longer term basis to be more acceptable to the average borrower for home loan purposes, indicating whether any money has been lent on this basis, and, in that event, how much and at what rate of interest.
- 100 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy:
- 1 Whether estimates prepared by the Department of Minerals and Energy agree with the estimate of the Commonwealth Minister for National Development, that by the late 1980's Australian motorists are likely to be paying at least four times as much for petrol as now.
 - 2 At what point it is estimated that rising petrol prices will lead to a reduction in petrol consumption, indicating the effect for representative price levels and income groups.
 - 3 What arrangements have been made for rationing liquid fuel in the case of—(a) a protracted fuel shortage; and (b) price increases of the magnitude foreseen by the Commonwealth Minister, indicating how access to liquid fuel is to be preserved for—(i) low income groups; and (ii) primary producers.

- 101 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what was the—(a) date; and (b) substance, of each request for—(i) information; and (ii) advice, received by the Victorian Government from the Commonwealth Government in connection with the preparation of the Report of the Ministry of Fuel and Power on Energy, dated March, 1977, and what was the date and substance of the Victorian response in each case.
- 104 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what is the migrant English teacher entitlement of each school in the electoral district of Oakleigh, indicating the number of migrant English teachers actually provided in each case.
- 106 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what is the name of each school where building plans have had to be abandoned following adoption of the core-plus policy, indicating in each case—(a) who commissioned the plans, and whether departmental approval was given; (b) whether the plans had been completed; (c) whether tenders had been called; and (d) the costs incurred.
- 109 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health:
- 1 What investigations were carried out to determine the order of priority in which schools would be allocated the services of school dentists and dental therapists, and whether it was established that the dental health of children in the electoral district of Oakleigh equalled or was better than the dental health of all other areas in which the service is currently operating; if so, whether he will make available copies of the relevant reports.
 - 2 What progress concerning inclusion of the electoral district of Oakleigh in the School Dental Service has been made since the answers given by his predecessor to the Member for Brunswick on 20 April 1978 and 10 October 1978 in response to question Nos. 107 and 1245 and reported in *Hansard* at pages 1958 and 4427, respectively.
- 110 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer about community health centres in the electoral district of Oakleigh which his predecessor gave to the Member for Brunswick on 15 November 1977 in response to question No. 2314 and reported in *Hansard* at page 11429.
- 111 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health which of the Priority List projects for 1976–77, 1977–78 and 1978–79, pursuant to the Commonwealth *Aged Persons Hostels Act 1972* and *Aged or Disabled Persons Homes Act 1974* which his predecessor itemized in his answer to the Member for Brunswick on 15 March 1978 in response to question No. 20 and reported in *Hansard* at page 422, have not been finished, indicating the reason in each case.
- 116 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answers about prisoners participating in prison education programmes which were given by his predecessor on 4 April 1978 and 8 March 1977 in response to question Nos. 1 and 1465 and reported in *Hansard* at pages 859 and 6150, respectively.
- 120 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What is the status of the five-year plan for Victoria's corrective services.

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- 2 What are the changes recommended and—(a) approved; or (b) rejected for each successive year.
- 3 When copies of the plan will become available for public discussion as indicated by his predecessor on 4 April 1978 in answer to question No. 11 and reported in *Hansard* at page 863.
- 121 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether the Housing Commission employs any Aboriginals; if so, in what capacity.
- 123 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether he will now provide the answer on the recommendations of the report on the Victoria Police which the then Chief Secretary was unable to give the then Leader of the Opposition on 4 May 1977 in response to question No. 1461 and reported in *Hansard* at page 8728.
- 124 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what is the name of each senior citizens club for which a Commonwealth Government grant is currently being sought, indicating in each case the—(a) number on the priority list; (b) municipality; and (c) date on which application was originally made.
- 126 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 How many applications for funding of statewide projects in 1980 were—(a) received; and (b) granted, indicating the names of the successful applicants and the amounts of their grants.
 - 2 What were the criteria used in making the determinations.
- 139 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, whether any directors of Building Societies and Co-operative Housing Societies are, or have been, members, directors or office holders of guarantors approved pursuant to section 918E of the *Local Government Act* 1958 or their sponsoring organizations; if so, what are their names and the organizations concerned.
- 140 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, whether he has satisfied himself that each approved guarantor pursuant to the house builder's liability provisions of the *Local Government Act* 1958 maintains a register of dwelling houses as required to section 918F (1) (b); if so, on what date each register was commenced.
- 141 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government:
- 1 What were the dates on which John Woolley and any firm including John Woolley as a director or partner, were granted registration by the Housing Builders Registry Board and/or the Housing Builders Association Ltd, pursuant to the house builder's liability provisions of the *Local Government Act* 1958, indicating in each case whether the firm is currently registered and, if not, the date and the circumstances in which registration was terminated.
 - 2 Whether any claims have been made against John Woolley or any firm including John Woolley as a director or partner, pursuant to the house builder's liability provisions of the *Local Government Act* 1958, indicating in each case—(a) the substance of the claim; (b) the period from lodging of the claim to settlement; (c) the name and building industry positions and affiliations of the arbitrator, if any; and (d) the outcome.

142 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government:

- 1 What were the dates on which Daffy and Johnson Pty Ltd or any other firm with some or all of the same directors as Daffy and Johnson Pty Ltd were granted registration by the Housing Builders Registry Board and/or the Housing Builders Association Ltd, pursuant to the house builder's liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958*, indicating in each case whether the firm is currently registered and; if not, the date and the circumstances in which registration was terminated.
- 2 Whether any claims have been made against Daffy and Johnson Pty Ltd, or any other firm with some or all of the same directors as Daffy and Johnson Pty Ltd, pursuant to the house builder's liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958*; indicating in each case—(a) the substance of the claim; (b) the period from lodging of the claim to settlement; (c) the name and building industry positions and affiliations of the arbitrator, if any; and (d) the outcome.

143 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government:

- 1 What were the dates on which Kenrich Homes Pty Ltd, Kenrich Homes Victoria Pty Ltd, Howath Pty Ltd and any other firm with some or all of the same directors were granted registration by the Housing Builders Registry Board and/or the Housing Builders Association Ltd, pursuant to the house builder's liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958*, indicating in each case whether the firm is currently registered and, if not, the circumstances in which deregistration occurred.
- 2 Whether any claims have been made against Kenrich Homes Pty Ltd, Kenrich Homes Victoria Pty Ltd, Howath Pty Ltd, or any other firm with some or all of the same directors, pursuant to the Housing Builders Registry Board Purchasers' Protection Agreement or the house builder's liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958*; if so, what was the—(a) number of claims; and (b) amounts, indicating in each case where claims were successful.
- 3 Whether any claims against Kenrich Homes Pty Ltd, Kenrich Homes Victoria Pty Ltd, Howath Pty Ltd, or any other firm with some or all of the same directors have been rejected on the grounds that the firm was not registered at the date when the contract was signed, indicating if any misuse of a Housing Builders Registry Board Purchasers' Protection Agreement or breach of the house builder's liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958* was involved and, if so, what action was taken.

144 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government:

- 1 Whether any complaints against Kenrich Homes Pty Ltd, Kenrich Homes Victoria Pty Ltd, or Howath Pty Ltd have been made to the Building Inspector of the Shire of Eltham; if so—(a) by whom; (b) on what dates; and (c) with what results.
- 2 Whether the Shire of Eltham indicated that a partly completed dwelling at Lot 31 Montpelier Drive, Lower Plenty, would have to be demolished as a result of unsatisfactory workmanship by Kenrich Homes Pty Ltd and whether this requirement was subsequently withdrawn after the owner of the property had sold the property to Howath Pty Ltd which

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has the same directors as Kenrich Homes Pty Ltd and Kenrich Homes Victoria Pty Ltd; if so, whether he will ascertain whether any impropriety or breach of law was associated with the transaction.

146 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government:

1 What is the—(a) total; and (b) annual amount of registration fees, which have been received by each approved guarantor pursuant to the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958*, indicating in each case the amounts—(i) paid to insurers; (ii) retained by the guarantor for administration costs and other specified purposes; (iii) paid to directors; (iv) transferred to reserves; and (v) used in any other way.

2 What is the—(a) total; and (b) annual amount, paid in claims by each approved guarantor pursuant to the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958*, indicating in each case the percentage of registration fees for the same period.

147 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, in respect of arrangements pursuant to the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958* which he outlined on 17 October 1979 in response to question No. 91 asked in the Legislative Council and reported in *Hansard* at page 3385:

1 What is the name of each person who has occupied the position of Chairman of the Housing Builders Registry Board, indicating in each case—(a) the dates; and (b) his affiliations with any other building industry organizations and any offices held currently or in the past.

2 How each member of the Housing Builders Registry Board is selected, indicating in particular the basis for designation of Dame Marie Breen as "representing the public".

3 What is the number of instances in which claims submitted to the Board have previously involved Board Member Mr K. V. Shelley in his capacity as building consultant or arbitrator, indicating in each case—(a) the owner; (b) the builder; (c) the manner and circumstances of the appointment; (d) whether Mr Shelley participated in the Board's deliberations; and (e) the outcome.

148 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, in respect of arrangements pursuant to the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958* which he outlined on 17 October 1979 in response to question No. 91 asked in the Legislative Council and reported in *Hansard* at page 3385, what are—(a) the methods and criteria used by the Master Builders' Housing Fund Ltd to determine the merits of cases where cash compensation is concerned; (b) the functions of the specialist sub-committee of the Board of Management of the Master Builders' Housing Fund Ltd indicating the—(i) names; and (ii) method of election or appointment of its members; and (c) the names of members of the Board of Management of the Master Builders' Housing Fund Ltd and their affiliations and present or past positions with other building industry organizations.

149 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, in respect of information about prosecutions pursuant to the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958* which he gave on 23 October

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1979 in response to question No. 694 and reported in *Hansard* at page 3623 whether he will ascertain from each approved guarantor in each case the— (a) date; (b) substance; and (c) outcome.

150 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, in respect of information about the House Builders' Association Ltd and the Housing Industry Association, which the Minister gave on 23 October 1979 in response to question No. 524 and reported in *Hansard* at page 3621:

1 What is the name of each previous director of the Housing Builders' Association Ltd and, prior to the Association's establishment, of the Housing Builders' Registry Board, indicating in each case the present and past affiliations and official positions held with other building industry organizations.

2 Whether any director of the Housing Builders' Association Ltd is a present or past councillor or director of the Victorian or the National Division of the Housing Industry Association.

151 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, whether companies registered, pursuant to the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act* 1958, as Oregon Homes Pty Ltd and Oregon Nominees Pty Ltd have some or all of the same directors as Oregon Custom Building Pty Ltd, which ceased to trade in February 1974; if so, what are their names.

152 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, in respect of information about arbitrators appointed pursuant to the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act* 1958, which the Minister gave on 23 October 1979 in response to question No. 537 and reported in *Hansard* at page 3621:

1 What was the—(a) date; (b) owner's name; (c) builder's name; and (d) outcome of each arbitration in which the arbitrators named were involved.

2 How each arbitrator was appointed and by whom.

153 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, whether The Federation Insurance Ltd is one of the consortium of forty underwriters providing insurance facilities to the Housing Builders Association Limited pursuant to the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act* 1958 which were referred to in the Housing Industry Association's newsletter of August 1979; if so, whether participation by The Federation Insurance Ltd in this underwriting scheme is part of a wider insurance arrangement which also includes the House Builders Association Limited's sponsoring body, the Housing Industry Association.

154 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government in respect of the advisory committee established by the former Minister to review the house builder's liability provisions of the *Local Government Act* 1958, what were the—(a) names and positions of the committee members; (b) dates when the committee was—(i) established; and (ii) discharged, indicating the reason for the discharge; (c) dates of each committee meeting; and (d) dates and subjects of each committee report.

155 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government in respect of the committee formed at the Minister's request by the Master Builders' Housing

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Fund Ltd and the Housing Builders' Association Ltd to make submissions and suggestions on the operation of the house builder's liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958*, when the committee was established and what are the—(a) names and positions of the committee members; (b) dates on which the committee has met; and (c) dates and subjects of each committee submission.

- 156 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, pursuant to the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958*, what is the—(a) name; and (b) remuneration of each person who has served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Housing Builders' Association Ltd.
- 158 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, whether the Minister will ascertain from each guarantor approved pursuant to the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958*, the name of each person who has been charged pursuant to these provisions, indicating in each case—(a) the nature of the offence; (b) the outcome; and (c) whether the offender is currently registered either directly or indirectly with the guarantor.
- 159 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, in respect of the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958*, what is the number of claims in respect of W. & F. Constructions which the Master Builders' Housing Fund Ltd—(a) has received; and (b) expects to receive, indicating in each case the—(i) owner's name; (ii) date; (iii) substance; and (iv) outcome.
- 160 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, in respect of the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958*:
- 1 Whether either guarantor appointed pursuant to the Act has adopted rules which make registration of builders conditional on their membership of a further organization; if so, what is the name of the further organization which builders are required to join in order to obtain registration in each case.
 - 2 Whether either guarantor has appointed an Appeals Tribunal pursuant to the registration requirements set out in its rules; if so, what is the name of any Tribunal member who is also connected in any way with the further body which builders are required to join in order to obtain registration, indicating the nature of the connection in each case.
 - 3 How many appeals against refusal of registration have been submitted to each Appeals Tribunal, indicating in each case—(a) the grounds; (b) the outcome; and (c) any instance in which successful appellants were still refused registration or subsequently de-registered on grounds of failure to qualify for membership of a further organization.
- 161 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, whether he or his predecessor has received representations for extension of the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958* to cover renovations; if so, what was the—(a) source; (b) date; (c) substance; and (d) Government response in each case.
- 162 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, in respect of the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958*, what

are the criteria used by the Housing Builders Association Limited pursuant to the Association's rule 3 (a) (vi) to determine—(a) if a member is no longer of good financial standing; and (b) if an applicant for membership is not of good financial standing.

163 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, in respect of the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958*:

1 Whether Mr A. C. Fuller is a director of the Housing Builders Association Limited and whether he was also a director of a building company called Sterling Homes which subsequently changed its name to First Levcam Pty Ltd.

2 Whether Sterling Homes has been the subject of complaints pursuant to the Act, and what are the names of the other persons who have had a beneficial interest in the firm under either name.

164 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, in respect of arrangements pursuant to the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958*:

1 What was the date of establishment of the Executive Committee of the Housing Builders Association Ltd to which reference is made in the guarantor's accounts for the period ending 31 March 1979, and what are the Committee's functions.

2 What is the name of each member who has served on the committee, indicating in each case—(a) the date of appointment; (b) the date of stepping down, if any; and (c) the relevant qualifications or experience.

165 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, whether the Housing Builders Association submitted to him for approval its recent increase in housing insurance rates pursuant to the provisions of the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958* from \$33 to \$50, and, if so, on what grounds the increase was justified given the decision of the Master Builders' Housing Fund to retain the \$33 rate.

166 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, in respect of disputes pursuant to the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958*:

1 Whether the Housing Builders Association Ltd follows a practice of providing claimants with a list of three recommended arbitrators; if so, what are the criteria on which its recommendations are based.

2 What is the—(a) number; and (b) percentage of arbitrators, whose names have been recommended by the Housing Builders Association Ltd and who are not connected in any way with—(a) the Housing Builders Association Ltd itself; (b) the Housing Industry Association; (c) another guarantor approved pursuant to the Act; or (d) the Master Builders' Association.

3 What is the name of each arbitrator who has been recommended by the Housing Builders Association Ltd pursuant to the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958*, indicating in each case—(a) all building industry affiliations; and (b) the number of occasions on which a recommendation has been made.

- 167 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, in respect of the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958*, which past and present office-bearers, directors or staff members of the Master Builders' Housing Fund Ltd are members of the Victorian Chapter of the Institute of Arbitrators Australia, indicating in each case—(a) the position held in each organization; (b) dates; and (c) any building industry arbitrators involving builders registered with the Master Builders' Housing Fund Ltd in which they have been involved.
- 168 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, in respect of the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958*, whether Mr R. Besford, a director of the Master Builders' Housing Fund Ltd, is also a Master Builders' Association of Victoria arbitrator; if so—(a) since what date he has acted in that capacity; (b) whether the Master Builders' Housing Fund Ltd has received claims in relation to transactions in which Mr Besford has acted as an arbitrator, indicating whether any such claims have been rejected, and in each case whether Mr Besford participated in the decision; and (c) whether the Local Government Department or the Consumer Affairs Council has received representations involving Mr Besford in his capacity as an arbitrator, indicating in each case—(i) the name of the person involved; and (ii) the substance.
- 169 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, in respect of the information about arbitrations pursuant to the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958*, given on 23 October 1979 in response to question No. 537, whether there are any instances in which rectification has been carried out or compensation paid by the Housing Builders Association Ltd in respect of a claim previously arbitrated in the Association's favour; if so, what are the details in each case.
- 170 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government:
- 1 Whether the collapse of Palmdale Insurance Ltd has affected any policies or underwriting or re-insurance arrangements made by guarantors appointed pursuant to the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958*; if so, what was the name of the guarantor in each instance.
 - 2 Whether new insurance arrangements pursuant to the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958* have been entered into by either guarantor as a result of the collapse of Palmdale Insurance Ltd; if so—(a) in what respect these arrangements differ from those previously in force; (b) what are the companies involved; and (c) what is the effect on the premium rate for builders insuring houses pursuant to the Act.
- 171 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, in respect of the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958* and receipts of the Master Builders' Housing Fund Ltd as a guarantor pursuant to the Act, identified in the 1978 and 1979 Fund accounts as portion of insurance claim admitted in prior year recovered from Insurance Council of Australia, what was—(a) the recovery process; (b) the source of funds; (c) the underwriting arrangement with the Insurance Council of Australia; and (d) the relationship of the agreement with insurance requirements pursuant to the Act.

- 172 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, in respect of the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958*, which past and present office bearers, directors or staff members of the Housing Builders Association Ltd are members of the Victorian Chapter of the Institute of Arbitrators Australia, indicating in each case—(a) the position held in each organization; (b) dates; and (c) any building industry arbitrations involving builders registered with the Housing Builders Association Ltd in which they have been involved.
- 173 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, in respect of Rule 11 adopted by the Housing Builders Association Ltd pursuant to the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958* and approved by the former Minister for Local Government:
- 1 Whether the Housing Builders Association Ltd has served Carter Homes (Vic.) Pty Ltd a rectification order pursuant to the company's Rule 7 regarding a dwelling constructed by the company at Balnarring and whether Carter Homes has invoked Rule 11.
 - 2 Whether in the event of the Housing Builders Association Ltd losing the dispute between themselves and Carter Homes, they will admit a claim for compensation by the owners of the home at Balnarring and guarantee payment of such claim in full.
 - 3 What is the name of the arbitrator in the dispute, indicating who made the appointment.
- 174 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, in respect of Rule 11 adopted by the Housing Builders Association Ltd pursuant to the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958* and approved by the former Minister for Local Government:
- 1 How often this provision has been invoked.
 - 2 What are the names of the builders involved in the arbitration and whether they are still registered.
 - 3 What are the names and industry affiliations of the arbitrators involved.
 - 4 What was the outcome of each arbitration and whether the Housing Builders Association Ltd subsequently admitted the claim from the home owner for the matters covered by the arbitration.
 - 5 What are the names of all persons whom the Victorian President of the Housing Industry Association may appoint but has not appointed to date to arbitrate under Rule 11, indicating the criteria used for their selection as possible arbitrators under this rule, and their industry affiliations.
- 175 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, what is the name of each person who has served as a member of the Building Regulations Committee since 1970, indicating in each case—(a) all building industry affiliations; and (b) any instance in which the member has acted as an arbitrator—(i) in building industry disputes, generally; or (ii) pursuant to the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958*.
- 177 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, in respect of the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958*:
- 1 Whether any guarantor approved pursuant to the Act has adopted rules providing for de-registration of builders on grounds of malpractices,

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defective workmanship or breach of statutory requirements such as the Uniform Building Regulations; if so, how many builders were de-registered by such a guarantor, indicating in respect of each de-registration—(a) the builder's name; (b) the date; (c) the grounds; and (d) whether the builder has subsequently regained registration either in his own name or in some other capacity.

2 Whether any guarantor has also adopted rules requiring recovering of the cost of rectification claims from the responsible builders; if so, how many recovery actions against de-registered builders have—(a) been initiated; (b) succeeded; (c) failed; and (d) been withdrawn.

3 Whether arbitration proceedings under a contract between owner and builder, the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act* 1958 or an approved guarantor's rules absolve the approved guarantor from enforcing any or all of its rules against a builder.

- 180 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, in respect of information about arbitrators, pursuant to the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act* 1958, which the Minister gave on 17 October 1979 in response to question No. 91, and reported in *Hansard* at page 3385, what were the dates on which Mr Ken Shelley commenced and concluded periods of service on—(a) the Housing Industry Association panel of arbitrators; and (b) the Institute of Arbitrators, Australia active list of Grade Arbitrators.
- 181 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, in respect of the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act* 1958, what income each approved guarantor has received from—(a) contribution; and (b) each other source in each year since the inception of the scheme.
- 182 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, in respect of the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act* 1958, on how many occasions the Housing Builders' Association Ltd has appointed sub-committees pursuant to paragraph 52 of its Articles of Association, indicating the purpose and membership in each case.
- 183 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, in respect of the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act* 1958, what are the names of persons previously holding positions with the Housing Builders' Registry Board who transferred to positions with the Housing Builders' Association Ltd, in the case of directors at the date of incorporation, and in the case of others at the date of commencement of operations, on 15 October 1974, indicating in each case—(a) the position prior to and subsequent to the change; and (b) any affiliation with the Housing Industry Association, either as employee, director or in some other capacity.
- 184 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, in respect of the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act* 1958, whether the Housing Builders' Association Ltd was lent \$22 700 by the Housing Industry Association on 14 October 1974; if so, whether the loan was pursuant to the Housing Builders' Association Ltd assuming any liabilities incurred previously by the Housing Builders' Registry Board or for any other purpose associated with the winding-up of the Board.

- 185 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Consumer Affairs:
- 1 In respect of the answer to question No. 1413 given on 11 March 1980, recorded at page 6775 of *Hansard*, whether the procedure for appointment of Arbitrator S. Baker and Arbitrator P. Bennetti involved the Housing Builders' Association Ltd writing and submitting to the homeowners for their consideration the names of Mr P. Bennetti, East Kew; Mr S. Baker, Heidelberg and Mr B. Gallagher, Ringwood as qualified arbitrators, and advising that the nominees were in no way connected with the company; if so, whether this statement is acceptable to the Consumer Affairs Bureau as an adequate disclosure of the facts of the matter, given that all three arbitrators named are members of the Housing Industry Association, and the nature of links between the Association and the Housing Builders' Association Ltd.
 - 2 How many complaints the Bureau has received against arbitrators in respect of properties which are the subject of guarantee under the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958*, indicating in each case the—(a) date; (b) arbitrator's name; (c) substance of the complaint; and (d) outcome.
 - 3 Whether the Bureau has investigated a complaint against Arbitrator K. V. Shelley prior to the announcement in the *Victorian Housing Newsletter* for September 1978 that Mr Shelley was closing his professional practice.
 - 4 Whether the announcement of the closing of Mr Shelley's professional practice also referred to Mr Shelley as standing down from the Housing Industry Association panel of arbitrators, and whether the Association responded to a request from the Director of Consumer Affairs for a list of panel members by denying that the panel exists.
 - 5 Whether Mr Shelley has subsequently been listed as an arbitrator for building disputes with the Victorian Chapter of the Institute of Arbitrators, Australia.
- 186 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Consumer Affairs what meetings he has held with representatives of the Defective Homes Organization, indicating in each case, whether any action was taken subsequently and, if so, what action.
- 188 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, in respect of Mr K. V. Shelley, listed as a director of the Housing Industry Association in the answer to question No. 524 given on 23 October 1979 recorded on page 3621 of *Hansard*:
- 1 Whether Mr Shelley holds, or has previously held, the additional positions of—(a) builder registered with the Housing Builders' Association Ltd; (b) member of the Housing Builders' Registry Board; (c) foundation member of the Institute of Arbitrators, Australia; and (d) building consultant, indicating the commencement and finishing date in each case.
 - 2 Whether the Minister will consult with the Attorney-General to determine whether there is any conflict of interest involved which would prevent Mr Shelley from serving as an arbitrator pursuant to the house builder's liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958*.
 - 3 Whether any action has been taken at any time concerning Mr Shelley's arbitrations; if so, what are the—(a) names of the parties; (b) dates; (c) outcomes; and whether Mr Shelley being listed with the Institute of Arbitrators, Australia as a practising arbitrator grade one is contrary to any agreement reached.

- 189 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Consumer Affairs whether any complaints against Kenrich Homes Pty Ltd, Kenrich Homes Victoria Pty Ltd, or Howeth Pty Ltd have been made to the Consumer Affairs Bureau; if so—(a) by whom; (b) on what dates; and (c) with what result.
- 191 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, pursuant to the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958*:
- 1 What was the date on which Aufco Constructions Pty Ltd became registered as a builder with the Master Builders' Housing Fund Ltd, indicating the name of each person who has subsequently held office as a director of the company.
 - 2 How many complaints against Aufco Constructions Pty Ltd have been lodged with the Master Builders' Housing Fund Ltd, indicating any instances in which a complaint was subsequently registered as a claim and the outcome in each case.
 - 3 What was the substance of the complaint and claim submitted against Aufco Constructions Pty Ltd by C. G. & B. L. Fischer, indicating whether any payment has been made subsequent to the Small Claims Tribunal awarding \$678 to the Fischers and this award being overturned in the Supreme Court.
 - 4 Whether Selmar Pty Ltd has been registered as a builder; if so—(a) on what date; and (b) what are the names of the directors.
- 192 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether any investigation has been carried out into the Statewide Building Society, or persons associated with the Society; if so—(a) what were the dates of commencement and conclusion of the investigation; (b) what was the substance of the report; and (c) what action was subsequently taken.
- 195 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture:
- 1 In view of the Government's financial involvement with the Co-operative Farmers and Graziers Direct Meat Supply Ltd what action he has taken to avoid a repetition of the situation and to ensure that the Brooklyn multi-million dollar works does not continue to lay idle while permits are granted by municipal authorities and the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works for new works to be built at a cost of \$22 million for Protean Holdings at Derrimut.
 - 2 What action the Government has taken to protect its interest at a time when the Town Planning Appeals Tribunal has allowed Protean Holdings a permit to build at Derrimut.
- 197 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning whether there is an appeal before the Town Planning Appeals Tribunal involving the Cities of Sunshine and Altona, against a permit being granted to Protean Holdings to build an abattoir at Derrimut; if so—(a) whether legal representatives acting on behalf of Protean Holdings indicated that it was the intention of that company to rationalize its operations at Derrimut; (b) what action the Government has taken to protect the commitments of Melbourne and Richmond City Councils on matters relating to the abattoirs sited on Crown land within those two municipalities; and (c) what adverse effects the permit granted by the Shire of Werribee and the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works will have on these works in addition to to Co-operative Farmers and Graziers Direct Meat Supply Ltd works, Brooklyn at a time of depleting livestock numbers and over-capitalization of the meat industry.

200 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, with regard to commitments made by the Government immediately prior to the last State elections:

- 1 What will be the specific opportunities for Victorian teachers of all backgrounds to visit and study in overseas countries from which our migrant population is trained, and whether the Teacher Education Division has begun consultations with ethnic communities as to how these opportunities can best meet the needs of education for a multi-cultural society.
- 2 By what means the Government will encourage the development of an understanding attitude to migrants and the acquisition of information concerning multi-cultural education within teacher education programmes.
- 3 With respect to the \$100 000 on a \$1 for \$1 basis with the Commonwealth Government for the development of community languages and multi-cultural education teaching materials, whether the \$100 000 will be provided only for 1979.
- 4 Whether the amount allocated by the Commonwealth Government in 1980 and 1981 will be matched by the State Government.
- 5 Whether the Minister of Education will guarantee that there will be adequate consultation with teacher organizations, parent organizations and ethnic communities in the development of these initiatives; if so, in what form this consultation will take place and which organizations will be consulted.

201 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:

- 1 What schools have been closed in each of the past ten years.
- 2 What is the estimated value of each of the properties involved.
- 3 Which of these properties have been disposed of, indicating at what price and to whom.
- 4 What use is being made of each of the remaining properties.

203 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in relation to recurrent expenditure on technical and further education in Victoria:

- 1 Why T.A.F.E. colleges were not advised of their 1978–79 budget allocation until early November 1978.
- 2 Whether the rate of increase of funds provided to colleges in 1978–79 was less than that requested and determined by them as necessary to meet their needs.
- 3 Whether some colleges were required to retrench staff in order to contain expenditure within their budget allocation.
- 4 Whether the Director of Technical Education was excluded from Treasury and departmental discussions that determined the allocation of funds for T.A.F.E.
- 5 What was the rate of increase of enrolments in technical and further education for the year 1978–79.
- 6 Whether additional funds were made available in the 1978–79 year to colleges able to demonstrate the need for extra assistance to meet their responsibilities to students.

- 204 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of each school in the electoral district of Ringwood:
- 1 What is the staffing establishment, and what is the actual number of staff.
 - 2 What representations have been received regarding the need for additional staff appointments.
- 206 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education whether there is any provision for additional teachers of English as a second language to be appointed to meet the needs of all students whose first language is not English.
- 207 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what is the—(a) student enrolment; and (b) staff allocation, of each Government school in the electoral districts of Doncaster, Ringwood and Mitcham, and how many teachers are allocated to specific remedial teaching duties in—(i) reading; (ii) mathematics; and (iii) written expression in each case.
- 209 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, with regard to the staffing position at Leongatha high school:
- 1 Why there has been a reduction for 1980 of the special needs component within the school's establishment from 1.5 to 1.2 teachers, thus forcing the school to eliminate or seriously curtail programmes designed to assist disadvantaged students.
 - 2 Why finance to provide a part-time teacher aide at the school has been withdrawn for 1980.
 - 3 Why a library assistant has not been provided for the school, despite the school's entitlement on the Education Department's own personnel schedule.
- 210 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether the Minister has received representations from the Boort high school regarding the disastrous effect on the school's educational programme if the projected cut in the school's staffing establishment is implemented; if so, whether the Minister will give consideration to the special staffing needs of this school.
- 211 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether the Minister has received a request from the Federation of Greek Parents and Guardians' Association in Government Schools in Victoria for a grant to assist with the expenses of undertaking the Federation's important work; if so, what assistance is to be given to the Federation during the current financial year.
- 221 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in relation to the Portland primary school, Palmer Street, Portland:
- 1 What is the present school enrolment.
 - 2 What is the expected enrolment in 1981–82.
 - 3 When it is expected that—(a) Stage 2; and (b) Stage 3, of the school's rebuilding programme will be completed, and what has been the reason for the delay in these works.
- 223 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what is the reason for the delay in the appointment of a library teacher and two maths/science teachers

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to acknowledged vacancies at the Colac technical school, in order to ensure that there is no disruption to the school's balanced educational programme.

224 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in relation to the Wendouree High Technical School:

- 1 What is the present enrolment.
- 2 What is the expected enrolment in 1981, 1982, and 1983.
- 3 How many classrooms are at the school and of these how many are temporary.
- 4 When it is expected that the already long overdue Stage 2 of the school's building programme will be undertaken.
- 5 What additional ancillary staff are being provided in 1980 to cope with increased enrolments.
- 6 What grounds development will be undertaken in 1980 and 1981.

225 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in relation to the White Hills primary school:

- 1 What is the present enrolment.
- 2 What is the expected enrolment in 1981, 1982, and 1983.
- 3 When a new site was purchased to facilitate the relocation of the school.
- 4 When it is now expected that the school will be relocated and what is the reason for the delay.

229 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:

- 1 How many individuals who taught English as a second language in the classroom in the Primary, Secondary and the Technical Divisions, respectively, were employed by the Education Department at the—
(a) beginning of the 1979 school year; (b) the end of the 1979 school year; and (c) beginning of the 1980 school year.
- 2 What are the figures of effective full-time people employed by the Education Department who taught English as a second language in the classroom in the Primary, Secondary and Technical Divisions, respectively, at the—(a) beginning of the 1979 school year; (b) end of the 1979 school year; and (c) beginning of the 1980 school year.

230 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:

- 1 How many schools lost classroom teachers of English as a second language from the end of the 1979 school year to the beginning of the 1980 school year.
- 2 What are the schools and how many—(a) effective full-time classroom teachers of English as a second language; and (b) individuals who taught English as a second language in the classroom, were lost to the schools in the above period.
- 3 How many schools gained classroom teachers of English as a second language from the end of the 1979 school year to the beginning of the 1980 school year.
- 4 What are the schools and how many—(a) effective full-time classroom teachers of English as a second language; and (b) individuals who taught English as a second language in the classroom, were gained by each of the schools in the above period.

- 236 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, further to the answer to question No. 711 given on 11 September 1979 listing secondary schools in Victoria with a Commonwealth standard library:
- 1 Whether he will review the listing of Birchip high school and Brunswick East high school as possessing such facility.
 - 2 Whether he will review the entire list and provide a new list following such review.
- 239 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, which schools in Victoria currently employ teachers aides, indicating in each case—(a) whether the appointment is full or part time; and (b) whether the appointment is funded by the Commonwealth or the Victorian Government.
- 240 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of Trentham primary school:
- 1 What is the current enrolment and what is the projected enrolment for 1981 and 1982.
 - 2 What building works were undertaken at the school in 1979 and what works are proposed for 1980, 1981 and 1982, respectively.
- 241 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the Melbourne College of Printing and Graphic Arts:
- 1 What progress has been made by the task force established to advise the State Council for Technical Education on the needs of the college.
 - 2 What action is to be taken in response to this investigation.
 - 3 What is the current enrolment at the college.
 - 4 How many applications for apprenticeship were refused due to inadequate facilities at the college.
- 246 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education whether he will provide Members with a copy of the formula for determining teacher staffing for special needs and migrant English.
- 248 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What is the present enrolment of boys and girls at each school within the electoral district of Coburg and what is the percentage of migrant pupils attending each of these schools.
 - 2 What were the respective figures for 1978 and 1979.
- 249 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, which schools in the Northern Region have a gymnasium.
- 250 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 How many schools in each region have a gymnasium.
 - 2 What is the percentage of schools in each region with a gymnasium.
- 251 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, which Government schools enrol only—(a) girls; and (b) boys.

- 257 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport in respect of each railway station on the Upfield and Broadmeadows lines, what was the number of outward passenger journeys in 1979–80, and the percentage increase or decrease compared with 1978–79.
- 259 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport on what projects Commonwealth funds to Victoria under the Urban Public Transport Improvement Programme were spent during each of the past five years.
- 266 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education whether the Government is attempting to convert oil-fired heaters installed in schools and what action has been taken to date.
- 271 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what amount has been spent in converting more than 1000 oil-fired heaters in Government buildings in each of the past three years.
- 275 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, whether the Minister has refused to confirm the compulsory acquisition of the vacant allotment, known as Lot 7 Pleasant Street, by the City of Coburg, when this acquisition is considered desirable to further the establishment of a linear park; if so, why.
- 289 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 Whether he has investigated the heating of the Special Education Unit in Lawson Street, Fawkner.
 - 2 Whether the heating system is still operative.
 - 3 What was the cost of installation and what was the running cost during each year since installation.
 - 4 Whether the heating problems at this unit will be rectified by the winter of 1980.
- 291 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of schools in the electoral districts of Coburg, Balwyn and Ringwood, respectively:
- 1 What is the staff/student ratio at each school.
 - 2 What is the number of migrant English teachers at each school.
 - 3 Whether any school's staffing is below the Education Department quota.
- 294 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs:
- 1 How many citizenship certificates were conferred in each municipality in 1979.
 - 2 How many other citizenship certificates were conferred in private ceremonies.
 - 3 How many citizenship certificates were conferred in Victoria in 1979, indicating the nationalities of these new Australian citizens.
- 295 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs how many aliens in Victoria, sixteen years of age and over, are residentially qualified to apply for Australian Citizenship but have not done so, indicating the number of each nationality.
- 296 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning:
- 1 Whether he has received the report of the Road Planning Liaison Committee concerning the F2 reservation, south of Bell Street; if so, when he will make a decision on this matter.
 - 2 Whether he will make this report public.

- 300 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 When the members of staff at Pentridge Prison Education Centre can expect the supply of furniture for the relocatable classroom in Central Prison.
 - 2 Since the relocatable classroom was delivered twelve months ago, what is the reason for the delay in the delivery of the furniture.
- 303 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, how many children attended primary schools in the municipality of Williamstown in each of the years 1970 to 1980, indicating the numbers in each school.
- 306 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of Ruthven primary school:
- 1 When attention will be given to the lighting of eight rooms as first requested on 8 May 1978.
 - 2 When repair of damaged or subsided asphalt, first requested on 24 February 1975, will be carried out.
 - 3 When lowering of flushometers in the boys' toilets, first requested on 8 May 1978, will be carried out.
 - 4 When attention will be given to blocked drains as first requested on 17 August 1977.
 - 5 When up-grading of administrative facilities, first requested on 8 May 1978, will be carried out.
 - 6 When cyclic maintenance including external and internal painting, as first requested on 9 June 1976, will take place.
 - 7 When repairs to temporary fibro-cement wall, as requested on 4 June 1976, will be carried out.
- 307 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of the Parliamentary Liberal Party report into fire safety of 1974:
- 1 What action has been taken or is proposed to deal with deficiencies in the field of fire safety as disclosed in the report.
 - 2 Whether any steps have been taken to implement the recommendation that a committee be established to thoroughly investigate existing regulations concerning high-rise buildings with a view to providing adequate fire prevention and suppression controls; if so, whether such committee has dealt with the specific matters suggested for its consideration and detailed in the report, indicating which matters it has dealt with, when and with what result.
 - 3 Whether the Minister can assure employees that they are not at risk working in such buildings in view of the criticism of high-rise buildings contained in the report.

Notices received on 10 September 1980

- 327 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether an increasing percentage of families are vacating Housing Commission homes in Geelong as a result of transfer to other States for employment reasons; if so, what is the approximate percentage increase.
- 331 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, what is the authorized strength and present strength, respectively, of each squad within the Victoria Police Force.

- 335 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services how many major crimes, including homicides, remain unsolved for the period 1 January 1973 to date.
- 336 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of armed hold-ups reported to the Victoria Police Force during this year to date:
- 1 At what locations these offences were committed and what amount of money was involved in each case.
 - 2 What amounts were recovered in each case.
 - 3 How many persons have been charged with armed hold-up.
- 337 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many persons have been—(a) killed; and (b) injured as a result of motor vehicle accidents on Victorian roads in this year to date, indicating how many of these persons have been—(i) under 25 years of age; and (ii) under 20 years of age.
 - 2 How many persons in each of the above categories have been involved in previous serious or minor accidents involving personal injury.
- 339 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What total amount of money is presently offered by the Government in rewards for information regarding the activities, apprehension and conviction of criminals, indicating the details of each reward and crime.
 - 2 What amount has been paid by the Government in rewards in each year from 1970 to 1979 and in this year to date.
- 340 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in view of the high incidence of economic crime in Victoria, whether he will consider establishing an independent enquiry into methods of combating fraudulent acts within the community; if not, why.
- 342 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What Police statistics are available regarding the crime of rape or alleged rape in Victoria.
 - 2 How many reported rapes of all categories have been investigated in the past twelve months, and since statistics have been kept on this crime.
 - 3 What are the statistical details provided to the Government of investigations into the crime of rape.
 - 4 What Departmental Committees or other Government Authorities have been requested to provide information or investigate this crime and its prevention.
 - 5 What recommendation the Government has received regarding reducing the incidence of this crime in the community.
- 343 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many public servants are employed by the Police Department, indicating in which categories of occupation.
 - 2 How many additional public servants have been requested by the Department for the 1980–81 financial year, indicating how many persons have been approved and in what categories of occupation.

- 344 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services how many male and female persons, respectively, are on the waiting list for entrance to the Police Academy, and how many persons are awaiting entrance to the police cadets.
- 347 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what are the respective crime statistics in each recorded category for the cities of Footscray, Sunshine and Essendon for each of the years 1978–79, 1979–80 and 1980–81 to date.
- 348 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many Fraud Squad investigations of corporate crime have been made in each of the years from 1970 to date.
 - 2 How many arrests have been made in each particular investigation.
 - 3 What has been the total sum of money involved in each of the years from 1970 to date.
 - 4 What has been the total sums of money recovered in each of the years from 1970 to date.
- 350 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many persons, excluding private agents, are licensed to carry hand guns in Victoria.
 - 2 How many persons, excluding private agents, are licensed to carry rifles or shotguns and other weapons.
 - 3 How many persons are licensed firearm collectors in Victoria.
- 351 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many private agents are registered as—(a) process servers; (b) inquiry agents; (c) commercial agents; (d) commercial sub-agents; (e) guard agents; and (f) watchmen, and how many applications for registration are pending in each category.
 - 2 How many of these private agents are licensed to carry hand guns.
 - 3 What review is made of the suitability of these agents to continue to be licensed to carry firearms.
- 353 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What is the ratio of police to population in each police district in Victoria, indicating what members of the force are included or excluded in calculating such ratios.
 - 2 What is the Police Department's projected required members of police to population in each police district in Victoria.
 - 3 What plans the Government has to meet these projected requirements for the next five years.
- 360 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Whether delays by the Forensic Science Laboratory in the production of drug offence samples are delaying court proceedings; if so—(a) what is the cause of the delays; and (b) what action the Government is taking to reduce the delays.

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- 2 Whether delays by the Forensic Science Laboratory in examining evidence in rape offences are preventing court proceedings from being initiated promptly; if so, what is the nature of the delays.
- 364 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing how many Housing Commission units within the jurisdiction of the Geelong area office were occupied as at June 1978, 1979 and 1980, respectively, indicating the number occupied by tenants on rebate rents.
- 367 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 How many train derailments have occurred in each of the past five financial years.
 - 2 Where these derailments occurred and when.
- 371 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in respect of each Housing Commission estate in Werribee and Laverton, what is the number of purchase contracts surrendered in 1979–80 to date, indicating the number of cases in which the occupants have reverted to tenancy, and the number of cases in which the contracts provided for escalating interest rates.
- 373 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the committee appointed to examine the problems arising from appointments made by School Councils under the provisions of the *Education (School Councils) Act 1975* mentioned in the report of the Ombudsman in Case Nos. 8102, 8103, 8104, 8105 and 8107:
- 1 When the Committee was appointed.
 - 2 Who are the members of the Committee, indicating their normal positions.
 - 3 What are the terms of reference of the committee and when it is to report.
- 374 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, in respect of the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958*, whether builders have been refused indemnity against the costs of rectification works in cases where the houses have complied with the Uniform Building Regulations, other statutory requirements, and approved standards of construction; if so, what number of cases have occurred involving each approved guarantor in each year, indicating the reason for the refusal in each case.
- 376 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Premier, in respect of the twin State relationship with Jiangsu Province in China:
- 1 What funds have been expended to date, indicating the source of funds.
 - 2 What is the estimate of expenditure by Victoria in 1979–80, indicating the source or sources of funds.
 - 3 What Victorian staff have been allocated to the relationship, indicating the role, qualification and proportion of time spent by each person involved.
 - 4 What time has been spent in Jiangsu Province by Victorian public servants fostering the relationship, indicating any long-term visits or appointments.
 - 5 What time has been spent in Victoria by officials representing Jiangsu Province, indicating any long-term visits or appointments.

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- 6 What proposals there are for increasing staff and expenditure in developing the relationship.
- 377 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of education of deaf children in Victoria by organizations other than the Education Department:
- 1 What is the name of each organization for which funding is provided.
 - 2 What are the criteria for the allocation of funds.
- 378 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of curriculum guides for teachers:
- 1 What is the normal frequency of publication.
 - 2 When the last guides were published.
 - 3 What funds have been provided for publishing new curriculum guides for the current period.
 - 4 When the next curriculum guides are expected to be available.
- 379 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of each Education Department Region, what is the number and percentage, respectively, of students—(a) leaving school at the minimum age; (b) leaving school after completing—(i) year ten; (ii) year eleven; and (iii) year twelve; and (c) undertaking a tertiary orientation year programme in the technical and further education sector.
- 380 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts whether proposals have been made to the Government for the creation of a resources centre for small museums; if so—(a) which body or bodies made the proposal; (b) whether the proposal has been accepted by the Government; (c) what action has been taken to establish such a centre; (d) whether funds have been made available for the establishment of a centre; and (e) whether funds are available to assist small museums, indicating details of any such allocation.
- 381 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of position papers foreshadowed by the Town and Country Planning Board in the State Co-ordination Council Quarterly Progress Report No. 11, December 1978, paragraph 16B.4.3:
- 1 On what date each paper was or will be completed.
 - 2 Whether each paper is or will be made publicly available.
 - 3 Whether the papers, findings and recommendations represent Government policy.
- 382 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works what steps have been taken to reduce the energy requirements for—(a) lighting; (b) heating; and (c) cooling of—(i) permanent; and (ii) relocatable school buildings to be completed in 1979–80 and 1980–81, indicating the steps taken in respect of building design, building materials, building orientation and siting in relation to the sun, prevailing winds and other factors and any other steps.
- 383 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, in respect of the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958*:
- 1 What is the name and address of each approved guarantor, indicating the date on which each was approved by the Governor in Council.

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- 2 Whether any private company has been approved as a guarantor, indicating the reasons for the recommendation of any such company for approval.
 - 3 Whether builders registered with each approved guarantor are represented on the board of directors of their respective guarantor under—(a) the terms and conditions of approval under section 918E (3) of the Act; or (b) any other authority.
 - 4 What steps have been taken to ensure that changes in the ownership or control of each approved guarantor do not adversely affect builders registered with the guarantor or indemnities for which the guarantor is responsible.
- 384 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, in respect of the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958*, what reports, returns and documents have been furnished to the Minister by each approved guarantor, indicating the date on which each item was furnished and the period to which it referred.
- 386 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government:
- 1 On what date ratepayers residing in the City of Sunshine will be permitted to democratically elect councillors of their own choice to represent them at local government level.
 - 2 On what date the ratepayers last democratically elected councillors for the municipality.
 - 3 What is the name of each ward within the municipality and what was the number of voters registered within each ward during the last election.
 - 4 Whether residential development within the municipality has since aggravated the numerical differences between each ward.
 - 5 What action the Minister has taken to apply the principle one person, one vote, one value, to each ratepayer within each ward for future elections to the City of Sunshine.

Notices received on 16 September 1980

- 459 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in respect of the financial year 1979–80:
- 1 What was the number of houses sold by the Housing Commission.
 - 2 What was the number built, indicating the categories.
 - 3 What number of houses were available for rental.
- 462 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, since the introduction of escalating interest rates in July 1977:
- 1 How many houses have been sold by the Housing Commission under the system in both the metropolitan area and in the country in each financial year.
 - 2 What has been the movement in average weekly incomes in the community, indicating the increase, percentage increase, and the actual increase on a typical loan.
 - 3 Whether there has been any alteration in the factors determining deferment by a purchaser, indicating the present conditions.
- 470 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 Whether he is aware that Victoria now possesses a large and growing “informal” or “subsistence” sector, as in poor Third World countries.

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- 2 Whether his attention has been drawn to a description of the people comprising this sector as viewed by and contained in a report of the Victorian Chamber of Manufactures encompassing its view of such developments.
- 472 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether he is aware that the number of bankruptcies in Victoria jumped by 61·4 per cent for the financial year 1979–80 to a level over three times the corresponding figure for the financial year 1976–77; if so, whether he will investigate and report to Parliament the reasons for this trend in personal and corporate insolvencies.
- 476 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what was the cost per head of the expenditure incurred in 1979–80 for the operation of the—(a) Victorian Railways; and (b) Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board.
- 480 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 How much was allocated and spent, respectively, in the past three financial years in the areas of child abuse and neglect, and preventative child abuse centres.
 - 2 How much was provided for, and spent, on private institutions dealing with child abuse and neglect.
 - 3 What funding, if any, was provided for study and research into child abuse in the past three financial years, indicating the specific areas studied.
- 484 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport in respect of 1979–80, how many railway passengers travelled on—(a) the suburban network; (b) the country network; and (c) interstate trains.
- 488 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 When the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board last carried out an inspection at Fairlea Women's Prison.
 - 2 Whether the prison is still defined as a "severe fire hazard" as described in the Report of the Social Welfare Department for the year 1977–78.
- 490 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the study of the needs of long term prisoners, referred to in the Report of the State Co-ordination Council of 4 March 1977 has been completed; if so—(a) what use has been made of the study; (b) whether it is available to governors of Victorian prisons; and (c) whether he will make this report available to members of the Opposition.
- 492 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 In which Victorian prisons or sections of prisons use is made of the commode and bucket system as an alternative to plumbing.
 - 2 In which Victorian prisons Porta Potties have been installed in the cells.
 - 3 When these facilities will be replaced by permanent plumbing.
- 493 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services how many prisoners have been involved in the Work Release Unit at Ararat jail during the past three years, how many are presently involved in the programme, and how many have dropped out of the programme in this year to date and in the past three years.

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- 494 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether he will bring up to date the information supplied on 18 September 1974 about company investigations in response to question No. 87 recorded in *Hansard* on pages 422 to 426.
- 496 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts whether an inquiry into all aspects of the theatre was undertaken, as proposed in the Report of the Victorian Council of the Arts and Ministry for the Arts for the year 1976-77; if so—(a) who undertook the inquiry; (b) what were its terms of reference; (c) whether a copy is available and where; and (d) what were its main conclusions and recommendations.
- 497 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General:
- 1 Whether a record is kept by the courts of those defendants who, at the time of appearance, were dependent on social service benefits; if so, what was the number of such defendants in each jurisdiction in each of the past three years; if not, whether such records will be kept in the future.
 - 2 What special provisions apply to persons of limited financial means in the payment of fines.
 - 3 What alternatives, other than imprisonment, are available to such persons who default in the payment of fines.
 - 4 How many defaulters with limited financial means have been imprisoned for non-payment of fines in each of the past three years.
 - 5 Whether any investigation is conducted into the financial status of defendants; if so, what is the nature of such investigation.
 - 6 Whether any special conditions concerning the availability of legal aid is open to defendants of limited means.

Notices received on 17 September 1980

- 499 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing how many Housing Commission home purchase contracts have been surrendered in each month in the past two years, indicating the—(a) estate; (b) amount; (c) additional costs to the Commission; and (d) number who reverted to tenancy, indicating their reasons.
- 500 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts:
- 1 Of the \$2.4 million extra costs through design development at the Victorian Arts Centre, what amount was due to—(a) an incorrect or insufficient brief; (b) new technology; and (c) any other factors.
 - 2 Of the \$2.3 million in extra costs through variations, how much was due to—(a) mistakes in information; and (b) delays in documentation.
- 505 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what products which include diethyl stilboestrol or chemically related substances have been approved for use in Victoria, indicating in each case—(a) the name of the product; (b) the name of the person or company in whose name it was approved; (c) the names of the active ingredients; (d) the forms in which it was approved; (e) when approval was first granted; (f) if approval was amended, when and in what way; (g) if no longer current, when approval lapsed; and (h) the uses for which it was approved.
- 508 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What traffic increases are expected to occur in Warrigul Road between Waverley and Dandenong Roads following the opening of the Mulgrave

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Freeway link and prior to the opening of the Gardiners' Creek Valley Freeway, and what are the expected increases in air and noise pollution levels.

- 2 Whether consideration has been given to protecting or compensating householders in the section of Warrigul Road in question, as was done for householders in Alexandra Parade, Fitzroy, following the opening of the Eastern Freeway; if so, with what result.

- 509 MR EVANS (*Gippsland East*)—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer whether, in view of the increase in the conveyance allowance for secondary school students to a maximum of \$300 per annum, any consideration was given to increasing the allowance to parents who have to drive their children to school, which has remained at \$50 per annum for some years; if so—
(a) whether due weight was given to the fact that running costs of motor vehicles are rising faster than public transport fares; and (b) what is the reason for not increasing the latter allowance.

Notices received on 18 September 1980

- 516 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, in view of question No. 636 first asked on 19 June 1979 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period relating to the Premier's statement at a Coal Symposium at Traralgon on 3 June 1978 in which he said his Government would establish a process research and development laboratory together with an associated experimental pilot plant in the Latrobe Valley early in 1979:

- 1 Whether the construction of the laboratory has commenced; if not, what are the reasons for the delay and whether the siting of the laboratory has been determined.
- 2 What is the current estimated total cost for the research and development laboratory and what is the estimated date for completion of the laboratory.
- 3 Whether the design for the pilot plant has been finalized.
- 4 Whether the pilot plant will be operational by 1982 as promised; if not, what is the current estimated date for the commissioning of the pilot plant.
- 5 What is the current estimated cost for the pilot plant facilities.

- 517 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in view of question No. 1129 first asked on 18 September 1979 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period:

- 1 What consideration he has given to the representations of the Gippsland Over Coal Land Owners Protection Council on the question of determining applications on hardship created by the Central Gippsland Interim Development Order.
- 2 In view of the considerable time which has elapsed since the Government first began to examine such hardship cases and hearing applications, what action will be taken to ensure that affected land owners are not disadvantaged by further delay.

- 519 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, in view of question No. 1384 first asked on 17 October 1979 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period relating to his stated estimate that over 1000 oil-fired heaters are installed in Government buildings:

- 1 What contingency plans have been made to overcome the escalating price for heating oil and the increasing availability problems.

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- 2 What specific amount has been budgeted for to enable conversion of such heaters.
 - 3 Whether the Government will honour its energy policy promise in March last to promote brown coal products and natural gas as substitutes for petroleum products wherever feasible to reserve oil for the transport market.
- 520 Mr AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, in view of question No. 1975 first asked on 12 March 1980 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period:
- 1 In view of the fact that the Gas and Fuel Corporation and the State Electricity Commission have increased their tariffs to provide for their obligation to meet the Government's increasing demands under the *Public Authorities (Contributions) Act 1966*, what action the Government has taken to inform the general public of its indirect taxation measure.
 - 2 Whether he will consider providing information on turnover tax obligation on consumers Gas and Fuel Corporation and State Electricity Commission accounts similar to the value added tax notification required in the United Kingdom by that Government; if not, why it is considered unnecessary to inform the public of the Government's tax measures.

Notices received on 23 September 1980

- 529 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health what criteria are applied in determining schools eligible for the construction of two-chair school dental clinics.
- 547 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 Why the medical examination programme for children at Victoria Street Pre-School Centre in Seymour has been abolished.
 - 2 Whether these medical examinations will take place this year.
- 554 MR McCLURE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 Whether the Borough of Eaglehawk has applied to act as rent collection agent for the Housing Commission; if so, whether the Commission has acceded to the request and, if not, why.
 - 2 Whether any municipalities in Victoria act as rent collection agents for the Housing Commission; if so, which municipalities.
- 555 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether, in respect of Aspendale North, the Housing Commission operated outside the normal criteria for purchases; if so, what criteria was adopted indicating—(a) the amount of the deposit; (b) the weekly repayments; (c) the income level; and (d) for how long each family had been on the waiting list.
- 557 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 What will be the total cost of the Melbourne International Centenary Exhibition, indicating the main items, and who will bear the cost.
 - 2 Whether any government money has been allocated to Riddell Promotions or any other organization; if so, what amount and for what purposes.
 - 3 Whether gate moneys for school groups are subsidized; if so, by what amount, indicating the total estimated amount, and to whom the money will be paid.

- 559 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts, during the years 1976 to 1978 inclusive, what works at the Victorian Arts Centre were changes in position of form work, demolition work and re-building of major concrete structures, respectively, indicating the cost in each case.
- 565 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General:
- 1 How many bailiffs are employed by the Government and at what annual cost.
 - 2 What revenue is generated through Court fines and for what purposes this revenue is used.
 - 3 How many "actions" each bailiff has been involved in over the past five years.
- 569 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Whether the police helicopter has had an engine failure; if so, whether it was necessary to purchase a spare engine.
 - 2 How many accidents the helicopter has been involved in, indicating the time out of service and the cost of repairs in each case.
- 572 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what is the effect on the implementation of the White Paper "The Future of Social Welfare in Victoria" of the State Government's failure to utilize all the savings, made through the Commonwealth assuming responsibility for income support arrangements for lone parents from 1 January 1980, for welfare programmes in line with the commitment made in the 1979 State Budget Speech.
- 573 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What has been the total cost of the Victoria Police Airwing helicopter and accessories to date.
 - 2 How many hours the helicopter has flown since acquisition, indicating the hours involved in—(a) training; (b) testing; and (c) actual police work.
- 575 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether the personnel winch on the police helicopter developed a fault and fired its cutting knife; if so—(a) whether the hook from the winch fell on a person's head causing injury; and (b) whether the helicopter crew refuse to operate the winch.
- 576 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what crimes have been reported to the Broadmeadows police station during each of the years 1975 to 1979 and in this year to date, indicating the—(a) categories; and (b) percentage of reported crimes solved.
- 577 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether the five-year plan prepared by the Office of Research and Social Policy for—(a) family and adolescent services; (b) regional services; and (c) correctional services, have been completed; if so, whether the plans will be made available to members of the Opposition, the Child Development and Family Services Council and the Correctional Services Council; if not, why.

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- 2 What is the effect on the implementation of the five-year plan for family and adolescent services, regional services and correctional services of the State Government's failure to use all the savings made through the Commonwealth assuming responsibility for income support arrangements for lone parents from 1 January 1980 for welfare services provided by the Department of Community Welfare Services and non-government agencies in line with the commitment in the 1979 State Budget Speech.

Notices received on 24 September 1980

- 580 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, on how many occasions since 1 January 1978 the Attorney-General has filed a presentment without there being a prior hearing, either by way of committal proceedings before a Stipendiary Magistrate, Justices or a Coroner's Inquest, and what are the names of such accused persons and the nature of the charges upon which they were presented.
- 581 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of fees charged for licence testing and for the obtaining of learner drivers' permits:
- 1 What was the income from each category of test in 1979-80, and what is the estimated income for this financial year.
 - 2 What was the cost of administering the scheme in the last financial year, and what is the estimate for this financial year.
- 582 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in respect of Housing Commission dwellings in—(a) Fitzroy; (b) Brunswick; and (c) Coburg, what was the number of—(i) vacant dwellings; (ii) vacant dwellings undergoing maintenance, specifying the type of dwelling at 1 September 1980; and (iii) dwellings of each category in each of the cities expressed as a total.
- 585 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What was the cost per flying hour of the police helicopter, taking into account total moneys expended on maintenance, pilot salary and other expenses.
 - 2 What costs were incurred on—(a) scheduled maintenance, including labour; and (b) unscheduled maintenance, including labour.
- 586 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what is the estimated amount to be budgeted for the operation of the police helicopter for the next financial year, including provision in relation to hours of flying and pilot costs.
- 587 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what actual number of arrests can be attributed to the use in detection work of—(a) the police helicopter; and (b) charter helicopters on police work.
- 588 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What were the number of flights made and hours flown in the police helicopter that could not have been flown in a single engine machine, excluding time engaged on instrument flight rules training.
 - 2 Whether aerial work is permitted at night in single engined helicopters.

- 590 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the operating theatre at the Castlemaine District Community Hospital:
- 1 When approval was originally sought for the construction of the new theatre facility.
 - 2 When approval in principle was given to the hospital.
 - 3 What progress has been made in developing the plans.
 - 4 When it is expected that funds will be available.
- 594 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Commonwealth/State programme to provide funds for elderly citizens' clubrooms, whether there is a priority list for this financial year and each of the next three financial years; if so, what is the order of the priority list.
- 596 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether other helicopters have been chartered for police work when the police helicopter was out of service; if so, what was the cost.

Notices received on 30 September 1980

- 599 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What are the fares for travel to Flinders Street from each station on the Upfield railway line.
 - 2 What was the amount of the increase in each fare on 1 August 1980.
- 603 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what revenue was collected at each station on the Upfield railway line during 1978-79 and 1979-80, respectively.
- 604 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what revenue was collected at each station on the Upfield railway line during the months of July and August 1980, respectively.
- 605 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 How many youth refuges there are, indicating their locations.
 - 2 Why the Latrobe Valley does not have a youth refuge.
- 606 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what amount was spent on the cleaning of trains in each of the years 1978-79 and 1979-80.
- 610 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General:
- 1 How many bailiffs are employed by the State Government.
 - 2 What is the cost to the State to employ such bailiffs.
 - 3 What is the annual average revenue to the State generated through court fines.
 - 4 What revenue to the State was generated through court fines at the Broadmeadows Court over the past five years, inclusive, on a monthly basis.
 - 5 What are the purposes to which revenue from court fines is allocated.
 - 6 How many actions each bailiff has been involved in each of the past five years.

- 611 MR CULPIN—To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What crimes have been reported to the Broadmeadows, Fawkner and Westmeadows police stations, respectively, during the years 1975 to 1980 inclusive, indicating the—(a) categories involved; and (b) percentage solved.
 - 2 What police stations in the metropolitan area are designated to be police cadet and recruit training stations.
- 613 MR CRABB—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the bus service operated by Walkers Bus Services, Bendigo and serving the Golden Oakes Retirement Village, when Government subsidies were withdrawn, why, and what alternative means of transport are to be established.
- 617 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, with regard to Wonthaggi high school:
- 1 Why there has been a reduction in the office staff from two to 1.5.
 - 2 In view of the urgent need for additional support for teachers at the school, whether the Government will agree to either increase the present number of office staff or provide a teacher aide; if not, why.
- 619 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of the construction of the Djerrivarrh special developmental school:
- 1 What were the dates on which tenders were advertised, indicating each newspaper in which an advertisement appeared.
 - 2 What was the date on which tenders closed.
 - 3 How many tenders were received and whether the lowest tender was accepted; if not, why.
- 620 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what was the number of outward passenger journeys in 1979–80 from each station on each of the eight suburban railway services which the Victorian Transport Study proposes should be abolished.
- 623 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether E.C.A. Centre designs and core plus designs provide adequate access for the handicapped, including to toilet areas; if not, what action will be taken to provide adequate access.
- 624 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Minerals and Energy what action has been taken to encourage oil recycling in response to the action of the Commonwealth Minister for National Development and Energy in drawing the matter to his attention, referred to on page 1358 of the House of Representatives *Hansard* in answer to question No. 6467.

Notices received on 1 October 1980

- 626 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts, in relation to the Victorian Arts Centre, what are the holding costs per day due to delays in documentation or information, indicating the number of days and who is paying these additional costs.
- 627 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts, in respect of architects and consulting fees relating to the concert hall project of the Victorian Arts Centre:
- 1 What submissions have been made by the architect or any other members concerning such fees.

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- 2 What is the normal level of fees in a major building contract and that accepted by the relevant professional body.
- 3 What offers were made by the building committee.
- 4 When agreement was reached, indicating the level agreed on, when the question of fees was placed before the building committee, and the minuted decision.
- 5 Whether difficulties arose because the fee set was too low to provide an efficient service and staff.
- 6 Whether any letters were received subsequent to the agreement on fees, indicating—(a) from whom and the dates of the letters; (b) the substance of the letters; and (c) the resulting response and decision, including the date of placement before the building committee and the minuted decision and, if not placed before the committee, why.
- 7 Whether any decision was taken that the fees be fully resolved.
- 8 Whether the question of fees has been fully and finally resolved; if so, by whom, when and at what level.

629 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts, in respect of the concert hall project of the Victorian Arts Centre:

- 1 What is the date of completion specified in the contract.
- 2 What is the current estimated date of completion.
- 3 What variation orders there have been as a result of—(a) weather; (b) industrial disputes; (c) lack of information and/or drawings; and (d) altering of information and/or drawings, indicating the amounts claimed in each case, whether the claims were settled and the amounts agreed upon.
- 4 What are the details of those claims not yet settled.
- 5 What amount was claimed in the case of Podgor Constructions, indicating—(a) the reasons; (b) the amount agreed upon, indicating the source of funds used for any payments made; (c) whether any areas of concrete formwork were erected one day and then dismantled, indicating the extra costs involved; and (d) whether these claims have been met in part or in full and, if not, why.

632 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:

- 1 Since the introduction of escalating interest rates—(a) how many houses have been sold, indicating the length of contract and the additional revenue received through escalation; and (b) how many of these contracts have since defaulted or been cancelled, indicating the reasons and percentages for each of the past four years.
- 2 What are the current ranges of interest rates.

634 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, with regard to the Mooroolbark technical school:

- 1 Whether advice was given some three years ago that the school would receive a gymnasium complex.
- 2 Whether plans were completed for this project.
- 3 When it is now expected that the gymnasium complex will be constructed.
- 4 What is the reason for the delay in upgrading library facilities at the school, and when it is now expected that these works will be undertaken.
- 5 What facilities will be provided at the school to replace existing rooms that will be used for the library upgrade project.

- 640 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the financial years since the Health Commission came into operation, and the estimate for this financial year:
- 1 What was the number, classification, and cost of staff employed in each Division.
 - 2 What is the number of staff on the pay-roll of public hospitals employed in the Health Commission for Commission purposes, specifying the classification and cost.
 - 3 What is the recurrent non-salary costs of the Commission, specifying the cost in terms of each Division.
- 647 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education whether the Education Department owns land located at the north-west corner of Westmoreland and Ballarat Roads, Sunshine; if so, what is the intention of the Department in providing—(a) additional educational facilities for the people of Sunshine; and (b) for future development of the area by the Department for educational purposes.
- 653 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General:
- 1 Whether the existing bingo laws are being circumvented by different groups of people associated with large professional and semi-professional sporting bodies, who operate more than two bingo games per week for their club, by using the name of one or more associated bodies attached to their club, as well as using the club name, at more than one location; if so, what action will be taken to stop this practice.
 - 2 Whether he will take action to require bingo games which are organized for an on behalf of professional and semi-professional sporting bodies, to be conducted in that particular city, municipal borough, or shire where the sporting body has its stadium or sports ground located; if not, why.
 - 3 Whether he will take action to require the gross proceeds of bingo games conducted as a means of raising funds for and on behalf of professional and semi-professional sporting bodies, to be taxed at the normal rate of taxation, and not the standard 3 per cent to which all sporting bodies are currently subjected.

Notices received on 2 October 1980

- 658 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General:
- 1 What criteria are applied to applicants for appointments as Queen's Counsel.
 - 2 In each of the years 1950 to 1979 inclusive, how many persons were considered for appointment as Queen's Counsel and how many were so appointed.
 - 3 How many persons failed to meet the criteria laid down for appointment in each of those years, specifying the number failing in each requirement.
 - 4 Whether any of the rejected applications were subsequently granted; if so—(a) how many; and (b) when.
- 659 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 What are the terms of access to the Thomson River catchment, indicating why only a very few of the tracks into the catchment were unpadlocked last season.

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- 2 Who administers the access policy and whether the Minister will investigate past administrative practices with a view to ensuring the fullest possible public access.

Notices received on 21 October 1980

- 660 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 What are the present guidelines and formula for grants to secretaries of co-operative housing societies.
 - 2 What is the current waiting list for grants.
 - 3 What were the allocations to each secretary, in each of the past three years, and in this financial year indicating the total amount, the number of loans and the source of these funds.
- 665 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 How many current applications are held for public housing in the Westernport region, for both purchase and tenancy, indicating for each municipal district in the region the—(a) lone person; (b) low rental; (c) childless couples; (d) two bedroom family; (e) three bedroom family; and (f) large family categories.
 - 2 What is the current provision of housing for each of these categories in each municipal district.
 - 3 What are the current plans for providing additional housing in each municipal district.
- 666 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, with regard to Pakenham, Goonawarra and Cranbourne Estates:
- 1 What is the proportion of social mix.
 - 2 Whether any co-operative housing funds have been allocated to these areas and, if so, what is the amount in each case, indicating the normal allocation and the additional funds.
 - 3 What is the expenditure to date, indicating the main items.
 - 4 What are the expected costs, showing the main details.
 - 5 What is the break-even point in relation to meeting costs, indicating the number of houses which would have to be sold in both the public and private sector, and the number that have actually been sold to date.
 - 6 How many houses will be available for rental.
- 667 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 What will be the role of music education, as an established component of the curriculum, in any re-organization of education in Victoria.
 - 2 What decisions will be taken to allow for increased staffing necessary to meet the State's needs in the area of group classroom music and individual instrumental instruction.
 - 3 Whether additional funding will be made available to ensure that appropriate and adequate facilities, equipment and instruments are provided for music education.
 - 4 To what extent the Education Department will be involved in the Music 1981 festivities.
- 668 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the proposed hospital to be constructed by the Hospitals Corporation of Australia on the corner of Manningham Road and High Street, Doncaster, whether the Health Commission is aware of the extension of the building permit for

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the hospital; if so, whether the Commission placed the information before the Council and whether the Commission has taken any attitude towards the construction of such private hospital on that site.

- 672 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of Brunswick High School, whether cyclic maintenance has ever been carried out on the school, whether it was planned for this year and if so, when it will now commence.
- 674 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of Victoria's perinatal mortality, whether figures are available for each region and/or each municipality in the State over each of the past five years; if so, whether a copy of those statistics will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 675 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the evaluation of the Barwon Region Child Maltreatment Pilot Project:
- 1 What is the basic design of the evaluation and how it will be carried out.
 - 2 Given the long gap between the commencement of research and the original commencement of the project, whether the research effort will be hindered and how it is intended to compensate for the delay.
 - 3 Why the researcher is based in Melbourne when the project is in the Barwon Region and whether this will hinder the research.
 - 4 When it is expected that the first report will be available.
- 676 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what criteria is used by the—(a) Education Department; and (b) Departmental Regional Offices, in relation to precedence of building schools.
- 677 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 Which companies located within the City of Broadmeadows and the Shire of Bulla discharge wastes into either the Merri or Moonee Ponds Creeks, specifying the name of the company and the type, rate, and volume of discharge each year.
 - 2 In respect of such companies—(a) how many licences have been amended and what are the details; and (b) how many licences have been suspended or revoked, specifying—(i) the name of the company; (ii) the reason for suspension or revocation; (iii) whether the licence was re-issued; and (iv) whether the company was fined.
- 681 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of school dental clinics in the electoral district of Brunswick, whether on 13 March 1979, the then Minister of Health, Mr Hunt, together with the then Assistant Minister of Health, Mr Jona, issued a press statement, which promised pre-school dental clinics at the following primary schools: Brunswick, Brunswick North, Coburg West, Moreland, and facilities for mobile dental clinics at the following: Brunswick East, Brunswick South, Brunswick South West, Brunswick West, Merri, Princes Hill and Brunswick North West, as well as funds for the construction of mobile school dental clinics and vehicles and X-ray equipment for these and other clinics; if so, whether any of these clinics have been established, and in that event, where; if not, why they have not been established and what has happened to the funds.
- 682 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the day therapy area underneath the existing nursing home wing at the West Gippsland Hospital:
- 1 When the area was completed.

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- 2 When a request for staff for the area was received, specifying the staff requested.
 - 3 When it is proposed that staff will be available to operate the area.
 - 4 When it is expected that capital funds will be available to complete the interior fitting.
- 683 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what interest was earned from investments of the Trust Fund during the year 1979–80, indicating what rate of interest this represents.
- 685 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 How many reports the Government received during the past four financial years from external sources other than Government departments or statutory authorities.
 - 2 What was the purpose and the cost of each of these reports.
- 686 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what are the conditions under which interest rate increase deferments will be granted in respect of Housing Commission purchase contracts providing for escalating interest rates.
- 687 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning:
- 1 When the Town Planning Appeals Tribunals were first formed.
 - 2 What is the name, address, age and qualifications of each past and present Member of the Tribunals.
 - 3 What salary is or was paid to these Members.
 - 4 How many decisions have been upheld by the Tribunals against all city and shire councils in Victoria, indicating how many appeals in respect of decisions of the City of Broadmeadows have been upheld.
 - 5 Whether he will consider and review the powers, functions and membership of the Tribunals, if not, why.
- 688 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 What was the total cost of the Inquiry into Fluoridation of Victorian Water Supplies.
 - 2 How many reports were printed, at what cost and to whom these were distributed.
 - 3 Whether he will provide a full list of the names of every person involved in the Inquiry and supply the name of the person who wrote the report, together with his qualification and position.
 - 4 Whether the cost of \$6.00 per report is out of proportion to the cost of most Government publications; if so, why.
 - 5 Whether he is aware that the New South Wales Government provides documents on fluoridation and fluoride pollution at no cost and makes them freely available to the public.
 - 6 Why the Reports of the Inquiry into Fluoridation of Victorian Water Supplies are being made freely available to some people and not to others.
- 689 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, further to the answer to question No. 282 given on 2 October 1980:
- 1 What were the circumstances of the \$310 000 expenditure on building work at the University of Melbourne, indicating the building work concerned.

- 2 What was the date on which the money was expended, indicating the rate of interest, the sum paid annually to provide the interest and provisions for repayment of the total sum.
- 691 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 When VicRail Investigation Officers were first appointed.
 - 2 How many officers there are at present, indicating the name, address and age of each officer.
 - 3 What are the qualifications required for appointment to this position.
 - 4 Whether officers are instructed to identify themselves when carrying out their responsibilities; if not, why.
 - 5 How many convictions have been obtained by officers in each year since inception, indicating in respect of those convictions, in how many cases it was alleged that the investigating officer had not identified himself to the offender.
- 694 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of railway investigations:
- 1 What were the reasons for the raid on a train at Oak Park at approximately 12.30 a.m. on 18 October 1980, and what was the result of this raid.
 - 2 What are the details of similar raids and the results since the Railways Department's Investigation Office was formed.
 - 3 Whether the Victoria Police will take over this role in the future; if not, whether railway investigators will be required to be in uniform and, if not, why.
 - 4 Whether consideration will be given to railway investigators manning unmanned stations; if not, why.
- 695 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether the Interim Report of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee which was available in January 1979, was discussed in an open forum or available for public debate; if not, why.
 - 2 What were the recommendations contained in the Interim Report of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee.
 - 3 Who are the members of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee.

Notices received on 22 October 1980

- 696 MR CAIRN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General:
- 1 Whether the Minister is aware that no funds have been paid by the Commonwealth of Australia to the State of Victoria under the provisions of section 20 of the *Commonwealth Places (Application of Laws) Act 1970* whereby reimbursement to the State of Victoria of funds paid is required.
 - 2 Whether the Minister can indicate why there has been no attempt by the State of Victoria to recover the moneys due to it, and whether he can give an estimate of the total amounts foregone by the State of Victoria owing to the failure to obtain reimbursement.
 - 3 What steps are being taken after a lapse of almost eight years to effect recovery in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

- 697 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 How many persons were engaged as consultants by the Housing Commission as at 31 December in the years 1977, 1978, 1979 and 1980 to date.
 - 2 How many of these consultants are carrying out work previously performed by permanent or temporary officers of the Commission.
- 702 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether any applications for funding of construction of the Maroondah hospital were made to the Commonwealth Government between 1972 and 1975, indicating in each case the—(a) date; (b) substance; and (c) response.
- 703 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, how many places for apprentice gardeners—(a) were available at Oakleigh technical school in 1980; and (b) will be available in 1981, indicating in the case of 1980 the number of—(i) successful; and (ii) unsuccessful applicants, and how many successful applicants have since dropped out.

Notices received on 23 October 1980

- 705 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what funds are currently held in the Urban Renewal Fund, indicating their source, the purposes of this fund, and whether the money could be used for a spot purchase programme to secure protected tenants in Victoria.
- 706 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, whether the absence of a reticulated water supply has affected the growth of the township of Bemm River; if so, what action the Minister has taken following receipt of petitions and requests from the Bemm River Progress and Improvement Association, when residents can expect the commencement of proposed works and what is the expected completion date of proposed works including a water reticulation programme.
- 707 MR SIMPSON—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 When the Victoria Police force recruiting office in Russell Street will be advised by either the Minister or the Chief Commissioner that there are to be no more cadets to be recruited for training at Spencer Street training headquarters.
 - 2 When the more than 400 recruit applicants will be advised that their services are no longer required for police cadet training.

Notices received on 28 October 1980

- 711 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health which hospitals currently have renal dialysis units, specifying the size of each unit and what expansion is proposed for such units in each of the next three years.
- 712 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, regarding the agreement on definition of "well-head value" for Bass Strait hydrocarbons which was reached with Esso-BHP on 22 May 1980, whether he will reveal the size of the adjusting royalty payment owed by Esso-BHP to the State and advise how much interest the Bass Strait partners will pay on this liability, some of which has been outstanding for twelve and a half years.

- 715 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 What is the name of the private firm granted an informal lease over part of the Preston Regional Office premises from June 1978 to May 1980, contrary to the *Audit Act* 1958 and the Public Accounts and Stores Regulations.
 - 2 Why the departmental file relating to this lease was not made available to the Auditor-General upon request.
- 716 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education why the Education Department has been leasing premises in Gipps Street, Abbotsford, since December 1975 at an annual rental of \$62 280 yet only partially using them for minor storage purposes and why the original departmental file was not produced for audit inspection.
- 719 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 Under what criteria organizations presently qualify for State guarantees on their bank overdrafts without the specific authority of Parliament.
 - 2 Whether the State has been committed to contingent liabilities without proper authority; if so, when the practice will be abandoned.
 - 3 What steps he will take to ensure that complete records are built up and properly maintained so that the Auditor-General can determine what loans have been favoured with State guarantees and the value of the consequent contingent liabilities created.
 - 4 What were the dates of issue, maturity dates, interest rates and other terms and conditions attached to loans guaranteed by the Treasurer under section 95A of the *State Electricity Commission Act* 1958.
- 720 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 In view of recommendations made by the Auditor-General in his last two Annual Reports, whether he will take the necessary steps to produce meaningful and timely financial reporting to Parliament by statutory authorities and also completely review the *Audit Act* 1958.
 - 2 Whether he will take steps to set up internal audit functions within departments and authorities which presently lack this vital aspect of financial control.
 - 3 Whether he will investigate the reasons for difficulties experienced by the Auditor-General in recruiting audit inspectors and base level staff and take steps to correct this situation.
- 722 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer, in view of the Auditor-General's statement that the Minister of Public Works entered into \$10.28 million worth of deferred payment contracts despite a limit of \$8 million established by the Treasurer, whether he will advise what ceilings were placed on State Electricity Commission supplier credits during each of the past three financial years and to what extent the Commission has exceeded these limits.
- 727 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 Which trust accounts never listed as closed in any report of the Auditor-General were not shown as part of the Trust Fund in the Treasurer's Finance Statement 1979-80 and why these trust accounts were not so shown.
 - 2 Whether any of these accounts have been closed; if so, which accounts and how any unexpended balances were disposed of.

- 728 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 Which trust accounts, listed as opened (but never recorded as closed) in the various annual reports of the Auditor-General since 1969–70, were not shown as part of the Trust Fund in the Treasurer's Finance Statement 1979–80 and for what reasons.
 - 2 Which of these accounts have been closed and how any unexpended balances were disposed of.
- 729 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 Why the following trust accounts, listed as part of the Trust Fund in the Treasurer's Finance Statement 1979–80, were never listed as "opened" in any Annual Report of the Auditor-General: Fisheries Research Fund; The Licensing Fund; Fisheries Dartmouth Dam Surveys Trust Account; Greyhound Racing Clubs Fund; Motor Accidents and Insurance Premiums Suspense Account; Railway Salaries and Wages in Suspense Account 1978–79; Treasury Drawings Account No. 1; Agriculture Technical and Further Education Trust Account; Commonwealth Traffic and Road Safety Improvement Programme Trust Account; Commonwealth National Estate Programme Trust Account; Departmental Suspense Accounts (Consumer Affairs, Corporate Affairs Office, and Liquor Control Commission); Mildura Nursery Account; and Local Government (House Builders' Liability) Trust Account.
 - 2 What was the purpose of establishing each account, indicating the payments and receipts during the first year of operation and the balance as at 30 June, after the first year of operation.
- 730 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Premier, in respect of the recent Committee of Inquiry into the Fluoridation of Victorian Water Supplies, whether he will consider making public the submissions made to the Committee; if not, why.
- 731 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of school dental services for primary school children in the Colac area:
- 1 What services are currently provided.
 - 2 When it is expected that school dental clinic services will be available and in what form.
 - 3 What discussions have occurred with the Minister of Health and the Health Commission as to the provision of facilities through the district hospital, and when adequate services will exist either through the hospital or through the school dental programme.
- 732 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in view of comments in the report of the Victorian Transport Study about VicRail now having its lowest country passenger patronage since 1873, whether he will list the various passenger services closed since then, indicating the year of each closure.
- 733 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, when answers will be supplied to questions Nos. 374, 383 and 384, respectively, notice of which was given on 10 September 1980 and which followed notice given in the previous session on 25 March 1980.
- 738 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, further to the answer to question No. 281 given on 21 October 1980, in respect of each area used for black-out purposes within the electoral district

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of Werribee, what was the time and duration of each disconnection, indicating the reason for the particularly lengthy single disconnection affecting the area of Station Street, Werribee.

- 739 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, in view of the answer to question No. 277 given on 21 October 1980, whether he will list the number of recent occasions that the State Electricity Commission negotiated loans with interest rates of 18 per cent or more, and whether he will indicate the highest interest rate charged to the Commission.
- 740 MR MILLER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will provide a list of institutions registered with the Health Commission situated in the electoral district of Prahran, or should this information not be available on the basis of State electoral district boundaries, then on postal district boundaries, classified in terms of the categories of private hospitals, nursing homes, special accommodation houses, boarding and rooming houses or any other accommodation house requiring such registration.

Notices received on 29 October 1980

- 741 MR CRABB—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what action is intended to reclassify and reconstruct the Walhalla-Tyers Road.
- 742 MR CRABB—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport when the Government intends to announce the route of the Euroa by-pass road and when it is expected that construction will—(a) commence; and (b) be completed.
- 743 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in the framing of the Adoption of Children (Information) Bill, what consideration was given to research findings on this subject, indicating whether such findings were derived from inter-departmental or other sources and specifying the nature of the findings and the date received in each case.
- 745 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in relation to the Adoption of Children (Information) Bill:
- 1 How many letters he has received from biological parents, adoptive parents, and adoptees, respectively, either—(a) supporting; or (b) opposing retrospective access.
 - 2 What is the Department of Community Welfare's policy regarding community consultation and whether this policy has been recognized in relation to consultation with the community on the drafting of the Bill.
 - 3 Whether he has received any delegations who are dissatisfied with the provisions of the Bill; if so—(a) when the delegations were received; (b) who was represented on each delegation; and (c) whether he refused to meet any delegations and, in that event, why.
- 746 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what controls exist over the modifications which may be made to the engines of motor cars, including modifications which increase power and/or affect exhaust emissions, indicating whether vehicles with such modifications may be declared unroadworthy.

Notice received on 30 October 1980

- 749 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he or the Health Commission has received a detailed submission from the Shire of Mildura and the City of Mildura concerning the provision of nursing home

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accommodation in the Mildura area; if so, whether the submission has been examined and whether the Government intends to assist in the provision of needed nursing home accommodation in the Mildura area.

Notices received on 5 November 1980

- 750 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of School Medical Service doctor visits at pre-schools in the Castlemaine and Bendigo area, whether he is aware of reports that visits have been cancelled; if so, which kindergartens have been affected and what is the reason for the cancellations.
- 752 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for State Development, Decentralization and Tourism, in respect of the report "Manufacturing in Melbourne" submitted to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works by its Technical Advisory Committee on Manufacturing, what action has been taken to implement the recommendations of the report as they affect the Laverton North industrial area and other areas within the shires of Werribee and Melton, and the cities of Altona and Sunshine.
- 756 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of the report "Manufacturing in Melbourne" submitted to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works by its Technical Advisory Committee on Manufacturing, what action has been taken to implement the recommendations of the report as they affect the Laverton North industrial area and other areas within the shires of Werribee and Melton, and the cities of Altona and Sunshine.
- 759 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, whether the Minister has received a submission from concerned residents of the Upper Yarra Shire with regard to mismanagement by the Council; if so—(a) whether the Minister has acknowledged receipt of this submission and, if not, why; and (b) what action the Minister has taken or is proposed with regard to the matters raised.
- 760 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of banking accounts operated by Keon Park technical school:
- 1 What is the present balance in each account.
 - 2 For what purpose each account is used.
 - 3 What interest payments have accrued on each account.
 - 4 For what purpose the interest was used.
- 761 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether a report of a recent investigation of Keon Park technical school staff problems has been made to the Acting Director of Technical Education; if so, with what result.
- 766 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, what prosecutions have been launched under each sub-section of section 918B of the *Local Government Act 1958*, indicating in respect of each sub-section—(a) the dates of the court proceedings; (b) whether the prosecutions were successful; and (c) the penalties imposed.
- 767 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what proposals there are to subsidize personal in-home medical alert systems for the aged and infirm in order that such people can remain in the security and comfort of their own homes.

- 768 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the Department of Community Welfare Services will provide additional funds to the Springvale Community Aid and Advice Bureau on a dollar-for-dollar basis to match the Springvale City Council 1980–81 contribution; if not, why.

Notices received on 6 November 1980

- 769 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether two full shifts of police personnel, namely a senior constable or a constable, is required on six days of each week to operate the telephone switchboard at the Heidelberg police station; if so, whether he will take steps to ensure that switchboard operators are provided to enable the police personnel to be released for police work.
- 770 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what is the average age of persons charged with consorting under the provisions of section 6 of the *Vagrancy Act* 1966 over the past two years.

Notices received on 11 November 1980

- 772 MR HANN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether any charges have been laid as a result of the Chernov Report; if so—(a) how many; (b) what is the name of the person or persons charged; (c) when the charges are scheduled to be heard; and (d) whether Queen's Counsel will be briefed by the Law Department in relation to these charges; if not, why.
- 773 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether new purchasers of Housing Commission homes at Werribee have been told that the interest rate applying to their purchase contracts will not escalate beyond nine per cent per year; if so—(a) what is the basis of the advice; (b) what Cabinet decisions currently apply; and (c) what limits are specified in new purchase contracts.
- 774 MR CRABB—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in relation to State authorities such as VicRail and other authorities such as the Australian Railway Research and Development Organization, what arrangements exist to encourage staff to use rail for interstate and intrastate travel.
- 775 MR CRABB—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the canteen at the Railway Workshops at Ballarat, what was the—(a) total income; (b) cost of goods; (c) wages; (d) rent; and (e) other costs, in each of the past three years.
- 776 MR CRABB—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of grain carried to Portland from the Mortat and Gymbowen sidings, respectively, during this year:
- 1 What weight was carried by road and rail, respectively.
 - 2 What were the average freight charges per tonne applicable to each mode.
 - 3 What was the actual cost of road cartage and rail cartage.
- 777 MR CRABB—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what plans exist for provision of bogie exchange facilities at sites other than Dynon and Wodonga, indicating—(a) what investment is involved; and (b) what the details of the capital works programme are in relation to such plans.

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- 778 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Spastic Childrens Society of Victoria:
- 1 Whether he is aware that the Society's existing constitution places barriers to handicapped people becoming members of the Society and of the Council.
 - 2 Whether an attempt by the Society's President, Mr Bill Pratt, and the Manager, Mr Ken Dyer, and others to alter the constitution, failed because the necessary 75 per cent did not vote for its adoption, the vote in favour being over 60 per cent.
 - 3 Whether he intends to take any steps to ensure that membership of the Society is open to all and that a new constitution is introduced for this organization which receives substantial Government assistance and support.
- 779 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware of the recommendation by the National Health and Medical Research Council at its 90th Session in Canberra that the co-operation of school authorities be sought to reduce the excessive consumption of analgesics by children and to ensure the close supervision on the issue of analgesics in schools; if so, what action is proposed by the Health Commission in conjunction with the Education Department to carry out those recommendations.
- 780 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of the development of school grounds at the Brunswick North primary school, whether the Public Works Department compiled a report in the 1978–79 financial year on the need for the development of the grounds and estimated the work to cost \$35 000; if so—(a) whether the work was placed on the Northern Regions work list and in what position, and if not, why; and (b) whether it is proposed that this development work, necessitated when the Education Department purchased and knocked down a series of houses adjacent to the school, will be undertaken.
- 782 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Community Health Programme, Capital Works Programme administered by the Hospitals Division:
- 1 What works were carried out in 1979–80 and what works are proposed this financial year, specifying the centre concerned, the work involved, and the cost.
 - 2 Which centres currently have Capital Works Programmes—(a) approved by the Health Commission; and (b) proposed to the Commission, and when it is expected that these works will commence, if already approved, or will be approved.
- 783 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of payments for podiatry services in Victorian acute and geriatric hospitals and centres:
- 1 Whether instructions have been issued by the Health Commission in relation to the payment of podiatrists; if so, what instructions.
 - 2 Whether the Hospitals Division has developed a position in relation to matters considered or to be considered by the Hospital Medical and Auxiliary Services Wages Board; if so, what is the Government's position.
 - 3 Whether the minutes of the meeting of managers, medical superintendents and regional geriatricians of country geriatric centres held on 19 March 1980 indicate that the issue of levels of payment to podiatry in Victoria is very confused; if so, what action is proposed to overcome this confusion.

- 784 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the suggestion by the National Health Medical Research Council at its 90th Session that bottles and cans of drinks containing alcohol should be labelled with the advice that alcohol taken by pregnant women may be dangerous to the unborn child, whether any steps are proposed by him or the Health Commission, to put that suggestion into effect in Victoria; if not, why.

Notice received on 12 November 1980

- 787 **DR COGHILL**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, what printed matter or classes of printed matter have been exempted for the purposes of the registration of distributors under the provisions of section 181 of the *Police Offences Act 1958*.

Notices received on 13 November 1980

- 788 **MR WILKES**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether recent restrictions on the circulation of accounting and financial documents within the State Electricity Commission have resulted in a decline in the productivity of Commission accountants because they cannot readily assess necessary documents.
- 789 **MR HANN**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many accidents involving police motor vehicles have occurred since 1 January 1977.
 - 2 How many accidents occurred as a result of police vehicles pursuing other vehicles, indicating in each instance the reason the police were pursuing another car, and whether other vehicles involved in the collision were being pursued or not.
 - 3 How many people were—(a) killed; and (b) injured, specifying whether they were policemen, persons in the vehicle being pursued, or other persons.
 - 4 Why a similar question asked on 4 May 1978 was not answered.
- 791 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health whether he is aware of reports that a Lions Club sponsored hearing tests of 175 children in Castlemaine revealed that 39 per cent of the children aged between 3½ and 5 years had hearing defects; if so, whether testing of a similar nature is intended for other parts of the State and what action can be taken in respect of the situation revealed at Castlemaine.
- 792 **MR WILKES**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, relative to 1978, whether the State Electricity Commission during 1980 has reduced its advertising of appliances which use off-peak electricity; if so, whether this was done because of the tight supply situation during nights when base-load power is used to recharge pumped storages in the Snowy Mountains.
- 793 **MR WILKES**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy:
- 1 Whether Ascom Pty Ltd is the principal contractor for the coal bunkers at Yallourn W3 and W4.
 - 2 Whether there has been a delay in commissioning this part of the project; if so, what are the causes of the delay.
- 794 **MR WILKES**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy which petroleum companies hold contracts for supplying the State Electricity Commission with fuel oil for base load power stations and from which refineries the feedstock originates.

- 795 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether he will make available to the Leader of the Opposition an organization chart for the Latrobe Valley Ministerial Council and supporting bodies, indicating which positions are full-time and part-time and which positions are filled by seconded personnel.
- 796 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy to what extent design changes by the State Electricity Commission has contributed to the escalation of project costs since work began on the Loy Yang power station.
- 797 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy which generator units in the State Electricity Commission system have been shut down over the past five financial years for reasons other than planned maintenance or industrial disputation, indicating in each case the date and time spent out of service.
- 798 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy to what extent increases in individual rates per unit quantity, made at the request of principal contractors, have contributed to the escalation of project costs since work began on the Loy Yang power station.
- 799 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether he will make available the results of State Electricity Commission computer simulation studies of the effect on unit cost of electricity of adding—(a) Loy Yang Power Station; (b) the Alcoa project at Portland; and (c) both enterprises to the interconnected system.
- 800 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy how many industrial disputes in the Latrobe Valley causing loss of working time have occurred during the past five financial years, indicating in each case the date, manhours lost, duration, trade unions involved, and reasons.
- 801 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy which generator units in the State Electricity Commission system have been shut down over the past five financial years for reasons of industrial disputation, indicating in each case, the date and time spent out of service.
- 803 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what plans there are for the proposed establishment of a secondary school in the Lara district and when it is expected such secondary school will commence operations.
- 805 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has yet received a report and recommendations concerning “DES” from the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists; if so, when, what action is proposed and whether copies of the report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick; if not, whether he will make the report available when it is received by him.
- 806 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What subsidy has been provided annually over the past three years to private bus operators in the Geelong district towards the transport of public passengers and school students.
 - 2 What services and routes have been cut back over the past six months in the Geelong region and what are the reasons for such cut backs.
 - 3 What extensions or additional bus services are being considered or proposed for the Geelong region.

- 807 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of claims on page 3 of the *National Times Business Review*, 9 November to 15 November 1980 concerning the bugging of the Commonwealth Industrial Gases Limited office in Melbourne, whether a complaint was made to the police concerning this illegal activity; if so, what action was taken; if not, whether the incident will be investigated and, if not, why.
- 809 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy:
- 1 What is the approximate number of householders at present who have lodged bond guarantees as a surety for State Electricity Commission accounts being paid on the due dates.
 - 2 When such cash bond guarantee system was introduced.
 - 3 What has been the bond amount since inception.
 - 4 Whether interest is paid on such moneys by the Commission to the householder lodging the bond; if not, why.
- 810 MR ERNST—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport when it is expected that traffic lights will be operative at the intersections of Ryre Street and Garden Street, East Geelong, and Queenscliff Road and Wilson Road, Newcomb.
- 811 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what was the approximate average number of passengers travelling on the Geelong—Melbourne railway service each day as at June 1975, 1978 and 1980, respectively, specifying—(a) periodic ticket holders; and (b) day return travellers.
- 812 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 What amount was allocated for the 1978–79, 1979–80 and 1980–81 financial years to provide maintenance works for Housing Commission units in the Geelong and District region.
 - 2 What was the approximate number of units eligible for such maintenance works in the Geelong region in such years.
- 814 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 How many bookmakers are at present licensed to conduct betting on Victorian racecourses.
 - 2 How many such licensed bookmakers there were at—(a) 30 June 1970; and (b) 30 June 1975.
 - 3 What approximate percentage of bookmakers relinquished operating such licences within two years of having such licences granted.
 - 4 What are the conditions an applicant must adhere to before a bookmakers licence application can be considered.
- 815 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what were the original target dates of commercial service for units three and four of the Yallourn W Power Station and what are the latest target dates, indicating the reasons for the delay.
- 816 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 What is the average number of bookmakers operating on metropolitan racing, trotting and greyhound race meetings.
 - 2 What was the average number operating at comparative race meetings in 1975.

817 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:

- 1 Why New South Wales based doubles bookmakers are permitted to advertise doubles on Victorian feature races in Victorian newspapers, whilst it is illegal for their Victorian counterparts to similarly advertise in Victorian newspapers.
- 2 Whether he will take immediate action to end this discrimination.

Notices received on 18 November 1980

819 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what is the State allocation of funds and their sources for housing—(a) for rental; and (b) purchase in this financial year, indicating—(i) the percentage tied to Latrobe Valley; (ii) Portland; (iii) relocating protected tenants; and (iv) the allocation of new money, as against revolving funds.

820 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:

- 1 How many commercial organizations the Government is currently assisting financially either by way of loans, guarantees, grants or other methods.
- 2 What are the individual totals of these various methods of financial assistance.
- 3 How many of these businesses are in financial difficulties and what amount of Government funds is involved in each case.

821 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, following his announcement in October that \$38 million would be allocated to 103 co-operative building societies to assist Victorian home buyers, what were the names of the societies concerned and how much each society received.

823 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:

- 1 Which firm provides “granny flats” to the Housing Commission.
- 2 What is the contracted price.
- 3 What are the transport costs to move such flats to Geelong.
- 4 Who is responsible for such freight costs.
- 5 How many “granny flats” have been transferred to Geelong since the inception of the scheme.
- 6 When the present contract on the supply of “granny flats” terminates.

824 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether representations or reports have been made to the Law Department, or the Minister’s attention has been drawn to, the activities of an association purporting to expose religious cults which involves so-called de-programming practices; if so, what investigations have been made into these matters; if not, whether the Minister will cause such inquiries to be made.

825 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the reservation south of Bell Street for the F2 Freeway, when it is intended that the reservation be removed in view of the announced Government decision not to proceed with the freeway south of Bell Street.

826 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of the reservation south of Bell Street for the F2 Freeway, when it is intended that the reservation will be removed in view of the announced Government decision not to proceed with the freeway south of Bell Street.

- 827 MR CRABB—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, with regard to advertising on public transport vehicles and property, what was the respective revenue in each of the last three years in respect of—(a) VicRail; (b) the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board; and (c) all private bus lines, and what revenue is expected in the present year.
- 828 MR JOLLY—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 What requests have been made by the State Insurance Office for additional staff.
 - 2 Whether the demands for additional staff have been completely satisfied.
 - 3 How many additional staff will be appointed and when these appointments will take place.
 - 4 Whether the State Insurance Commissioner has withdrawn his criticism of staff ceilings imposed on the State Insurance Office.
- 830 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of question No. 7 asked on 9 September 1980 which was also asked on 29 May 1979 in the previous session of Parliament, what is the reason for the delay of 18 months in answering the question and whether an answer will be expedited.
- 831 MR EBERY—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, in view of the grants by the Ministry for Conservation to the independent organizations of the Conservation Council of Victoria and the Victorian National Parks Association of \$12 000 and \$6000 respectively, whether he will provide a grant of \$10 000 to the Prospectors' and Miners' Association of Victoria, which is pledged to support the *Mines Act* 1958 and the conservation of the miners right.
- 832 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 How many children presently held at Allambie Reception Centre are suitable for fostering, but have not been so placed because of lack of foster care programmes or inadequacies of foster care programmes in particular regions.
 - 2 How many children so affected are in each region.
 - 3 Which regions do not have foster care programmes.
- 833 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the present classification rules prohibit any prisoner subject to extradition proceedings, from serving a sentence in any prison other than a high-security prison, regardless of his record of good behaviour; if so, whether he will direct the Divisional Classification Committee to review such procedures for the purpose of establishing criteria which relate to the best interests of the prisoner's rehabilitation as well as the security risks.
- 834 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will define the daily average prison population at each Victorian prison for the years 1975–76 to 1979–80 inclusive.
- 835 MR EBERY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, in view of the exemption of all reserves under section 4 of the *Crown Land (Reserves) Act* 1978 and the exception of all lands under section 50 of the *Forests Act* 1958 by Order in Council from occupation for mining purposes under any miner's right:
- 1 Whether the Minister will issue a public statement correcting his earlier public assertions that the claims of the Prospectors' and Miners' Association were wildly extravagant; if not, why.

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- 2 Whether he will also direct the Chairman of the Land Conservation Council to issue a similar public statement; if not, why.
 - 3 Whether the Minister will advise how prospecting and mining under the miner's right could still be legally undertaken in such areas.
- 836 MR EBERY—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy:
- 1 Whether the claim by the Prospectors' and Miners' Association of Victoria that Crown land reserved under section 4 of the *Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978* following Land Conservation Council recommendations is to be regarded as reserved for a public use or purpose and, as a consequence, becomes exempt from occupation for mining purposes under any miner's right is accepted; if so, whether he will take action to see that such reservations totalling about 80 000 hectares as proposed for North Central Victoria will not be locked up from private enterprise prospecting by holders of miner's rights.
 - 2 Whether public purpose reserves under section 4 of the *Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978* are equally unavailable to companies for prospecting under exploration licence.
- 837 MR EBERY—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether the Department of Minerals and Energy require every applicant for a claim, search licence or lease to obtain the permission of the holder of an exploration licence over the area before it will proceed with such applications; if so—(a) why such permission is required from applicants concerned with gold only when gold is not defined as a mineral for the purposes of section 526 of the *Mines Act 1958*; (b) whether there is any right of appeal against the refusal by an exploration licensee to grant such permission; (c) whether at least one exploration licensee is granting such permission provided the applicant signs an undertaking to agree to certain restrictions not contained in the *Mines Act 1958* and, in that event, under what provision and whether he will take steps to have this practice stopped; and (d) whether he will take steps to remove the discriminatory practice against holders of miner's rights, in favour of exploration licensees, or requiring such permission.
- 838 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What are the management matters identified through the Windsor Youth Welfare Inquiry as requiring further attention.
 - 2 Whether departmental attention has been given to those management matters referred to in the Inquiry; if so, what is the present management situation.
- 839 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, during the past twelve months, how many families of two or more children have been in reception centres conducted by the Department of Community Welfare Services for periods in excess of four months whilst awaiting joint placement in family group homes, children's homes or foster care.
- 841 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in respect of Swinborn Lodge, 4 Canning Street, Carlton, whether the Minister or the Department of Community Welfare Services undertook to provide 85 per cent of the costs of the service, a percentage which has diminished over the past five years; if so—(a) whether he is aware that the service may be forced to close; and (b) whether the Government intends to fund the service on the originally agreed basis; and, in that event, when funding will commence.

Notices received on 19 November 1980

- 842 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning whether he has considered the release of the reservations on the houses on the north side of Bell Street, Coburg; if not, why.
- 843 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What is the estimated cost of establishing a railway station at Campbellfield.
 - 2 Whether provision of this station has been considered; if not, why.
- 844 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 How many prisoners in each of Victoria's prisons are accommodated in single cells.
 - 2 How many prisoners in each of Victoria's prisons are accommodated in—(a) two bed cells; (b) three bed cells; (c) four bed cells; and (d) dormitories.
- 845 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts:
- 1 When Mr Trustcott was appointed by the Victorian Arts Centre Trust, indicating—(a) the reason for the appointment; (b) why he was appointed and the interior design for the Centre transferred from the architect; and (c) what involvement Mr Trustcott has had in major architectural interiors.
 - 2 What additional costs and additional alterations to existing documents have occurred, indicating—(a) what sub-contracts had already been let prior to the appointment, including any changes and the effect; and (b) what is the estimated additional time added to the completion of the project by these changes.
- 846 MR EBERY—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy:
- 1 Why the Order-in-Council of 30 January 1974 only excepts land under section 50 of the *Forests Act* 1958 from occupation for mining purposes under any miner's right, but does not except companies mining under lease.
 - 2 In view of this discrimination and the possibility of approximately 50 000 hectares of land in North Central Victoria being reserved under section 50 of the *Forests Act* 1958, whether he will take steps to have that Order revoked.
- 847 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth Sport and Recreation:
- 1 What permanent and temporary staff are employed for administrative purposes by the Melbourne Greyhound Racing Association and the Sandown, Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Warragul, Warrnambool and Horsham Greyhound Racing Clubs, detailing their respective staff roles, salaries and allowances.
 - 2 What are the similar details in respect of the administrative staff and members of the Greyhound Racing Control Board.
- 848 MR KIRKWOOD—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Property and Services, in view of the fact that microfilm facilities are available in other States, whether he will provide microfilm facilities for the public to search records of births, deaths and marriages.

Notices received on 20 November 1980

- 849 **DR COGHILL**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the West Gate Bridge:
- 1 What was the total cost up to the date of opening.
 - 2 What were the interest charges for each of the years from 1970–71 to 1979–80 inclusive and from 1 July 1980 to date.
 - 3 What were the shortfalls in tolls over interest charges, operating costs and other debts for each year of operation.
- 851 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the building programme at the Geelong Hospital:
- 1 What stage planning has reached for the development of the north wing.
 - 2 Whether it is intended that the new wing be completed by 1985, specifying when building will commence.
 - 3 What steps are proposed to update current inadequate and, in one case, unsafe wards.
- 853 **MR MILLER**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in view of the failure to provide information in respect of supplementary grants, initially sought in question No. 1608 asked on 20 November 1979, whether the Minister will indicate as a matter of urgency:
- 1 Whether he will undertake to survey Area Committees and find out whether their roles, procedures, relationships with schools, staffing and administration supports are satisfactory.
 - 2 Whether Area Committees will be asked to indicate where improvements and streamlining could occur.
 - 3 Whether he will consider the proposition that schools should have as much autonomy as possible and that *per capita* funding of disadvantaged schools is more suitable and a much easier method to use.
- 854 **DR COGHILL**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what controls exist under the *Poisons Act* 1962 over the distribution, sale and use of prostaglandins intended for use in livestock, indicating the regulations applying to their sale or prescription and use.
- 855 **MR SIDIROPOULOS**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether he is aware of the financial difficulties of the Fitzroy Group Homemaker Project, which has sought \$33 000 for family support services.
 - 2 As the Inner Urban Regional Consultative Council has taken the stand that family support services should not be supported by Family and Community Services funds, whether he will ensure that the State Government provides sufficient funds for the Fitzroy Group Homemaker Project for the 1980–81 financial year.
- 856 **MR HANN**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General:
- 1 Which government departments are presently represented at the Housing Commission Royal Commission by—(a) legal counsel; (b) departmental personnel; and (c) any other persons and what is the estimated daily cost of this representation.
 - 2 What is the total cost of the Royal Commission to date, including the cost incurred by all government departments which have been in any way associated with the inquiry.

Notices received on 21 November 1980

- 857 **MR CAIN**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, whether the State Electricity Commission supplies some twenty public authorities with information about private citizens; if so, what information is provided to what authorities and what guidelines exist to control the use and disposal of this information.
- 858 **MRS TONER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing in respect of the Housing Commission spot purchase programme for which \$3 million was allocated in 1979–80:
- 1 What specific consideration was given to the purchase of houses in the Diamond Valley and Eltham municipalities, indicating why no houses were purchased in that area, although there is presently no stock of public housing.
 - 2 Whether consideration was given to the well-developed social infra-structure within the Diamond Valley and Eltham area, the existence of community facilities and the desire to provide for its own residents within the area, rather than exporting people to welfare housing in other areas.
 - 3 Whether the Commission will undertake spot purchase in the Diamond Valley–Eltham area during this current financial year.
- 860 **MRS TONER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, further to the Minister's advice by letter of 23 October 1980, that transcendental meditation was an appropriate treatment option for a particular prisoner:
- 1 Whether this examination is being undertaken by expert psychologists and whether less controversial relaxation programmes are also being examined.
 - 2 Whether any prisoners have undertaken the transcendental meditation programme while serving sentences in Victorian prisons.
 - 3 Whether any money has been paid by the Department of Community Welfare Services for services provided to prisons or prisoners in respect of the Transcendental Meditation Programme; if so, what amounts and to what company, organization or individual such moneys were paid.

Notices Received on 25 November 1980

- 863 **DR COGHILL**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what safety standards and controls have been introduced for the use of lasers in Victorian schools, indicating whether the controls implement the National Health and Medical Research Council's "Code of Practice of the safe use of Lasers in Secondary Schools".
- 864 **MR CRABB**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 In each of the past five financial years what amount was collected by way of fire brigade levies on insurance policies and which part of this was allocated to the Country Fire Authority.
 - 2 What are the comparable estimated figures for the present financial year.
- 865 **MR CRABB**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What is the ratio of police to population in the City of Knox.
 - 2 What plans exist to increase the number of police in that area to a level of one for each 540 of population as recommended in the Report on The Victoria Police Force by Colonel Sir Eric St Johnston.

- 866 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 How many surveys have been commissioned or carried out by the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation or any instrumentalities or statutory corporations under his control during 1977, 1978 and 1979, respectively.
 - 2 In respect of each of the surveys, which companies or private individuals were commissioned, what was the subject matter and the purpose and what was the cost.
- 867 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Premier of the \$390 018 paid to the Victorian Employment Committee in 1979–80:
- 1 What were the individual projects which were funded and what were their costs.
 - 2 How many jobs were created and how long the jobs continued.
 - 3 How many of the projects are still in existence.
- 869 MR COLEMAN—To ask the Honourable the Premier in respect of the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into the Fluoridation of Victorian Water Supplies, recently tabled in the House, and his subsequent statement made on that report:
- 1 Whether he will take steps to remove the “no responsibility clause” of the relevant Act.
 - 2 Whether his statement that fluoride is an essential nutrient is consistent with the conclusion drawn by the Committee in its report; if not, what is the basis of the statement.
 - 3 How many claims in the cities of Canberra, Sydney and Melbourne were medically investigated to support the claim made in his statement.
 - 4 What treatment is available for disfiguring fluorosis and whether any compensation for this mottling effect is available to people so affected.
- 870 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health in respect of the decision to replace the proposed 1033-bed Clayton–Burwood Queen Victoria Medical Centre with a proposed 310 bed centre at Clayton whether, prior to the decision, meetings took place between—(a) the Minister of Health; (b) the Hospitals and Charities Commission or the Health Commission; or (c) the Queen Victoria Medical Centre Committee of Management and American Medical International Inc. or Community Systems Foundation (Aust.), indicating in each case the—(i) date; (ii) names of those taking part; and (iii) the substance of the discussion.
- 871 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received any representations concerning the deletion or amendment of Section 31 of the *Health Act* 1958; if so, from whom and what action is proposed on those representations.
- 872 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health in respect of—(a) medical officers and related medical positions; and (b) dental officers and related dental positions in the Health Commission, which positions were unfilled as at 30 June and 1 November 1980, respectively.
- 873 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware of the existence of any waiting times at the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital for obtaining appointments for new glasses; if so—(a) what is the delay; (b) whether many cases have to wait for more than six months; and (c) whether there is a waiting period and what action the Government is taking to alleviate individual hardship.

Notices received on 26 November 1980

- 874 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what safety standards and controls for the use of lasers have been introduced, indicating whether the controls implement Australian Standard A.S.2211-1978 "Laser Safety".
- 879 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 What are the procedures involved in establishing new Counselling, Guidance and Clinical Services Centres.
 - 2 Whether there has been a need established for such centres at Mornington and Scoresby; if so, how such a decision was arrived at and whether the decision is based on pre-submitted files and/or documents, and, in that event, whether these documents will be made available for scrutiny.
 - 3 What priority has the proposed Corio centre.
 - 4 When it is expected that the Corio centre will be established.
 - 5 What are the full priority listings of Counselling, Guidance and Clinical Services Centres.

Notices received on 28 November 1980

- 880 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Victorian Bush Nursing Association and hospitals operated under the auspices of the Association, whether the future policy of the Health Commission is currently under review; if so, when it is expected that a decision will be made and whether he will inform the Member for Brunswick of the decision.
- 881 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what projects were funded by the Transport Fund in 1979-80 and what was the cost of each project.
- 882 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 How many outward passenger journeys there were in 1978-79 from each station on each railway line in the metropolitan area which the Victorian Transport Study recommends for closure.
 - 2 What was the amount of revenue collected from each of these stations during 1978-79.
- 883 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 28 asked on 16 September 1980, whether funds have been made available for the construction of a new outpatients' block and theatre remodelling at Yarrawonga Hospital this financial year; if so, what amount has been made available and when it is expected that work will be completed.
- 884 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health whether during a visit to Warrnambool, he was informed of staff shortages and other problems in the Early Childhood Development Programme at Warrnambool, particularly the lack of pre-school field officers, the lack of a regionally based infant welfare advisor, problems of adequate office accommodation in Portland, shortages in speech therapy, and shortages of school nurses; if so, what action has been taken to remedy each of these deficiencies.
- 885 DR VAUGHAN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What are the details of the item listed in the Transport Works and Services Bill under sub-item 403 referring to expenditure on the Eastern Railway of \$90 000 for the financial year ending 30 June 1981.
 - 2 What are the details of the expenditure of \$46 000 on the Eastern Railway for the financial year ending 30 June 1980 referred to in the Transport Works and Services Bill.

- 886 DR VAUGHAN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy:
- 1 What is the estimate of cost of the 500kV power transmission line from the Latrobe Valley to Portland.
 - 2 What is the estimate of cost of each of the three major switchyards required by the line.
 - 3 What is the cost of alterations to the existing 220kV system to allow for the new line construction, and what is the breakdown of these costs.
 - 4 What is the cost of providing the static compensators and other voltage regulating devices necessary to overcome the electrical problems the new lines will create.

Notices received on 2 December 1980

- 887 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 How many complaints have been received from members of the public concerning medical practitioners during each year since 1976, indicating what action has been taken following such complaints.
 - 2 What guidelines, if any, the Medical Board of Victoria uses for judging a person to be guilty of infamous conduct in a professional respect as laid down in the *Medical Practitioners Act 1970*.
- 888 MR MILLER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in view of the failure to provide information in respect of music tuition, initially sought in question No. 1607 asked on 20 November 1979, whether the Minister will indicate as a matter of urgency:
- 1 Which Government schools in the electoral district of Prahran—
(a) provide music tuition; and (b) have a part-time or full-time music teacher on their staff for this school year.
 - 2 What are the present arrangements for each of the schools for music tuition by the Education Department in terms of the number of hours and sessions taught each week.
- 889 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what is the progress of the pilot study being conducted for a full-scale ward survey designed to show ways in which each ward's present care could be improved with particular reference to physically, mentally or educationally handicapped wards, indicating those types of currently available welfare community or correctional resources which could have prevented admission to wardship or would make home release or discharge from wardship possible.
- 890 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning whether he is aware that the Shire of Diamond Valley has rejected a \$4 million commercial development proposal, involving re-zoning of a residential area (1.25 hectares) on Grimshaw Street, bounded by McDowell Street and Ester Street, half the size of the recently-completed Greensborough Shopping Centre; if so, in view of already excessive commercial development and traffic congestion in the area, whether he will give assurances that local opinion will be paramount in any consideration of re-zoning.
- 891 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware that in order to comply with the law the proprietor of food premises is required to have a copy of the Health Regulations on the premises, but the law does not provide that he shall be able to read or understand the

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contents which are printed in English; if so, as a majority of such proprietors in the City of Coburg are of non-English speaking origin, will he take action to ensure that the Health Regulations are printed in other languages.

- 892 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What are the prospective enrolments for 1981 at each school within the electoral district of Coburg.
 - 2 What are the prospective staffing numbers.
- 893 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in view of the investigation of the heating of the Special Education Unit in Lowson Street, Fawkner, when an answer will be provided to Question No. 289.
- 894 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of payments to non full-time medical staff in hospitals:
- 1 What amount was paid to—(a) all sessional medical staff; and (b) all visiting medical officers during the 1979–80 financial year.
 - 2 What is the estimate for 1980–81 for both categories.
 - 3 What on-call and re-call payments were made in the 1979–80 financial year, and what is the estimate for this financial year.
- 895 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in view of the 1980 Australian Teachers Federation's National Survey of schools which shows that over one-third of the Bendigo region schools surveyed were in need of maintenance, whether the actual funding of capital works allocated to the Bendigo Region has declined in each year since 1976–77; if so, why.
- 896 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, as the Government accepts the principle of meeting the full cost of installing pedestrian operated lights outside schools where they are justified by traffic volumes, why the Government will not accept the same principle of meeting the full cost of traffic wardens on duty outside schools, performing a similar function as the traffic lights.
- 897 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether the livestock growth promotant known as "Ralgro" is an oestrogen in terms of the definition included in section 242A of the *Health Act* 1958; if so, what action has been taken to ensure that its use complies with that section of the Act.
- 898 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of the school crossing supervisor scheme:
- 1 What has been the cost of the scheme in each year of operation and what is the estimated cost for this year.
 - 2 How many persons have been employed under this scheme in each of those years.
 - 3 What has been the cost to local government in each year of operation.
 - 4 Whether there have been any fatalities or injuries on school crossings during the course of the scheme; if so, when and of what nature and how this compares with the previous period.

899 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Medical Board of Victoria and the *Medical Practitioners Act 1970* or previous corresponding legislation:

- 1 What is the composition of the board, indicating the names of the members, their dates of appointment, their occupations, and their current major employment.
- 2 How many persons have been refused registration under the provisions of section 9 of the Act, indicating the numbers refused registration under paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of section 9 (1), respectively.
- 3 How many inquiries have been held pursuant to section 16 (1) of the Act since 1976, indicating how many concluded with censure or reprimand of the medical practitioner concerned, indicating the nature of the failure to carry out professional duties adequately, or the failure to accept professional responsibilities.
- 4 How many inquiries have been held under the provisions of section 17 of the Act since 1976, indicating—(a) how many persons were reprimanded under sub-section (7) (a); (b) how many suspensions of registration were imposed under sub-section (7) (b); (c) how many persons had their names removed from the register under the provisions of sub-section (1) (a); and (d) how many persons had their names removed from the register under the provisions of sub-section (1) (b).

900 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether the International Agency for Research on Cancer, the recipient of financial support from the Commonwealth Government, is to investigate fluoride and formaldehyde as possible causes of cancer; if so, why the Committee of Inquiry into Fluoridation of Victorian Water Supplies makes no reference to this agency in its report, and apparently made no contact with that agency.

901 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, further to his refusal on 11 March 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer on sewerage which he gave the then Leader of the Opposition on 20 April 1977 in answer to question No. 1588, reported in *Hansard* at page 7759, whether he will now provide this information.

902 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to the answer to question No. 898 given on 25 March 1980 and reported in *Hansard* at page 7396, how many mentally retarded people on waiting lists for residential care and classified as urgent have experienced waiting periods—(a) under six months; (b) six to twelve months; (c) 12 to 18 months; (d) 18 to 24 months; (e) 24 to 30 months; (f) 30 to 36 months; (g) 36 to 42 months; (h) 42 to 48 months; (i) 48 to 54 months; and (j) 54 to 60 months.

Notices received on 3 December 1980

903 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs:

- 1 How many surveys or reports have been commissioned by the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs or statutory authorities under his control during—(a) 1977; (b) 1978; (c) 1979; and (d) in 1980 to date.
- 2 In respect of each of the surveys or reports—(a) which companies or private individuals were commissioned; (b) what was the subject-matter and the purpose; and (c) what was the cost in each case.

- 904 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on residential accommodation for mentally and physically handicapped children which he gave in answer to question No. 894 on 25 March 1980, and recorded in *Hansard* at page 7395, indicating in each case the—(a) number; and (b) percentage of children, who are working regularly with—(i) teachers provided by the Education Department; (ii) physiotherapists; (iii) occupation therapists; and (iv) speech therapists.
- 905 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry whether the Department of Labour and Industry has received any complaints regarding wages and conditions of employees of the food industry company, McDonald's; if so, whether he will supply all details of such complaints, including associated names and dates and the resultant action.
- 906 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Consumer Affairs whether he has received any complaints regarding the food industry company, McDonald's; if so, whether he will supply all details of such complaints including associated names and dates.
- 907 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether any recent checks have been made of the nutritional value and the cholesterol content of products from the food industry company, McDonald's; if so, what are the details of these checks; if not, whether he will ensure that such checks are carried out.
- 908 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to his answer to question No. 898 on 25 March 1980 and recorded in *Hansard* at page 7396, how many mentally retarded people currently on waiting lists for residential care and classified as urgent are—(a) under one year old; (b) 1–2 years old; (c) 2–3 years old; (d) 3–4 years old; (e) 4–5 years old; (f) 5–6 years old; (g) 6–7 years old; (h) 7–8 years old; (i) 8–9 years old; (j) 9–10 years old; (k) 10–15 years old; (l) 15–20 years old; and (m) over 20 years old.
- 909 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on central administration and regional centres for mental retardation services which he gave on 25 March 1980 in answer to question No. 900 and recorded in *Hansard* at page 7397.
- 910 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to his answer to question No. 896 on 25 March 1980 and recorded in *Hansard* at page 7396, what is the location of each group home for mentally retarded people, indicating in each case the number of people accommodated.
- 911 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to his answer to question No. 901 on 25 March 1980 and recorded in *Hansard* at page 7397:
- 1 Which recommendations of the Working Party on the Establishment of a Division of Mental Retardation within the Health Commission presented to the Commission on 3 July 1979—(a) have become operative with the formation of the new Division; (b) are still inoperative; and (c) have been rejected.
 - 2 What positions additional to the Director and Secretary of the Division have been authorized, indicating in each case whether or not the position has been filled, and, if not, the likely date for an appointment.

- 912 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, further to the answer to question No. 179 on 11 November 1980 and recorded in *Hansard* at page 2454, what was the cost of upgrading and repairing the 117 faulty security systems installed in Government schools prior to November 1976, indicating in each case the—(a) amount; and (b) percentage, met by the original installation contractor.
- 913 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Premier, in respect of part 4 of the answer to question No. 636 given on 27 November 1980 regarding a study of social resources planning and co-ordination in the City of Broadmeadows, whether he will precisely indicate which study is referred to, indicating—(a) who compiled the study; (b) when the study was carried out; (c) which community groups contributed to the study and what consultation took place with community groups in the City of Broadmeadows; and (d) whether the study is available, and if not, why.
- 914 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the report prepared on the subject of Computed Axial Tomography Scanners in Victoria:
- 1 How many—(a) head scanners; and (b) full body scanners, are currently being operated in Victoria and where they are situated.
 - 2 Whether any more are proposed for operation in the next twelve months; if so, where.
 - 3 What steps have been taken to put into effect the recommendations of the report.
- 915 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on the bed state of each residential centre for mentally retarded people which he gave in answer to question No. 895 on 25 March 1980, and recorded in *Hansard* at page 7396, indicating in each case the times at which meals are served.
- 916 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health whether he has received a submission from the Richmond Crèche Society concerning the fact that there is an increasing difference between the Society's income and its expenditure as a result of the failure to increase subsidy levels; if so, what action he proposes to take concerning this society, and other societies in a similar situation.
- 917 MR ERNST—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 Whether there are any plans, proposals or applications to establish a chip board industry in the Otway and Geelong regions; if so, what is the location, and what is the name of those applying to establish this industry.
 - 2 If he will ascertain and advise whether there are any studies being carried out by bodies such as the Geelong Regional Commission in relation to the feasibility of establishing such an industry in these areas.
 - 3 Whether there are any studies being carried out to ascertain the effect of such an industry upon the environment of these areas.
- 918 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education whether consideration has been given to the July 1980 Report of the Carronbank Special School Planning Committee; if so—(a) on what date; (b) by whom; and (c) with what results.

- 919 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the premises purchased in Justin Avenue for the Broadmeadows Community Health Services Centre, as an alternative for the present centre situated at 3 Hilda Street:
- 1 Whether he will advise what progress has been made regarding planning for the premises and whether funds for renovation will be made available this financial year.
 - 2 Whether he will provide details of all reports prepared in respect of the Justin Avenue premises, including any prepared by the Chief Inspector of Works.
- 920 MR ERNST—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in relation to the proposed senior citizens' clubrooms in Newcomb as announced by the Commonwealth Government:
- 1 Whether the State Government is providing a grant to this project; if so, what amount.
 - 2 What is the precise location of this project and what is the criteria for clubroom buildings in this area.
 - 3 Whether the Bellarine Shire Council has made submissions to the Health Commission for the establishment of senior citizen clubrooms at Newcomb; if so, what are the details of such submission.
 - 4 Whether he is aware of the proposed supermarket/community building to be developed at the corner of Wilsons and Queenscliff Roads, Newcomb, and the inclusion of elderly citizens' clubrooms as part of that development; if so, whether the eligibility of grants from the Commonwealth or State Governments will be affected due to the involvement of private enterprise in this development, or the Government's criteria or standard for the clubrooms not being met.

Notices received on 4 December 1980

- 921 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether consideration has been given to each recommendation of the Board of Inquiry to investigate Claims about Children at St Nicholas' Hospital; if so, in each case—(a) on what date; (b) by whom; (c) what decisions have been reached; and (d) what progress has been made towards implementation.
- 922 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the sudden infant death syndrome:
- 1 Whether the Health Commission has sponsored any research; if so, when, by whom, and at what expense.
 - 2 Whether a submission has been received from the Sudden Infant Death Research Foundation; if so, what response was made to the submission.
 - 3 Whether it is intended to provide a grant to the Foundation or to research in this area in another way.
 - 4 Whether funds are available for counselling and related services to families who suffer from a sudden infant death.

Notices received on 5 December 1980

- 923 MR EVANS (*Ballarat North*)—To ask the Honourable the Minister for State Development Decentralization and Tourism:
- 1 How many decentralized industries have been approved for Ballarat since the Government introduced the ten point plan to assist country towns.

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- 2 How many of these industries use—(a) natural gas; (b) electricity; and (c) both natural gas and electricity.
- 924 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing how many Victorian first home buyers received or were entitled to receive grants under the Commonwealth *Home Savings Grant Act* 1976 each year for the past three years to date.
- 925 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of staffing in each school in the electoral district of Brunswick:
- 1 What was the enrolment by grade or form in 1979 and 1980 and what is the estimate for 1981.
 - 2 What was the number of teachers in 1979, 1980 and how many are proposed for 1981, specifying numbers of special need teachers and other special staffing categories.
 - 3 What is the reason for the reduction in staffing in each case.
- 926 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services how much is allocated to the Minister's Fund from Item 3.6 of Division No. 240—Community Welfare Services Administration, listed in the Estimates of the Receipts and Payments of the Consolidated Fund for 1980–81, and what criteria are used for such allocations.

Notices received on 9 December 1980

- 927 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 When the visiting section of Fairlea Prison was last updated.
 - 2 When improvements are likely to be made.
 - 3 Whether any evaluation has been made of the psychological and sociological effects of the present visiting conditions on the rehabilitation of prisoners.
- 928 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether a regional sub-office of the Department of Community Welfare Services for the Preston Region will be established at Greensborough in 1980–81; if not, why.
- 929 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, further to the answer to question No. 489 regarding Morwell River Prison Farm given on 5 November, 1980, in which he indicated that two prison officers were involved in supervising approximately 40 prisoners working on reforestation work whilst only one prison officer remained in the prison camp to supervise the rest of the prisoners, whether he is aware that on the day in question weather conditions were such that no prisoners were engaged in reforestation work and that all inmates were at the prison farm itself, under the supervision of only one officer; if so, whether he will ensure that no repetition of such short staffing re-occurs.
- 930 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of State Development Decentralization and Tourism, further to the answer to question No. 684 given on 18 November, 1980:
- 1 Whether the Small Business Development Corporation made submissions—(a) on the proposed increases in stamp duty on the sale of new and used motor vehicles contained in the 1979 State Budget; (b) on the Business Franchise (Petroleum Products) Bill; (c) to the Technical

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Advisory Committee on Retailing; (d) on the Transport (Deregulation) Bill; and (e) on changes to shop trading hours as indicated in the Governor's speech on 9 September, 1980.

2 Whether he will allow any such submissions to be studied in the Library.

931 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

1 How many positions as School Education Officer (formerly Attendance Officer) are available, indicating how many of these positions are unfilled and the regions.

2 What training/education facilities are made available to these officers to ensure that they possess the special expertise necessary.

3 What provision is made in the way of effective support staff for School Education Officers to provide assistance in the areas of correspondence and general office procedure.

4 Whether he will indicate the percentage of non-attending school children actually interviewed by officers, and the basis on which schools in this region are visited.

Notices received on 10 December 1980

932 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister of Lands:

1 Who is the present licensee under Grazing Lease No. 01839 in the Parish of Truganina.

2 When the licence was granted and at what annual rental.

3 When the licence was granted, whether there were any, and if so, how many, other tenders received, and what was the amount of each tender.

933 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:

1 What is the criteria for admission to Echuca Technical School.

2 Whether this criteria will be made public so that parents of children seeking admission to this school become aware of it.

934 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:

1 What is the amount allocated for funding capital works in the Portland Region in 1980–81, indicating the increase or decreases over the amount spent in 1979–80.

2 What were the amounts spent in the three previous years.

935 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the identification and examination of persons exposed before birth to diethyl stilboestrol, whether the paper titled "Elevated Serum Cathepsin B1 and Vaginal Pathology After Prenatal DES Exposure" (Peitras, Richard J. et al. *Obstet Gynecol* 1978 Sep; 52 (3) 321–7) has been examined and whether the examination of serum cathepsin B1 levels has been considered as a screening method; if so, what action has been taken as a result.

936 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:

1 In view of the answer to question No. 501 given on 5 November 1980, and reported in *Hansard* at page 2190, why he has approved another project.

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2 Why this particular project is more acceptable than the Coburg City Council proposal for development of the Harold Stevens Athletic Track.

- 937 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 When answers will be provided to Questions Nos. 603, 604 and 620 concerning patronage and revenue collected on the Upfield line and others during 1979–80.
 - 2 How he justifies his announcement of 8 December concerning the closure of railway lines when data concerning patronage and revenue collected was not publicly available.
- 938 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether consideration has been given to remand prisoners entitlements to good conduct remissions for time served in the remand yard; if so, what is the result of such consideration and when such remissions are likely to come into practice.
- 939 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether details of the new remand building on the new site will be the subject of public consultation prior to its erection.
- 940 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what is the progress of negotiations with the Victorian Association for the Care and Rehabilitation of Offenders in respect of the issue of a booklet to remand prisoners reviewing and updating the property items which can accompany an offender to a remand situation or convicted situation within the prison system.
- 941 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of funds for day care centres whether he has received a submission from the Brunswick Creche and Day Nursery which demonstrates that the State subsidy is now totally insufficient to meet current costs; if so, what action is proposed to increase assistance to the Brunswick Creche and Day Nursery in order that it continues into its 86th year of operation.

Notices received on 11 December 1980

- 942 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the pre-school advisor for the north-west region of Victoria:
- 1 What arrangements currently exist for access to a motor vehicle.
 - 2 What is the area which has to be covered by the advisor, specifying the number of pre-school centres and the average monthly mileage of the advisor.
 - 3 Whether he is aware of concern by pre-school committees that their area is not able to be adequately serviced because of the lack of a specific vehicle for the advisor; if so, what action he proposes to take on this matter.
- 943 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the registration of occupational therapists:
- 1 When a submission for such registration was first received by him or the Health Commission.
 - 2 What his response and the Commission's response has been to date.
 - 3 Whether it is expected that occupational therapists will be registered in Victoria; if so, when and on what basis.

Notices received on 12 December 1980

- 944 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier what is the administrative relationship between the Latrobe Valley Strategy Plan and the Study of Resources Use and Environmental Management in Gippsland.
- 945 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier in respect of the Latrobe Valley Strategy Plan:
- 1 Who is funding the plan.
 - 2 What government agencies constitute the planning group.
 - 3 What contributions (in man hours) each of these agencies has made to date.
 - 4 Who is co-ordinating the plan.
 - 5 What is its projected completion date.
 - 6 Whether there will be any public participation before publication.
 - 7 Whether there will be any public participation after publication.
- 946 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier in respect of the Study of Resource Use and Environmental Management in Gippsland:
- 1 Who is funding he study.
 - 2 What government agencies constitute the study group.
 - 3 What contributions (in man hours) each of these agencies has made to date.
 4. Who is co-ordinating the study.
 - 5 What is its projected completion date.
 - 6 Whether there will be any public participation before publication.
 - 7 Whether there will be any public participation after publication.
- 947 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether any reports have been commissioned by the Latrobe Valley Strategy Plan or the Study of Resource Use and Environmental Management in Gippsland; if so, who are the authors and what are the titles of the reports.
- 948 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier what are the roles of—(a) the Latrobe Valley Ministerial Council; and (b) the State Co-ordination Council in preparing the Latrobe Valley Strategy Plan and the Study of Resource Use and Environmental Management in Gippsland.
- 949 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer why the Licensing Fund consistently receives only \$15 196 in interest on its investments of \$516 000—an interest rate of 3·1 per cent per annum.
- 950 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer why Alcoa's Portland Transmission Line does not appear in the list of major semi-government projects on Page 80 of the Budget Papers, 1980–81 and what are the latest cost estimates for—(a) the Melbourne–Geelong section; (b) the Geelong–Portland section; and (c) other named capital works associated with the project.
- 951 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy why the State Electricity Commission altered last year's accounts in comparison with the 1978–79 Annual Report in that Appendix 4 of its 1979–80 Annual Report shows that an amount of \$13 523 000 has been transferred from "Labour and associated charges, materials and other expenses" to "Purchased electricity and fuel" indicating what the \$13 523 000 was spent on.

- 952 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy why the State Electricity Commission has apparently abandoned the following quantified financial targets of—(a) maintaining an adequate level of liquid resources; and (b) achieving at least seven per cent return on investment, and whether he will supply updated versions of the relevant graphs which appeared on page 5 of the 1978–79 Annual Report but have been left out of the 1979–80 Annual Report.
- 953 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy how many State Electricity Commission customers have complained about their tariff to him, or the Department of Minerals and Energy or the State Electricity Commission (or sought lower tariffs) on the grounds of comparisons with Alcoa of Australia Limited since 1 May 1980, distinguishing between domestic, commercial, industrial Tariff M, other industrial, and all other Commission customers.
- 954 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, as at 30 June 1980, on a field-by-field basis, what was the estimated size of Victoria's demonstrated brown coal resource and what proportion was defined as economically winnable.
- 955 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what proportions of Victoria's economically winnable brown coal resource, on a field-by-field basis, have been allocated or reserved for—(a) power generation; (b) briquette manufacture; (c) substitute natural gas; (d) solvent refined coal; (e) oil-from-coal; and (f) other named purposes.
- 956 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy as at 30 June 1980, on a field-by-field basis, what was the estimated size of Victoria's demonstrated natural gas resource and what proportion was defined as economically winnable.
- 957 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what proportions of Victoria's economically winnable natural gas resource, on a field-by-field basis, have been allocated to or reserved for—(a) the Gas and Fuel Corporation; (b) the State Electricity Commission; (c) Alcoa of Australia Limited; (d) Esso-BHP associated companies; and (e) other named purposes.
- 958 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the review of the "charities" powers of the *Hospital and Charities Act 1958*:
- 1 Whether he has received any interim reports or the final report; if so, when.
 - 2 Whether he will make the reports available to the Member for Brunswick.
 - 3 When it is proposed that action on this matter, announced more than 12 months ago, will occur.
- 959 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of grants for services treating drug and/or alcohol abuse, which voluntary organizations have applied for financial assistance and which have received funds in the 1980–81 financial year, specifying the amount granted and the purpose.
- 960 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the head lice programme, which municipalities have employed nurses specifically to deal with the problem of head lice, specifying the cost in 1979–80 to each municipality, its reimbursement from the Health Commission and whether any municipalities have withdrawn or been added to the scheme this financial year.

- 961 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of funding for the construction of pre-schools:
- 1 What funds were available in 1979–80 and will be available in 1980–81, specifying the amount from Commonwealth sources.
 - 2 Which new or proposed pre-school centres are currently on the waiting list or have had a decision for subsidy deferred, specifying the date of application.
 - 3 Which pre-schools have had applications for extensions and alterations deferred, specifying the work applied for and when.
- 962 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of nursing services for—(a) the mentally retarded; and (b) patients in Mental Health Division institutions and services:
- 1 What is the present number of qualified nurses employed in direct nursing care of—(a) residents; and (b) patients.
 - 2 What is the present number of vacancies existing for qualified nurses to be employed in direct nursing care of—(a) residents; and (b) patients.
- 963 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of fixed and mobile dental services for school children in country areas, which schools were visited in 1980, indicating how many children were attended to in each school.
- 964 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the Early Childhood Development Programme:
- 1 What is the current staff establishment at each centre, indicating how many positions are filled and whether additional positions are envisaged before the end of the financial year.
 - 2 Whether any new centres or services are proposed this financial year; if so, where.
- 965 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, since 31 August 1978 in respect of hospital and nursing home beds registered under the Private Hospital Regulations:
- 1 How many beds have been registered, specifying the number in each category and the name, address and owner of each hospital in respect of which new or additional beds have been registered.
 - 2 How many beds have ceased to be registered, specifying the number in each category and the name, address and owner of each hospital so affected.
- 966 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of Uniform Foods legislation; whether the draft legislation has been finalized; if so, when; if not, when it is expected that inter-State and Federal negotiations will be completed.
- 967 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of ambulance services in Victoria:
- 1 What is the authorized strength of each service, indicating vacant positions, if any.
 - 2 What was the expenditure of each service in 1978–79, 1979–80 and estimated for 1980–81, specifying any State or Commonwealth contribution.
- 968 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry whether he will supply a statistical table showing, for each of the past ten financial years, the numbers of market sites registered and the numbers

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of (a) factories; and (b) shops registered, in the following categories based on numbers of persons employed up to 4, 5 to 10, 11 to 20, 21 to 30, 31 to 50, 51 to 100, and 101 or more, distinguishing between Melbourne and the rest of Victoria, by region if possible.

- 969 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Education, in relation to Stream 6 programmes being undertaken within Technical and Further Education in this State:
- 1 How many—(a) technical schools and colleges; and (b) other centres, are undertaking programmes.
 - 2 How many students are involved.
 - 3 Whether the Government has directed that schools and colleges delete all staff required for Stream 6 classes from their staffing establishment requests for 1981, if so—(a) why; (b) how many teachers are involved; and (c) what steps will be taken to assist students who will be seriously disadvantaged.
- 970 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Community Health Programme, what funds have been made available in the last and in this financial year for re-current and capital purposes, respectively, for—(a) the Hospitals Division; (b) the Public Health Division; (c) the Mental Health Division; specifying drug and alcohol services; (d) the Mental Retardation Division; and (e) other purposes, indicating the individual projects and the amount of funds received.
- 971 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 How many dentists, advanced dental technicians, dental technicians and dental therapists, respectively are—(a) registered in Victoria; and (b) practising in Victoria.
 - 2 What is the present dentist to population ratio in—(a) country Victoria; and (b) the metropolitan area and whether ratios are available by regions; if so, what are the ratios.
 - 3 What areas are currently assisted by Government assisted dental services in respect of—(a) hospitals with public dental clinics; (b) pre-school dental clinics; (c) school dental clinics, specifying category of service; and (d) community health centres.
 - 4 At what stage are plans for each metropolitan regional clinic.
- 972 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of hospital deficits for 1979–80, what was the deficit/surplus situation at each hospital as at 30 June 1980, what adjustments were subsequently made and for what reasons, what additional moneys, if any, were paid to each hospital and what surpluses were recovered.
- 973 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of services for the elderly:
- 1 Which municipalities receive subsidies towards the employment of welfare officers, specifying the number of officers and the amount of the subsidy in 1979–80 and estimated in 1980–81.
 - 2 Which municipalities do not offer—(a) home help services; and (b) meals on wheels.
- 974 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware that the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust annual report has claimed that the fluoridation of Geelong's water supply is at a halt

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due to lack of government funding; if so, what action he or the Health Commission intends to take; if not, whether he will have urgent inquiries made and action taken.

- 975 **MR FORDHAM**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether he has requested the Commonwealth Minister of Education to allow funds earlier allocated for the Transition Education Advisory Committee programme for 1980 to be in fact spent on approved programmes in 1981, without affecting funds already planned to be spent in 1981; if so, what is the result of such a request; if not, whether he will make such a request.
- 976 **MR FORDHAM**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Minister of Education, in respect of funds supplied by the Commonwealth Government for the school building programme for each of the years 1978–79, 19779–80 and 1980–81, how those funds were spent, indicating the categories.
- 977 **MR FORDHAM**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What funds for the school building programme were retained in central accounts for disbursement, as against regional accounts, for each of the years 1977–78 to 1980–81, respectively.
 - 2 What is the rationale for such retention in each category of central accounts.
- 978 **MRS TONER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in the years 1978–79, and 1979–80, how many of the approximately 1800 wards in voluntary and statutory residential care facilities are in facilities not in the same region as the children's families.
- 979 **MR GINIFER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs:
- Whether he is aware that in the April, 1976 Governor's Speech it was announced that the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs would be enlarged so as to help all ethnic groups and migrant communities in their special needs.
- 2 Whether the Ministry has established a needs index for each ethnic group.
- 980 **MR GINIFER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs:
- 1 What is the cost to date of the research and development undertaken at the request of the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs for a multi-cultural television drama series for children.
 - 2 What is the estimated total cost of the project.
- 981 **MR GINIFER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs what mechanisms exist within the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs for assisting newly arrived immigrants who are not employer nominated, to have their overseas qualifications recognized by the various accrediting bodies and/or to assist them with gaining of entry to bridging courses.
- 982 **MR GINIFER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, as the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs spent \$90 000 on publicity in 1979–80 and only \$100 000 for the development of community

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service and welfare projects for ethnic groups, whether he will explain—
(a) how these allocations were arrived at and what the rationale was behind the allocations; (b) who made the decisions; (c) why the allocation for development of community service and welfare projects has not increased during the past three years; and (d) what factual evidence the Ministry has to indicate that public relations is the area of greatest need.

- 983 MR GINIFER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs whether he will make available a breakdown of the \$90 213 spent by the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs on publicity during 1979–80, giving details of—(a) particular projects; (b) names of consultants employed; (c) total cost of each project; and (d) amount paid to each consultant.
- 984 MR GINIFER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs whether the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs has made any attempt to ascertain which are the areas of special needs for each ethnic group in Victoria; if so, what form this took and what were the results; if not, whether the Ministry will agree to undertake and complete a needs survey as a matter of urgency to isolate special needs in order of priority.
- 985 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Report on Human Tissue Transplants, what action has been taken since he released the Committee's report on 29 August and when it is expected that its recommendations will be put into effect.
- 986 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the proposal that the Bright District Bush Nursing Hospital become a public hospital:
- 1 What progress has been made over the past six months in ensuring that it does become a public hospital.
 - 2 When it is expected that negotiations will be completed and funds become available, and if there is a delay, what is the reason for the delay.
- 987 MR GINIFER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs whether he will release the results of the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs' survey of services available to migrants in local municipalities, giving details of the services available to migrants in each municipality
- 988 MR GINIFER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs whether he will give details of the type of work translated by the translation unit during 1979–80 specifying—(a) the total number of requests; (b) the number of requests met by the translation unit; and (c) the substance of each request, giving, in each case, the name of the department or organization which made the request.
- 989 MR GINIFER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs whether the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs will be contributing to the 1981 Australian Calendar; if so, what contribution, financial or other, the Ministry will be making; if not, why.
- 990 MR GINIFER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs whether he will make available a detailed breakdown of the community relations activities of the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs for the year ending June 1980.

- 991 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he or the Health Commission has received a detailed submission from the Stawell District Hospital concerning the inadequacies of the nursing staff establishment at the hospital; if so, what action he proposes to remedy the situation.
- 992 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health in respect of each fee charged by, or paid to, the Health Commission what was the fee income in 1978-79, 1979-80 and what is the estimate for 1980-81.
- 993 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health in respect of district nursing services:
- 1 How many visits were made by each service in 1978-79 and 1979-80.
 - 2 What were the number of staff in FTE terms in each service in each of those years and which services, if any, have received increases in staff in 1980-81, indicating the number and type of staff.
- 994 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of the school and pre-school medical service during 1980, indicating the respective schools and pre-school numbers separately:
- 1 How many children were examined.
 - 2 How many children—(a) received their routine initial medical examination; (b) did not receive such examination; and (c) received specialized examinations.
 - 3 How many schools and pre-schools were not visited by—(a) medical officers; (b) nursing staff; (c) medical officers; and (d) nursing staff.
 - 4 What is the establishment of the service and how many positions were filled in terms of full-time equivalents as at—(a) 1 January 1980; and (b) 1 January 1981.
- 995 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health in respect of—(a) medical officers and related medical positions (apart from the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Divisions); and (b) dental officers and related dental positions in the Health Commission:
- 1 How many positions exist, specifying their designation, whether permanent or temporary or exempt and whether currently filled.
 - 2 Whether applications have been made to—(a) the Public Service Board; and (b) the Treasury for additional positions; if so, what applications and with what result.
- 996 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health which local government bodies do not provide home help services for the mentally and physically retarded, indicating why they are not participating.
- 997 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services in respect of—(a) the City of Brunswick; and (b) North Carlton, whether he will provide details of crimes coming to the attention of the police in 1978-79 and 1979-80, indicating the nature of the crimes.
- 998 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation in respect of Totalizator Agency Board agencies in—(a) Brunswick; and (b) Coburg, what was the turnover in 1979-80 and whether figures will be made available for each agency.
- 999 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health in respect of the school dental programme how many—(a) dentists; and (b) dental therapists are employed, specifying the number employed outside the metropolitan area.

- 1000 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport further to the answer to question No. 1821 given on 13 March 1980, when he proposes to carry out his undertaking that the tramway passenger statistics would be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 1001 MR EVANS (Ballarat North)—To ask the Honourable the Minister for State Development Decentralization and Tourism when the Government will be implementing recommendations Nos. 2 and 3 of the State Development Committee Report on the use of U.P.V.C. and Vitrified Clay Sewer Pipes in Victoria which was laid before both Houses of Parliament on 18 March 1980.
- 1002 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works regarding his document "The Victorian Building and Construction Industry: An Assessment", dated November 1980:
- 1 Why Alcoa's Portland Transmission Line does not appear in Statement 4 (list of major semi-government authority projects in progress or planned to commence in 1980-81).
 - 2 Why the Loy Yang and Driffield power stations and coalfield developments appear in the list of private sector projects and why Loy Yang is referred to as proposed rather than committed.
 - 3 Why the cost of the so-called proposed and private Loy Yang project is reported at \$2800 million in Statement 5 (which elsewhere is accurate to the nearest \$250 000) when Statement 4 has it costed at \$3043 million.
 - 4 Which oil companies and private interests are joining with the Victorian Government to build the proposed \$1 billion commercial coal liquefaction plant.
 - 5 Whether the Mitsui and Imhausen proposals for utilization of brown coal reserves are included in Statement 5; if so, where.
 - 6 Whether the American consortium mentioned by the Premier on 26 June 1980 as showing interest in coal liquefaction is included in Statement 5; if so, where.
 - 7 What is the ownership structure of the company proposing to develop the Gelliondale brown coal deposits and referred to as International Oil in Statement 5.
 - 8 Why the Appendix on data sources and interpretation, which mentions surveys of future construction activity undertaken by the Department of Housing and Construction, the Master Builders Federation of Australia and the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors, ignores the surveys carried out by the Australian Federation of Construction Contractors, whose members account for 80 to 90 per cent of construction industry turnover.
 - 9 Why in his Foreword he speaks of the confidence which should be engendered by the considerable number of major projects committed or proposed by the private sector in Victoria, when the latest quarterly survey by the Australian Federation of Construction Contractors estimates that Victoria will be the only State in which building and construction activity is likely to decline over the next five years, by 14 per cent annually in the case of engineering construction.
 - 10 Whether he can quantify the continuing trend for activity to swing away from more traditional building and construction projects into heavy engineering, especially resource-based projects referred to in his Foreword and reveal how much of the swing is due to unusual growth in heavy engineering and how much to unusual decline in traditional building and construction.

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- 11 Why this document does not show comparable detail to that contained in last year's version dated 11 October 1979 namely, the estimated capital works programmes of all departments, authorities and municipalities classified into—(a) Works and Services account; (b) Commonwealth special purpose funds; (c) Loan Council borrowings; (d) Trust Funds; (e) internal funds; and (f) other sources of capital funds for the latest two years.
- 12 What is the reason for the following discrepancies between Statement 5 of this document and Appendix "B" of the Annual Report of the Department of State Development, Decentralization and Tourism—GMH (Fishermen's Bend) \$210 million compared with \$300 million; JLA (Westernport) unknown compared with \$25 million; GCL (Bacchus Marsh) \$20 million compared with \$2 million; Alcoa (Portland) \$350 million compared with \$400 million; Kominic (Latrobe Valley) \$40–50 million compared with \$100 million; and Loy Yang \$2800 million compared with \$3000 million; and whether he will indicate which figures are correct.

1003 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for State Development, Decentralization and Tourism in respect of references in the 1979–80 Annual Report of the Department of State Development, Decentralization and Tourism:

- 1 In what way the Department has assisted in the preparation of legislation for the Alcoa development.
- 2 Whether he will be more precise as to the date of publication of the Green Paper in 1981 regarding development of the tourist industry.
- 3 Whether he will supply reports, upon completion of ongoing work by the Commonwealth/State Standing Joint Study Group of the Australian Minerals and Energy Council, on aluminium and woodpulp development, cost and availability of capital and availability of electricity.
- 4 Whether he will supply periodical copies of the Domestic Tourism Monitor as they appear.
- 5 With reference to Appendix "B", why the Loy Yang and Driffield power stations and coalfield developments appear in the list of private sector projects and why Loy Yang is referred to as proposed rather than committed.
- 6 With reference to Appendix "B", why the cost of the so-called proposed and private Loy Yang project is reported as \$3000 million (the Appendix elsewhere being accurate to the nearest \$250 000) when page 80 of the Budget Papers, 1980–81, has it costed at \$3043 million.
- 7 With reference to Appendix "B", why the Woodside Group's Offshore Gippsland Golden Beach gasfield (cost unknown) does not appear.
- 8 With reference to Appendix "B", what is the reason for the following discrepancies between this document and Statement 5 of "The Victorian Building and Construction Industry: An Assessment" released by the Minister of Public Works during November 1980—GMH (Fishermen's Bend) \$300 million compared with \$210 million; JLA (Westernport) \$25 million compared with unknown; GCL (Bacchus Marsh) \$2 million compared with \$20 million; Alcoa (Portland) \$400 million compared with \$350 million; Kominic (Latrobe Valley) \$100 million compared with \$40–50 million; (Loy Yang) \$3000 million compared with \$2800 million; and whether he will indicate which figures are correct.

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- 1004 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether he has had any discussion with the members of the Victorian Transport Study Inquiry concerning the recommendation of its report on the “VicRail Financial System”; if so, in view of these recommendations supporting the finding of the earlier Board of Inquiry into the Victorian Land Transport System (Bland) that the realities of VicRail’s financial situation and their true commercial costs are indefinite and obscure, why the Study recommended closure of various railway lines following economic analysis based on faulty financial and cost data supplied by VicRail; if not, whether he will ascertain and advise why the closure of various railway lines was recommended.
- 1005 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action, if any, the Department of Community Welfare Services has taken to facilitate repatriation of prisoners so that people imprisoned in Australian States or in overseas countries, other than their own State or country, can, in appropriate cases, serve their sentence in their home State or country.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

QUESTIONS

Notices received on 10 March 1981

- 1006 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the National Data Base for Children's Services, and the material currently being prepared by the Health Commission for the study mentioned in the Progress Report of the State Co-ordination Council, December 1980, whether he will provide a copy of the Victorian material to the Member for Brunswick as soon as possible; if not, why.
- 1007 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 In each of the years 1977 to 1980, in what trades apprentices have been employed by the Department of Health and Mental Health Authority and subsequently by the Health Commission.
 - 2 What was the total number of—(a) apprentices employed; and (b) first year apprentices engaged by each of the branches.
 - 3 How many apprentices it is estimated will be employed this year, specifying the number beginning their apprenticeships.
- 1008 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the decision of the Executive Council on 17 February 1981 concerning the Infectious Diseases Hospital at Fairfield, whether a copy of the report or reports by the Health Commission and the Minister of Health that the hospital is inefficiently and incompetently managed will be made available to the Member for Brunswick; if not, why.
- 1009 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health why the limpet asbestos was removed at the Glenhuntly Rehabilitation Centre and whether any other buildings which are the responsibility of the Health Commission have similar problems; if so, which buildings and what action is proposed.
- 1010 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the electoral district of Monbulk:
- 1 What access school children have to school dental services and how many children were examined by the School Dental Service in—(a) 1979; and (b) 1980.
 - 2 What plans exist for the construction of dental clinics within the electoral district of Monbulk and when it is expected that dental clinics and pads for mobile dental clinics will be constructed.
- 1011 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of staff positions in the Community Health Programme for each of the past three years, specifying separately in respect of—(i) the Hospitals Division; (ii) the Mental Health Division; (iii) Mental Retardation Services; (iv) Early Childhood Services; and (v) other services:
- 1 What were the number of positions agreed to.
 - 2 How many of the approved positions have been filled.
 - 3 What is the number of approved positions which have not been able to be filled because of financial constraints.

- 1012 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether the recommendation by the National Health and Medical Research Council that children should be no longer excluded from school if suffering from head lice or nits will be adopted; if so, what arrangements will be made to supervise continuing treatment.
- 1013 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer, in respect of the past financial year, what Commonwealth Government grants have been made to the State for health purposes, specifying the State contribution in each area, whether any moneys remained unspent and the grants agreed to for this financial year.
- 1014 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, in respect of Tender E.19349 concerning the Glenhuntly Rehabilitation Centre:
- 1 Whether he will provide information on other public buildings where limpet asbestos has been removed or where it has to be removed.
 - 2 What are the details of the Public Works Department's policy and practice on the removal of asbestos.
- 1015 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of drug offences, how many offences were reported in 1979 and 1980, respectively, specifying the age and sex of the person charged and the type of drug involved.
- 1016 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing how many single parent families with one child are on the tenancy waiting list for the metropolitan area and what is the approximate waiting time for such housing.
- 1017 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 How many aged persons flats the Housing Commission has for rent, indicating the number of—(a) high rise; and (b) other flats, and whether in metropolitan or non-metropolitan areas.
 - 2 How many aged persons are presently on the waiting list for aged persons flats and what is the current waiting time for—(a) high rise; and (b) other flats, specifying whether in metropolitan or non-metropolitan areas.
 - 3 How many additional units have been constructed in each of the past three years and what number of units will be completed this financial year, specifying whether in metropolitan or non-metropolitan areas.
 - 4 What increase in the number of aged persons flats is proposed under present building programmes.
 - 5 What is the current waiting time in the cities of—(a) Brunswick; and (b) Coburg.
- 1018 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 When kindergarten subsidies were last reviewed.
 - 2 When it is intended that subsidies will again be reviewed.
- 1019 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Premier, in respect of the employment of physically and mentally handicapped persons, whether there have been any additional directions relating to the employment of such persons by the Public Service Board and other public instrumentalities since his answer on 11 April 1978 and whether the information on the number of such persons recruited and employed will be provided for the past three years.

1020 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Ballarat Base and District Hospital and further to the answer is question No. 1242 given on 12 March 1980:

- 1 Whether the hospital has now been told that the replacement of the Queen Victoria block's medical wards is on the "5 year plan"; if so, what is its position on the plan.
- 2 Whether architects have yet been employed; if not, when the Hospital Board will be given approval to employ them.
- 3 When it is expected that documentation will be completed and approved.
- 4 When it is expected that building works will actually commence.

1021 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Southern Peninsula Hospital at Rosebud:

- 1 What was the cost of planning fees paid to architects and quantity surveyors for the major extension, including the additional 30 nursing home beds and whether any of the drawings or work done will be used in respect of new plans for the hospital.
- 2 Whether plans have been agreed on for upgrading of the casualty department and other areas of the hospital; if so, when it is expected that work will be commenced and what contribution there will be from the State Government.
- 3 When the application was made to the Health Commission to construct a private hospital on land next door to the Southern Peninsula Hospital and when the details of the application were made known to the joint working party.
- 4 What effect the construction of the private hospital will have on the development of the Southern Peninsula Hospital, and on the Frankston Hospital.
- 5 What are the details of the agreed application for the private hospital.

1022 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether action has been or will be taken on the recommendation of the Ninetieth Session of the National Health and Medical Research Council that bottles and cans of drinks containing alcohol should be labelled with the advice that alcohol taken by pregnant women may be dangerous to the unborn child; if so, what action; is not, why.

1023 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Educational Services, further to the answer to question No. 672 given on 10 March 1980 concerning cyclic maintenance at Brunswick High School, whether he will indicate in which financial year cyclic maintenance will be carried out.

1024 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of Queensland fruit fly outbreaks in Victoria in each of the past five summers:

- 1 How many separate outbreaks were detected in each summer, indicating in each case—(a) how it was detected; (b) the date and location of the initial detection; (c) the areas ultimately involved in the outbreak; (d) the methods of control or eradication; (e) the date on which fruit fly were last detected in the area; and (f) whether the area is now free of fruit fly.
- 2 What steps were taken to ensure the earliest possible detection of new outbreaks or the extension of existing outbreaks.
- 3 How many grubs taken from fruit were sent by fruit-growers to the Department of Agriculture for identification, indicating the number

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identified as Queensland fruit fly larvae from—(a) known outbreak areas; and (b) new outbreaks.

1025 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, in respect of tenders invited for the connection to sewer of the Animal Research Institute, Werribee:

- 1 What buildings and other facilities are to be connected to the sewer.
- 2 Whether the connection will ensure compliance with Environment Protection Authority requirements regarding discharge of liquid waste from the Gilbert Chandler Institute of Dairy Technology.

1026 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether the recommendation by the National Health and Medical Research Council that children should be no longer excluded from school if suffering from head lice or nits, will be adopted; if so, what arrangements will be made to supervise continuing treatment.

1027 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of the approval of the expenditure of funds appropriated to Melton's development by item 161 of the *Public Works and Services Act 1980*:

- 1 When advice of projects proposed by the Shire of Melton was first received.
- 2 What steps he took in response to that advice before Cabinet approval of the 1980 Public Works and Services Bill.
- 3 When he became aware of Cabinet approval of the Bill.
- 4 When he became aware of the amount to be appropriated to Melton and Sunbury development as approved by Cabinet.
- 5 What steps he took prior to passage of the Bill through Parliament toward the later approval of projects to be funded.
- 6 What procedures were followed in the approval of projects, indicating the origin and reason for each procedure.
- 7 Which proposed projects were referred to other departments, statutory authorities or other instrumentalities, indicating in each case the instrumentality, the date and purpose of the original referral and the date of the final reply.
- 8 What were the dates on which approval was given to proceed with projects to be funded.

1028 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of consideration by the Country Roads Board of roadworks in Melton to be funded from an appropriation in item 161 of the *Public Works and Services Act 1980*:

- 1 When the proposed roadworks were first referred to the Board by the Minister for Planning or personnel responsible to him.
- 2 What procedures were followed in considering the projects, indicating the origin and reason for each procedure.
- 3 When the final reply was sent.

1029 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer, in respect of the expenditure of funds appropriated to Melton's development by item 161 of the *Public Works and Services Act 1980*:

- 1 Why projects proposed to be funded from the appropriation were referred to Treasury.
- 2 What procedures were followed by Treasury in considering the projects, indicating the origin and reason for each procedure.

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- 1030 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Employment and Training, in view of the Government's establishing a "hot-line" to supply employers with information on how to go about employing an apprentice, whether he will indicate—(a) the number of inquiries received through this "hot-line" since it opened on 16 February; (b) the type of inquiry that has been received; and (c) the areas of Victoria from which inquiries have been received.
- 1031 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Education in relation to the Woori Yallock primary school:
- 1 What is the current school enrolment and the expected enrolment in 1982.
 - 2 What is the reason for the delay in determining whether the school will be relocated.
 - 3 Whether, in view of the significance of adequate library facilities to any school, a relocatable library will be made available to the school, and if so, when.
- 1032 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health how many new Community Centres are being constructed during the 1980–81 financial year, indicating the locations.
- 1033 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what was the number and nature of crimes reported in 1980 at the Fawkner, Pascoe Vale South and Coburg police stations, respectively.
- 1034 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs:
- 1 What were the ten major national origins of the 21 333 new settlers to Victoria from overseas during 1979–80.
 - 2 What were the comparable statistics for 1978–79.
- 1035 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs:
- 1 How many citizenship certificates were conferred in each municipality in 1980.
 - 2 How many other citizenship certificates were conferred in private ceremonies.
 - 3 How many citizenship certificates were conferred in Victoria in 1980, indicating the former nationalities of these new Australian citizens.
- 1036 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer which statutory authorities other than the State Electricity Commission negotiated loans with interest rates of 18 per cent or more during 1980.
- 1037 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works how many of the more than 1000 oil-fired heaters in Government buildings were converted to other forms of heating during 1980.

- 1038 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Educational Services how many schools were converted from oil-fired heaters during 1979 and 1980, indicating such schools within the electoral district of Coburg.
- 1039 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing how many Housing Commission homes have been constructed in Fawkner, indicating the respective number available for rent and still available for purchase.
- 1040 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what is the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board estimate of the number of passengers carried on the—(a) East Coburg; (b) North Coburg and (c) West Coburg tram routes.
- 1041 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 Which schools in Victoria were entitled as at 1 March 1981 in terms of their enrolment to additional clerical assistance, teacher aides, and other support staff, respectively, but had not received such appointments due to the Government staff ceiling.
 - 2 When it is now expected, that these vacancies in the school establishment will be filled in each case.
- 1042 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what amount was collected in Land Tax in each of the past five years, indicating for each year the—(a) number; and (b) value of assessments issued and the cost of administration as a percentage of revenue actually obtained.
- 1043 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 and 10 December 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information relating to those departments and statutory authorities not required to table their reports in Parliament which he supplied directly to the then Leader of the Opposition in response to question No. 1642 of April 1977, whether he will now make available this information for incorporation, together with any subsequent changes.
- 1044 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 and 10 December 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on the right of nomination to public bodies which he supplied directly to the then Member for Melbourne in response to question No. 1180 of 8 December 1976, whether he will now make available this information for incorporation, together with any subsequent changes.
- 1045 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 and 10 December 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on Government inquiries, Royal Commissions and Parliamentary committee investigations which he supplied directly to the then Member for Melbourne in response to question No. 639 of 15 October 1976, whether he will now make available this information for incorporation, together with any subsequent changes.
- 1046 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 and 10 December 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on administrative and advisory boards and committees which he supplied directly to the then Member for Melbourne in response to question No. 1401 of 8 December 1976, whether he will now make available this information for incorporation, together with any subsequent changes.

- 1047 MR KIRKWOOD—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 In each of the past three years, how many students attending East Preston, Thornbury, Newlands and Preston Girls High Schools, respectively, left school before sitting for the Higher School Certificate.
 - 2 What was the percentage pass rate for the Higher School Certificate at each school in each of the past three years.
- 1048 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been undertaken to ensure that a wider variety of residential facilities with stronger after-care supports are developed under the guidance of the Department for Community Welfare Services to meet the assessed needs of those offending and misbehaving children who require residential care and treatment, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1049 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What progress has been made in expanding the Mental Health Authority facilities to enable severely and profoundly retarded children who require full-time nursing care or highly specialized supervision to be transferred from children's homes and reception centres to specialist accommodation so that the development of other children is not disadvantaged by the staff's disproportionate involvement with handicapped children, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 How many children are resident at Allambie Reception Centre who are severely and profoundly retarded and require full-time nursing care or highly specialized supervision.
- 1050 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps have been taken to ensure that the Education Department provides educational assessment services for children who come into residential care, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1051 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that increased attention is given to teaching Wards social competence and social survival skills, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1052 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in ensuring that specialist services for Wards and other children in residential care is expanded and that specialists providing these services are involved in programme development and in acting as consultants to other staff as well as providing treatment for individual children, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1053 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken by the Department of Community Welfare Services to improve the register of its Wards with special needs and to ensure that staff are available to keep children's progress under review and ensure that all appropriate facilities and services are marshalled to meet their needs; and that the same staff are to be responsible for ensuring that children who must be cared for in specialist facilities have as much access as possible to normal community activities, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

- 1054 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in ensuring that the whole range of residential child care facilities is made more flexible and staff strengthened to enable children with special needs to be included in normal programmes unless full-time nursing care or highly specialized supervision is required, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1055 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether a review has been carried out of the existing staff establishments of all Community Welfare Services Children's Homes and Reception Centres as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 What are the present staff establishments of all Community Welfare Services Children's Homes and Reception Centres.
- 1056 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what efforts have been made to encourage parents to maintain contact with children in children's homes and foster care, and whether realistic reimbursements of expenses have been implemented as an integral part of this programme, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1057 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that children are not placed with holiday hosts as a matter of routine during school holidays in order to allow children's homes staff to take holiday leave, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1058 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps have been taken to ensure that brothers and sisters are not separated by age and sex on admission to reception facilities and children's homes, save in exceptional circumstances, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1059 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that as a condition of appointment as superintendent of a children's home, applicants be required to have successfully completed a recognized child care training course or possess another appropriate qualification as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1060 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in ensuring that the composition and competence of the Boards of Management of children's homes and other voluntary welfare agencies are included in the criteria when licences or contracts are being negotiated; and, further, what stipulations have been placed on Boards to ensure that a significant proportion of each Board's members be required to have some expertise or experience in the welfare or child care field, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1061 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what is the position in each Region in respect of the recommendation that the Department of Community Welfare Services should be responsible for ensuring that a wider variety of accommodation options be made available for adolescents who leave residential care and are unable to live with

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- relatives or board with private families, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1062 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken in ensuring that congregate children's homes accommodate not more than 40 children and that remaining large congregate homes are phased out, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1063 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in developing reception and on-going residential facilities in all Regions without the establishment of any more large congregate Reception Centres or homes, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1064 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to remodel the Family Welfare Advisory Council, giving it wider scope, strengthening it and renaming it "The Family Welfare Council" making it responsible to the Minister for Community Welfare Services, with appropriate sub-committees, which will submit a report annually to the Minister, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1065 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in not deferring recommendations in the Report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976 which can be implemented with only minor legislative change while the legislation is under more rigorous review.
- 1066 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to the answer to question No. 854 given on 10 March 1981:
- 1 What monitoring of the sale and use of prostaglandins is carried out.
 - 2 Whether there have been any allegations or evidence that prostaglandins have been sold or used in breach of Schedule 7 to the *Poisons Act* 1962.
 - 3 Whether the sale or use of any prostaglandins have been investigated; if so, whether any breaches of Schedule 7 have been detected.
 - 4 What action has been taken on any apparent breaches of Schedule 7 in respect of prostaglandins.
- 1067 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in instituting formal Children's Court proceedings against alleged offenders only when the facts of innocence or guilt are in dispute, when alleged offences are serious, or when the child's pattern of behaviour or his family's situation indicates that something more than a warning may be appropriate, as recommended in the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1068 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether evaluation has taken place of the effectiveness of the warning system so that consideration can be given to the introduction of juvenile aid panels as recommended in the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1069 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that the police warning system is embodied in legislation and implemented statewide as a means of dealing with minor offenders, as recommended in the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

- 1070 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in respect of the re-examination of provisions for defining and initiating action in respect of children who misbehave and offend, such examination having been part of a legislative review recommended in the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1071 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made by the Department of Community Welfare Services in respect of each of the aspects of the recommendation contained in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976 that the *Community Welfare Services Act 1970* and the *Children's Court Act 1973* be reviewed by a committee comprising both legal and welfare specialists, having regard to the guidelines set out elsewhere in the report that there should also be a continuing body with responsibility for on-going review and that consideration be given to including the *Adoption of Children Act 1964* in this legislative review.
- 1072 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in the interest of efficiency and coherence in the State welfare field, what consideration has been given to appointing all social workers in State Government employment to the Department of Community Welfare Services as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.
- 1073 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 To what extent each Regional Centre has been delegated a high degree of autonomy as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.
 - 2 To what extent an even level of services is provided at each Regional Centre and to what extent reasonably uniform decision-making is achieved throughout the State, as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.
- 1074 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in respect of the assumption of responsibility for the immediate and long-term development of preventive programmes by the Department of Community Welfare Services, as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.
- 1075 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in respect of the systematic implementation by the Department of Community Welfare Services of the provisions under sections 5 and 13 of the *Community Welfare Services Act 1970*, as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.
- 1076 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether the Government has received the recommendations contained in the report by the National Women's Advisory Council entitled "My Child Was Born Disabled"; if so—(a) to which Ministers the recommendations have been referred; (b) whether the recommendations have been considered by Cabinet; and (c) what decisions have been taken.
- 1077 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Forests, further to the answer to question No. 692 given on 9 December 1980, what grass and bush fires were suspected by the Forests Commission of Victoria to have been deliberately lit, spread

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from fires allegedly lit in breach of the regulations or other fire restrictions and spreading from fires allegedly lit in prohibited periods and on days of acute fire danger notified under the *Forests Act* 1958 in the 1979–80 and 1980–81 seasons, indicating in each case the date and place the fire was detected.

1078 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:

- 1 Further to the answer to question No. 692 given on 9 December 1980, what grass and bush fires were suspected by the Country Fire Authority to have been deliberately lit, spread from fires allegedly lit in breach of the regulations or other fire restrictions and spreading from fires allegedly lit in breach of total fire bans proclaimed under the *Country Fire Authority Act* 1958 in the 1979–80 and 1980–81 seasons, indicating in each case the date and place the fire was detected.
- 2 What fires have been investigated by the police since 25 November 1980, indicating in each case—(a) what charges have been laid; (b) what convictions have been obtained, indicating the penalty imposed in respect of each charge proven; and (c) what charges have been withdrawn and what charges have been dismissed.

1079 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether the Government has accepted the recommendations contained in the report by the National Women's Advisory Council entitled "My Child Was Born Disabled" to—(a) cause modification to all public transport to ensure that disabled persons and their families can carry essential equipment; (b) remove physical barriers to the travel of disabled persons to enable them to travel as freely as non-disabled persons; (c) provide such facilities as—(i) entrances without steps in all public buildings; (ii) kerbless parking areas with sufficient space beside the vehicle to allow movement into and out of a wheelchair; (iii) a contributable transport scheme either as a taxi co-operative system or government-subsidized taxi service for disabled persons; and (iv) unisex toilets for disabled adults for those disabled people who cannot use toilets without assistance; if not, why.

1080 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works whether the Government has accepted the recommendation contained in the report by the National Women's Advisory Council entitled "My Child Was Born Disabled" to provide such facilities as entrances without steps in public buildings; if not, why.

1081 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to the answer to question No. 907 given on 10 March 1981, whether the Health Commission will seek statutory standards for such products in respect of nutritional value and cholesterol content with such standards used for normal testing programmes; if not, why.

1082 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many train derailments have occurred in the first six months of this financial year, and where they have occurred.

1083 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:

- 1 What land purchases were made by the Housing Commission during 1980.
- 2 Whether any purchases were made in excess of the Valuer-General's valuation.

1084 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what amount has been collected in oil royalties in each of the past five years.

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- 2 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of child maltreatment, what has been done to implement the recommendations of the 1976 Child Maltreatment Workshop sponsored by the Health Commission, specifying which recommendations have been acted upon and how.
- 5 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what was the date and substance, respectively, of each approach for financial assistance which the Government has received from the Children's Protection Society in each of the past five years, indicating in each case the—
(a) date; and (b) substance of the Government's response and what percentage of the assistance specified by the Society was granted.
- 7 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning whether the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works has written to him concerning the reservation for the F2 freeway, south of Bell Street, and whether the Board has written to the Brunswick City Council concerning the same matter; if so, whether he will make available to the Member for Brunswick, all files, memoranda and plans concerning this matter.
- 11 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of radiology services carried out in public hospitals on the 60/40 fee sharing agreement:
- 1 Which hospitals operate under this arrangement specifying the group practices involved, and the radiologists concerned in all such hospitals, indicating whether on a full or part time basis.
 - 2 In the case of each hospital for the years 1977–78, 1978–79 and 1979–80 and separately for the financial year to date, what income has been received by the hospital to offset the cost of providing the services to private patients.
 - 3 Whether payments have also been made in respect of radiology services for public or hospital patients; if so, what amounts in each case.
- 18 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of an investigation into hospital drug costs in Victoria announced on Friday, 28 October 1977:
- 1 Whether the investigation is completed.
 - 2 Whether a copy of the report will be made available.
 - 3 What action has resulted from the investigation.
- 19 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the hospital building programme for the financial year 1979–80:
- 1 Which works were to be carried out and/or planned in Victorian hospitals, specifying in each case—(a) the hospital and the proposed work; (b) the stage this work was expected to reach by the end of the financial year; and (c) the expected expenditure this financial year.
 - 2 Which works were paid from 1979–80 loan funds and which works are being constructed using bank loans or overdrafts to be repaid in future financial years.

- 25 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the proposed Eastern Suburbs Geriatric and Rehabilitation Centre planned for Burwood Highway, East Burwood:
- 1 What progress has been made in planning the Centre.
 - 2 What allocations of funds have been made to the Planning Committee in past financial years and this financial year for developing the Centre.
 - 3 Whether he will lay on the table of the Library all reports and memoranda relating to the development of this Centre.
 - 4 When it is expected that—(a) documentation will be completed; and (b) construction work will commence.
- 29 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the hospital construction and expansion programme in Victoria:
- 1 What would be the cost at current prices of building all those works and renovations which have been approved in principal and which some commitment has been made.
 - 2 Whether a list of such works will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 31 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of payments to non-fulltime medical staff in hospitals during the 1978-79 and 1979-80 financial years:
- 1 What amount was paid to all visiting and sessional medical staff, specifying the categories of payment for sessional staff on call and recall.
 - 2 What is the estimate for 1980-81.
- 39 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of funds for the construction or subsidizing the construction of pre-schools:
- 1 What funds were available in the year 1979-80, specifying funds from Commonwealth sources.
 - 2 Which new or proposed pre-school centres are currently on the waiting list or have had a decision for subsidy deferred.
 - 3 Which pre-schools have had applications for extensions or alterations deferred.
- 45 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the Early Childhood Services Policy Committee, and further to question No. 92 answered on Tuesday, 11 September 1979:
- 1 What progress has been made in the evaluation of the Early Childhood Development Programme.
 - 2 Which aspects of the Programme have been examined.
 - 3 What reports and recommendations have been made by the Committee to the Chairman and/or the Minister.
 - 4 Whether copies of such reports will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 55 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 What is the composition of the advisory committee on units for cardiac surgery mentioned in answer to question No. 1079 given on 12 March 1980 and what are the terms of reference of the committee.
 - 2 Whether the report has yet been submitted either to the Health Commission or to him; if so, whether a copy can now be made available to the Member for Brunswick.

- 59 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the sub-committee of the Consultative Council on Maternal and Child Health established to advise on the evaluation of the Early Childhood Development Programme, and further to question No. 95 answered on 5 July 1979:
- 1 Whether the report was submitted to the Consultative Council in August 1979; if not, when it was submitted.
 - 2 Whether the Consultative Council submitted the report to him; if so, when; if not, why.
 - 3 Whether he has yet decided to release all or part of the report as suggested in his answer of 5 July 1979; if so, to whom the report has been released and whether a copy of the report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 65 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, further to the answer to question No. 1268 given on 11 March 1980 concerning coronial autopsies:
- 1 What conditions are proposed to be laid down by the Law Department in granting permission to conduct post mortem examinations in certain cases where the death is reportable to the Coroner.
 - 2 Whether any teaching hospitals have yet availed themselves of these new arrangements; if so, which and when.
- 66 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of discussions between the Law Department and Health Commission medical officers concerning the conduct of post mortem examinations by teaching hospitals, in certain cases where the death is reportable to the coroner, what has been the result of these discussions, and whether it is expected that new arrangements may soon apply in at least one Melbourne teaching hospital; if so, which teaching hospital and when it is expected that the new arrangements will be introduced.
- 68 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health further to the answer to question No. 1226 given on 11 March 1980 concerning the rebuilding of the Police Hospital:
- 1 On what basis the Committee of Management of Prince Henry's Hospital was asked to participate in the building of the Police Hospital, either by the Hospitals and Charities Commission or the Health Commission.
 - 2 When the first request was made.
 - 3 What were the details of the arrangements.
 - 4 Whether either commission received progress reports from the hospital concerning the project; if so on what dates and whether all files and memoranda relating to this matter will be laid on the table of the Library.
- 72 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Box Hill Hospital:
- 1 How many administrative officers are employed at the Hospital.
 - 2 How many medical registrars are employed at the Hospital and how this compares with the number of accredited positions at the Preston and Northcote Community Hospital and the Western and General Hospital.

- 82 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Premier what reports have been compiled by—(a) the Anti-discrimination Bureau; and (b) the Equal Opportunity Board, in the past twelve months, indicating whether these reports will be laid on the table of the Library.
- 84 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in each of the past three financial years and the current financial year to date:
- 1 What funds have been allocated to co-operative housing societies, indicating—(a) Commonwealth funds and their source; (b) State funds and their source; (c) funds not used and carried over; (d) revolving funds; and (e) any other funds.
 - 2 What was the actual expenditure and what is the estimated expenditure for the remainder of this financial year.
 - 3 What was the proportion of funds as between co-operatives and the Housing Commission.
- 87 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, following the appointment of a Co-ordinator of Urban Land Development:
- 1 What steps have been taken to establish and monitor a data-bank for urban land production.
 - 2 What steps have been taken to extend the Preferred Development Area system to major urban areas in the country.
 - 3 What steps have been taken, or are currently under consideration, to reduce the cost of land servicing.
- 88 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what is the number of Country Roads Board houses being transferred to the Housing Commission, indicating in each case—(a) the location; and (b) whether the house is occupied and, if so, the duration of current tenancy agreement.
- 89 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 What housing accommodation was vacant at each Housing Commission estate as at 1 January 1980, indicating the number and type of unit.
 - 2 How many Commission flats and houses, respectively, were vacant and undergoing maintenance as at 1 January 1980 in each local government area.
- 90 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in each of the past 24 months to date, how many Housing Commission allocations for both purchase and tenancy have been made, indicating the waiting period in each case.
- 92 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 What was the number of tenancies as at 10 February 1980, indicating the percentage variation from the number as at 10 February 1979.
 - 2 What rent increases associated with the market related rent policy occurred during the year ended 10 February 1980, showing at the close of that period—(a) the number of tenants in arrears and those more than ten weeks in arrears; (b) the total amount owed; and (c) the average amount owed, indicating in each instance the percentage variation from the corresponding figures as at 10 February 1979.
- 93 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in relation to the development of the Goonawarra Estate at Sunbury:
- 1 What amount has been spent on the whole project to date, indicating the expected expenditure at completion.

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- 2 What amount has been spent on the golf course to date, and what is the expected expenditure and the completion date, indicating separate items including the club house and greenkeeper's section.
 - 3 Whether the course has reticulated water and sewerage throughout; if so, what is the cost.
 - 4 How many hectares are set aside for the golf course and its surrounds, and how many for housing.
 - 5 How many house lots are expected to be yielded from the balance of the land.
 - 6 How many houses have been completed to date, and how many are in the course of construction, indicating the cost to date and the expected selling price.
 - 7 How many houses intended for public use have been completed to date, and how many are in the course of construction, indicating the cost to date and the expected selling price.
 - 8 How many house lots will be made available to—(a) private builders; (b) private persons; and (c) public housing.
 - 9 What is the average price of blocks made available to—(a) private builders; (b) private persons; and (c) public housing.
 - 10 How much the advertising campaign has cost to date, and how much it is expected to cost, indicating the source of the funds.
- 94 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what is the result of further discussions with the State Superannuation Board to determine whether loans could be made available to the general public on a longer term basis to be more acceptable to the average borrower for home loan purposes, indicating whether any money has been lent on this basis, and, in that event, how much and at what rate of interest.
- 104 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what is the migrant English teacher entitlement of each school in the electoral district of Oakleigh, indicating the number of migrant English teachers actually provided in each case.
- 106 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what is the name of each school where building plans have had to be abandoned following adoption of the core-plus policy, indicating in each case—(a) who commissioned the plans, and whether departmental approval was given; (b) whether the plans had been completed; (c) whether tenders had been called; and (d) the costs incurred.
- 110 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer about community health centres in the electoral district of Oakleigh which his predecessor gave to the Member for Brunswick on 15 November 1977 in response to question No. 2314 and reported in *Hansard* at page 11429.
- 111 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health which of the Priority List projects for 1976–77, 1977–78 and 1978–79, pursuant to the Commonwealth *Aged Persons Hostels Act 1972* and *Aged or Disabled Persons Homes Act 1974* which his predecessor itemized in his answer to the Member for Brunswick on 15 March 1978 in response to question No. 20 and reported in *Hansard* at page 422, have not been finished, indicating the reason in each case.
- 116 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the

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answers about prisoners participating in prison education programmes which were given by his predecessor on 4 April 1978 and 8 March 1977 in response to question Nos. 1 and 1465 and reported in *Hansard* at pages 859 and 6150, respectively.

- 120 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What is the status of the five-year plan for Victoria's corrective services.
 - 2 What are the changes recommended and—(a) approved; or (b) rejected for each successive year.
 - 3 When copies of the plan will become available for public discussion as indicated by his predecessor on 4 April 1978 in answer to question No. 11 and reported in *Hansard* at page 863.
- 121 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether the Housing Commission employs any Aborigines; if so, in what capacity.
- 123 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether he will now provide the answer on the recommendations of the report on the Victoria Police which the then Chief Secretary was unable to give the then Leader of the Opposition on 4 May 1977 in response to question No. 1461 and reported in *Hansard* at page 8728.
- 124 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what is the name of each senior citizens club for which a Commonwealth Government grant is currently being sought, indicating in each case the—(a) number on the priority list; (b) municipality; and (c) date on which application was originally made.
- 126 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 How many applications for funding of statewide projects in 1980 were—(a) received; and (b) granted, indicating the names of the successful applicants and the amounts of their grants.
 - 2 What were the criteria used in making the determinations.
- 185 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Consumer Affairs:
- 1 In respect of the answer to question No. 1413 given on 11 March 1980, recorded at page 6775 of *Hansard*, whether the procedure for appointment of Arbitrator S. Baker and Arbitrator P. Bennetti involved the Housing Builders' Association Ltd writing and submitting to the homeowners for their consideration the names of Mr P. Bennetti, East Kew; Mr S. Baker, Heidelberg and Mr B. Gallagher, Ringwood as qualified arbitrators, and advising that the nominees were in no way connected with the company; if so, whether this statement is acceptable to the Consumer Affairs Bureau as an adequate disclosure of the facts of the matter, given that all three arbitrators named are members of the Housing Industry Association, and the nature of links between the Association and the Housing Builders' Association Ltd.
 - 2 How many complaints the Bureau has received against arbitrators in respect of properties which are the subject of guarantee under the house builders' liability provisions of the *Local Government Act 1958*, indicating in each case the—(a) date; (b) arbitrator's name; (c) substance of the complaint; and (d) outcome.
 - 3 Whether the Bureau has investigated a complaint against Arbitrator K. V. Shelley prior to the announcement in the *Victorian Housing Newsletter* for September 1978 that Mr Shelley was closing his professional practice.

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- 4 Whether the announcement of the closing of Mr Shelley's professional practice also referred to Mr Shelley as standing down from the Housing Industry Association panel of arbitrators, and whether the Association responded to a request from the Director of Consumer Affairs for a list of panel members by denying that the panel exists.
- 5 Whether Mr Shelley has subsequently been listed as an arbitrator for building disputes with the Victorian Chapter of the Institute of Arbitrators, Australia.
- 186 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Consumer Affairs what meetings he has held with representatives of the Defective Homes Organization, indicating in each case, whether any action was taken subsequently and, if so, what action.
- 189 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Consumer Affairs whether any complaints against Kenrich Homes Pty Ltd, Kenrich Homes Victoria Pty Ltd, or Howeth Pty Ltd have been made to the Consumer Affairs Bureau; if so—(a) by whom; (b) on what dates; and (c) with what result.
- 195 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture:
- 1 In view of the Government's financial involvement with the Co-operative Farmers and Graziers Direct Meat Supply Ltd what action he has taken to avoid a repetition of the situation and to ensure that the Brooklyn multi-million dollar works does not continue to lay idle while permits are granted by municipal authorities and the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works for new works to be built at a cost of \$22 million for Protean Holdings at Derrimut.
 - 2 What action the Government has taken to protect its interest at a time when the Town Planning Appeals Tribunal has allowed Protean Holdings a permit to build at Derrimut.
- 197 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning whether there is an appeal before the Town Planning Appeals Tribunal involving the Cities of Sunshine and Altona, against a permit being granted to Protean Holdings to build an abattoir at Derrimut; if so—(a) whether legal representatives acting on behalf of Protean Holdings indicated that it was the intention of that company to rationalize its operations at Derrimut; (b) what action the Government has taken to protect the commitments of Melbourne and Richmond City Councils on matters relating to the abattoirs sited on Crown land within those two municipalities; and (c) what adverse effects the permit granted by the Shire of Werribee and the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works will have on these works in addition to to Co-operative Farmers and Graziers Direct Meat Supply Ltd works, Brooklyn at a time of depleting livestock numbers and over-capitalization of the meat industry.
- 200 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, with regard to commitments made by the Government immediately prior to the last State elections:
- 1 What will be the specific opportunities for Victorian teachers of all backgrounds to visit and study in overseas countries from which our migrant population is trained, and whether the Teacher Education Division has begun consultations with ethnic communities as to how these opportunities can best meet the needs of education for a multi-cultural society.

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- 2 By what means the Government will encourage the development of an understanding attitude to migrants and the acquisition of information concerning multi-cultural education within teacher education programmes.
 - 3 With respect to the \$100 000 on a \$1 for \$1 basis with the Commonwealth Government for the development of community languages and multi-cultural education teaching materials, whether the \$100 000 will be provided only for 1979.
 - 4 Whether the amount allocated by the Commonwealth Government in 1980 and 1981 will be matched by the State Government.
 - 5 Whether the Minister of Education will guarantee that there will be adequate consultation with teacher organizations, parent organizations and ethnic communities in the development of these initiatives; if so, in what form this consultation will take place and which organizations will be consulted.
- 201 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What schools have been closed in each of the past ten years.
 - 2 What is the estimated value of each of the properties involved.
 - 3 Which of these properties have been disposed of, indicating at what price and to whom.
 - 4 What use is being made of each of the remaining properties.
- 204 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of each school in the electoral district of Ringwood:
- 1 What is the staffing establishment, and what is the actual number of staff.
 - 2 What representations have been received regarding the need for additional staff appointments.
- 206 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education whether there is any provision for additional teachers of English as a second language to be appointed to meet the needs of all students whose first language is not English.
- 207 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what is the—(a) student enrolment; and (b) staff allocation, of each Government school in the electoral districts of Doncaster, Ringwood and Mitcham, and how many teachers are allocated to specific remedial teaching duties in—(i) reading; (ii) mathematics; and (iii) written expression in each case.
- 209 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, with regard to the staffing position at Leongatha high school:
- 1 Why there has been a reduction for 1980 of the special needs component within the school's establishment from 1.5 to 1.2 teachers, thus forcing the school to eliminate or seriously curtail programmes designed to assist disadvantaged students.
 - 2 Why finance to provide a part-time teacher aide at the school has been withdrawn for 1980.
 - 3 Why a library assistant has not been provided for the school, despite the school's entitlement on the Education Department's own personnel schedule.

- 224 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in relation to the Wendouree High Technical School:
- 1 What is the present enrolment.
 - 2 What is the expected enrolment in 1981, 1982, and 1983.
 - 3 How many classrooms are at the school and of these how many are temporary.
 - 4 When it is expected that the already long overdue Stage 2 of the school's building programme will be undertaken.
 - 5 What additional ancillary staff are being provided in 1980 to cope with increased enrolments.
 - 6 What grounds development will be undertaken in 1980 and 1981.
- 229 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 How many individuals who taught English as a second language in the classroom in the Primary, Secondary and the Technical Divisions, respectively, were employed by the Education Department at the—
(a) beginning of the 1979 school year; (b) the end of the 1979 school year; and (c) beginning of the 1980 school year.
 - 2 What are the figures of effective full-time people employed by the Education Department who taught English as a second language in the classroom in the Primary, Secondary and Technical Divisions, respectively, at the—(a) beginning of the 1979 school year; (b) end of the 1979 school year; and (c) beginning of the 1980 school year.
- 230 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 How many schools lost classroom teachers of English as a second language from the end of the 1979 school year to the beginning of the 1980 school year.
 - 2 What are the schools and how many—(a) effective full-time classroom teachers of English as a second language; and (b) individuals who taught English as a second language in the classroom, were lost to the schools in the above period.
 - 3 How many schools gained classroom teachers of English as a second language from the end of the 1979 school year to the beginning of the 1980 school year.
 - 4 What are the schools and how many—(a) effective full-time classroom teachers of English as a second language; and (b) individuals who taught English as a second language in the classroom, were gained by each of the schools in the above period.
- 236 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, further to the answer to question No. 711 given on 11 September 1979 listing secondary schools in Victoria with a Commonwealth standard library:
- 1 Whether he will review the listing of Birchip high school and Brunswick East high school as possessing such facility.
 - 2 Whether he will review the entire list and provide a new list following such review.
- 239 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, which schools in Victoria currently

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employ teachers aides, indicating in each case—(a) whether the appointment is full or part time; and (b) whether the appointment is funded by the Commonwealth or the Victorian Government.

- 241 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the Melbourne College of Printing and Graphic Arts:
- 1 What progress has been made by the task force established to advise the State Council for Technical Education on the needs of the college.
 - 2 What action is to be taken in response to this investigation.
 - 3 What is the current enrolment at the college.
 - 4 How many applications for apprenticeship were refused due to inadequate facilities at the college.
- 246 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education whether he will provide Members with a copy of the formula for determining teacher staffing for special needs and migrant English.
- 249 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, which schools in the Northern Region have a gymnasium.
- 250 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 How many schools in each region have a gymnasium.
 - 2 What is the percentage of schools in each region with a gymnasium.
- 251 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, which Government schools enrol only—(a) girls; and (b) boys.
- 259 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport on what projects Commonwealth funds to Victoria under the Urban Public Transport Improvement Programme were spent during each of the past five years.
- 271 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works what amount has been spent in converting more than 1000 oil-fired heaters in Government buildings in each of the past three years.
- 275 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, whether the Minister has refused to confirm the compulsory acquisition of the vacant allotment, known as Lot 7 Pleasant Street, by the City of Coburg, when this acquisition is considered desirable to further the establishment of a linear park; if so, why.
- 289 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 Whether he has investigated the heating of the Special Education Unit in Lowson Street, Fawkner.
 - 2 Whether the heating system is still operative.
 - 3 What was the cost of installation and what was the running cost during each year since installation.
 - 4 Whether the heating problems at this unit will be rectified by the winter of 1980.
- 294 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs:
- 1 How many citizenship certificates were conferred in each municipality in 1979.

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- 2 How many other citizenship certificates were conferred in private ceremonies.
- 3 How many citizenship certificates were conferred in Victoria in 1979, indicating the nationalities of these new Australian citizens.
- 295 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs how many aliens in Victoria, sixteen years of age and over, are residentially qualified to apply for Australian Citizenship but have not done so, indicating the number of each nationality.
- 296 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning:
- 1 Whether he has received the report of the Road Planning Liaison Committee concerning the F2 reservation, south of Bell Street; if so, when he will make a decision on this matter.
 - 2 Whether he will make this report public.
- 303 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, how many children attended primary schools in the municipality of Williamstown in each of the years 1970 to 1980, indicating the numbers in each school.
- 306 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of Ruthven primary school:
- 1 When attention will be given to the lighting of eight rooms as first requested on 8 May 1978.
 - 2 When repair of damaged or subsided asphalt, first requested on 24 February 1975, will be carried out.
 - 3 When lowering of flushometers in the boys' toilets, first requested on 8 May 1978, will be carried out.
 - 4 When attention will be given to blocked drains as first requested on 17 August 1977.
 - 5 When up-grading of administrative facilities, first requested on 8 May 1978, will be carried out.
 - 6 When cyclic maintenance including external and internal painting, as first requested on 9 June 1976, will take place.
 - 7 When repairs to temporary fibro-cement wall, as requested on 4 June 1976, will be carried out.

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- 331 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, what is the authorized strength and present strength, respectively, of each squad within the Victoria Police Force.
- 340 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in view of the high incidence of economic crime in Victoria, whether he will consider establishing an independent enquiry into methods of combating fraudulent acts within the community; if not, why.
- 343 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many public servants are employed by the Police Department, indicating in which categories of occupation.
 - 2 How many additional public servants have been requested by the Department for the 1980–81 financial year, indicating how many persons have been approved and in what categories of occupation.

- 348 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many Fraud Squad investigations of corporate crime have been made in each of the years from 1970 to date.
 - 2 How many arrests have been made in each particular investigation.
 - 3 What has been the total sum of money involved in each of the years from 1970 to date.
 - 4 What has been the total sums of money recovered in each of the years from 1970 to date.
- 353 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What is the ratio of police to population in each police district in Victoria, indicating what members of the force are included or excluded in calculating such ratios.
 - 2 What is the Police Department's projected required members of police to population in each police district in Victoria.
 - 3 What plans the Government has to meet these projected requirements for the next five years.
- 360 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Whether delays by the Forensic Science Laboratory in the production of drug offence samples are delaying court proceedings; if so—(a) what is the cause of the delays; and (b) what action the Government is taking to reduce the delays.
 - 2 Whether delays by the Forensic Science Laboratory in examining evidence in rape offences are preventing court proceedings from being initiated promptly; if so, what is the nature of the delays.
- 371 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in respect of each Housing Commission estate in Werribee and Laverton, what is the number of purchase contracts surrendered in 1979–80 to date, indicating the number of cases in which the occupants have reverted to tenancy, and the number of cases in which the contracts provided for escalating interest rates.
- 373 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the committee appointed to examine the problems arising from appointments made by School Councils under the provisions of the *Education (School Councils) Act 1975* mentioned in the report of the Ombudsman in Case Nos. 8102, 8103, 8104, 8105 and 8107:
- 1 When the Committee was appointed.
 - 2 Who are the members of the Committee, indicating their normal positions.
 - 3 What are the terms of reference of the committee and when it is to report.
- 376 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Premier, in respect of the twin State relationship with Jiangsu Province in China:
- 1 What funds have been expended to date, indicating the source of funds.
 - 2 What is the estimate of expenditure by Victoria in 1979–80, indicating the source or sources of funds.

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- 3 What Victorian staff have been allocated to the relationship, indicating the role, qualification and proportion of time spent by each person involved.
 - 4 What time has been spent in Jiangsu Province by Victorian public servants fostering the relationship, indicating any long-term visits or appointments.
 - 5 What time has been spent in Victoria by officials representing Jiangsu Province, indicating any long-term visits or appointments.
 - 6 What proposals there are for increasing staff and expenditure in developing the relationship.
- 377 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of education of deaf children in Victoria by organizations other than the Education Department:
- 1 What is the name of each organization for which funding is provided.
 - 2 What are the criteria for the allocation of funds.
- 378 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of curriculum guides for teachers:
- 1 What is the normal frequency of publication.
 - 2 When the last guides were published.
 - 3 What funds have been provided for publishing new curriculum guides for the current period.
 - 4 When the next curriculum guides are expected to be available.
- 380 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts whether proposals have been made to the Government for the creation of a resources centre for small museums; if so—(a) which body or bodies made the proposal; (b) whether the proposal has been accepted by the Government; (c) what action has been taken to establish such a centre; (d) whether funds have been made available for the establishment of a centre; and (e) whether funds are available to assist small museums, indicating details of any such allocation.
- 381 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of position papers foreshadowed by the Town and Country Planning Board in the State Co-ordination Council Quarterly Progress Report No. 11, December 1978, paragraph 16B.4.3:
- 1 On what date each paper was or will be completed.
 - 2 Whether each paper is or will be made publicly available.
 - 3 Whether the papers, findings and recommendations represent Government policy.
- 386 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government:
- 1 On what date ratepayers residing in the City of Sunshine will be permitted to democratically elect councillors of their own choice to represent them at local government level.
 - 2 On what date the ratepayers last democratically elected councillors for the municipality.
 - 3 What is the name of each ward within the municipality and what was the number of voters registered within each ward during the last election.
 - 4 Whether residential development within the municipality has since aggravated the numerical differences between each ward.

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- 5 What action the Minister has taken to apply the principle one person, one vote, one value, to each ratepayer within each ward for future elections to the City of Sunshine.

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- 476 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what was the cost per head of the expenditure incurred in 1979–80 for the operation of the—(a) Victorian Railways; and (b) Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board.
- 480 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 How much was allocated and spent, respectively, in the past three financial years in the areas of child abuse and neglect, and preventative child abuse centres.
 - 2 How much was provided for, and spent, on private institutions dealing with child abuse and neglect.
 - 3 What funding, if any, was provided for study and research into child abuse in the past three financial years, indicating the specific areas studied.
- 490 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the study of the needs of long term prisoners, referred to in the Report of the State Co-ordination Council of 4 March 1977 has been completed; if so—(a) what use has been made of the study; (b) whether it is available to governors of Victorian prisons; and (c) whether he will make this report available to members of the Opposition.
- 492 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 In which Victorian prisons or sections of prisons use is made of the commode and bucket system as an alternative to plumbing.
 - 2 In which Victorian prisons Porta Potties have been installed in the cells.
 - 3 When these facilities will be replaced by permanent plumbing.
- 494 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether he will bring up to date the information supplied on 18 September 1974 about company investigations in response to question No. 87 recorded in *Hansard* on pages 422 and 426.

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- 505 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what products which include diethyl stilboestrol or chemically related substances have been approved for use in Victoria, indicating in each case—(a) the name of the product; (b) the name of the person or company in whose name it was approved; (c) the names of the active ingredients; (d) the forms in which it was approved; (e) when approval was first granted; (f) if approval was amended, when and in what way; (g) if no longer current, when approval lapsed; and (h) the uses for which it was approved.

Notice received on 18 September 1980

- 517 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in view of question No. 1129 first asked on 18 September 1979 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period:
- 1 What consideration he has given to the representations of the Gippsland Over Coal Land Owners Protection Council on the question of

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determining applications on hardship created by the Central Gippsland Interim Development Order.

- 2 In view of the considerable time which has elapsed since the Government first began to examine such hardship cases and hearing applications, what action will be taken to ensure that affected land owners are not disadvantaged by further delay.

Notices received on 23 September 1980

- 547 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 Why the medical examination programme for children at Victoria Street Pre-School Centre in Seymour has been abolished.
 - 2 Whether these medical examinations will take place this year.
- 555 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether, in respect of Aspendale North, the Housing Commission operated outside the normal criteria for purchases; if so, what criteria was adopted indicating—(a) the amount of the deposit; (b) the weekly repayments; (c) the income level; and (d) for how long each family had been on the waiting list.
- 557 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 What will be the total cost of the Melbourne International Centenary Exhibition, indicating the main items, and who will bear the cost.
 - 2 Whether any government money has been allocated to Riddell Promotions or any other organization; if so, what amount and for what purposes.
 - 3 Whether gate moneys for school groups are subsidized; if so, by what amount, indicating the total estimated amount, and to whom the money will be paid.
- 565 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General:
- 1 How many bailiffs are employed by the Government and at what annual cost.
 - 2 What revenue is generated through Court fines and for what purposes this revenue is used.
 - 3 How many "actions" each bailiff has been involved in over the past five years.
- 569 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Whether the police helicopter has had an engine failure; if so, whether it was necessary to purchase a spare engine.
 - 2 How many accidents the helicopter has been involved in, indicating the time out of service and the cost of repairs in each case.
- 573 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What has been the total cost of the Victoria Police Airwing helicopter and accessories to date.
 - 2 How many hours the helicopter has flown since acquisition, indicating the hours involved in—(a) training; (b) testing; and (c) actual police work.

- 575 **MR STIRLING**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether the personnel winch on the police helicopter developed a fault and fired its cutting knife; if so—(a) whether the hook from the winch fell on a person's head causing injury; and (b) whether the helicopter crew refuse to operate the winch.
- 577 **MRS TONER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether the five-year plan prepared by the Office of Research and Social Policy for—(a) family and adolescent services; (b) regional services; and (c) correctional services, have been completed; if so, whether the plans will be made available to members of the Opposition, the Child Development and Family Services Council and the Correctional Services Council; if not, why.
 - 2 What is the effect on the implementation of the five-year plan for family and adolescent services, regional services and correctional services of the State Government's failure to use all the savings made through the Commonwealth assuming responsibility for income support arrangements for lone parents from 1 January 1980 for welfare services provided by the Department of Community Welfare Services and non-government agencies in line with the commitment in the 1979 State Budget Speech.

Notices received on 24 September 1980

- 580 **MR CAIN**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, on how many occasions since 1 January 1978 the Attorney-General has filed a presentment without there being a prior hearing, either by way of committal proceedings before a Stipendiary Magistrate, Justices or a Coroner's Inquest, and what are the names of such accused persons and the nature of the charges upon which they were presented.
- 585 **MR STIRLING**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What was the cost per flying hour of the police helicopter, taking into account total moneys expended on maintenance, pilot salary and other expenses.
 - 2 What costs were incurred on—(a) scheduled maintenance, including labour; and (b) unscheduled maintenance, including labour.
- 586 **MR STIRLING**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what is the estimated amount to be budgeted for the operation of the police helicopter for the next financial year, including provision in relation to hours of flying and pilot costs.
- 587 **MR STIRLING**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what actual number of arrests can be attributed to the use in detection work of—(a) the police helicopter; and (b) charter helicopters on police work.
- 588 **MR STIRLING**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What were the number of flights made and hours flown in the police helicopter that could not have been flown in a single engine machine, excluding time engaged on instrument flight rules training.
 - 2 Whether aerial work is permitted at night in single engined helicopters.

- 590 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the operating theatre at the Castlemaine District Community Hospital:
- 1 When approval was originally sought for the construction of the new theatre facility.
 - 2 When approval in principle was given to the hospital.
 - 3 What progress has been made in developing the plans.
 - 4 When it is expected that funds will be available.
- 594 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Commonwealth/State programme to provide funds for elderly citizens' clubrooms, whether there is a priority list for this financial year and each of the next three financial years; if so, what is the order of the priority list.
- 596 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether other helicopters have been chartered for police work when the police helicopter was out of service; if so, what was the cost.

Notice received on 30 September 1980

- 623 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether E.C.A. Centre designs and core plus designs provide adequate access for the handicapped, including to toilet areas; if not, what action will be taken to provide adequate access.

Notices received on 1 October 1980

- 627 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts, in respect of architects and consulting fees relating to the concert hall project of the Victorian Arts Centre:
- 1 What submissions have been made by the architect or any other members concerning such fees.
 - 2 What is the normal level of fees in a major building contract and that accepted by the relevant professional body.
 - 3 What offers were made by the building committee.
 - 4 When agreement was reached, indicating the level agreed on, when the question of fees was placed before the building committee, and the minuted decision.
 - 5 Whether difficulties arose because the fee set was too low to provide an efficient service and staff.
 - 6 Whether any letters were received subsequent to the agreement on fees, indicating—(a) from whom and the dates of the letters; (b) the substance of the letters; and (c) the resulting response and decision, including the date of placement before the building committee and the minuted decision and, if not placed before the committee, why.
 - 7 Whether any decision was taken that the fees be fully resolved.
 - 8 Whether the question of fees has been fully and finally resolved; if so, by whom, when and at what level.
- 629 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts, in respect of the concert hall project of the Victorian Arts Centre:
- 1 What is the date of completion specified in the contract.
 - 2 What is the current estimated date of completion.

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- 3 What variation orders there have been as a result of—(a) weather; (b) industrial disputes; (c) lack of information and/or drawings; and (d) altering of information and/or drawings, indicating the amounts claimed in each case, whether the claims were settled and the amounts agreed upon.
 - 4 What are the details of those claims not yet settled.
 - 5 What amount was claimed in the case of Podgor Constructions, indicating—(a) the reasons; (b) the amount agreed upon, indicating the source of funds used for any payments made; (c) whether any areas of concrete formwork were erected one day and then dismantled, indicating the extra costs involved; and (d) whether these claims have been met in part or in full and, if not, why.
- 634 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, with regard to the Mooroolbark technical school:
- 1 Whether advice was given some three years ago that the school would receive a gymnasium complex.
 - 2 Whether plans were completed for this project.
 - 3 When it is now expected that the gymnasium complex will be constructed.
 - 4 What is the reason for the delay in upgrading library facilities at the school, and when it is now expected that these works will be undertaken.
 - 5 What facilities will be provided at the school to replace existing rooms that will be used for the library upgrade project.
- 640 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the financial years since the Health Commission came into operation, and the estimate for this financial year:
- 1 What was the number, classification, and cost of staff employed in each Division.
 - 2 What is the number of staff on the pay-roll of public hospitals employed in the Health Commission for Commission purposes, specifying the classification and cost.
 - 3 What is the recurrent non-salary costs of the Commission, specifying the cost in terms of each Division.
- 653 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General:
- 1 Whether the existing bingo laws are being circumvented by different groups of people associated with large professional and semi-professional sporting bodies, who operate more than two bingo games per week for their club, by using the name of one or more associated bodies attached to their club, as well as using the club name, at more than one location; if so, what action will be taken to stop this practice.
 - 2 Whether he will take action to require bingo games which are organized for an on behalf of professional and semi-professional sporting bodies, to be conducted in that particular city, municipal borough, or shire where the sporting body has its stadium or sports ground located; if not, why.
 - 3 Whether he will take action to require the gross proceeds of bingo games conducted as a means of raising funds for and on behalf of

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professional and semi-professional sporting bodies, to be taxed at the normal rate of taxation, and not the standard 3 per cent to which all sporting bodies are currently subjected.

Notices received on 2 October 1980

- 658 **MRS TONER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General:
- 1 What criteria are applied to applicants for appointments as Queen's Counsel.
 - 2 In each of the years 1950 to 1979 inclusive, how many persons were considered for appointment as Queen's Counsel and how many were so appointed.
 - 3 How many persons failed to meet the criteria laid down for appointment in each of those years, specifying the number failing in each requirement.
 - 4 Whether any of the rejected applications were subsequently granted; if so—(a) how many; and (b) when.
- 659 **MR AMOS**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 What are the terms of access to the Thomson River catchment, indicating why only a very few of the tracks into the catchment were unpadlocked last season.
 - 2 Who administers the access policy and whether the Minister will investigate past administrative practices with a view to ensuring the fullest possible public access.

Notices received on 21 October 1980

- 667 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 What will be the role of music education, as an established component of the curriculum, in any re-organization of education in Victoria.
 - 2 What decisions will be taken to allow for increased staffing necessary to meet the State's needs in the area of group classroom music and individual instrumental instruction.
 - 3 Whether additional funding will be made available to ensure that appropriate and adequate facilities, equipment and instruments are provided for music education.
 - 4 To what extent the Education Department will be involved in the Music 1981 festivities.
- 668 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the proposed hospital to be constructed by the Hospitals Corporation of Australia on the corner of Manningham Road and High Street, Doncaster, whether the Health Commission is aware of the extension of the building permit for the hospital; if so, whether the Commission placed the information before the Council and whether the Commission has taken any attitude towards the construction of such private hospital on that site.
- 674 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of Victoria's perinatal mortality, whether figures are available for each region and/or each municipality in the State over each of the past five years; if so, whether a copy of those statistics will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.

- 675 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the evaluation of the Barwon Region Child Maltreatment Pilot Project:
- 1 What is the basic design of the evaluation and how it will be carried out.
 - 2 Given the long gap between the commencement of research and the original commencement of the project, whether the research effort will be hindered and how it is intended to compensate for the delay.
 - 3 Why the researcher is based in Melbourne when the project is in the Barwon Region and whether this will hinder the research.
 - 4 When it is expected that the first report will be available.
- 681 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of school dental clinics in the electoral district of Brunswick, whether on 13 March 1979, the then Minister of Health, Mr Hunt, together with the then Assistant Minister of Health, Mr Jona, issued a press statement, which promised pre-school dental clinics at the following primary schools: Brunswick, Brunswick North, Coburg West, Moreland, and facilities for mobile dental clinics at the following: Brunswick East, Brunswick South, Brunswick South West, Brunswick West, Merri, Princes Hill and Brunswick North West, as well as funds for the construction of mobile school dental clinics and vehicles and X-ray equipment for these and other clinics; if so, whether any of these clinics have been established, and in that event, where; if not, why they have not been established and what has happened to the funds.
- 682 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the day therapy area underneath the existing nursing home wing at the West Gippsland Hospital:
- 1 When the area was completed.
 - 2 When a request for staff for the area was received, specifying the staff requested.
 - 3 When it is proposed that staff will be available to operate the area.
 - 4 When it is expected that capital funds will be available to complete the interior fitting.
- 683 **MR ROSS-EDWARDS**—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what interest was earned from investments of the Trust Fund during the year 1979-80, indicating what rate of interest this represents.
- 687 **MR CULPIN**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning:
- 1 When the Town Planning Appeals Tribunals were first formed.
 - 2 What is the name, address, age and qualifications of each past and present Member of the Tribunals.
 - 3 What salary is or was paid to these Members.
 - 4 How many decisions have been upheld by the Tribunals against all city and shire councils in Victoria, indicating how many appeals in respect of decisions of the City of Broadmeadows have been upheld.
 - 5 Whether he will consider and review the powers, functions and membership of the Tribunals, if not, why.
- 688 **MR HOCKLEY**—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 What was the total cost of the Inquiry into Fluoridation of Victorian Water Supplies.
 - 2 How many reports were printed, at what cost and to whom these were distributed.

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- 3 Whether he will provide a full list of the names of every person involved in the Inquiry and supply the name of the person who wrote the report, together with his qualification and position.
 - 4 Whether the cost of \$6.00 per report is out of proportion to the cost of most Government publications; if so, why.
 - 5 Whether he is aware that the New South Wales Government provides documents on fluoridation and fluoride pollution at no cost and makes them freely available to the public.
 - 6 Why the Reports of the Inquiry into Fluoridation of Victorian Water Supplies are being made freely available to some people and not to others.
- 689 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, further to the answer to question No. 282 given on 2 October 1980:
- 1 What were the circumstances of the \$310 000 expenditure on building work at the University of Melbourne, indicating the building work concerned.
 - 2 What was the date on which the money was expended, indicating the rate of interest, the sum paid annually to provide the interest and provisions for repayment of the total sum.
- 691 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 When VicRail Investigation Officers were first appointed.
 - 2 How many officers there are at present, indicating the name, address and age of each officer.
 - 3 What are the qualifications required for appointment to this position.
 - 4 Whether officers are instructed to identify themselves when carrying out their responsibilities; if not, why.
 - 5 How many convictions have been obtained by officers in each year since inception, indicating in respect of those convictions, in how many cases it was alleged that the investigating officer had not identified himself to the offender.
- 694 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of railway investigations:
- 1 What were the reasons for the raid on a train at Oak Park at approximately 12.30 a.m. on 18 October 1980, and what was the result of this raid.
 - 2 What are the details of similar raids and the results since the Railways Department's Investigation Office was formed.
 - 3 Whether the Victoria Police will take over this role in the future; if not, whether railway investigators will be required to be in uniform and, if not, why.
 - 4 Whether consideration will be given to railway investigators manning unmanned stations; if not, why.
- 695 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether the Interim Report of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee which was available in January 1979, was discussed in an open forum or available for public debate; if not, why.
 - 2 What were the recommendations contained in the Interim Report of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee.
 - 3 Who are the members of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee.

Notices received on 22 October 1980

- 696 **MR CAIN**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General:
- 1 Whether the Minister is aware that no funds have been paid by the Commonwealth of Australia to the State of Victoria under the provisions of section 20 of the *Commonwealth Places (Application of Laws) Act 1970* whereby reimbursement to the State of Victoria of funds paid is required.
 - 2 Whether the Minister can indicate why there has been no attempt by the State of Victoria to recover the moneys due to it, and whether he can give an estimate of the total amounts foregone by the State of Victoria owing to the failure to obtain reimbursement.
 - 3 What steps are being taken after a lapse of almost eight years to effect recovery in accordance with the provisions of the Act.
- 702 **MR MATHEWS**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether any applications for funding of construction of the Maroondah hospital were made to the Commonwealth Government between 1972 and 1975, indicating in each case the—(a) date; (b) substance; and (c) response.
- 703 **MR MATHEWS**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, how many places for apprentice gardeners—(a) were available at Oakleigh technical school in 1980; and (b) will be available in 1981, indicating in the case of 1980 the number of—(i) successful; and (ii) unsuccessful applicants, and how many successful applicants have since dropped out.

Notice received on 23 October 1980

- 706 **MR FOGARTY**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, whether the absence of a reticulated water supply has affected the growth of the township of Bemm River; if so, what action the Minister has taken following receipt of petitions and requests from the Bemm River Progress and Improvement Association, when residents can expect the commencement of proposed works and what is the expected completion date of proposed works including a water reticulation programme.

Notices received on 28 October 1980

- 711 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health which hospitals currently have renal dialysis units, specifying the size of each unit and what expansion is proposed for such units in each of the next three years.
- 715 **MR WILKES**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 What is the name of the private firm granted an informal lease over part of the Preston Regional Office premises from June 1978 to May 1980, contrary to the *Audit Act 1958* and the Public Accounts and Stores Regulations.
 - 2 Why the departmental file relating to this lease was not made available to the Auditor-General upon request.
- 719 **MR WILKES**—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 Under what criteria organizations presently qualify for State guarantees on their bank overdrafts without the specific authority of Parliament.
 - 2 Whether the State has been committed to contingent liabilities without proper authority; if so, when the practice will be abandoned.

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Commission); Mildura Nursery Account; and Local Government (House Builders' Liability) Trust Account.

2 What was the purpose of establishing each account, indicating the payments and receipts during the first year of operation and the balance as at 30 June, after the first year of operation.

730 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Premier, in respect of the recent Committee of Inquiry into the Fluoridation of Victorian Water Supplies, whether he will consider making public the submissions made to the Committee; if not, why.

731 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of school dental services for primary school children in the Colac area:

1 What services are currently provided.

2 When it is expected that school dental clinic services will be available and in what form.

3 What discussions have occurred with the Minister of Health and the Health Commission as to the provision of facilities through the district hospital, and when adequate services will exist either through the hospital or through the school dental programme.

Notices received on 29 October 1980

742 MR CRABB—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport when the Government intends to announce the route of the Euroa by-pass road and when it is expected that construction will—(a) commence; and (b) be completed.

743 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in the framing of the Adoption of Children (Information) Bill, what consideration was given to research findings on this subject, indicating whether such findings were derived from inter-departmental or other sources and specifying the nature of the findings and the date received in each case.

745 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in relation to the Adoption of Children (Information) Bill:

1 How many letters he has received from biological parents, adoptive parents, and adoptees, respectively, either—(a) supporting; or (b) opposing retrospective access.

2 What is the Department of Community Welfare's policy regarding community consultation and whether this policy has been recognized in relation to consultation with the community on the drafting of the Bill.

3 Whether he has received any delegations who are dissatisfied with the provisions of the Bill; if so—(a) when the delegations were received; (b) who was represented on each delegation; and (c) whether he refused to meet any delegations and, in that event, why.

Notice received on 30 October 1980

749 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he or the Health Commission has received a detailed submission from the Shire of Mildura and the City of Mildura concerning the provision of nursing home accommodation in the Mildura area; if so, whether the submission has been examined and whether the Government intends to assist in the provision of needed nursing home accommodation in the Mildura area.

- 3 What steps he will take to ensure that complete records are built up and properly maintained so that the Auditor-General can determine what loans have been favoured with State guarantees and the value of the consequent contingent liabilities created.
- 4 What were the dates of issue, maturity dates, interest rates and other terms and conditions attached to loans guaranteed by the Treasurer under section 95A of the *State Electricity Commission Act 1958*.

720 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier:

- 1 In view of recommendations made by the Auditor-General in his last two Annual Reports, whether he will take the necessary steps to produce meaningful and timely financial reporting to Parliament by statutory authorities and also completely review the *Audit Act 1958*.
- 2 Whether he will take steps to set up internal audit functions within departments and authorities which presently lack this vital aspect of financial control.
- 3 Whether he will investigate the reasons for difficulties experienced by the Auditor-General in recruiting audit inspectors and base level staff and take steps to correct this situation.

722 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer, in view of the Auditor-General's statement that the Minister of Public Works entered into \$10.28 million worth of deferred payment contracts despite a limit of \$8 million established by the Treasurer, whether he will advise what ceilings were placed on State Electricity Commission supplier credits during each of the past three financial years and to what extent the Commission has exceeded these limits.

727 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:

- 1 Which trust accounts never listed as closed in any report of the Auditor-General were not shown as part of the Trust Fund in the Treasurer's Finance Statement 1979-80 and why these trust accounts were not so shown.
- 2 Whether any of these accounts have been closed; if so, which accounts and how any unexpended balances were disposed of.

728 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:

- 1 Which trust accounts, listed as opened (but never recorded as closed) in the various annual reports of the Auditor-General since 1969-70, were not shown as part of the Trust Fund in the Treasurer's Finance Statement 1979-80 and for what reasons.
- 2 Which of these accounts have been closed and how any unexpended balances were disposed of.

729 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier:

- 1 Why the following trust accounts, listed as part of the Trust Fund in the Treasurer's Finance Statement 1979-80, were never listed as "opened" in any Annual Report of the Auditor-General: Fisheries Research Fund; The Licensing Fund; Fisheries Dartmouth Dam Surveys Trust Account; Greyhound Racing Clubs Fund; Motor Accidents and Insurance Premiums Suspense Account; Railway Salaries and Wages in Suspense Account 1978-79; Treasury Drawings Account No. 1; Agriculture Technical and Further Education Trust Account; Commonwealth Traffic and Road Safety Improvement Programme Trust Account; Commonwealth National Estate Programme Trust Account; Departmental Suspense Accounts (Consumer Affairs, Corporate Affairs Office, and Liquor Control

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Notices received on 5 November 1980

- 750 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of School Medical Service doctor visits at pre-schools in the Castlemaine and Bendigo area, whether he is aware of reports that visits have been cancelled; if so, which kindergartens have been affected and what is the reason for the cancellations.
- 756 **DR COGHILL**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of the report "Manufacturing in Melbourne" submitted to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works by its Technical Advisory Committee on Manufacturing, what action has been taken to implement the recommendations of the report as they affect the Laverton North industrial area and other areas within the shires of Werribee and Melton, and the cities of Altona and Sunshine.
- 759 **MR SIMMONDS**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, whether the Minister has received a submission from concerned residents of the Upper Yarra Shire with regard to mismanagement by the Council; if so—(a) whether the Minister has acknowledged receipt of this submission and, if not, why; and (b) what action the Minister has taken or is proposed with regard to the matters raised.
- 761 **MR SIMMONDS**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether a report of a recent investigation of Keon Park technical school staff problems has been made to the Acting Director of Technical Education; if so, with what result.
- 768 **MRS TONER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the Department of Community Welfare Services will provide additional funds to the Springvale Community Aid and Advice Bureau on a dollar-for-dollar basis to match the Springvale City Council 1980-81 contribution; if not, why.

Notices received on 11 November 1980

- 778 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Spastic Childrens Society of Victoria:
- 1 Whether he is aware that the Society's existing constitution places barriers to handicapped people becoming members of the Society and of the Council.
 - 2 Whether an attempt by the Society's President, Mr Bill Pratt, and the Manager, Mr Ken Dyer, and others to alter the constitution, failed because the necessary 75 per cent did not vote for its adoption, the vote in favour being over 60 per cent.
 - 3 Whether he intends to take any steps to ensure that membership of the Society is open to all and that a new constitution is introduced for this organization which receives substantial Government assistance and support.
- 780 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of the development of school grounds at the Brunswick North primary school, whether the Public Works Department compiled a report in the 1978-79 financial year on the need for the development of the grounds and estimated the work to cost \$35 000; if so—(a) whether the work was placed on the Northern Regions work list and in what position, and if not, why; and (b) whether it is proposed that this development work, necessitated when the Education Department purchased and knocked down a series of houses adjacent to the school, will be undertaken.

782 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Community Health Programme, Capital Works Programme administered by the Hospitals Division:

- 1 What works were carried out in 1979–80 and what works are proposed this financial year, specifying the centre concerned, the work involved, and the cost.
- 2 Which centres currently have Capital Works Programmes—(a) approved by the Health Commission; and (b) proposed to the Commission, and when it is expected that these works will commence, if already approved, or will be approved.

783 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of payments for podiatry services in Victorian acute and geriatric hospitals and centres:

- 1 Whether instructions have been issued by the Health Commission in relation to the payment of podiatrists; if so, what instructions.
- 2 Whether the Hospitals Division has developed a position in relation to matters considered or to be considered by the Hospital Medical and Auxiliary Services Wages Board; if so, what is the Government's position.
- 3 Whether the minutes of the meeting of managers, medical superintendents and regional geriatricians of country geriatric centres held on 19 March 1980 indicate that the issue of levels of payment to podiatry in Victoria is very confused; if so, what action is proposed to overcome this confusion.

Notices received on 13 November 1980

789 MR HANN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:

- 1 How many accidents involving police motor vehicles have occurred since 1 January 1977.
- 2 How many accidents occurred as a result of police vehicles pursuing other vehicles, indicating in each instance the reason the police were pursuing another car, and whether other vehicles involved in the collision were being pursued or not.
- 3 How many people were—(a) killed; and (b) injured, specifying whether they were policemen, persons in the vehicle being pursued, or other persons.
- 4 Why a similar question asked on 4 May 1978 was not answered.

791 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health whether he is aware of reports that a Lions Club sponsored hearing tests of 175 children in Castlemaine revealed that 39 per cent of the children aged between 3½ and 5 years had hearing defects; if so, whether testing of a similar nature is intended for other parts of the State and what action can be taken in respect of the situation revealed at Castlemaine.

795 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for State Development, Decentralization and Tourism whether he will make available to the Leader of the Opposition an organization chart for the Latrobe Valley Ministerial Council and supporting bodies, indicating which positions are full-time and part-time and which positions are filled by seconded personnel.

803 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what plans there are for the proposed establishment of a secondary school in the Lara district and when it is expected such secondary school will commence operations.

- 805 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has yet received a report and recommendations concerning “DES” from the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists; if so, when, what action is proposed and whether copies of the report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick; if not, whether he will make the report available when it is received by him.

Notices received on 18 November 1980

- 820 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 How many commercial organizations the Government is currently assisting financially either by way of loans, guarantees, grants or other methods.
 - 2 What are the individual totals of these various methods of financial assistance.
 - 3 How many of these businesses are in financial difficulties and what amount of Government funds is involved in each case.
- 824 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether representations or reports have been made to the Law Department, or the Minister’s attention has been drawn to, the activities of an association purporting to expose religious cults which involves so-called de-programming practices; if so, what investigations have been made into these matters; if not, whether the Minister will cause such inquiries to be made.
- 825 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the reservation south of Bell Street for the F2 Freeway, when it is intended that the reservation be removed in view of the announced Government decision not to proceed with the freeway south of Bell Street.
- 826 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of the reservation south of Bell Street for the F2 Freeway, when it is intended that the reservation will be removed in view of the announced Government decision not to proceed with the freeway south of Bell Street.
- 827 MR CRABB—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, with regard to advertising on public transport vehicles and property, what was the respective revenue in each of the last three years in respect of—(a) VicRail; (b) the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board; and (c) all private bus lines, and what revenue is expected in the present year.
- 828 MR JOLLY—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 What requests have been made by the State Insurance Office for additional staff.
 - 2 Whether the demands for additional staff have been completely satisfied.
 - 3 How many additional staff will be appointed and when these appointments will take place.
 - 4 Whether the State Insurance Commissioner has withdrawn his criticism of staff ceilings imposed on the State Insurance Office.
- 830 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of question No. 7 asked on 9 September 1980 which was also asked on 29 May 1979 in the previous session of Parliament, what is the reason for the delay of 18 months in answering the question and whether an answer will be expedited.

835 **MR EBERY**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, in view of the exemption of all reserves under section 4 of the *Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978* and the exception of all lands under section 50 of the *Forests Act 1958* by Order in Council from occupation for mining purposes under any miners' right:

- 1 Whether the Minister will issue a public statement correcting his earlier public assertions that the claims of the Prospectors' and Miners' Association were wildly extravagant; if not, why.
- 2 Whether he will also direct the Chairman of the Land Conservation Council to issue a similar public statement; if not, why.
- 3 Whether the Minister will advise how prospecting and mining under the miner's right could still be legally undertaken in such areas.

841 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in respect of Swinborn Lodge, 4 Canning Street, Carlton, whether the Minister or the Department of Community Welfare Services undertook to provide 85 per cent of the costs of the service, a percentage which has diminished over the past five years; if so—(a) whether he is aware that the service may be forced to close; and (b) whether the Government intends to fund the service on the originally agreed basis; and, in that event, when funding will commence.

Notices received on 19 November 1980

842 **MR GAVIN**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning whether he has considered the release of the reservations on the houses on the north side of Bell Street, Coburg; if not, why.

843 **MR GAVIN**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:

- 1 What is the estimated cost of establishing a railway station at Campbellfield.
- 2 Whether provision of this station has been considered; if not, why.

Notices received on 20 November 1980

849 **DR COGHILL**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the West Gate Bridge:

- 1 What was the total cost up to the date of opening.
- 2 What were the interest charges for each of the years from 1970–71 to 1979–80 inclusive and from 1 July 1980 to date.
- 3 What were the shortfalls in tolls over interest charges, operating costs and other debts for each year of operation.

851 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the building programme at the Geelong Hospital:

- 1 What stage planning has reached for the development of the north wing.
- 2 Whether it is intended that the new wing be completed by 1985, specifying when building will commence.
- 3 What steps are proposed to update current inadequate and, in one case, unsafe wards.

853 **MR MILLER**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in view of the failure to provide information in respect of supplementary grants, initially sought in question

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No. 1608 asked on 20 November 1979, whether the Minister will indicate as a matter of urgency:

- 1 Whether he will undertake to survey Area Committees and find out whether their roles, procedures, relationships with schools, staffing and administration supports are satisfactory.
- 2 Whether Area Committees will be asked to indicate where improvements and streamlining could occur.
- 3 Whether he will consider the proposition that schools should have as much autonomy as possible and that *per capita* funding of disadvantaged schools is more suitable and a much easier method to use.

856 MR HANN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General:

- 1 Which government departments are presently represented at the Housing Commission Royal Commission by—(a) legal counsel; (b) departmental personnel; and (c) any other persons and what is the estimated daily cost of this representation.
- 2 What is the total cost of the Royal Commission to date, including the cost incurred by all government departments which have been in any way associated with the inquiry.

Notice received on 21 November 1980

860 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, further to the Minister's advice by letter of 23 October 1980, that transcendental meditation was an appropriate treatment option for a particular prisoner:

- 1 Whether this examination is being undertaken by expert psychologists and whether less controversial relaxation programmes are also being examined.
- 2 Whether any prisoners have undertaken the transcendental meditation programme while serving sentences in Victorian prisons.
- 3 Whether any money has been paid by the Department of Community Welfare Services for services provided to prisons or prisoners in respect of the Transcendental Meditation Programme; if so, what amounts and to what company, organization or individual such moneys were paid.

Notices Received on 25 November 1980

863 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what safety standards and controls have been introduced for the use of lasers in Victorian schools, indicating whether the controls implement the National Health and Medical Research Council's "Code of Practice of the safe use of Lasers in Secondary Schools".

865 MR CRABB—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:

- 1 What is the ratio of police to population in the City of Knox.
- 2 What plans exist to increase the number of police in that area to a level of one for each 540 of population as recommended in the Report on The Victoria Police Force by Colonel Sir Eric St Johnston.

866 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:

- 1 How many surveys have been commissioned or carried out by the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation or any instrumentalities or

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statutory corporations under his control during 1977, 1978 and 1979, respectively.

2 In respect of each of the surveys, which companies or private individuals were commissioned, what was the subject matter and the purpose and what was the cost.

867 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Premier of the \$390 018 paid to the Victorian Employment Committee in 1979–80:

1 What were the individual projects which were funded and what were their costs.

2 How many jobs were created and how long the jobs continued.

3 How many of the projects are still in existence.

870 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health in respect of the decision to replace the proposed 1033-bed Clayton–Burwood Queen Victoria Medical Centre with a proposed 310 bed centre at Clayton whether, prior to the decision, meetings took place between—(a) the Minister of Health; (b) the Hospitals and Charities Commission or the Health Commission; or (c) the Queen Victoria Medical Centre Committee of Management and American Medical International Inc. or Community Systems Foundation (Aust.), indicating in each case the—(i) date; (ii) names of those taking part; and (iii) the substance of the discussion.

871 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received any representations concerning the deletion or amendment of Section 31 of the *Health Act* 1958; if so, from whom and what action is proposed on those representations.

872 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health in respect of—(a) medical officers and related medical positions; and (b) dental officers and related dental positions in the Health Commission, which positions were unfilled as at 30 June and 1 November 1980, respectively.

873 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware of the existence of any waiting times at the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital for obtaining appointments for new glasses; if so—(a) what is the delay; (b) whether many cases have to wait for more than six months; and (c) whether there is a waiting period and what action the Government is taking to alleviate individual hardship.

Notices received on 28 November 1980

881 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what projects were funded by the Transport Fund in 1979–80 and what was the cost of each project.

882 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:

1 How many outward passenger journeys there were in 1978–79 from each station on each railway line in the metropolitan area which the Victorian Transport Study recommends for closure.

2 What was the amount of revenue collected from each of these stations during 1978–79.

883 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 28 asked on 16 September 1980, whether funds have been made available for the construction of a new outpatients' block and theatre remodelling at Yarrowonga Hospital this financial year; if so, what amount has been made available and when it is expected that work will be completed.

- 885 DR VAUGHAN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What are the details of the item listed in the Transport Works and Services Bill under sub-item 403 referring to expenditure on the Eastern Railway of \$90 000 for the financial year ending 30 June 1981.
 - 2 What are the details of the expenditure of \$46 000 on the Eastern Railway for the financial year ending 30 June 1980 referred to in the Transport Works and Services Bill.

Notices received on 2 December 1980

- 887 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 How many complaints have been received from members of the public concerning medical practitioners during each year since 1976, indicating what action has been taken following such complaints.
 - 2 What guidelines, if any, the Medical Board of Victoria uses for judging a person to be guilty of infamous conduct in a professional respect as laid down in the *Medical Practitioners Act 1970*.
- 888 MR MILLER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in view of the failure to provide information in respect of music tuition, initially sought in question No. 1607 asked on 20 November 1979, whether the Minister will indicate as a matter of urgency:
- 1 Which Government schools in the electoral district of Prahran—
(a) provide music tuition; and (b) have a part-time or full-time music teacher on their staff for this school year.
 - 2 What are the present arrangements for each of the schools for music tuition by the Education Department in terms of the number of hours and sessions taught each week.
- 890 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning whether he is aware that the Shire of Diamond Valley has rejected a \$4 million commercial development proposal, involving re-zoning of a residential area (1.25 hectares) on Grimshaw Street, bounded by McDowell Street and Ester Street, half the size of the recently-completed Greensborough Shopping Centre; if so, in view of already excessive commercial development and traffic congestion in the area, whether he will give assurances that local opinion will be paramount in any consideration of re-zoning.
- 892 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What are the prospective enrolments for 1981 at each school within the electoral district of Coburg.
 - 2 What are the prospective staffing numbers.
- 893 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in view of the investigation of the heating of the Special Education Unit in Lowson Street, Fawkner, when an answer will be provided to Question No. 289.
- 894 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of payments to non full-time medical staff in hospitals:
- 1 What amount was paid to—(a) all sessional medical staff; and (b) all visiting medical officers during the 1979–80 financial year.
 - 2 What is the estimate for 1980–81 for both categories.
 - 3 What on-call and re-call payments were made in the 1979–80 financial year, and what is the estimate for this financial year.

- 895 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in view of the 1980 Australian Teachers Federation's National Survey of schools which shows that over one-third of the Bendigo region schools surveyed were in need of maintenance, whether the actual funding of capital works allocated to the Bendigo Region has declined in each year since 1976-77; if so, why.
- 896 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, as the Government accepts the principle of meeting the full cost of installing pedestrian operated lights outside schools where they are justified by traffic volumes, why the Government will not accept the same principle of meeting the full cost of traffic wardens on duty outside schools, performing a similar function as the traffic lights.
- 897 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether the livestock growth promotant known as "Ralgro" is an oestrogen in terms of the definition included in section 242A of the *Health Act 1958*; if so, what action has been taken to ensure that its use complies with that section of the Act.
- 898 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of the school crossing supervisor scheme:
- 1 What has been the cost of the scheme in each year of operation and what is the estimated cost for this year.
 - 2 How many persons have been employed under this scheme in each of those years.
 - 3 What has been the cost to local government in each year of operation.
 - 4 Whether there have been any fatalities or injuries on school crossings during the course of the scheme; if so, when and of what nature and how this compares with the previous period.
- 899 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Medical Board of Victoria and the *Medical Practitioners Act 1970* or previous corresponding legislation:
- 1 What is the composition of the board, indicating the names of the members, their dates of appointment, their occupations, and their current major employment.
 - 2 How many persons have been refused registration under the provisions of section 9 of the Act, indicating the numbers refused registration under paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of section 9 (1), respectively.
 - 3 How many inquiries have been held pursuant to section 16 (1) of the Act since 1976, indicating how many concluded with censure or reprimand of the medical practitioner concerned, indicating the nature of the failure to carry out professional duties adequately, or the failure to accept professional responsibilities.
 - 4 How many inquiries have been held under the provisions of section 17 of the Act since 1976, indicating—(a) how many persons were reprimanded under sub-section (7) (a); (b) how many suspensions of registration were imposed under sub-section (7) (b); (c) how many persons had their names removed from the register under the provisions of sub-section (1) (a); and (d) how many persons had their names removed from the register under the provisions of sub-section (1) (b).
- 901 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, further to his refusal on 11 March 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer on sewerage

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which he gave the then Leader of the Opposition on 20 April 1977 in answer to question No. 1588, reported in *Hansard* at page 7759, whether he will now provide this information.

- 902 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to the answer to question No. 898 given on 25 March 1980 and reported in *Hansard* at page 7396, how many mentally retarded people on waiting lists for residential care and classified as urgent have experienced waiting periods—(a) under six months; (b) six to twelve months; (c) 12 to 18 months; (d) 18 to 24 months; (e) 24 to 30 months; (f) 30 to 36 months; (g) 36 to 42 months; (h) 42 to 48 months; (i) 48 to 54 months; and (j) 54 to 60 months.

Notices received on 3 December 1980

- 903 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs:

- 1 How many surveys or reports have been commissioned by the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs or statutory authorities under his control during—(a) 1977; (b) 1978; (c) 1979; and (d) in 1980 to date.
- 2 In respect of each of the surveys or reports—(a) which companies or private individuals were commissioned; (b) what was the subject-matter and the purpose; and (c) what was the cost in each case.

- 904 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on residential accommodation for mentally and physically handicapped children which he gave in answer to question No. 894 on 25 March 1980, and recorded in *Hansard* at page 7395, indicating in each case the—(a) number; and (b) percentage of children, who are working regularly with—(i) teachers provided by the Education Department; (ii) physiotherapists; (iii) occupation therapists; and (iv) speech therapists.

- 905 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry whether the Department of Labour and Industry has received any complaints regarding wages and conditions of employees of the food industry company, McDonald's; if so, whether he will supply all details of such complaints, including associated names and dates and the resultant action.

- 906 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Consumer Affairs whether he has received any complaints regarding the food industry company, McDonald's; if so, whether he will supply all details of such complaints including associated names and dates.

- 908 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to his answer to question No. 898 on 25 March 1980 and recorded in *Hansard* at page 7396, how many mentally retarded people currently on waiting lists for residential care and classified as urgent are—(a) under one year old; (b) 1–2 years old; (c) 2–3 years old; (d) 3–4 years old; (e) 4–5 years old; (f) 5–6 years old; (g) 6–7 years old; (h) 7–8 years old; (i) 8–9 years old; (j) 9–10 years old; (k) 10–15 years old; (l) 15–20 years old; and (m) over 20 years old.

- 909 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on central administration and regional centres for mental retardation services which he gave on 25 March 1980 in answer to question No. 900 and recorded in *Hansard* at page 7397.

- 911 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to his answer to question No. 901 on 25 March 1980 and recorded in *Hansard* at page 7397:
- 1 Which recommendations of the Working Party on the Establishment of a Division of Mental Retardation within the Health Commission presented to the Commission on 3 July 1979—(a) have become operative with the formation of the new Division; (b) are still inoperative; and (c) have been rejected.
 - 2 What positions additional to the Director and Secretary of the Division have been authorized, indicating in each case whether or not the position has been filled, and, if not, the likely date for an appointment.
- 912 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, further to the answer to question No. 179 on 11 November 1980 and recorded in *Hansard* at page 2454, what was the cost of upgrading and repairing the 117 faulty security systems installed in Government schools prior to November 1976, indicating in each case the—(a) amount; and (b) percentage, met by the original installation contractor.
- 914 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the report prepared on the subject of Computed Axial Tomography Scanners in Victoria:
- 1 How many—(a) head scanners; and (b) full body scanners, are currently being operated in Victoria and where they are situated.
 - 2 Whether any more are proposed for operation in the next twelve months; if so, where.
 - 3 What steps have been taken to put into effect the recommendations of the report.
- 915 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on the bed state of each residential centre for mentally retarded people which he gave in answer to question No. 895 on 25 March 1980, and recorded in *Hansard* at page 7396, indicating in each case the times at which meals are served.
- 916 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health whether he has received a submission from the Richmond Crèche Society concerning the fact that there is an increasing difference between the Society's income and its expenditure as a result of the failure to increase subsidy levels; if so, what action he proposes to take concerning this society, and other societies in a similar situation.
- 917 MR ERNST—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Forests:
- 1 Whether there are any plans, proposals or applications to establish a chip board industry in the Otway and Geelong regions; if so, what is the location, and what is the name of those applying to establish this industry.
 - 2 If he will ascertain and advise whether there are any studies being carried out by bodies such as the Geelong Regional Commission in relation to the feasibility of establishing such an industry in these areas.
 - 3 Whether there are any studies being carried out to ascertain the effect of such an industry upon the environment of these areas.
- 919 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the premises purchased in Justin Avenue for the Broadmeadows Community

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Health Services Centre, as an alternative for the present centre situated at 3 Hilda Street:

- 1 Whether he will advise what progress has been made regarding planning for the premises and whether funds for renovation will be made available this financial year.
- 2 Whether he will provide details of all reports prepared in respect of the Justin Avenue premises, including any prepared by the Chief Inspector of Works.

Notice received on 4 December 1980

- 921 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether consideration has been given to each recommendation of the Board of Inquiry to investigate Claims about Children at St Nicholas' Hospital; if so, in each case—(a) on what date; (b) by whom; (c) what decisions have been reached; and (d) what progress has been made towards implementation.

Notices received on 5 December 1980

- 925 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of staffing in each school in the electoral district of Brunswick:
- 1 What was the enrolment by grade or form in 1979 and 1980 and what is the estimate for 1981.
 - 2 What was the number of teachers in 1979, 1980 and how many are proposed for 1981, specifying numbers of special need teachers and other special staffing categories.
 - 3 What is the reason for the reduction in staffing in each case.
- 926 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services how much is allocated to the Minister's Fund from Item 3.6 of Division No. 240—Community Welfare Services Administration, listed in the Estimates of the Receipts and Payments of the Consolidated Fund for 1980–81, and what criteria are used for such allocations.

Notices received on 10 December 1980

- 933 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What is the criteria for admission to Echuca Technical School.
 - 2 Whether this criteria will be made public so that parents of children seeking admission to this school become aware of it.
- 934 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What is the amount allocated for funding capital works in the Portland Region in 1980–81, indicating the increase or decreases over the amount spent in 1979–80.
 - 2 What were the amounts spent in the three previous years.
- 935 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the identification and examination of persons exposed before birth to diethyl stilboestrol, whether the paper titled "Elevated Serum Cathepsin B1 and Vaginal Pathology After Prenatal DES Exposure" (Peitras, Richard J. et al. *Obstet Gynecol* 1978 Sep; 52 (3) 321–7) has been examined and whether the examination of serum cathepsin B1 levels has been considered as a screening method; if so, what action has been taken as a result.

- 937 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 When answers will be provided to Questions Nos. 603, 604 and 620 concerning patronage and revenue collected on the Upfield line and others during 1979–80.
 - 2 How he justifies his announcement of 8 December concerning the closure of railway lines when data concerning patronage and revenue collected was not publicly available.
- 938 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether consideration has been given to remand prisoners entitlements to good conduct remissions for time served in the remand yard; if so, what is the result of such consideration and when such remissions are likely to come into practice.
- 939 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether details of the new remand building on the new site will be the subject of public consultation prior to its erection.
- 941 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of funds for day care centres whether he has received a submission from the Brunswick Creche and Day Nursery which demonstrates that the State subsidy is now totally insufficient to meet current costs; if so, what action is proposed to increase assistance to the Brunswick Creche and Day Nursery in order that it continues into its 86th year of operation.

Notices received on 11 December 1980

- 942 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the pre-school advisor for the north-west region of Victoria:
- 1 What arrangements currently exist for access to a motor vehicle.
 - 2 What is the area which has to be covered by the advisor, specifying the number of pre-school centres and the average monthly mileage of the advisor.
 - 3 Whether he is aware of concern by pre-school committees that their area is not able to be adequately serviced because of the lack of a specific vehicle for the advisor; if so, what action he proposes to take on this matter.
- 943 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the registration of occupational therapists:
- 1 When a submission for such registration was first received by him or the Health Commission.
 - 2 What his response and the Commission's response has been to date.
 - 3 Whether it is expected that occupational therapists will be registered in Victoria; if so, when and on what basis.

Notices received on 12 December 1980

- 950 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer why Alcoa's Portland transmission line does not appear in the list of major semi-government projects on Page 80 of the Budget Papers, 1980–81 and what are the latest cost estimates for—(a) the Melbourne–Geelong section; (b) the Geelong–Portland section; and (c) other named capital works associated with the project.
- 951 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy why the State Electricity Commission altered last year's accounts in

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comparison with the 1978-79 Annual Report in that Appendix 4 of its 1979-80 Annual Report shows that an amount of \$13 523 000 has been transferred from "Labour and associated charges, materials and other expenses" to "Purchased electricity and fuel" indicating what the \$13 523 000 was spent on.

- 952 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy why the State Electricity Commission has apparently abandoned the following quantified financial targets of—(a) maintaining an adequate level of liquid resources; and (b) achieving at least seven per cent return on investment, and whether he will supply updated versions of the relevant graphs which appeared on page 5 of the 1978-79 Annual Report but have been left out of the 1979-80 Annual Report.
- 954 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, as at 30 June 1980, on a field-by-field basis, what was the estimated size of Victoria's demonstrated brown coal resource and what proportion was defined as economically winnable.
- 955 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what proportions of Victoria's economically winnable brown coal resource, on a field-by-field basis, have been allocated or reserved for—(a) power generation; (b) briquette manufacture; (c) substitute natural gas; (d) solvent refined coal; (e) oil-from-coal; and (f) other named purposes.
- 958 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the review of the "charities" powers of the *Hospital and Charities Act 1958*:
- 1 Whether he has received any interim reports or the final report; if so, when.
 - 2 Whether he will make the reports available to the Member for Brunswick.
 - 3 When it is proposed that action on this matter, announced more than 12 months ago, will occur.
- 959 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of grants for services treating drug and/or alcohol abuse, which voluntary organizations have applied for financial assistance and which have received funds in the 1980-81 financial year, specifying the amount granted and the purpose.
- 960 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the head lice programme, which municipalities have employed nurses specifically to deal with the problem of head lice, specifying the cost in 1979-80 to each municipality, its reimbursement from the Health Commission and whether any municipalities have withdrawn or been added to the scheme this financial year.
- 961 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of funding for the construction of pre-schools:
- 1 What funds were available in 1979-80 and will be available in 1980-81, specifying the amount from Commonwealth sources.
 - 2 Which new or proposed pre-school centres are currently on the waiting list or have had a decision for subsidy deferred, specifying the date of application.
 - 3 Which pre-schools have had applications for extensions and alterations deferred, specifying the work applied for and when.

- 962 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of nursing services for—(a) the mentally retarded; and (b) patients in Mental Health Division institutions and services:
- 1 What is the present number of qualified nurses employed in direct nursing care of—(a) residents; and (b) patients.
 - 2 What is the present number of vacancies existing for qualified nurses to be employed in direct nursing care of—(a) residents; and (b) patients.
- 963 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of fixed and mobile dental services for school children in country areas, which schools were visited in 1980, indicating how many children were attended to in each school.
- 964 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the Early Childhood Development Programme:
- 1 What is the current staff establishment at each centre, indicating how many positions are filled and whether additional positions are envisaged before the end of the financial year.
 - 2 Whether any new centres or services are proposed this financial year; if so, where.
- 965 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, since 31 August 1978, in respect of hospital and nursing home beds registered under the Private Hospital Regulations:
- 1 How many beds have been registered, specifying the number in each category and the name, address and owner of each hospital in respect of which new or additional beds have been registered.
 - 2 How many beds have ceased to be registered, specifying the number in each category and the name, address and owner of each hospital so affected.
- 966 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of Uniform Foods legislation; whether the draft legislation has been finalized; if so, when; if not, when it is expected that inter-State and Federal negotiations will be completed.
- 967 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of ambulance services in Victoria:
- 1 What is the authorized strength of each service, indicating vacant positions, if any.
 - 2 What was the expenditure of each service in 1978–79, 1979–80 and estimated for 1980–81, specifying any State or Commonwealth contribution.
- 968 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry whether he will supply a statistical table showing, for each of the past ten financial years, the numbers of market sites registered and the numbers of—(a) factories; and (b) shops registered, in the following categories based on numbers of persons employed up to 4, 5 to 10, 11 to 20, 21 to 30, 31 to 50, 51 to 100, and 101 or more, distinguishing between Melbourne and the rest of Victoria, by region, if possible.
- 969 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Education, in relation to Stream 6 programmes being undertaken within Technical and Further Education in this State:
- 1 How many—(a) technical schools and colleges; and (b) other centres, are undertaking programmes.

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2 How many students are involved.

3 Whether the Government has directed that schools and colleges delete all staff required for Stream 6 classes from their staffing establishment requests for 1981, if so—(a) why; (b) how many teachers are involved; and (c) what steps will be taken to assist students who will be seriously disadvantaged.

970 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Community Health Programme, what funds have been made available in the last and in this financial year for re-current and capital purposes, respectively, for—(a) the Hospitals Division; (b) the Public Health Division; (c) the Mental Health Division, specifying drug and alcohol services; (d) the Mental Retardation Division; and (e) other purposes, indicating the individual projects and the amount of funds received.

971 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:

1 How many dentists, advanced dental technicians, dental technicians and dental therapists, respectively, are—(a) registered in Victoria; and (b) practising in Victoria.

2 What is the present dentist to population ratio in—(a) country Victoria; and (b) the metropolitan area and whether ratios are available by regions; if so, what are the ratios.

3 What areas are currently assisted by Government assisted dental services in respect of—(a) hospitals with public dental clinics; (b) pre-school dental clinics; (c) school dental clinics, specifying category of service; and (d) community health centres.

4 At what stage are plans for each metropolitan regional clinic.

972 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of hospital deficits for 1979–80, what was the deficit surplus situation at each hospital as at 30 June 1980, what adjustments were subsequently made and for what reasons, what additional moneys, if any, were paid to each hospital and what surpluses were recovered.

973 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of services for the elderly:

1 Which municipalities receive subsidies towards the employment of welfare officers, specifying the number of officers and the amount of the subsidy in 1979–80 and estimated in 1980–81.

2 Which municipalities do not offer—(a) home help services; and (b) meals on wheels.

974 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware that the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust annual report has claimed that the fluoridation of Geelong's water supply is at a halt due to lack of government funding; if so, what action he or the Health Commission intends to take; if not, whether he will have urgent inquiries made and action taken.

975 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether he has requested the Commonwealth Minister of Education to allow funds earlier allocated for the Transition Education Advisory Committee programme for 1980 to be in fact spent on approved programmes in 1981, without affecting funds already planned to be spent in 1981; if so, what is the result of such a request; if not, whether he will make such a request.

- 976 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of funds supplied by the Commonwealth Government for the school building programme for each of the years 1978–79, 1979–80 and 1980–81, how those funds were spent, indicating the categories.
- 977 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What funds for the school building programme were retained in central accounts for disbursement, as against regional accounts, for each of the years 1977–78 to 1980–81, respectively.
 - 2 What is the rationale for such retention in each category of central accounts.
- 978 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in the years 1978–79 and 1979–80, how many of the approximately 1800 wards in voluntary and statutory residential care facilities are in facilities not in the same region as the children's families.
- 979 MR GINIFER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs:
- 1 Whether he is aware that in the April, 1976, Governor's Speech, it was announced that the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs would be enlarged so as to help all ethnic groups and migrant communities in their special needs.
 - 2 Whether the Ministry has established a needs index for each ethnic group.
- 980 MR GINIFER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs:
- 1 What is the cost to date of the research and development undertaken at the request of the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs for a multi-cultural television drama series for children.
 - 2 What is the estimated total cost of the project.
- 981 MR GINIFER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs what mechanisms exist within the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs for assisting newly arrived immigrants who are not employer nominated, to have their overseas qualifications recognized by the various accrediting bodies and/or to assist them with gaining of entry to bridging courses.
- 982 MR GINIFER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, as the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs spent \$90 000 on publicity in 1979–80 and only \$100 000 for the development of community service and welfare projects for ethnic groups, whether he will explain—(a) how these allocations were arrived at and what the rationale was behind the allocations; (b) who made the decisions; (c) why the allocation for development of community service and welfare projects has not increased during the past three years; and (d) what factual evidence the Ministry has to indicate that public relations is the area of greatest need.
- 983 MR GINIFER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs whether he will make available a breakdown of the \$90 213 spent by the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs on publicity during 1979–80, giving details of—(a) particular projects; (b) names of consultants employed; (c) total cost of each project; and (d) amount paid to each consultant.

- 984 MR GINIFER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs whether the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs has made any attempt to ascertain which are the areas of special needs for each ethnic group in Victoria; if so, what form this took and what were the results; if not, whether the Ministry will agree to undertake and complete a needs survey as a matter of urgency to isolate special needs in order of priority.
- 986 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the proposal that the Bright District Bush Nursing Hospital become a public hospital:
- 1 What progress has been made over the past six months in ensuring that it does become a public hospital.
 - 2 When it is expected that negotiations will be completed and funds become available, and if there is a delay, what is the reason for the delay.
- 987 MR GINIFER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs whether he will release the results of the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs' survey of services available to migrants in local municipalities, giving details of the services available to migrants in each municipality
- 988 MR GINIFER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs whether he will give details of the type of work translated by the translation unit during 1979–80 specifying—(a) the total number of requests; (b) the number of requests met by the translation unit; and (c) the substance of each request, giving, in each case, the name of the department or organization which made the request.
- 989 MR GINIFER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs whether the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs will be contributing to the 1981 Australian Calendar; if so, what contribution, financial or other, the Ministry will be making; if not, why.
- 990 MR GINIFER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs whether he will make available a detailed breakdown of the community relations activities of the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs for the year ending June 1980.
- 991 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he or the Health Commission has received a detailed submission from the Stawell District Hospital concerning the inadequacies of the nursing staff establishment at the hospital; if so, what action he proposes to remedy the situation.
- 992 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of each fee charged by, or paid to, the Health Commission what was the fee income in 1978–79, 1979–80 and what is the estimate for 1980–81.
- 993 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of district nursing services:
- 1 How many visits were made by each service in 1978–79 and 1979–80.
 - 2 What were the number of staff in FTE terms in each service in each of those years and which services, if any, have received increases in staff in 1980–81, indicating the number and type of staff.
- 994 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the school and pre-school medical service during 1980, indicating the respective schools and pre-school numbers separately:
- 1 How many children were examined.

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- 2 How many children—(a) received their routine initial medical examination; (b) did not receive such examination; and (c) received specialized examinations.
 - 3 How many schools and pre-schools were not visited by—(a) medical officers; (b) nursing staff; (c) medical officers; and (d) nursing staff.
 - 4 What is the establishment of the service and how many positions were filled in terms of full-time equivalents as at—(a) 1 January 1980; and (b) 1 January 1981.
- 995 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of—
(a) medical officers and related medical positions (apart from the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Divisions); and (b) dental officers and related dental positions in the Health Commission:
- 1 How many positions exist, specifying their designation, whether permanent or temporary or exempt and whether currently filled.
 - 2 Whether applications have been made to—(a) the Public Service Board; and (b) the Treasury for additional positions; if so, what applications and with what result.
- 996 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health which local government bodies do not provide home help services for the mentally and physically retarded, indicating why they are not participating.
- 999 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the school dental programme how many—(a) dentists; and (b) dental therapists are employed, specifying the number employed outside the metropolitan area.
- 1000 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, further to the answer to question No. 1821 given on 13 March 1980, when he proposes to carry out his undertaking that the tramway passenger statistics would be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 1002 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, regarding his document "The Victorian Building and Construction Industry: An Assessment", dated November 1980:
- 1 Why Alcoa's Portland Transmission Line does not appear in Statement 4 (list of major semi-government authority projects in progress or planned to commence in 1980-81).
 - 2 Why the Loy Yang and Driffield power stations and coalfield developments appear in the list of private sector projects and why Loy Yang is referred to as proposed rather than committed.
 - 3 Why the cost of the so-called proposed and private Loy Yang project is reported at \$2800 million in Statement 5 (which elsewhere is accurate to the nearest \$250 000) when Statement 4 has it costed at \$3043 million.
 - 4 Which oil companies and private interests are joining with the Victorian Government to build the proposed \$1 billion commercial coal liquefaction plant.
 - 5 Whether the Mitsui and Imhausen proposals for utilization of brown coal reserves are included in Statement 5; if so, where.
 - 6 Whether the American consortium mentioned by the Premier on 26 June 1980 as showing interest in coal liquefaction is included in Statement 5; if so, where.
 - 7 What is the ownership structure of the company proposing to develop the Gelliondale brown coal deposits and referred to as International Oil in Statement 5.

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- 8 Why the Appendix on data sources and interpretation, which mentions surveys of future construction activity undertaken by the Department of Housing and Construction, the Master Builders Federation of Australia and the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors, ignores the surveys carried out by the Australian Federation of Construction Contractors, whose members account for 80 to 90 per cent of construction industry turnover.
 - 9 Why in his Foreword he speaks of the confidence which should be engendered by the considerable number of major projects committed or proposed by the private sector in Victoria, when the latest quarterly survey by the Australian Federation of Construction Contractors estimates that Victoria will be the only State in which building and construction activity is likely to decline over the next five years, by 14 per cent annually in the case of engineering construction.
 - 10 Whether he can quantify the continuing trend for activity to swing away from more traditional building and construction projects into heavy engineering, especially resource-based projects referred to in his Foreword and reveal how much of the swing is due to unusual growth in heavy engineering and how much to unusual decline in traditional building and construction.
 - 11 Why this document does not show comparable detail to that contained in last year's version dated 11 October 1979 namely, the estimated capital works programmes of all departments, authorities and municipalities classified into—(a) Works and Services account; (b) Commonwealth special purpose funds; (c) Loan Council borrowings; (d) Trust Funds; (e) internal funds; and (f) other sources of capital funds for the latest two years.
 - 12 What is the reason for the following discrepancies between Statement 5 of this document and Appendix "B" of the Annual Report of the Department of State Development, Decentralization and Tourism—GMH (Fishermen's Bend) \$210 million compared with \$300 million; JLA (Westernport) unknown compared with \$25 million; GCL (Bacchus Marsh) \$20 million compared with \$2 million; Alcoa (Portland) \$350 million compared with \$400 million; Kominic (Latrobe Valley) \$40-50 million compared with \$100 million; and Loy Yang \$2800 million compared with \$3000 million; and whether he will indicate which figures are correct.
- 1004 **MR WILKES**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether he has had any discussion with the members of the Victorian Transport Study Inquiry concerning the recommendation of its report on the "VicRail Financial System"; if so, in view of these recommendations supporting the finding of the earlier Board of Inquiry into the Victorian Land Transport System (Bland) that the realities of VicRail's financial situation and their true commercial costs are indefinite and obscure, why the Study recommended closure of various railway lines following economic analysis based on faulty financial and cost data supplied by VicRail; if not, whether he will ascertain and advise why the closure of various railway lines was recommended.

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- 1006 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the National Data Base for Children's Services, and the material currently being prepared by the Health Commission for the study mentioned in the Progress Report of the State Co-ordination Council, December 1980, whether he will provide a copy of the Victorian material to the Member for Brunswick as soon as possible; if not, why.

- 1007 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 In each of the years 1977 to 1980, in what trades apprentices have been employed by the Department of Health and Mental Health Authority and subsequently by the Health Commission.
 - 2 What was the total number of—(a) apprentices employed; and (b) first year apprentices engaged by each of the branches.
 - 3 How many apprentices it is estimated will be employed this year, specifying the number beginning their apprenticeships.
- 1008 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the decision of the Executive Council on 17 February 1981 concerning the Infectious Diseases Hospital at Fairfield, whether a copy of the report or reports by the Health Commission and the Minister of Health that the hospital is inefficiently and incompetently managed will be made available to the Member for Brunswick; if not, why.
- 1009 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health why the limpet asbestos was removed at the Glenhantly Rehabilitation Centre and whether any other buildings which are the responsibility of the Health Commission have similar problems; if so, which buildings and what action is proposed.
- 1010 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the electoral district of Monbulk:
- 1 What access school children have to school dental services and how many children were examined by the School Dental Service in—(a) 1979; and (b) 1980.
 - 2 What plans exist for the construction of dental clinics within the electoral district of Monbulk and when it is expected that dental clinics and pads for mobile dental clinics will be constructed.
- 1011 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of staff positions in the Community Health Programme for each of the past three years, specifying separately in respect of—(i) the Hospitals Division; (ii) the Mental Health Division; (iii) Mental Retardation Services; (iv) Early Childhood Services; and (v) other services:
- 1 What were the number of positions agreed to.
 - 2 How many of the approved positions have been filled.
 - 3 What is the number of approved positions which have not been able to be filled because of financial constraints.
- 1012 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether the recommendation by the National Health and Medical Research Council that children should be no longer excluded from school if suffering from head lice or nits will be adopted; if so, what arrangements will be made to supervise continuing treatment.
- 1013 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer, in respect of the past financial year, what Commonwealth Government grants have been made to the State for health purposes, specifying the State contribution in each area, whether any moneys remained unspent and the grants agreed to for this financial year.
- 1014 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, in respect of Tender E.19349 concerning the Glenhantly Rehabilitation Centre:
- 1 Whether he will provide information on other public buildings where limpet asbestos has been removed or where it has to be removed.

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- 2 What are the details of the Public Works Department's policy and practice on the removal of asbestos.
- 1015 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of drug offences, how many offences were reported in 1979 and 1980, respectively, specifying the age and sex of the person charged and the type of drug involved.
- 1016 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing how many single parent families with one child are on the tenancy waiting list for the metropolitan area and what is the approximate waiting time for such housing.
- 1017 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 How many aged persons flats the Housing Commission has for rent, indicating the number of—(a) high rise; and (b) other flats, and whether in metropolitan or non-metropolitan areas.
 - 2 How many aged persons are presently on the waiting list for aged persons flats and what is the current waiting time for—(a) high rise; and (b) other flats, specifying whether in metropolitan or non-metropolitan areas.
 - 3 How many additional units have been constructed in each of the past three years and what number of units will be completed this financial year, specifying whether in metropolitan or non-metropolitan areas.
 - 4 What increase in the number of aged persons flats is proposed under present building programmes.
 - 5 What is the current waiting time in the cities of—(a) Brunswick; and (b) Coburg.
- 1018 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 When kindergarten subsidies were last reviewed.
 - 2 When it is intended that subsidies will again be reviewed.
- 1019 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Premier, in respect of the employment of physically and mentally handicapped persons, whether there have been any additional directions relating to the employment of such persons by the Public Service Board and other public instrumentalities since his answer on 11 April 1978 and whether the information on the number of such persons recruited and employed will be provided for the past three years.
- 1020 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Ballarat Base and District Hospital and further to the answer is question No. 1242 given on 12 March 1980:
- 1 Whether the hospital has now been told that the replacement of the Queen Victoria block's medical wards is on the "5 year plan"; if so, what is its position on the plan.
 - 2 Whether architects have yet been employed; if not, when the Hospital Board will be given approval to employ them.
 - 3 When it is expected that documentation will be completed and approved.
 - 4 When it is expected that building works will actually commence.
- 1021 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Southern Peninsula Hospital at Rosebud:
- 1 What was the cost of planning fees paid to architects and quantity surveyors for the major extension, including the additional 30 nursing home beds and whether any of the drawings or work done will be used in respect of new plans for the hospital.

- 2 Whether plans have been agreed on for upgrading of the casualty department and other areas of the hospital; if so, when it is expected that work will be commenced and what contribution there will be from the State Government.
 - 3 When the application was made to the Health Commission to construct a private hospital on land next door to the Southern Peninsula Hospital and when the details of the application were made known to the joint working party.
 - 4 What effect the construction of the private hospital will have on the development of the Southern Peninsula Hospital, and on the Frankston Hospital.
 - 5 What are the details of the agreed application for the private hospital.
- 1022 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether action has been or will be taken on the recommendation of the Ninetieth Session of the National Health and Medical Research Council that bottles and cans of drinks containing alcohol should be labelled with the advice that alcohol taken by pregnant women may be dangerous to the unborn child; if so, what action; is not, why.
- 1023 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Educational Services, further to the answer to question No. 672 given on 10 March 1980 concerning cyclic maintenance at Brunswick High School, whether he will indicate in which financial year cyclic maintenance will be carried out.
- 1024 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of Queensland fruit fly outbreaks in Victoria in each of the past five summers:
- 1 How many separate outbreaks were detected in each summer, indicating in each case—(a) how it was detected; (b) the date and location of the initial detection; (c) the areas ultimately involved in the outbreak; (d) the methods of control or eradication; (e) the date on which fruit fly were last detected in the area; and (f) whether the area is now free of fruit fly.
 - 2 What steps were taken to ensure the earliest possible detection of new outbreaks or the extension of existing outbreaks.
 - 3 How many grubs taken from fruit were sent by fruit-growers to the Department of Agriculture for identification, indicating the number identified as Queensland fruit fly larvae from—(a) known outbreak areas; and (b) new outbreaks.
- 1025 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, in respect of tenders invited for the connection to sewer of the Animal Research Institute, Werribee:
- 1 What buildings and other facilities are to be connected to the sewer.
 - 2 Whether the connection will ensure compliance with Environment Protection Authority requirements regarding discharge of liquid waste from the Gilbert Chandler Institute of Dairy Technology.
- 1026 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether the recommendation by the National Health and Medical Research Council that children should be no longer excluded from school if suffering from head lice or nits, will be adopted; if so, what arrangements will be made to supervise continuing treatment.

1027 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of the approval of the expenditure of funds appropriated to Melton's development by item 161 of the *Public Works and Services Act 1980*:

- 1 When advice of projects proposed by the Shire of Melton was first received.
- 2 What steps he took in response to that advice before Cabinet approval of the 1980 Public Works and Services Bill.
- 3 When he became aware of Cabinet approval of the Bill.
- 4 When he became aware of the amount to be appropriated to Melton and Sunbury development as approved by Cabinet.
- 5 What steps he took prior to passage of the Bill through Parliament toward the later approval of projects to be funded.
- 6 What procedures were followed in the approval of projects, indicating the origin and reason for each procedure.
- 7 Which proposed projects were referred to other departments, statutory authorities or other instrumentalities, indicating in each case the instrumentality, the date and purpose of the original referral and the date of the final reply.
- 8 What were the dates on which approval was given to proceed with projects to be funded.

1028 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of consideration by the Country Roads Board of roadworks in Melton to be funded from an appropriation in item 161 of the *Public Works and Services Act 1980*:

- 1 When the proposed roadworks were first referred to the Board by the Minister for Planning or personnel responsible to him.
- 2 What procedures were followed in considering the projects, indicating the origin and reason for each procedure.
- 3 When the final reply was sent.

1029 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer, in respect of the expenditure of funds appropriated to Melton's development by item 161 of the *Public Works and Services Act 1980*:

- 1 Why projects proposed to be funded from the appropriation were referred to Treasury.
- 2 What procedures were followed by Treasury in considering the projects, indicating the origin and reason for each procedure.

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1030 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Employment and Training, in view of the Government's establishing a "hot-line" to supply employers with information on how to go about employing an apprentice, whether he will indicate—(a) the number of inquiries received through this "hot-line" since it opened on 16 February; (b) the type of inquiry that has been received; and (c) the areas of Victoria from which inquiries have been received.

1031 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in relation to the Woori Yallock primary school:

- 1 What is the current school enrolment and the expected enrolment in 1982.

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- 2 What is the reason for the delay in determining whether the school will be relocated.
 - 3 Whether, in view of the significance of adequate library facilities to any school, a relocatable library will be made available to the school, and if so, when.
- 1032 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health how many new Community Centres are being constructed during the 1980–81 financial year, indicating the locations.
- 1033 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what was the number and nature of crimes reported in 1980 at the Fawkner, Pascoe Vale South and Coburg police stations, respectively.
- 1034 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs:
- 1 What were the ten major national origins of the 21 333 new settlers to Victoria from overseas during 1979–80.
 - 2 What were the comparable statistics for 1978–79.
- 1035 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs:
- 1 How many citizenship certificates were conferred in each municipality in 1980.
 - 2 How many other citizenship certificates were conferred in private ceremonies.
 - 3 How many citizenship certificates were conferred in Victoria in 1980, indicating the former nationalities of these new Australian citizens.
- 1036 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer which statutory authorities other than the State Electricity Commission negotiated loans with interest rates of 18 per cent or more during 1980.
- 1037 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works how many of the more than 1000 oil-fired heaters in Government buildings were converted to other forms of heating during 1980.
- 1038 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services how many schools were converted from oil-fired heaters during 1979 and 1980, indicating such schools within the electoral district of Coburg.
- 1039 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing how many Housing Commission homes have been constructed in Fawkner, indicating the respective number available for rent and still available for purchase.
- 1040 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what is the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board estimate of the number of passengers carried on the—(a) East Coburg; (b) North Coburg; and (c) West Coburg tram routes.
- 1041 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 Which schools in Victoria were entitled as at 1 March 1981 in terms of their enrolment to additional clerical assistance, teacher aides, and other support staff, respectively, but had not received such appointments due to the Government staff ceiling.
 - 2 When it is now expected, that these vacancies in the school establishment will be filled in each case.

- 1042 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what amount was collected in Land Tax in each of the past five years, indicating for each year the—(a) number; and (b) value of assessments issued and the cost of administration as a percentage of revenue actually obtained.
- 1043 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 and 10 December 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information relating to those departments and statutory authorities not required to table their reports in Parliament which he supplied directly to the then Leader of the Opposition in response to question No. 1642 of April 1977, whether he will now make available this information for incorporation, together with any subsequent changes.
- 1044 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 and 10 December 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on the right of nomination to public bodies which he supplied directly to the then Member for Melbourne in response to question No. 1180 of 8 December 1976, whether he will now make available this information for incorporation, together with any subsequent changes.
- 1045 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 and 10 December 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on Government inquiries, Royal Commissions and Parliamentary committee investigations which he supplied directly to the then Member for Melbourne in response to question No. 639 of 15 October 1976, whether he will now make available this information for incorporation, together with any subsequent changes.
- 1046 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 and 10 December 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on administrative and advisory boards and committees which he supplied directly to the then Member for Melbourne in response to question No. 1401 of 8 December 1976, whether he will now make available this information for incorporation, together with any subsequent changes.
- 1047 MR KIRKWOOD—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 In each of the past three years, how many students attending East Preston, Thornbury, Newlands and Preston Girls High Schools, respectively, left school before sitting for the Higher School Certificate.
 - 2 What was the percentage pass rate for the Higher School Certificate at each school in each of the past three years.
- 1048 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been undertaken to ensure that a wider variety of residential facilities with stronger after-care supports are developed under the guidance of the Department for Community Welfare Services to meet the assessed needs of those offending and misbehaving children who require residential care and treatment, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1049 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What progress has been made in expanding the Mental Health Authority facilities to enable severely and profoundly retarded children who require full-time nursing care or highly specialized supervision to be transferred from children's homes and reception centres to specialist accommodation so that the development of other children is not disadvantaged by the

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staff's disproportionate involvement with handicapped children, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

2 How many children are resident at Allambie Reception Centre who are severely and profoundly retarded and require full-time nursing care or highly specialized supervision.

1050 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps have been taken to ensure that the Education Department provides educational assessment services for children who come into residential care, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1051 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that increased attention is given to teaching Wards social competence and social survival skills, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1052 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in ensuring that specialist services for Wards and other children in residential care is expanded and that specialists providing these services are involved in programme development and in acting as consultants to other staff as well as providing treatment for individual children, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1053 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken by the Department of Community Welfare Services to improve the register of its Wards with special needs and to ensure that staff are available to keep children's progress under review and ensure that all appropriate facilities and services are marshalled to meet their needs; and that the same staff are to be responsible for ensuring that children who must be cared for in specialist facilities have as much access as possible to normal community activities, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1054 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in ensuring that the whole range of residential child care facilities is made more flexible and staff strengthened to enable children with special needs to be included in normal programmes unless full-time nursing care or highly specialized supervision is required, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1055 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

1 Whether a review has been carried out of the existing staff establishments of all Community Welfare Services Children's Homes and Reception Centres as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

2 What are the present staff establishments of all Community Welfare Services Children's Homes and Reception Centres.

1056 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what efforts have been made to encourage parents to maintain contact with children in children's homes and foster care, and whether realistic reimbursements of expenses have been implemented as an integral part of this programme, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

- 1057 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that children are not placed with holiday hosts as a matter of routine during school holidays in order to allow children's homes staff to take holiday leave, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1058 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps have been taken to ensure that brothers and sisters are not separated by age and sex on admission to reception facilities and children's homes, save in exceptional circumstances, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1059 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that as a condition of appointment as superintendent of a children's home, applicants be required to have successfully completed a recognized child care training course or possess another appropriate qualification as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1060 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in ensuring that the composition and competence of the Boards of Management of children's homes and other voluntary welfare agencies are included in the criteria when licences or contracts are being negotiated; and, further, what stipulations have been placed on Boards to ensure that a significant proportion of each Board's members be required to have some expertise or experience in the welfare or child care field, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1061 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what is the position in each Region in respect of the recommendation that the Department of Community Welfare Services should be responsible for ensuring that a wider variety of accommodation options be made available for adolescents who leave residential care and are unable to live with relatives or board with private families, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1062 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken in ensuring that congregate children's homes accommodate not more than 40 children and that remaining large congregate homes are phased out, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1063 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in developing reception and on-going residential facilities in all Regions without the establishment of any more large congregate Reception Centres or homes, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1064 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to remodel the Family Welfare Advisory Council, giving it wider scope, strengthening it and renaming it "The Family Welfare Council" making it responsible to the Minister for Community Welfare Services, with appropriate sub-committees, which will submit a report annually to the Minister, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

- 1065 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in not deferring recommendations in the Report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976 which can be implemented with only minor legislative change while the legislation is under more rigorous review.
- 1066 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to the answer to question No. 854 given on 10 March 1981:
- 1 What monitoring of the sale and use of prostaglandins is carried out.
 - 2 Whether there have been any allegations or evidence that prostaglandins have been sold or used in breach of Schedule 7 to the *Poisons Act* 1962.
 - 3 Whether the sale or use of any prostaglandins have been investigated; if so, whether any breaches of Schedule 7 have been detected.
 - 4 What action has been taken on any apparent breaches of Schedule 7 in respect of prostaglandins.
- 1067 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in instituting formal Children's Court proceedings against alleged offenders only when the facts of innocence or guilt are in dispute, when alleged offences are serious, or when the child's pattern of behaviour or his family's situation indicates that something more than a warning may be appropriate, as recommended in the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1068 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether evaluation has taken place of the effectiveness of the warning system so that consideration can be given to the introduction of juvenile aid panels as recommended in the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1069 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that the police warning system is embodied in legislation and implemented statewide as a means of dealing with minor offenders, as recommended in the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1070 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in respect of the re-examination of provisions for defining and initiating action in respect of children who misbehave and offend, such examination having been part of a legislative review recommended in the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1071 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made by the Department of Community Welfare Services in respect of each of the aspects of the recommendation contained in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976 that the *Community Welfare Services Act* 1970 and the *Children's Court Act* 1973 be reviewed by a committee comprising both legal and welfare specialists, having regard to the guidelines set out elsewhere in the report that there should also be a continuing body with responsibility for on-going review and that consideration be given to including the *Adoption of Children Act* 1964 in this legislative review.
- 1072 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in the interest of efficiency and coherence in the State welfare field, what consideration has been given to appointing all social workers in State Government employment to the Department of Community Welfare Services as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.

- 1073 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 To what extent each Regional Centre has been delegated a high degree of autonomy as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.
 - 2 To what extent an even level of services is provided at each Regional Centre and to what extent reasonably uniform decision-making is achieved throughout the State, as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.
- 1074 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in respect of the assumption of responsibility for the immediate and long-term development of preventive programmes by the Department of Community Welfare Services, as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.
- 1075 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in respect of the systematic implementation by the Department of Community Welfare Services of the provisions under sections 5 and 13 of the *Community Welfare Services Act 1970*, as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.
- 1076 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether the Government has received the recommendations contained in the report by the National Women's Advisory Council entitled "My Child Was Born Disabled"; if so—(a) to which Ministers the recommendations have been referred; (b) whether the recommendations have been considered by Cabinet; and (c) what decisions have been taken.
- 1077 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Forests, further to the answer to question No. 692 given on 9 December 1980, what grass and bush fires were suspected by the Forests Commission of Victoria to have been deliberately lit, spread from fires allegedly lit in breach of the regulations or other fire restrictions and spreading from fires allegedly lit in prohibited periods and on days of acute fire danger notified under the *Forests Act 1958* in the 1979–80 and 1980–81 seasons, indicating in each case the date and place the fire was detected.
- 1078 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Further to the answer to question No. 692 given on 9 December 1980, what grass and bush fires were suspected by the Country Fire Authority to have been deliberately lit, spread from fires allegedly lit in breach of the regulations or other fire restrictions and spreading from fires allegedly lit in breach of total fire bans proclaimed under the *Country Fire Authority Act 1958* in the 1979–80 and 1980–81 seasons, indicating in each case the date and place the fire was detected.
 - 2 What fires have been investigated by the police since 25 November 1980, indicating in each case—(a) what charges have been laid; (b) what convictions have been obtained, indicating the penalty imposed in respect of each charge proven; and (c) what charges have been withdrawn and what charges have been dismissed.

- 1079 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether the Government has accepted the recommendations contained in the report by the National Women's Advisory Council entitled "My Child Was Born Disabled" to—(a) cause modification to all public transport to ensure that disabled persons and their families can carry essential equipment; (b) remove physical barriers to the travel of disabled persons to enable them to travel as freely as non-disabled persons; (c) provide such facilities as—(i) entrances without steps in all public buildings; (ii) kerbless parking areas with sufficient space beside the vehicle to allow movement into and out of a wheelchair; (iii) a contributable transport scheme either as a taxi co-operative system or government-subsidized taxi service for disabled persons; and (iv) unisex toilets for disabled adults for those disabled people who cannot use toilets without assistance; if not, why.
- 1080 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works whether the Government has accepted the recommendation contained in the report by the National Women's Advisory Council entitled "My Child Was Born Disabled" to provide such facilities as entrances without steps in public buildings; if not, why.
- 1081 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to the answer to question No. 907 given on 10 March 1981, whether the Health Commission will seek statutory standards for such products in respect of nutritional value and cholesterol content with such standards used for normal testing programmes; if not, why.
- 1082 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many train derailments have occurred in the first six months of this financial year, and where they have occurred.
- 1083 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 What land purchases were made by the Housing Commission during 1980.
 - 2 Whether any purchases were made in excess of the Valuer-General's valuation.
- 1084 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what amount has been collected in oil royalties in each of the past five years.

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- 1085 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Premier, in respect of the Premier's 1976 election policy speech indicating that Urban Land Council funds should be used to bring down the initial cost of land by about two-thirds, by permitting the cost of the services to be paid over a period:
- 1 What steps have been taken to implement the policy, indicating the date of each such step.
 - 2 What further action will be taken to implement the policy, indicating the date by which it will be completely put into effect.
- 1086 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, further to the answer to question No. 379 given on 11 March 1981:
- 1 Whether there are any additional figures available, indicating the proportion of students commencing secondary education in each region—(a) leaving at the minimum age; (b) leaving school after completing year 10; (c) leaving school after completing year 11; and (d) leaving school after completing year 12; if so, what are the details.
 - 2 Whether figures similar to those provided in the answer are available for each category of Government and non-Government schools respectively; if so, what are the details.
- 1087 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps have been taken to ensure that ethnic groups are represented on important committees and advisory councils in the child and family welfare field, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1088 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure the greater use of carefully selected and trained volunteers, especially in implementing Supervision Orders and other activities requiring direct contact with families and children, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1089 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the Department of Community Welfare Services has adopted the general principle that the State should retain final responsibility for children in its care even if the actual services are carried out by the voluntary agencies, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1090 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what attempts have been made to ensure that voluntary agencies play an integral part in policy development and service delivery especially through consultative and other councils and committees established by State authorities, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1091 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether negotiations have begun with the Commonwealth Government to ensure that all Commonwealth funding for child and family welfare organizations are channelled through the State Government even if the general areas in which funds are to be expended are determined at Federal level, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.

- 1092 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that improved interpreter services are made available when non-English-speaking clients are dealing with welfare organizations, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1093 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in ensuring that aboriginal and other ethnic groups are given a voice when major decisions are made about children of their own group, and that any special, relevant, cultural factors be considered when decisions are made, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1094 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether compulsory maintenance payments by parents of children in the care of the Department of Community Welfare Services have been abolished, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1095 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What progress has been made by the Department of Community Welfare Services in making available temporary emergency care facilities for children as a form of positive assistance, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 Whether he accepts the principles that such temporary care should be provided as part of an overall assistance programme for the family, that it should be provided with adequate safeguards to avoid abuse and that it should not involve the State in accepting a guardianship role.
 - 3 Whether consideration has been given to contracting out such a temporary care serve as recommended in the report of the Committee.
 - 4 Whether minor legislative changes will be introduced to allow Reception Centres to be used for this purpose, as recommended in the report of the Committee.
- 1096 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What action has been taken by the Department of Community Welfare Services to promote the development of a series of community-based remedial facilities for children who offend or misbehave, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 Whether consideration has been given to making attendance at such centres an option specifically stated in legislation, as recommended in the report of the Committee.
- 1097 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What measures have been taken to encourage magistrates to use supervision orders more frequently and to ensure that appropriate staffing and support resources are made available to enable orders to be implemented adequately, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 Whether magistrates are being kept up to date on the resources available in the child and family field, as recommended in the report of the Committee.

- 1098 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in using temporary foster homes as a component of decentralized pre-Court and reception facilities for children where severe problems of management or security are not likely to be encountered, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1099 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that foster care programmes operated by voluntary agencies are subject to licensing requirements and contractual arrangements in line with those which apply to voluntary children's homes, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1100 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether the services required of individual agencies have been clearly formulated and arranged on a contractual basis where agencies carry out functions which are the Department of Community Welfare Services responsibility, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
 - 2 Whether attempts have been made to draw up the contracts directly between the Department and the agencies; if not, why.
- 1101 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether the system of open-ended approval of children's homes has been replaced with a system of fixed-term licensing, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
 - 2 Whether licensing requirements now apply to all residential child care agencies and other family welfare agencies which have a component of providing care for children apart from their families, as recommended by the Committee; if not, why.
- 1102 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the composition of the Adoption Conference has been expanded to include representatives of those professions involved in the adoption field and adopting parents and people who have themselves been adopted, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1103 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken by the Department of Community Welfare Services to ensure that where dispensation of parents' consent to adoption is being sought, judicial decisions do not result in children being deprived of the opportunity for a permanent family home, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1104 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether consideration has been given by the Department of Community Welfare Services to establishing a more adequate system of subsidies for approved adoption agencies, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.

- 1105 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the Government intends to implement the recommendation that a system of adoption subsidies be developed to enable more lower income families to adopt children and that subsidies be available to all families who adopt children with special needs, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if so, when.
- 1106 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What progress has been made in implementing the twelve-monthly mandatory reviews of Wards and other children in substitute care as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 Whether machinery has been set up to ensure that the reviews are carried out; if not, why; if so, whether they are being carried out by a joint committee of the Department of Community Welfare Services and voluntary agencies' representatives, and the inclusion of one representative of the agency caring for the child, where applicable, and on a regional level, as recommended in the report of the Committee.
 - 3 Whether administrative procedures have been devised to ensure that children and families who require closer attention are the subject of more frequent review, as recommended in the report of the Committee.
- 1107 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the Government has developed training schemes for foster parents and ensured that experienced staff are available at all times for supervision and support, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1108 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to implement the recommendation that, as a matter of principle, only the Court and the Director-General of the Department of Community Welfare Services should continue to have power to alter a child's legal status, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1109 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the Government intends that foster parents be more realistically reimbursed for their services, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1110 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether appeal provisions have been made available for children admitted by the decision of the Director-General of Community Welfare Services under section 35 (1) of the *Community Welfare Services Act 1970*, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria; if not, why.
- 1111 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether a wider range of options, including short-term admission to State residential care without change of guardianship or power to require children to attend non-residential remedial programmes has been made available to the Children's Court and appropriate supporting facilities developed, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.

- 1112 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What action has been taken to ensure that in the first instance and irrespective of the mode of admission, Community Welfare Services guardianship should not be for a period exceeding twelve months, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 What action is intended in implementing the recommendation that following the initial twelve-month period, longer-term guardianship be entered into only as a last resort if a careful assessment of children and their families indicates that this is the least harmful option for the child or is necessary to protect society, as stated in the report of the Committee.
- 1113 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether children are now being legally represented in their own right when the Court considers making a decision which would alter the child's legal status, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 Whether the recommendation that legal aid be made available if, for any reason, it appears to the Court that it is in the child's interest, has been adopted.
 - 3 Whether the Department of Community Welfare Services working in conjunction with the Public Solicitor's Office of the Law Department provides legal representation, as recommended in the report of the Committee.
- 1114 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that human dignity is maintained by recommending a number of changes both in Children's Court proceedings and in the physical surroundings in which they take place, as set out in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1115 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what procedures have been adopted to ensure that the respective roles of police and staff of the Department of Community Welfare Services in respect of children are clarified at inter-departmental level, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1116 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services when—(a) he intends to use his powers under section 32 of the *Community Welfare Services Act 1970* to authorize the Department's officers to intervene where children are alleged to be improperly treated and to enter premises under warrant as a last resort after other actions have failed; and (b) police involvement in child protection proceedings will be phased down, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1117 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what steps have been taken to ensure that the teaching on human relationships is expanded in tertiary education establishments as well as in primary and secondary schools, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

- 1118 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what attempts have been made by the Department of Community Welfare Services to implement the recommendation to maintain an on-going public education and information campaign to make the community aware of the stresses which modern life imposes on individuals and families and to the means through which help may be obtained, as outlined in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1119 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps have been taken in collaboration with the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation and the Education Department to expand the use of school premises after school hours, at weekends and in holidays, to provide recreation programmes for children and parents, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1120 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether any progress has been made in developing and progressively implementing throughout the State, a comprehensive family welfare programme which will marshal all resources of statutory, voluntary and local government agencies to provide a full range of family developmental services, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1121 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in developing preventive programmes in a metropolitan and a country region to provide a range of basic supportive services, as set out in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976, indicating whether the effectiveness of these programmes have been fully evaluated as a guide for future development in other regions, as recommended in the report of the Committee.
- 1122 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what attempts have been made to ensure that research and data collection in the Department of Community Welfare Services and in other parts of the welfare field are improved, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1123 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in implementing the recommendation that contracts with residential care organizations stipulate all aspects of service required, not only accommodation and provision of physical care, and that the system of licensing and contracting with voluntary agencies involve close consultation with the Department of Community Welfare Services to enable the voluntary agencies to improve and refine the services and facilities they provide, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

QUESTIONS

Notices received on 17 March 1981

- 1124 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what proportion of total pay-roll tax receipts was paid by rural industry in the last financial year, indicating the proportion paid by the fruit industry.
- 1125 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Employment and Training how many approved applicants for apprenticeship in each trade were unable to undertake training at the commencement of 1981, indicating how many were girls.
- 1126 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Employment and Training how many indentured apprentices are females, indicating the trades in which they are employed.
- 1127 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing how many Housing Commission homes have been constructed in Coburg, indicating the number still available for rental or purchase, respectively.
- 1128 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what amount the Government has spent during each of the past five years on metropolitan roads and country roads, respectively, indicating the proportion spent on—
(a) construction; (b) maintenance; (c) wages and salaries; (d) traffic management; and (e) protection of future options.
- 1129 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Premier what amount the Government has spent on advertising the “Jobs from Growth” strategies on—(a) television; (b) radio; (c) newspapers; and (d) publications.
- 1130 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what revenue was collected at each station on the Upfield railway line during each of the months of September to December 1980.
- 1131 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture:
- 1 What areas in Victoria were designated fruit fly area by the Department of Agriculture between 30 September 1980 and 17 March 1981.
 - 2 What is the total area so designated since 30 September 1980.
 - 3 What is the estimated value of crops destroyed within the areas concerned since 30 September 1980.
 - 4 On what date the Government discontinued the road block system of inspection on allocated highways and main roads within Victoria.
 - 5 What was the annual cost of the road block system for the year 1979–80.
 - 6 Whether the incidence of fruit fly increases when road blocks are withdrawn.
- 1132 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture on what date he received a request from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for supplementary funds in 1980–81, what steps he took in response to the request and on what date or dates he advised the Society of the Government’s response, indicating the content of that advice.

- 1133 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer whether he has received any submission seeking supplementary funds to maintain the inspection activities of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; if so—(a) on what date he received the submission, indicating its source; and (b) what action has been taken.
- 1134 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the White Paper on Strategies and Structures for Education in Victorian Government Schools as related to Technical Schools:
- 1 How they will be administered.
 - 2 Whether staff will remain at a ratio of 1 to 14.
 - 3 Whether schools will be equipped to present standards.
 - 4 How corporate management groups will operate.
- 1135 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the White Paper on Strategies and Structures for Education in Victorian Government Schools:
- 1 Whether the curriculum of technical schools will remain different from high schools.
 - 2 Whether there will be a core curriculum for all post-secondary schools.
 - 3 What changes will be made to methods of transfer between technical and high schools.
 - 4 What is the situation in relation to trade teachers whose present qualifications may not allow them to have secondary registration.
 - 5 What is the present situation in the Northern Region in relation to the 2000 apprentices who were turned away and whether the situation is likely to improve.
 - 6 What is the situation regarding the Coburg School of Textiles and the proposed forced transfer to Warrnambool.
- 1136 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the White Paper on Strategies and Structures for Education in Victorian Government Schools as related to current Education Department policy what is the position concerning upgrading of programmes in the special needs component which have been cut back at the Glenroy Technical School.
- 1137 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the White Paper on Strategies and Structures for Education in Victorian Government schools as related to the concept of school based autonomy how the northern region will be involved in view of the fact that basic decisions will be made at Head Office on such matters as funding large expenditure items, staffing and building.
- 1138 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the White Paper on Strategies and Structures for Education in Victorian Government Schools as related to the unavailability of emergency teachers whether there is a likelihood of increased funding to maintain normal school activities such as camps and excursions.

1139 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the electrification of the Werribee railway line:

- 1 In what year funds were first allocated, indicating the purposes for which they were to be used and the year in which it was then proposed that electrification would be completed.
- 2 What funds were allocated in each year to date, indicating the amount expended and purpose for which they were to be used.
- 3 When it was decided that the commencement of electrified services would coincide with the northern loop of the Melbourne underground rail loop coming into service, indicating what immediate effect that decision had on the date for the introduction of such services.
- 4 When it is now expected that electrified services will be introduced.
- 5 What are the reasons for the announced deferral of the commencement of electrified services until late 1982, indicating in relation to each reason, the facts used to substantiate the reason.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

QUESTIONS

Notices received on 18 March 1981

- 1140 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture what further codes for the welfare of farm animals are in preparation in addition to the Codes of Accepted Farming Practice already approved by the Governor in Council, indicating in each case when it is expected that the code will be approved.
- 1141 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture in respect of the Codes of Accepted Farming Practice which have been approved by the Governor in Council and appearing in *Victoria Government Gazette* No. 16 of Wednesday, 18 February 1981, what steps have been taken to advise—
(a) livestock transport operators; (b) beef and dairy farmers; (c) pig farmers; (d) sheep farmers; (e) goat farmers; (f) deer farmers; and (g) poultry farmers, of the provisions of the Codes.
- 1142 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of the Code of Accepted Farming Practice for the Welfare of Animals During Transportation:
- 1 What is the maximum period for each species considered to be “recent” in the provision “animals awaiting transporation should have recent access to water”.
 - 2 What exceptions are implied by the term “where possible” in the provision “loaded vehicles and trailers should not be parked so that animals are exposed to extremes of heat for more than one hour where possible without shade and adequate ventilation”.
 - 3 What are the bases for the periods 36 hours and 6 hours in the provision “no animal should be left without water for more than 36 hours; this period may be extended if the journey can be completed within 6 hours”.
 - 4 What criteria are to be applied in determining the suitability of ventilation in containers used for the transportation of chicks.
- 1143 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of the Code of Accepted Farming Practice for the Welfare of Cattle:
- 1 Why there is no provision for restraint used on cattle to include procedures and equipment chosen to minimize the risk of injury and pain to the animal.
 - 2 What are considered to be “the interests of animal welfare” which might justify tail docking.
 - 3 In relation to the use of an anaesthetic in spaying what is meant by the term “as appropriate”.
- 1144 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of the Code of Accepted Farming Practice for the Welfare of Sheep, why there is no provision for restraint used on sheep to include procedures and equipment chosen to minimize the risk of injury and pain.

- 1145 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of the Code of Accepted Farming Practice for the Welfare of the Domestic Fowl:
- 1 What is meant by the use of the word “modified” in the provision “disease should be treated, prevented or modified where possible”.
 - 2 What is the basis of the implicit acceptance of death rates up to one per cent per week in the provision “if deaths exceed one per cent per week”.
- 1146 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received correspondence and a submission from the Town Clerk, City of Fitzroy, concerning the redirection of funds from the de Paul Centre to the Fitzroy Community Health Association; if so, what action he proposes taking in relation to the correspondence and submission.
- 1147 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health which State Institutions are using the contraceptive “Depo-Provera” indicating on what basis and whether he will make a statement on its safety or otherwise and, if not, why.
- 1148 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Which institutions are using the contraceptive “Depo-Provera” indicating on what basis.
 - 2 What consultations on its safety have occurred and with whom.
- 1149 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 In respect of district nursing services at the Kyneton District Hospital, what has been the increase in the last three years, and what is the expected requirement for this year.
 - 3 How many nurses are employed, and what allowance is made for the size of the area to be covered.
 - 3 What is the Kyneton Hospital’s priority rating for the appointment of an additional nurse or nurses, and when it is expected that such an appointment will be made.
- 1150 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, in respect of the studies by British consultants engaged to investigate certain aspects of a nuclear project:
- 1 What is the name of the firm of consultants.
 - 2 What was the date on which the consultants were—(a) engaged; and (b) commenced their investigation.
 - 3 What were the terms of reference specified to the consultants.
 - 4 What fee has been or is to be paid to the consultants and how was the fee determined.
 - 5 What source or sources of nuclear fuel have been considered.
 - 6 What type or types of nuclear power station have been considered.
 - 7 What manner or manners of treatment, disposal and/or reprocessing of spent fuel and other radioactive wastes have been considered.
 - 8 What capital and operational costs other than the on-site cost of nuclear power stations have been considered.
 - 9 What environmental implication have been considered.

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10 What changes to Victorian and Commonwealth legislation which would affect a nuclear power station have been considered.

11 On what date or dates the consultants—(a) were required to report; and (b) have reported or are expected to report.

1151 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

1 What was the content of his submissions to the Treasurer for funding of private adoption agencies, operated by the Catholic Family Welfare Bureau, the Anglican Church through the Mission of St James and St John, the Uniting Church Child Care Services, the Lutheran Church and the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints.

2 What was the response of the Treasurer to his submissions.

3 What is the Government's continuing commitment to these agencies.

4 Whether he will provide comparative costs for the Adoption Section of the Department of Community Welfare Services and for private adoption agencies.

5 Whether he is aware of the enormous discrepancies between the present offer for funding to each of the three first-mentioned agencies in part one and the funds provided for departmental agencies.

1152 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

1 What action has been taken to ensure the continuance of employment of hospital officers at Pentridge Prison Hospital.

2 Whether he intends to direct the Correctional Services Division to advertise vacant positions for hospital officers in prisons; if so, when.

3 What action he intends taking to ensure that acting hospital officers have the opportunity to participate in familiarization programmes, thus giving them the opportunity to seek secure permanent employment.

4 Whether he has decided to disregard the memorandum of 23 February 1979 from Dr John Wolstenholme to the Director of Correctional Services in respect of prison hospital officer requirements for Pentridge Hospital and the Jika Jika High Security Unit; if so, why, and what effects staffing cutbacks will have on the functioning of the hospital and the high security unit.

5 What changes to prescribed insignia have recently been required for various ranks of hospital attendants and whether this change represents any change of rank for hospital attendants; if so, what are the reasons for such insignia changes, and for changes in rank.

1153 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of the Code of Accepted Farming Practice for the Welfare of the Domestic Fowl Part II as it relates to space, what is the basis of the density figures shown, indicating how they were arrived at and why some are higher than the equivalent British figure.

1154 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Employment and Training, further to the answer to question No. 50 given on 16 September 1980 concerning the Youth Guarantee Fund, whether he will make available to the Member for Brunswick the letter that was forwarded to the Secretary of the Department of Employment and Youth Affairs, together with subsequent correspondence and whether he will provide details on the current situation of the Fund.

1155 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the proposed closure of the Upfield railway line, what studies of—(a) necessary economic and social issues; and (b) cost benefit analysis have been carried out, or are being carried out, specifying the researches involved and whether the result of such studies will be made available to the public.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

QUESTIONS

Notices received on 9 September 1980

- 7 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning whether the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works has written to him concerning the reservation for the F2 freeway, south of Bell Street, and whether the Board has written to the Brunswick City Council concerning the same matter; if so, whether he will make available to the Member for Brunswick, all files, memoranda and plans concerning this matter.
- 11 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of radiology services carried out in public hospitals on the 60/40 fee sharing agreement:
- 1 Which hospitals operate under this arrangement specifying the group practices involved, and the radiologists concerned in all such hospitals, indicating whether on a full or part time basis.
 - 2 In the case of each hospital for the years 1977–78, 1978–79 and 1979–80 and separately for the financial year to date, what income has been received by the hospital to offset the cost of providing the services to private patients.
 - 3 Whether payments have also been made in respect of radiology services for public or hospital patients; if so, what amounts in each case.
- 18 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of an investigation into hospital drug costs in Victoria announced on Friday, 28 October 1977:
- 1 Whether the investigation is completed.
 - 2 Whether a copy of the report will be made available.
 - 3 What action has resulted from the investigation.
- 25 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the proposed Eastern Suburbs Geriatric and Rehabilitation Centre planned for Burwood Highway, East Burwood:
- 1 What progress has been made in planning the Centre.
 - 2 What allocations of funds have been made to the Planning Committee in past financial years and this financial year for developing the Centre.
 - 3 Whether he will lay on the table of the Library all reports and memoranda relating to the development of this Centre.
 - 4 When it is expected that—(a) documentation will be completed; and (b) construction work will commence.
- 29 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the hospital construction and expansion programme in Victoria:
- 1 What would be the cost at current prices of building all those works and renovations which have been approved in principal and which some commitment has been made.
 - 2 Whether a list of such works will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.

- 31 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of payments to non-fulltime medical staff in hospitals during the 1978-79 and 1979-80 financial years:
- 1 What amount was paid to all visiting and sessional medical staff, specifying the categories of payment for sessional staff on call and recall.
 - 2 What is the estimate for 1980-81.
- 39 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of funds for the construction or subsidizing the construction of pre-schools:
- 1 What funds were available in the year 1979-80, specifying funds from Commonwealth sources.
 - 2 Which new or proposed pre-school centres are currently on the waiting list or have had a decision for subsidy deferred.
 - 3 Which pre-schools have had applications for extensions or alterations deferred.
- 45 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the Early Childhood Services Policy Committee, and further to question No. 92 answered on Tuesday, 11 September 1979:
- 1 What progress has been made in the evaluation of the Early Childhood Development Programme.
 - 2 Which aspects of the Programme have been examined.
 - 3 What reports and recommendations have been made by the Committee to the Chairman and/or the Minister.
 - 4 Whether copies of such reports will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 55 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 What is the composition of the advisory committee on units for cardiac surgery mentioned in answer to question No. 1079 given on 12 March 1980 and what are the terms of reference of the committee
 - 2 Whether the report has yet been submitted either to the Health Commission or to him; if so, whether a copy can now be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 59 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the sub-committee of the Consultative Council on Maternal and Child Health established to advise on the evaluation of the Early Childhood Development Programme, and further to question No. 95 answered on 5 July 1979:
- 1 Whether the report was submitted to the Consultative Council in August 1979; if not, when it was submitted.
 - 2 Whether the Consultative Council submitted the report to him; if so, when; if not, why.
 - 3 Whether he has yet decided to release all or part of the report as suggested in his answer of 5 July 1979; if so, to whom the report has been released and whether a copy of the report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 65 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, further to the answer to question No. 1268 given on 11 March 1980 concerning coronial autopsies:
- 1 What conditions are proposed to be laid down by the Law Department in granting permission to conduct post mortem examinations in certain cases where the death is reportable to the Coroner.

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- 2 Whether any teaching hospitals have yet availed themselves of these new arrangements; if so, which and when.
- 66 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of discussions between the Law Department and Health Commission medical officers concerning the conduct of post mortem examinations by teaching hospitals, in certain cases where the death is reportable to the coroner, what has been the result of these discussions, and whether it is expected that new arrangements may soon apply in at least one Melbourne teaching hospital; if so, which teaching hospital and when it is expected that the new arrangements will be introduced.
- 68 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health further to the answer to question No. 1226 given on 11 March 1980 concerning the rebuilding of the Police Hospital:
- 1 On what basis the Committee of Management of Prince Henry's Hospital was asked to participate in the building of the Police Hospital, either by the Hospitals and Charities Commission or the Health Commission.
 - 2 When the first request was made.
 - 3 What were the details of the arrangements.
 - 4 Whether either commission received progress reports from the hospital concerning the project; if so on what dates and whether all files and memoranda relating to this matter will be laid on the table of the Library.
- 72 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Box Hill Hospital:
- 1 How many administrative officers are employed at the Hospital.
 - 2 How many medical registrars are employed at the Hospital and how this compares with the number of accredited positions at the Preston and Northcote Community Hospital and the Western and General Hospital.
- 82 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Premier what reports have been compiled by—(a) the Anti-discrimination Bureau; and (b) the Equal Opportunity Board, in the past twelve months, indicating whether these reports will be laid on the table of the Library.
- 84 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in each of the past three financial years and the current financial year to date:
- 1 What funds have been allocated to co-operative housing societies, indicating—(a) Commonwealth funds and their source; (b) State funds and their source; (c) funds not used and carried over; (d) revolving funds; and (e) any other funds.
 - 2 What was the actual expenditure and what is the estimated expenditure for the remainder of this financial year.
 - 3 What was the proportion of funds as between co-operatives and the Housing Commission.
- 87 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, following the appointment of a Co-ordinator of Urban Land Development:
- 1 What steps have been taken to establish and monitor a data-bank for urban land production.
 - 2 What steps have been taken to extend the Preferred Development Area system to major urban areas in the country.

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- 3 What steps have been taken, or are currently under consideration, to reduce the cost of land servicing.
- 88 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what is the number of Country Roads Board houses being transferred to the Housing Commission, indicating in each case—(a) the location; and (b) whether the house is occupied and, if so, the duration of current tenancy agreement.
- 89 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 What housing accommodation was vacant at each Housing Commission estate as at 1 January 1980, indicating the number and type of unit.
 - 2 How many Commission flats and houses, respectively, were vacant and undergoing maintenance as at 1 January 1980 in each local government area.
- 90 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in each of the past 24 months to date, how many Housing Commission allocations for both purchase and tenancy have been made, indicating the waiting period in each case.
- 92 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 What was the number of tenancies as at 10 February 1980, indicating the percentage variation from the number as at 10 February 1979.
 - 2 What rent increases associated with the market related rent policy occurred during the year ended 10 February 1980, showing at the close of that period—(a) the number of tenants in arrears and those more than ten weeks in arrears; (b) the total amount owed; and (c) the average amount owed, indicating in each instance the percentage variation from the corresponding figures as at 10 February 1979.
- 93 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in relation to the development of the Goonawarra Estate at Sunbury:
- 1 What amount has been spent on the whole project to date, indicating the expected expenditure at completion.
 - 2 What amount has been spent on the golf course to date, and what is the expected expenditure and the completion date, indicating separate items including the club house and greenkeeper's section.
 - 3 Whether the course has reticulated water and sewerage throughout; if so, what is the cost.
 - 4 How many hectares are set aside for the golf course and its surrounds, and how many for housing.
 - 5 How many house lots are expected to be yielded from the balance of the land.
 - 6 How many houses have been completed to date, and how many are in the course of construction, indicating the cost to date and the expected selling price.
 - 7 How many houses intended for public use have been completed to date, and how many are in the course of construction, indicating the cost to date and the expected selling price.
 - 8 How many house lots will be made available to—(a) private builders; (b) private persons; and (c) public housing.
 - 9 What is the average price of blocks made available to—(a) private builders; (b) private persons; and (c) public housing.
 - 10 How much the advertising campaign has cost to date, and how much it is expected to cost, indicating the source of the funds.

- 94 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what is the result of further discussions with the State Superannuation Board to determine whether loans could be made available to the general public on a longer term basis to be more acceptable to the average borrower for home loan purposes, indicating whether any money has been lent on this basis, and, in that event, how much and at what rate of interest.
- 104 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what is the migrant English teacher entitlement of each school in the electoral district of Oakleigh, indicating the number of migrant English teachers actually provided in each case.
- 106 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what is the name of each school where building plans have had to be abandoned following adoption of the core-plus policy, indicating in each case—(a) who commissioned the plans, and whether departmental approval was given; (b) whether the plans had been completed; (c) whether tenders had been called; and (d) the costs incurred.
- 111 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health which of the Priority List projects for 1976–77, 1977–78 and 1978–79, pursuant to the Commonwealth *Aged Persons Hostels Act 1972* and *Aged or Disabled Persons Homes Act 1974* which his predecessor itemized in his answer to the Member for Brunswick on 15 March 1978 in response to question No. 20 and reported in *Hansard* at page 422, have not been finished, indicating the reason in each case.
- 121 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether the Housing Commission employs any Aboriginals; if so, in what capacity.
- 123 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether he will now provide the answer on the recommendations of the report on the Victoria Police which the then Chief Secretary was unable to give the then Leader of the Opposition on 4 May 1977 in response to question No. 1461 and reported in *Hansard* at page 8728.
- 124 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what is the name of each senior citizens club for which a Commonwealth Government grant is currently being sought, indicating in each case the—(a) number on the priority list; (b) municipality; and (c) date on which application was originally made.
- 126 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 How many applications for funding of statewide projects in 1980 were—
(a) received; and (b) granted, indicating the names of the successful applicants and the amounts of their grants.
 - 2 What were the criteria used in making the determinations.
- 197 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning whether there is an appeal before the Town Planning Appeals Tribunal involving the Cities of Sunshine and Altona, against a permit being granted to Protean Holdings to build an abattoir at Derrimut; if so—(a) whether legal representatives acting on behalf of Protean Holdings indicated that it was the intention of that company to rationalize its operations at Derrimut; (b) what action the Government has taken to protect the commitments of Melbourne and Richmond City Councils on matters relating to the abattoirs sited on Crown land within those two municipalities; and (c) what adverse effects the permit granted by the Shire of Werribee and the Melbourne

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and Metropolitan Board of Works will have on these works in addition to Co-operative Farmers and Graziers Direct Meat Supply Ltd works, Brooklyn at a time of depleting livestock numbers and over-capitalization of the meat industry.

200 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, with regard to commitments made by the Government immediately prior to the last State elections:

- 1 What will be the specific opportunities for Victorian teachers of all backgrounds to visit and study in overseas countries from which our migrant population is trained, and whether the Teacher Education Division has begun consultations with ethnic communities as to how these opportunities can best meet the needs of education for a multi-cultural society.
- 2 By what means the Government will encourage the development of an understanding attitude to migrants and the acquisition of information concerning multi-cultural education within teacher education programmes.
- 3 With respect to the \$100 000 on a \$1 for \$1 basis with the Commonwealth Government for the development of community languages and multi-cultural education teaching materials, whether the \$100 000 will be provided only for 1979.
- 4 Whether the amount allocated by the Commonwealth Government in 1980 and 1981 will be matched by the State Government.
- 5 Whether the Minister of Education will guarantee that there will be adequate consultation with teacher organizations, parent organizations, and ethnic communities in the development of these initiatives; if so, in what form this consultation will take place and which organizations will be consulted.

201 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:

- 1 What schools have been closed in each of the past ten years.
- 2 What is the estimated value of each of the properties involved.
- 3 Which of these properties have been disposed of, indicating at what price and to whom.
- 4 What use is being made of each of the remaining properties.

204 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of each school in the electoral district of Ringwood:

- 1 What is the staffing establishment, and what is the actual number of staff.
- 2 What representations have been received regarding the need for additional staff appointments.

207 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what is the—(a) student enrolment; and (b) staff allocation, of each Government school in the electoral districts of Doncaster, Ringwood and Mitcham, and how many teachers are allocated to specific remedial teaching duties in—(i) reading; (ii) mathematics; and (iii) written expression in each case.

209 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, with regard to the staffing position at Leongatha high school:

- 1 Why there has been a reduction for 1980 of the special needs component within the school's establishment from 1.5 to 1.2 teachers, thus forcing

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the school to eliminate or seriously curtail programmes designed to assist disadvantaged students.

- 2 Why finance to provide a part-time teacher aide at the school has been withdrawn for 1980.
- 3 Why a library assistant has not been provided for the school, despite the school's entitlement on the Education Department's own personnel schedule.

224 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in relation to the Wendouree High Technical School:

- 1 What is the present enrolment.
- 2 What is the expected enrolment in 1981, 1982, and 1983.
- 3 How many classrooms are at the school and of these how many are temporary.
- 4 When it is expected that the already long overdue Stage 2 of the school's building programme will be undertaken.
- 5 What additional ancillary staff are being provided in 1980 to cope with increased enrolments.
- 6 What grounds development will be undertaken in 1980 and 1981.

229 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:

- 1 How many individuals who taught English as a second language in the classroom in the Primary, Secondary and the Technical Divisions, respectively, were employed by the Education Department at the—(a) beginning of the 1979 school year; (b) the end of the 1979 school year; and (c) beginning of the 1980 school year.
- 2 What are the figures of effective full-time people employed by the Education Department who taught English as a second language in the classroom in the Primary, Secondary and Technical Divisions, respectively, at the—(a) beginning of the 1979 school year; (b) end of the 1979 school year; and (c) beginning of the 1980 school year.

230 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:

- 1 How many schools lost classroom teachers of English as a second language from the end of the 1979 school year to the beginning of the 1980 school year.
- 2 What are the schools and how many—(a) effective full-time classroom teachers of English as a second language; and (b) individuals who taught English as a second language in the classroom, were lost to the schools in the above period.
- 3 How many schools gained classroom teachers of English as a second language from the end of the 1979 school year to the beginning of the 1980 school year.
- 4 What are the schools and how many—(a) effective full-time classroom teachers of English as a second language; and (b) individuals who taught English as a second language in the classroom, were gained by each of the schools in the above period.

236 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, further to the answer to

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question No. 711 given on 11 September 1979 listing secondary schools in Victoria with a Commonwealth standard library:

- 1 Whether he will review the listing of Birchip high school and Brunswick East high school as possessing such facility.
 - 2 Whether he will review the entire list and provide a new list following such review.
- 239 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, which schools in Victoria currently employ teachers aides, indicating in each case—(a) whether the appointment is full or part time; and (b) whether the appointment is funded by the Commonwealth or the Victorian Government.
- 241 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the Melbourne College of Printing and Graphic Arts:
- 1 What progress has been made by the task force established to advise the State Council for Technical Education on the needs of the college.
 - 2 What action is to be taken in response to this investigation.
 - 3 What is the current enrolment at the college.
 - 4 How many applications for apprenticeship were refused due to inadequate facilities at the college.
- 246 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education whether he will provide Members with a copy of the formula for determining teacher staffing for special needs and migrant English.
- 249 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, which schools in the Northern Region have a gymnasium.
- 250 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 How many schools in each region have a gymnasium.
 - 2 What is the percentage of schools in each region with a gymnasium.
- 251 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, which Government schools enrol only—(a) girls; and (b) boys.
- 259 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport on what projects Commonwealth funds to Victoria under the Urban Public Transport Improvement Programme were spent during each of the past five years.
- 271 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works what amount has been spent in converting more than 1000 oil-fired heaters in Government buildings in each of the past three years.
- 275 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, whether the Minister has refused to confirm the compulsory acquisition of the vacant allotment, known as Lot 7 Pleasant Street, by the City of Coburg, when this acquisition is considered desirable to further the establishment of a linear park; if so, why.
- 289 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 Whether he has investigated the heating of the Special Education Unit in Lowson Street, Fawkner.
 - 2 Whether the heating system is still operative.

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- 3 What was the cost of installation and what was the running cost during each year since installation.
- 4 Whether the heating problems at this unit will be rectified by the winter of 1980.
- 294 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs:
- 1 How many citizenship certificates were conferred in each municipality in 1979.
 - 2 How many other citizenship certificates were conferred in private ceremonies.
 - 3 How many citizenship certificates were conferred in Victoria in 1979, indicating the nationalities of these new Australian citizens.
- 295 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs how many aliens in Victoria, sixteen years of age and over, are residentially qualified to apply for Australian Citizenship but have not done so, indicating the number of each nationality.
- 296 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning:
- 1 Whether he has received the report of the Road Planning Liaison Committee concerning the F2 reservation, south of Bell Street; if so, when he will make a decision on this matter.
 - 2 Whether he will make this report public.
- 306 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of Ruthven primary school:
- 1 When attention will be given to the lighting of eight rooms as first requested on 8 May 1978.
 - 2 When repair of damaged or subsided asphalt, first requested on 24 February 1975, will be carried out.
 - 3 When lowering of flushometers in the boys' toilets, first requested on 8 May 1978, will be carried out.
 - 4 When attention will be given to blocked drains as first requested on 17 August 1977.
 - 5 When up-grading of administrative facilities, first requested on 8 May 1978, will be carried out.
 - 6 When cyclic maintenance including external and internal painting, as first requested on 9 June 1976, will take place.
 - 7 When repairs to temporary fibro-cement wall, as requested on 4 June 1976, will be carried out.

Notices received on 10 September 1980

- 331 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, what is the authorized strength and present strength, respectively, of each squad within the Victoria Police Force.
- 340 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in view of the high incidence of economic crime in Victoria, whether he will consider establishing an independent enquiry into methods of combating fraudulent acts within the community; if not, why.
- 343 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many public servants are employed by the Police Department, indicating in which categories of occupation.

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2 How many additional public servants have been requested by the Department for the 1980-81 financial year, indicating how many persons have been approved and in what categories of occupation.

348 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:

- 1 How many Fraud Squad investigations of corporate crime have been made in each of the years from 1970 to date.
- 2 How many arrests have been made in each particular investigation.
- 3 What has been the total sum of money involved in each of the years from 1970 to date.
- 4 What has been the total sums of money recovered in each of the years from 1970 to date.

353 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:

- 1 What is the ratio of police to population in each police district in Victoria, indicating what members of the force are included or excluded in calculating such ratios.
- 2 What is the Police Department's projected required members of police to population in each police district in Victoria.
- 3 What plans the Government has to meet these projected requirements for the next five years.

360 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:

- 1 Whether delays by the Forensic Science Laboratory in the production of drug offence samples are delaying court proceedings; if so—(a) what is the cause of the delays; and (b) what action the Government is taking to reduce the delays.
- 2 Whether delays by the Forensic Science Laboratory in examining evidence in rape offences are preventing court proceedings from being initiated promptly; if so, what is the nature of the delays.

371 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in respect of each Housing Commission estate in Werribee and Laverton, what is the number of purchase contracts surrendered in 1979-80 to date, indicating the number of cases in which the occupants have reverted to tenancy, and the number of cases in which the contracts provided for escalating interest rates.

373 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the committee appointed to examine the problems arising from appointments made by School Councils under the provisions of the *Education (School Councils) Act 1975* mentioned in the report of the Ombudsman in Case Nos. 8102, 8103, 8104, 8105 and 8107:

- 1 When the Committee was appointed.
- 2 Who are the members of the Committee, indicating their normal positions.
- 3 What are the terms of reference of the committee and when it is to report.

376 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Premier, in respect of the twin State relationship with Jiangsu Province in China:

- 1 What funds have been expended to date, indicating the source of funds.

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- 2 What is the estimate of expenditure by Victoria in 1979-80, indicating the source or sources of funds.
 - 3 What Victorian staff have been allocated to the relationship, indicating the role, qualification and proportion of time spent by each person involved.
 - 4 What time has been spent in Jiangsu Province by Victorian public servants fostering the relationship, indicating any long-term visits or appointments.
 - 5 What time has been spent in Victoria by officials representing Jiangsu Province, indicating any long-term visits or appointments.
 - 6 What proposals there are for increasing staff and expenditure in developing the relationship.
- 377 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of education of deaf children in Victoria by organizations other than the Education Department:
- 1 What is the name of each organization for which funding is provided.
 - 2 What are the criteria for the allocation of funds.
- 378 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of curriculum guides for teachers:
- 1 What is the normal frequency of publication.
 - 2 When the last guides were published.
 - 3 What funds have been provided for publishing new curriculum guides for the current period.
 - 4 When the next curriculum guides are expected to be available.
- 380 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts whether proposals have been made to the Government for the creation of a resources centre for small museums; if so—(a) which body or bodies made the proposal; (b) whether the proposal has been accepted by the Government; (c) what action has been taken to establish such a centre; (d) whether funds have been made available for the establishment of a centre; and (e) whether funds are available to assist small museums, indicating details of any such allocation.
- 381 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of position papers foreshadowed by the Town and Country Planning Board in the State Co-ordination Council Quarterly Progress Report No. 11, December 1978, paragraph 16B.4.3:
- 1 On what date each paper was or will be completed.
 - 2 Whether each paper is or will be made publicly available.
 - 3 Whether the papers, findings and recommendations represent Government policy.
- 386 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government:
- 1 On what date ratepayers residing in the City of Sunshine will be permitted to democratically elect councillors of their own choice to represent them at local government level.
 - 2 On what date the ratepayers last democratically elected councillors for the municipality.
 - 3 What is the name of each ward within the municipality and what was the number of voters registered within each ward during the last election.

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- 4 Whether residential development within the municipality has since aggravated the numerical differences between each ward.
- 5 What action the Minister has taken to apply the principle one person, one vote, one value, to each ratepayer within each ward for future elections to the City of Sunshine.

Notices received on 16 September 1980

- 476 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what was the cost per head of the expenditure incurred in 1979–80 for the operation of the—(a) Victorian Railways; and (b) Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board.
- 492 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 In which Victorian prisons or sections of prisons use is made of the commode and bucket system as an alternative to plumbing.
 - 2 In which Victorian prisons Porta Potties have been installed in the cells.
 - 3 When these facilities will be replaced by permanent plumbing.
- 494 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether he will bring up to date the information supplied on 18 September 1974 about company investigations in response to question No. 87 recorded in *Hansard* on pages 422 and 426.

Notice received on 17 September 1980

- 505 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what products which include diethyl stilboestrol or chemically related substances have been approved for use in Victoria, indicating in each case—(a) the name of the product; (b) the name of the person or company in whose name it was approved; (c) the names of the active ingredients; (d) the forms in which it was approved; (e) when approval was first granted; (f) if approval was amended, when and in what way; (g) if no longer current, when approval lapsed; and (h) the uses for which it was approved.

Notice received on 18 September 1980

- 517 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in view of question No. 1129 first asked on 18 September 1979 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period:
- 1 What consideration he has given to the representations of the Gippsland Over Coal Land Owners Protection Council on the question of determining applications on hardship created by the Central Gippsland Interim Development Order.
 - 2 In view of the considerable time which has elapsed since the Government first began to examine such hardship cases and hearing applications, what action will be taken to ensure that affected land owners are not disadvantaged by further delay.

Notices received on 23 September 1980

- 547 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 Why the medical examination programme for children at Victoria Street Pre-School Centre in Seymour has been abolished.
 - 2 Whether these medical examinations will take place this year.

- 557 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 What will be the total cost of the Melbourne International Centenary Exhibition, indicating the main items, and who will bear the cost.
 - 2 Whether any government money has been allocated to Riddell Promotions or any other organization; if so, what amount and for what purposes.
 - 3 Whether gate moneys for school groups are subsidized; if so, by what amount, indicating the total estimated amount, and to whom the money will be paid.
- 569 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Whether the police helicopter has had an engine failure; if so, whether it was necessary to purchase a spare engine.
 - 2 How many accidents the helicopter has been involved in, indicating the time out of service and the cost of repairs in each case.
- 573 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What has been the total cost of the Victoria Police Airwing helicopter and accessories to date.
 - 2 How many hours the helicopter has flown since acquisition, indicating the hours involved in—(a) training; (b) testing; and (c) actual police work.
- 575 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether the personnel winch on the police helicopter developed a fault and fired its cutting knife; if so—(a) whether the hook from the winch fell on a person's head causing injury; and (b) whether the helicopter crew refuse to operate the winch.

Notices received on 24 September 1980

- 580 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, on how many occasions since 1 January 1978 the Attorney-General has filed a presentment without there being a prior hearing, either by way of committal proceedings before a Stipendiary Magistrate, Justices or a Coroner's Inquest, and what are the names of such accused persons and the nature of the charges upon which they were presented.
- 585 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What was the cost per flying hour of the police helicopter, taking into account total moneys expended on maintenance, pilot salary and other expenses.
 - 2 What costs were incurred on—(a) scheduled maintenance, including labour; and (b) unscheduled maintenance, including labour.
- 586 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what is the estimated amount to be budgeted for the operation of the police helicopter for the next financial year, including provision in relation to hours of flying and pilot costs.
- 587 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what actual number of arrests can be attributed to the use in detection work of—(a) the police helicopter; and (b) charter helicopters on police work.

588 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:

1 What were the number of flights made and hours flown in the police helicopter that could not have been flown in a single engine machine, excluding time engaged on instrument flight rules training.

2 Whether aerial work is permitted at night in single engined helicopters.

594 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Commonwealth/State programme to provide funds for elderly citizens' clubrooms, whether there is a priority list for this financial year and each of the next three financial years; if so, what is the order of the priority list.

596 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether other helicopters have been chartered for police work when the police helicopter was out of service; if so, what was the cost.

Notice received on 30 September 1980

623 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether E.C.A. Centre designs and core plus designs provide adequate access for the handicapped, including to toilet areas; if not, what action will be taken to provide adequate access.

Notices received on 1 October 1980

627 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts, in respect of architects and consulting fees relating to the concert hall project of the Victorian Arts Centre:

1 What submissions have been made by the architect or any other members concerning such fees.

2 What is the normal level of fees in a major building contract and that accepted by the relevant professional body.

3 What offers were made by the building committee.

4 When agreement was reached, indicating the level agreed on, when the question of fees was placed before the building committee, and the minuted decision.

5 Whether difficulties arose because the fee set was too low to provide an efficient service and staff.

6 Whether any letters were received subsequent to the agreement on fees, indicating—(a) from whom and the dates of the letters; (b) the substance of the letters; and (c) the resulting response and decision, including the date of placement before the building committee and the minuted decision and, if not placed before the committee, why.

7 Whether any decision was taken that the fees be fully resolved.

8 Whether the question of fees has been fully and finally resolved; if so, by whom, when and at what level.

629 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts, in respect of the concert hall project of the Victorian Arts Centre:

1 What is the date of completion specified in the contract.

2 What is the current estimated date of completion.

3 What variation orders there have been as a result of—(a) weather; (b) industrial disputes; (c) lack of information and/or drawings; and (d) altering of information and/or drawings, indicating the amounts

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claimed in each case, whether the claims were settled and the amounts agreed upon.

4 What are the details of those claims not yet settled.

5 What amount was claimed in the case of Podgor Constructions, indicating—(a) the reasons; (b) the amount agreed upon, indicating the source of funds used for any payments made; (c) whether any areas of concrete formwork were erected one day and then dismantled, indicating the extra costs involved; and (d) whether these claims have been met in part or in full and, if not, why.

634 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, with regard to the Mooroolbark technical school:

1 Whether advice was given some three years ago that the school would receive a gymnasium complex.

2 Whether plans were completed for this project.

3 When it is now expected that the gymnasium complex will be constructed.

4 What is the reason for the delay in upgrading library facilities at the school, and when it is now expected that these works will be undertaken.

5 What facilities will be provided at the school to replace existing rooms that will be used for the library upgrade project.

640 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the financial years since the Health Commission came into operation, and the estimate for this financial year:

1 What was the number, classification, and cost of staff employed in each Division.

2 What is the number of staff on the pay-roll of public hospitals employed in the Health Commission for Commission purposes, specifying the classification and cost.

3 What is the recurrent non-salary costs of the Commission, specifying the cost in terms of each Division.

Notices received on 2 October 1980

658 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General:

1 What criteria are applied to applicants for appointments as Queen's Counsel.

2 In each of the years 1950 to 1979 inclusive, how many persons were considered for appointment as Queen's Counsel and how many were so appointed.

3 How many persons failed to meet the criteria laid down for appointment in each of those years, specifying the number failing in each requirement.

4 Whether any of the rejected applications were subsequently granted; if so—(a) how many; and (b) when.

659 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:

1 What are the terms of access to the Thomson River catchment, indicating why only a very few of the tracks into the catchment were unpadlocked last season.

2 Who administers the access policy and whether the Minister will investigate past administrative practices with a view to ensuring the fullest possible public access.

Notices received on 21 October 1980

- 667 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 What will be the role of music education, as an established component of the curriculum, in any re-organization of education in Victoria.
 - 2 What decisions will be taken to allow for increased staffing necessary to meet the State's needs in the area of group classroom music and individual instrumental instruction.
 - 3 Whether additional funding will be made available to ensure that appropriate and adequate facilities, equipment and instruments are provided for music education.
 - 4 To what extent the Education Department will be involved in the Music 1981 festivities.
- 668 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the proposed hospital to be constructed by the Hospitals Corporation of Australia on the corner of Manningham Road and High Street, Doncaster, whether the Health Commission is aware of the extension of the building permit for the hospital; if so, whether the Commission placed the information before the Council and whether the Commission has taken any attitude towards the construction of such private hospital on that site.
- 674 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of Victoria's perinatal mortality, whether figures are available for each region and/or each municipality in the State over each of the past five years; if so, whether a copy of those statistics will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 675 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the evaluation of the Barwon Region Child Maltreatment Pilot Project:
- 1 What is the basic design of the evaluation and how it will be carried out.
 - 2 Given the long gap between the commencement of research and the original commencement of the project, whether the research effort will be hindered and how it is intended to compensate for the delay.
 - 3 Why the researcher is based in Melbourne when the project is in the Barwon Region and whether this will hinder the research.
 - 4 When it is expected that the first report will be available.
- 681 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of school dental clinics in the electoral district of Brunswick, whether on 13 March 1979, the then Minister of Health, Mr Hunt, together with the then Assistant Minister of Health, Mr Jona, issued a press statement, which promised pre-school dental clinics at the following primary schools: Brunswick, Brunswick North, Coburg West, Moreland, and facilities for mobile dental clinics at the following: Brunswick East, Brunswick South, Brunswick South West, Brunswick West, Merri, Princes Hill and Brunswick North West, as well as funds for the construction of mobile school dental clinics and vehicles and X-ray equipment for these and other clinics; if so, whether any of these clinics have been established, and in that event, where; if not, why they have not been established and what has happened to the funds.
- 682 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the day therapy area underneath the existing nursing home wing at the West Gippsland Hospital:
- 1 When the area was completed.

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- 2 When a request for staff for the area was received, specifying the staff requested.
 - 3 When it is proposed that staff will be available to operate the area.
 - 4 When it is expected that capital funds will be available to complete the interior fitting.
- 683 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what interest was earned from investments of the Trust Fund during the year 1979–80, indicating what rate of interest this represents.
- 687 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning:
- 1 When the Town Planning Appeals Tribunals were first formed.
 - 2 What is the name, address, age and qualifications of each past and present Member of the Tribunals.
 - 3 What salary is or was paid to these Members.
 - 4 How many decisions have been upheld by the Tribunals against all city and shire councils in Victoria, indicating how many appeals in respect of decisions of the City of Broadmeadows have been upheld.
 - 5 Whether he will consider and review the powers, functions and membership of the Tribunals, if not, why.
- 688 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 What was the total cost of the Inquiry into Fluoridation of Victorian Water Supplies.
 - 2 How many reports were printed, at what cost and to whom these were distributed.
 - 3 Whether he will provide a full list of the names of every person involved in the Inquiry and supply the name of the person who wrote the report, together with his qualification and position.
 - 4 Whether the cost of \$6.00 per report is out of proportion to the cost of most Government publications; if so, why.
 - 5 Whether he is aware that the New South Wales Government provides documents on fluoridation and fluoride pollution at no cost and makes them freely available to the public.
 - 6 Why the Reports of the Inquiry into Fluoridation of Victorian Water Supplies are being made freely available to some people and not to others.
- 689 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, further to the answer to question No. 282 given on 2 October 1980:
- 1 What were the circumstances of the \$310 000 expenditure on building work at the University of Melbourne, indicating the building work concerned.
 - 2 What was the date on which the money was expended, indicating the rate of interest, the sum paid annually to provide the interest and provisions for repayment of the total sum.
- 691 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 When VicRail Investigation Officers were first appointed.
 - 2 How many officers there are at present, indicating the name, address and age of each officer.
 - 3 What are the qualifications required for appointment to this position.

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4 Whether officers are instructed to identify themselves when carrying out their responsibilities; if not, why.

5 How many convictions have been obtained by officers in each year since inception, indicating in respect of those convictions, in how many cases it was alleged that the investigating officer had not identified himself to the offender.

694 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of railway investigations:

1 What were the reasons for the raid on a train at Oak Park at approximately 12.30 a.m. on 18 October 1980, and what was the result of this raid.

2 What are the details of similar raids and the results since the Railways Department's Investigation Office was formed.

3 Whether the Victoria Police will take over this role in the future; if not, whether railway investigators will be required to be in uniform and, if not, why.

4 Whether consideration will be given to railway investigators manning unmanned stations; if not, why.

695 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Community Welfare Services:

1 Whether the Interim Report of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee which was available in January 1979, was discussed in an open forum or available for public debate; if not, why.

2 What were the recommendations contained in the Interim Report of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee.

3 Who are the members of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee.

Notices received on 22 October 1980

696 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General:

1 Whether the Minister is aware that no funds have been paid by the Commonwealth of Australia to the State of Victoria under the provisions of section 20 of the *Commonwealth Places (Application of Laws) Act* 1970 whereby reimbursement to the State of Victoria of funds paid is required.

2 Whether the Minister can indicate why there has been no attempt by the State of Victoria to recover the moneys due to it, and whether he can give an estimate of the total amounts foregone by the State of Victoria owing to the failure to obtain reimbursement.

3 What steps are being taken after a lapse of almost eight years to effect recovery in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

702 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether any applications for funding of construction of the Maroondah hospital were made to the Commonwealth Government between 1972 and 1975, indicating in each case the—(a) date; (b) substance; and (c) response.

Notice received on 23 October 1980

706 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, whether the absence of a reticulated water supply has affected the growth of the township of Bemm River; if so,

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what action the Minister has taken following receipt of petitions and requests from the Bemm River Progress and Improvement Association, when residents can expect the commencement of proposed works and what is the expected completion date of proposed works including a water reticulation programme.

Notices received on 28 October 1980

- 711 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health which hospitals currently have renal dialysis units, specifying the size of each unit and what expansion is proposed for such units in each of the next three years.
- 715 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 What is the name of the private firm granted an informal lease over part of the Preston Regional Office premises from June 1978 to May 1980, contrary to the *Audit Act* 1958 and the Public Accounts and Stores Regulations.
 - 2 Why the departmental file relating to this lease was not made available to the Auditor-General upon request.
- 719 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 Under what criteria organizations presently qualify for State guarantees on their bank overdrafts without the specific authority of Parliament.
 - 2 Whether the State has been committed to contingent liabilities without proper authority; if so, when the practice will be abandoned.
 - 3 What steps he will take to ensure that complete records are built up and properly maintained so that the Auditor-General can determine what loans have been favoured with State guarantees and the value of the consequent contingent liabilities created.
 - 4 What were the dates of issue, maturity dates, interest rates and other terms and conditions attached to loans guaranteed by the Treasurer under section 95A of the *State Electricity Commission Act* 1958.
- 720 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 In view of recommendations made by the Auditor-General in his last two Annual Reports, whether he will take the necessary steps to produce meaningful and timely financial reporting to Parliament by statutory authorities and also completely review the *Audit Act* 1958.
 - 2 Whether he will take steps to set up internal audit functions within departments and authorities which presently lack this vital aspect of financial control.
 - 3 Whether he will investigate the reasons for difficulties experienced by the Auditor-General in recruiting audit inspectors and base level staff and take steps to correct this situation.
- 722 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer, in view of the Auditor-General's statement that the Minister of Public Works entered into \$10.28 million worth of deferred payment contracts despite a limit of \$8 million established by the Treasurer, whether he will advise what ceilings were placed on State Electricity Commission supplier credits during each of the past three financial years and to what extent the Commission has exceeded these limits.
- 729 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 Why the following trust accounts, listed as part of the Trust Fund in the Treasurer's Finance Statement 1979-80, were never listed as "opened" in any Annual Report of the Auditor-General: Fisheries Research Fund;

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The Licensing Fund; Fisheries Dartmouth Dam Surveys Trust Account; Greyhound Racing Clubs Fund; Motor Accidents and Insurance Premiums Suspense Account; Railway Salaries and Wages in Suspense Account 1978-79; Treasury Drawings Account No. 1; Agriculture Technical and Further Education Trust Account; Commonwealth Traffic and Road Safety Improvement Programme Trust Account; Commonwealth National Estate Programme Trust Account; Departmental Suspense Accounts (Consumer Affairs, Corporate Affairs Office, and Liquor Control Commission); Mildura Nursery Account; and Local Government (House Builders' Liability) Trust Account.

2 What was the purpose of establishing each account, indicating the payments and receipts during the first year of operation and the balance as at 30 June, after the first year of operation.

730 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Premier, in respect of the recent Committee of Inquiry into the Fluoridation of Victorian Water Supplies, whether he will consider making public the submissions made to the Committee; if not, why.

731 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of school dental services for primary school children in the Colac area:

- 1 What services are currently provided.
- 2 When it is expected that school dental clinic services will be available and in what form.
- 3 What discussions have occurred with the Minister of Health and the Health Commission as to the provision of facilities through the district hospital, and when adequate services will exist either through the hospital or through the school dental programme.

Notices received on 29 October 1980

742 MR CRABB—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport when the Government intends to announce the route of the Euroa by-pass road and when it is expected that construction will—(a) commence; and (b) be completed.

743 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in the framing of the Adoption of Children (Information) Bill, what consideration was given to research findings on this subject, indicating whether such findings were derived from inter-departmental or other sources and specifying the nature of the findings and the date received in each case.

745 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in relation to the Adoption of Children (Information) Bill:

- 1 How many letters he has received from biological parents, adoptive parents, and adoptees, respectively, either—(a) supporting; or (b) opposing retrospective access.
- 2 What is the Department of Community Welfare's policy regarding community consultation and whether this policy has been recognized in relation to consultation with the community on the drafting of the Bill.
- 3 Whether he has received any delegations who are dissatisfied with the provisions of the Bill; if so—(a) when the delegations were received; (b) who was represented on each delegation; and (c) whether he refused to meet any delegations and, in that event, why.

Notice received on 30 October 1980

- 749 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he or the Health Commission has received a detailed submission from the Shire of Mildura and the City of Mildura concerning the provision of nursing home accommodation in the Mildura area; if so, whether the submission has been examined and whether the Government intends to assist in the provision of needed nursing home accommodation in the Mildura area.

Notices received on 5 November 1980

- 756 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of the report "Manufacturing in Melbourne" submitted to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works by its Technical Advisory Committee on Manufacturing, what action has been taken to implement the recommendations of the report as they affect the Laverton North industrial area and other areas within the shires of Werribee and Melton, and the cities of Altona and Sunshine.
- 759 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, whether the Minister has received a submission from concerned residents of the Upper Yarra Shire with regard to mismanagement by the Council; if so—(a) whether the Minister has acknowledged receipt of this submission and, if not, why; and (b) what action the Minister has taken or is proposed with regard to the matters raised.
- 768 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the Department of Community Welfare Services will provide additional funds to the Springvale Community Aid and Advice Bureau on a dollar-for-dollar basis to match the Springvale City Council 1980–81 contribution; if not, why.

Notices received on 11 November 1980

- 778 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Spastic Childrens Society of Victoria:
- 1 Whether he is aware that the Society's existing constitution places barriers to handicapped people becoming members of the Society and of the Council.
 - 2 Whether an attempt by the Society's President, Mr Bill Pratt, and the Manager, Mr Ken Dyer, and others to alter the constitution, failed because the necessary 75 per cent did not vote for its adoption, the vote in favour being over 60 per cent.
 - 3 Whether he intends to take any steps to ensure that membership of the Society is open to all and that a new constitution is introduced for this organization which receives substantial Government assistance and support.
- 780 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of the development of school grounds at the Brunswick North primary school, whether the Public Works Department compiled a report in the 1978–79 financial year on the need for the development of the grounds and estimated the work to cost \$35 000; if so—(a) whether the work was placed on the Northern Regions work list and in what position, and if not, why; and (b) whether it is proposed that this development work, necessitated when the Education Department purchased and knocked down a series of houses adjacent to the school, will be undertaken.

- 782 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Community Health Programme, Capital Works Programme administered by the Hospitals Division:
- 1 What works were carried out in 1979–80 and what works are proposed this financial year, specifying the centre concerned, the work involved, and the cost.
 - 2 Which centres currently have Capital Works Programmes—(a) approved by the Health Commission; and (b) proposed to the Commission, and when it is expected that these works will commence, if already approved, or will be approved.
- 783 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of payments for podiatry services in Victorian acute and geriatric hospitals and centres:
- 1 Whether instructions have been issued by the Health Commission in relation to the payment of podiatrists; if so, what instructions.
 - 2 Whether the Hospitals Division has developed a position in relation to matters considered or to be considered by the Hospital Medical and Auxiliary Services Wages Board; if so, what is the Government's position.
 - 3 Whether the minutes of the meeting of managers, medical superintendents and regional geriatricians of country geriatric centres held on 19 March 1980 indicate that the issue of levels of payment to podiatry in Victoria is very confused; if so, what action is proposed to overcome this confusion.

Notices received on 13 November 1980

- 789 MR HANN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many accidents involving police motor vehicles have occurred since 1 January 1977.
 - 2 How many accidents occurred as a result of police vehicles pursuing other vehicles, indicating in each instance the reason the police were pursuing another car, and whether other vehicles involved in the collision were being pursued or not.
 - 3 How many people were—(a) killed; and (b) injured, specifying whether they were policemen, persons in the vehicle being pursued, or other persons.
 - 4 Why a similar question asked on 4 May 1978 was not answered.
- 791 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health whether he is aware of reports that a Lions Club sponsored hearing tests of 175 children in Castlemaine revealed that 39 per cent of the children aged between 3½ and 5 years had hearing defects; if so, whether testing of a similar nature is intended for other parts of the State and what action can be taken in respect of the situation revealed at Castlemaine.
- 803 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what plans there are for the proposed establishment of a secondary school in the Lara district and when it is expected such secondary school will commence operations.
- 805 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has yet received a report and recommendations concerning “DES” from the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists; if so, when, what action is proposed and whether copies of the report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick; if not, whether he will make the report available when it is received by him.

Notices received on 18 November 1980

- 820 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 How many commercial organizations the Government is currently assisting financially either by way of loans, guarantees, grants or other methods.
 - 2 What are the individual totals of these various methods of financial assistance.
 - 3 How many of these businesses are in financial difficulties and what amount of Government funds is involved in each case.
- 824 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether representations or reports have been made to the Law Department, or the Minister's attention has been drawn to, the activities of an association purporting to expose religious cults which involves so-called de-programming practices; if so, what investigations have been made into these matters; if not, whether the Minister will cause such inquiries to be made.
- 825 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the reservation south of Bell Street for the F2 Freeway, when it is intended that the reservation be removed in view of the announced Government decision not to proceed with the freeway south of Bell Street.
- 826 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of the reservation south of Bell Street for the F2 Freeway, when it is intended that the reservation will be removed in view of the announced Government decision not to proceed with the freeway south of Bell Street.
- 827 MR CRABB—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, with regard to advertising on public transport vehicles and property, what was the respective revenue in each of the last three years in respect of—(a) VicRail; (b) the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board; and (c) all private bus lines, and what revenue is expected in the present year.
- 828 MR JOLLY—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 What requests have been made by the State Insurance Office for additional staff.
 - 2 Whether the demands for additional staff have been completely satisfied.
 - 3 How many additional staff will be appointed and when these appointments will take place.
 - 4 Whether the State Insurance Commissioner has withdrawn his criticism of staff ceilings imposed on the State Insurance Office.
- 830 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of question No. 7 asked on 9 September 1980 which was also asked on 29 May 1979 in the previous session of Parliament, what is the reason for the delay of 18 months in answering the question and whether an answer will be expedited.
- 835 MR EBERY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, in view of the exemption of all reserves under section 4 of the *Crown Land (Reserves) Act* 1978 and the exception of all lands under section 50 of the *Forests Act* 1958 by Order in Council from occupation for mining purposes under any miners' right:
- 1 Whether the Minister will issue a public statement correcting his earlier public assertions that the claims of the Prospectors' and Miners' Association were wildly extravagant; if not, why.

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- 2 Whether he will also direct the Chairman of the Land Conservation Council to issue a similar public statement; if not, why.
- 3 Whether the Minister will advise how prospecting and mining under the miner's right could still be legally undertaken in such areas.

841 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in respect of Swinborn Lodge, 4 Canning Street, Carlton, whether the Minister or the Department of Community Welfare Services undertook to provide 85 per cent of the costs of the service, a percentage which has diminished over the past five years; if so—(a) whether he is aware that the service may be forced to close; and (b) whether the Government intends to fund the service on the originally agreed basis; and, in that event, when funding will commence.

Notices received on 19 November 1980

- 842 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning whether he has considered the release of the reservations on the houses on the north side of Bell Street, Coburg; if not, why.
- 843 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What is the estimated cost of establishing a railway station at Campbellfield.
 - 2 Whether provision of this station has been considered; if not, why.

Notices received on 20 November 1980

- 849 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the West Gate Bridge:
- 1 What was the total cost up to the date of opening.
 - 2 What were the interest charges for each of the years from 1970–71 to 1979–80 inclusive and from 1 July 1980 to date.
 - 3 What were the shortfalls in tolls over interest charges, operating costs and other debts for each year of operation.
- 851 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the building programme at the Geelong Hospital:
- 1 What stage planning has reached for the development of the north wing.
 - 2 Whether it is intended that the new wing be completed by 1985, specifying when building will commence.
 - 3 What steps are proposed to update current inadequate and, in one case, unsafe wards.
- 853 MR MILLER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in view of the failure to provide information in respect of supplementary grants, initially sought in question No. 1608 asked on 20 November 1979, whether the Minister will indicate as a matter of urgency:
- 1 Whether he will undertake to survey Area Committees and find out whether their roles, procedures, relationships with schools, staffing and administration supports are satisfactory.
 - 2 Whether Area Committees will be asked to indicate where improvements and streamlining could occur.
 - 3 Whether he will consider the proposition that schools should have as much autonomy as possible and that *per capita* funding of disadvantaged schools is more suitable and a much easier method to use.

856 MR HANN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General:

- 1 Which government departments are presently represented at the Housing Commission Royal Commission by—(a) legal counsel; (b) departmental personnel; and (c) any other persons and what is the estimated daily cost of this representation.
- 2 What is the total cost of the Royal Commission to date, including the cost incurred by all government departments which have been in any way associated with the inquiry.

Notice received on 21 November 1980

860 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, further to the Minister's advice by letter of 23 October 1980, that transcendental meditation was an appropriate treatment option for a particular prisoner:

- 1 Whether this examination is being undertaken by expert psychologists and whether less controversial relaxation programmes are also being examined.
- 2 Whether any prisoners have undertaken the transcendental meditation programme while serving sentences in Victorian prisons.
- 3 Whether any money has been paid by the Department of Community Welfare Services for services provided to prisons or prisoners in respect of the Transcendental Meditation Programme; if so, what amounts and to what company, organization or individual such moneys were paid.

Notices Received on 25 November 1980

863 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what safety standards and controls have been introduced for the use of lasers in Victorian schools, indicating whether the controls implement the National Health and Medical Research Council's "Code of Practice of the safe use of Lasers in Secondary Schools".

865 MR CRABB—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:

- 1 What is the ratio of police to population in the City of Knox.
- 2 What plans exist to increase the number of police in that area to a level of one for each 540 of population as recommended in the Report on The Victoria Police Force by Colonel Sir Eric St Johnston.

866 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:

- 1 How many surveys have been commissioned or carried out by the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation or any instrumentalities or statutory corporations under his control during 1977, 1978 and 1979, respectively.
- 2 In respect of each of the surveys, which companies or private individuals were commissioned, what was the subject matter and the purpose and what was the cost.

867 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Premier of the \$390 018 paid to the Victorian Employment Committee in 1979–80:

- 1 What were the individual projects which were funded and what were their costs.
- 2 How many jobs were created and how long the jobs continued.
- 3 How many of the projects are still in existence.

- 870 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health in respect of the decision to replace the proposed 1033-bed Clayton-Burwood Queen Victoria Medical Centre with a proposed 310 bed centre at Clayton whether, prior to the decision, meetings took place between—(a) the Minister of Health; (b) the Hospitals and Charities Commission or the Health Commission; or (c) the Queen Victoria Medical Centre Committee of Management and American Medical International Inc. or Community Systems Foundation (Aust.), indicating in each case the—(i) date; (ii) names of those taking part; and (iii) the substance of the discussion.
- 871 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received any representations concerning the deletion or amendment of Section 31 of the *Health Act* 1958; if so, from whom and what action is proposed on those representations.
- 872 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health in respect of—(a) medical officers and related medical positions; and (b) dental officers and related dental positions in the Health Commission, which positions were unfilled as at 30 June and 1 November 1980, respectively.
- 873 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware of the existence of any waiting times at the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital for obtaining appointments for new glasses; if so—(a) what is the delay; (b) whether many cases have to wait for more than six months; and (c) whether there is a waiting period and what action the Government is taking to alleviate individual hardship.

Notices received on 28 November 1980

- 881 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what projects were funded by the Transport Fund in 1979-80 and what was the cost of each project.
- 882 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 How many outward passenger journeys there were in 1978-79 from each station on each railway line in the metropolitan area which the Victorian Transport Study recommends for closure.
 - 2 What was the amount of revenue collected from each of these stations during 1978-79.
- 883 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 28 asked on 16 September 1980, whether funds have been made available for the construction of a new outpatients' block and theatre remodelling at Yarrowonga Hospital this financial year; if so, what amount has been made available and when it is expected that work will be completed.
- 885 DR VAUGHAN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What are the details of the item listed in the Transport Works and Services Bill under sub-item 403 referring to expenditure on the Eastern Railway of \$90 000 for the financial year ending 30 June 1981.
 - 2 What are the details of the expenditure of \$46 000 on the Eastern Railway for the financial year ending 30 June 1980 referred to in the Transport Works and Services Bill.

Notices received on 2 December 1980

- 887 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 How many complaints have been received from members of the public concerning medical practitioners during each year since 1976, indicating what action has been taken following such complaints.

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- 2 What guidelines, if any, the Medical Board of Victoria uses for judging a person to be guilty of infamous conduct in a professional respect as laid down in the *Medical Practitioners Act 1970*.
- 888 MR MILLER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in view of the failure to provide information in respect of music tuition, initially sought in question No. 1607 asked on 20 November 1979, whether the Minister will indicate as a matter of urgency:
- 1 Which Government schools in the electoral district of Prahran—
(a) provide music tuition; and (b) have a part-time or full-time music teacher on their staff for this school year.
 - 2 What are the present arrangements for each of the schools for music tuition by the Education Department in terms of the number of hours and sessions taught each week.
- 890 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning whether he is aware that the Shire of Diamond Valley has rejected a \$4 million commercial development proposal, involving re-zoning of a residential area (1.25 hectares) on Grimshaw Street, bounded by McDowell Street and Ester Street, half the size of the recently-completed Greensborough Shopping Centre; if so, in view of already excessive commercial development and traffic congestion in the area, whether he will give assurances that local opinion will be paramount in any consideration of re-zoning.
- 893 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in view of the investigation of the heating of the Special Education Unit in Lawson Street, Fawkner, when an answer will be provided to Question No. 289.
- 894 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of payments to non full-time medical staff in hospitals:
- 1 What amount was paid to—(a) all sessional medical staff; and (b) all visiting medical officers during the 1979–80 financial year.
 - 2 What is the estimate for 1980–81 for both categories.
 - 3 What on-call and re-call payments were made in the 1979–80 financial year, and what is the estimate for this financial year.
- 895 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in view of the 1980 Australian Teachers Federation's National Survey of schools which shows that over one-third of the Bendigo region schools surveyed were in need of maintenance, whether the actual funding of capital works allocated to the Bendigo Region has declined in each year since 1976–77; if so, why.
- 896 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, as the Government accepts the principle of meeting the full cost of installing pedestrian operated lights outside schools where they are justified by traffic volumes, why the Government will not accept the same principle of meeting the full cost of traffic wardens on duty outside schools, performing a similar function as the traffic lights.
- 897 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether the livestock growth promotant known as "Ralgro" is an oestrogen in terms of the definition included in section 242A of the *Health Act 1958*; if so, what action has been taken to ensure that its use complies with that section of the Act.

898 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of the school crossing supervisor scheme:

- 1 What has been the cost of the scheme in each year of operation and what is the estimated cost for this year.
- 2 How many persons have been employed under this scheme in each of those years.
- 3 What has been the cost to local government in each year of operation.
- 4 Whether there have been any fatalities or injuries on school crossings during the course of the scheme; if so, when and of what nature and how this compares with the previous period.

899 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Medical Board of Victoria and the *Medical Practitioners Act 1970* or previous corresponding legislation:

- 1 What is the composition of the board, indicating the names of the members, their dates of appointment, their occupations, and their current major employment.
- 2 How many persons have been refused registration under the provisions of section 9 of the Act, indicating the numbers refused registration under paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of section 9 (1), respectively.
- 3 How many inquiries have been held pursuant to section 16 (1) of the Act since 1976, indicating how many concluded with censure or reprimand of the medical practitioner concerned, indicating the nature of the failure to carry out professional duties adequately, or the failure to accept professional responsibilities.
- 4 How many inquiries have been held under the provisions of section 17 of the Act since 1976, indicating—(a) how many persons were reprimanded under sub-section (7) (a); (b) how many suspensions of registration were imposed under sub-section (7) (b); (c) how many persons had their names removed from the register under the provisions of sub-section (1) (a); and (d) how many persons had their names removed from the register under the provisions of sub-section (1) (b).

901 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, further to his refusal on 11 March 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer on sewerage which he gave the then Leader of the Opposition on 20 April 1977 in answer to question No. 1588, reported in *Hansard* at page 7759, whether he will now provide this information.

902 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to the answer to question No. 898 given on 25 March 1980 and reported in *Hansard* at page 7396, how many mentally retarded people on waiting lists for residential care and classified as urgent have experienced waiting periods—(a) under six months; (b) six to twelve months; (c) 12 to 18 months; (d) 18 to 24 months; (e) 24 to 30 months; (f) 30 to 36 months; (g) 36 to 42 months; (h) 42 to 48 months; (i) 48 to 54 months; and (j) 54 to 60 months.

Notices received on 3 December 1980

904 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on residential accommodation for mentally and physically handicapped children which he gave in answer to question No. 894 on 25 March 1980, and recorded in *Hansard* at page 7395, indicating in each case the—(a) number;

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and (b) percentage of children, who are working regularly with—(i) teachers provided by the Education Department; (ii) physiotherapists; (iii) occupation therapists; and (iv) speech therapists.

- 908 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to his answer to question No. 898 on 25 March 1980 and recorded in *Hansard* at page 7396, how many mentally retarded people currently on waiting lists for residential care and classified as urgent are—(a) under one year old; (b) 1–2 years old; (c) 2–3 years old; (d) 3–4 years old; (e) 4–5 years old; (f) 5–6 years old; (g) 6–7 years old; (h) 7–8 years old; (i) 8–9 years old; (j) 9–10 years old; (k) 10–15 years old; (l) 15–20 years old; and (m) over 20 years old.
- 909 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on central administration and regional centres for mental retardation services which he gave on 25 March 1980 in answer to question No. 900 and recorded in *Hansard* at page 7397.
- 911 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to his answer to question No. 901 on 25 March 1980 and recorded in *Hansard* at page 7397:
- 1 Which recommendations of the Working Party on the Establishment of a Division of Mental Retardation within the Health Commission presented to the Commission on 3 July 1979—(a) have become operative with the formation of the new Division; (b) are still inoperative; and (c) have been rejected.
 - 2 What positions additional to the Director and Secretary of the Division have been authorized, indicating in each case whether or not the position has been filled, and, if not, the likely date for an appointment.
- 912 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, further to the answer to question No. 179 on 11 November 1980 and recorded in *Hansard* at page 2454, what was the cost of upgrading and repairing the 117 faulty security systems installed in Government schools prior to November 1976, indicating in each case the—(a) amount; and (b) percentage, met by the original installation contractor.
- 914 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the report prepared on the subject of Computed Axial Tomography Scanners in Victoria:
- 1 How many—(a) head scanners; and (b) full body scanners, are currently being operated in Victoria and where they are situated.
 - 2 Whether any more are proposed for operation in the next twelve months; if so, where.
 - 3 What steps have been taken to put into effect the recommendations of the report.
- 915 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on the bed state of each residential centre for mentally retarded people which he gave in answer to question No. 895 on 25 March 1980, and recorded in *Hansard* at page 7396, indicating in each case the times at which meals are served.
- 917 MR ERNST—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Forests:
- 1 Whether there are any plans, proposals or applications to establish a chip board industry in the Otway and Geelong regions; if so, what is

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the location, and what is the name of those applying to establish this industry.

- 2 If he will ascertain and advise whether there are any studies being carried out by bodies such as the Geelong Regional Commission in relation to the feasibility of establishing such an industry in these areas.
- 3 Whether there are any studies being carried out to ascertain the effect of such an industry upon the environment of these areas.

919 **MR CULPIN**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the premises purchased in Justin Avenue for the Broadmeadows Community Health Services Centre, as an alternative for the present centre situated at 3 Hilda Street:

- 1 Whether he will advise what progress has been made regarding planning for the premises and whether funds for renovation will be made available this financial year.
- 2 Whether he will provide details of all reports prepared in respect of the Justin Avenue premises, including any prepared by the Chief Inspector of Works.

Notice received on 5 December 1980

925 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of staffing in each school in the electoral district of Brunswick:

- 1 What was the enrolment by grade or form in 1979 and 1980 and what is the estimate for 1981.
- 2 What was the number of teachers in 1979, 1980 and how many are proposed for 1981, specifying numbers of special need teachers and other special staffing categories.
- 3 What is the reason for the reduction in staffing in each case.

Notices received on 10 December 1980

933 **MR GAVIN**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:

- 1 What is the criteria for admission to Echuca Technical School.
- 2 Whether this criteria will be made public so that parents of children seeking admission to this school become aware of it.

934 **MR GAVIN**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:

- 1 What is the amount allocated for funding capital works in the Portland Region in 1980–81, indicating the increase or decreases over the amount spent in 1979–80.
- 2 What were the amounts spent in the three previous years.

935 **DR COGHILL**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the identification and examination of persons exposed before birth to diethyl stilboestrol, whether the paper titled "Elevated Serum Cathepsin B1 and Vaginal Pathology After Prenatal DES Exposure" (Peitras, Richard J. et al. *Obstet Gynecol* 1978 Sep; 52 (3) 321–7) has been examined and whether the examination of serum cathepsin B1 levels has been considered as a screening method; if so, what action has been taken as a result.

- 937 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 When answers will be provided to Questions Nos. 603, 604 and 620 concerning patronage and revenue collected on the Upfield line and others during 1979–80.
 - 2 How he justifies his announcement of 8 December concerning the closure of railway lines when data concerning patronage and revenue collected was not publicly available.
- 938 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether consideration has been given to remand prisoners entitlements to good conduct remissions for time served in the remand yard; if so, what is the result of such consideration and when such remissions are likely to come into practice.
- 939 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether details of the new remand building on the new site will be the subject of public consultation prior to its erection.

Notice received on 11 December 1980

- 943 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the registration of occupational therapists:
- 1 When a submission for such registration was first received by him or the Health Commission.
 - 2 What his response and the Commission's response has been to date.
 - 3 Whether it is expected that occupational therapists will be registered in Victoria; if so, when and on what basis.

Notices received on 12 December 1980

- 951 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy why the State Electricity Commission altered last year's accounts in comparison with the 1978–79 Annual Report in that Appendix 4 of its 1979–80 Annual Report shows that an amount of \$13 523 000 has been transferred from "Labour and associated charges, materials and other expenses" to "Purchased electricity and fuel" indicating what the \$13 523 000 was spent on.
- 952 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy why the State Electricity Commission has apparently abandoned the following quantified financial targets of—(a) maintaining an adequate level of liquid resources; and (b) achieving at least seven per cent return on investment, and whether he will supply updated versions of the relevant graphs which appeared on page 5 of the 1978–79 Annual Report but have been left out of the 1979–80 Annual Report.
- 954 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, as at 30 June 1980, on a field-by-field basis, what was the estimated size of Victoria's demonstrated brown coal resource and what proportion was defined as economically winnable.
- 955 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what proportions of Victoria's economically winnable brown coal resource, on a field-by-field basis, have been allocated or reserved for—(a) power generation; (b) briquette manufacture; (c) substitute natural gas; (d) solvent refined coal; (e) oil-from-coal; and (f) other named purposes.

- 958 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the review of the “charities” powers of the *Hospital and Charities Act 1958*:
- 1 Whether he has received any interim reports or the final report; if so, when.
 - 2 Whether he will make the reports available to the Member for Brunswick.
 - 3 When it is proposed that action on this matter, announced more than 12 months ago, will occur.
- 960 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the head lice programme, which municipalities have employed nurses specifically to deal with the problem of head lice, specifying the cost in 1979–80 to each municipality, its reimbursement from the Health Commission and whether any municipalities have withdrawn or been added to the scheme this financial year.
- 961 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of funding for the construction of pre-schools:
- 1 What funds were available in 1979–80 and will be available in 1980–81, specifying the amount from Commonwealth sources.
 - 2 Which new or proposed pre-school centres are currently on the waiting list or have had a decision for subsidy deferred, specifying the date of application.
 - 3 Which pre-schools have had applications for extensions and alterations deferred, specifying the work applied for and when.
- 962 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of nursing services for—(a) the mentally retarded; and (b) patients in Mental Health Division institutions and services:
- 1 What is the present number of qualified nurses employed in direct nursing care of—(a) residents; and (b) patients.
 - 2 What is the present number of vacancies existing for qualified nurses to be employed in direct nursing care of—(a) residents; and (b) patients.
- 963 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of fixed and mobile dental services for school children in country areas, which schools were visited in 1980, indicating how many children were attended to in each school.
- 964 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the Early Childhood Development Programme:
- 1 What is the current staff establishment at each centre, indicating how many positions are filled and whether additional positions are envisaged before the end of the financial year.
 - 2 Whether any new centres or services are proposed this financial year; if so, where.
- 965 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, since 31 August 1978, in respect of hospital and nursing home beds registered under the Private Hospital Regulations:
- 1 How many beds have been registered, specifying the number in each category and the name, address and owner of each hospital in respect of which new or additional beds have been registered.
 - 2 How many beds have ceased to be registered, specifying the number in each category and the name, address and owner of each hospital so affected.

- 966 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of Uniform Foods legislation; whether the draft legislation has been finalized; if so, when; if not, when it is expected that inter-State and Federal negotiations will be completed.
- 968 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry whether he will supply a statistical table showing, for each of the past ten financial years, the numbers of market sites registered and the numbers of—(a) factories; and (b) shops registered, in the following categories based on numbers of persons employed up to 4, 5 to 10, 11 to 20, 21 to 30, 31 to 50, 51 to 100, and 101 or more, distinguishing between Melbourne and the rest of Victoria, by region, if possible.
- 969 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Education, in relation to Stream 6 programmes being undertaken within Technical and Further Education in this State:
- 1 How many—(a) technical schools and colleges; and (b) other centres, are undertaking programmes.
 - 2 How many students are involved.
 - 3 Whether the Government has directed that schools and colleges delete all staff required for Stream 6 classes from their staffing establishment requests for 1981, if so—(a) why; (b) how many teachers are involved; and (c) what steps will be taken to assist students who will be seriously disadvantaged.
- 971 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 How many dentists, advanced dental technicians, dental technicians and dental therapists, respectively, are—(a) registered in Victoria; and (b) practising in Victoria.
 - 2 What is the present dentist to population ratio in—(a) country Victoria; and (b) the metropolitan area and whether ratios are available by regions; if so, what are the ratios.
 - 3 What areas are currently assisted by Government assisted dental services in respect of—(a) hospitals with public dental clinics; (b) pre-school dental clinics; (c) school dental clinics, specifying category of service; and (d) community health centres.
 - 4 At what stage are plans for each metropolitan regional clinic.
- 972 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of hospital deficits for 1979–80, what was the deficit surplus situation at each hospital as at 30 June 1980, what adjustments were subsequently made and for what reasons, what additional moneys, if any, were paid to each hospital and what surpluses were recovered.
- 974 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware that the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust annual report has claimed that the fluoridation of Geelong's water supply is at a halt due to lack of government funding; if so, what action he or the Health Commission intends to take; if not, whether he will have urgent inquiries made and action taken.
- 975 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether he has requested the Commonwealth Minister of Education to allow funds earlier allocated for the Transition Education Advisory Committee programme for 1980 to be in fact spent on approved programmes in 1981, without affecting funds already planned to be spent in 1981; if so, what is the result of such a request; if not, whether he will make such a request.

- 976 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of funds supplied by the Commonwealth Government for the school building programme for each of the years 1978–79, 1979–80 and 1980–81, how those funds were spent, indicating the categories.
- 977 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What funds for the school building programme were retained in central accounts for disbursement, as against regional accounts, for each of the years 1977–78 to 1980–81, respectively.
 - 2 What is the rationale for such retention in each category of central accounts.
- 978 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in the years 1978–79 and 1979–80, how many of the approximately 1800 wards in voluntary and statutory residential care facilities are in facilities not in the same region as the children's families.
- 986 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the proposal that the Bright District Bush Nursing Hospital become a public hospital:
- 1 What progress has been made over the past six months in ensuring that it does become a public hospital.
 - 2 When it is expected that negotiations will be completed and funds become available, and if there is a delay, what is the reason for the delay.
- 991 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he or the Health Commission has received a detailed submission from the Stawell District Hospital concerning the inadequacies of the nursing staff establishment at the hospital; if so, what action he proposes to remedy the situation.
- 992 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of each fee charged by, or paid to, the Health Commission what was the fee income in 1978–79, 1979–80 and what is the estimate for 1980–81.
- 993 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of district nursing services:
- 1 How many visits were made by each service in 1978–79 and 1979–80.
 - 2 What were the number of staff in FTE terms in each service in each of those years and which services, if any, have received increases in staff in 1980–81, indicating the number and type of staff.
- 994 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the school and pre-school medical service during 1980, indicating the respective schools and pre-school numbers separately:
- 1 How many children were examined.
 - 2 How many children—(a) received their routine initial medical examination; (b) did not receive such examination; and (c) received specialized examinations.
 - 3 How many schools and pre-schools were not visited by—(a) medical officers; (b) nursing staff; (c) medical officers; and (d) nursing staff.
 - 4 What is the establishment of the service and how many positions were filled in terms of full-time equivalents as at—(a) 1 January 1980; and (b) 1 January 1981.

- 995 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of—
(a) medical officers and related medical positions (apart from the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Divisions); and (b) dental officers and related dental positions in the Health Commission:
- 1 How many positions exist, specifying their designation, whether permanent or temporary or exempt and whether currently filled.
 - 2 Whether applications have been made to—(a) the Public Service Board; and (b) the Treasury for additional positions; if so, what applications and with what result.
- 999 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the school dental programme how many—(a) dentists; and (b) dental therapists are employed, specifying the number employed outside the metropolitan area.
- 1000 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, further to the answer to question No. 1821 given on 13 March 1980, when he proposes to carry out his undertaking that the tramway passenger statistics would be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 1002 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, regarding his document “The Victorian Building and Construction Industry: An Assessment”, dated November 1980:
- 1 Why Alcoa’s Portland Transmission Line does not appear in Statement 4 (list of major semi-government authority projects in progress or planned to commence in 1980–81).
 - 2 Why the Loy Yang and Driffield power stations and coalfield developments appear in the list of private sector projects and why Loy Yang is referred to as proposed rather than committed.
 - 3 Why the cost of the so-called proposed and private Loy Yang project is reported at \$2800 million in Statement 5 (which elsewhere is accurate to the nearest \$250 000) when Statement 4 has it costed at \$3043 million.
 - 4 Which oil companies and private interests are joining with the Victorian Government to build the proposed \$1 billion commercial coal liquefaction plant.
 - 5 Whether the Mitsui and Imhausen proposals for utilization of brown coal reserves are included in Statement 5; if so, where.
 - 6 Whether the American consortium mentioned by the Premier on 26 June 1980 as showing interest in coal liquefaction is included in Statement 5; if so, where.
 - 7 What is the ownership structure of the company proposing to develop the Gelliondale brown coal deposits and referred to as International Oil in Statement 5.
 - 8 Why the Appendix on data sources and interpretation, which mentions surveys of future construction activity undertaken by the Department of Housing and Construction, the Master Builders Federation of Australia and the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors, ignores the surveys carried out by the Australian Federation of Construction Contractors, whose members account for 80 to 90 per cent of construction industry turnover.
 - 9 Why in his Foreword he speaks of the confidence which should be engendered by the considerable number of major projects committed or proposed by the private sector in Victoria, when the latest quarterly survey by the Australian Federation of Construction Contractors estimates that Victoria will be the only State in which building and construction

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activity is likely to decline over the next five years, by 14 per cent annually in the case of engineering construction.

- 10 Whether he can quantify the continuing trend for activity to swing away from more traditional building and construction projects into heavy engineering, especially resource-based projects referred to in his Foreword and reveal how much of the swing is due to unusual growth in heavy engineering and how much to unusual decline in traditional building and construction.
- 11 Why this document does not show comparable detail to that contained in last year's version dated 11 October 1979 namely, the estimated capital works programmes of all departments, authorities and municipalities classified into—(a) Works and Services account; (b) Commonwealth special purpose funds; (c) Loan Council borrowings; (d) Trust Funds; (e) internal funds; and (f) other sources of capital funds for the latest two years.
- 12 What is the reason for the following discrepancies between Statement 5 of this document and Appendix "B" of the Annual Report of the Department of State Development, Decentralization and Tourism—GMH (Fishermen's Bend) \$210 million compared with \$300 million; JLA (Westernport) unknown compared with \$25 million; GCL (Bacchus Marsh) \$20 million compared with \$2 million; Alcoa (Portland) \$350 million compared with \$400 million; Kominic (Latrobe Valley) \$40–50 million compared with \$100 million; and Loy Yang \$2800 million compared with \$3000 million; and whether he will indicate which figures are correct.
- 1004 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether he has had any discussion with the members of the Victorian Transport Study Inquiry concerning the recommendation of its report on the "VicRail Financial System"; if so, in view of these recommendations supporting the finding of the earlier Board of Inquiry into the Victorian Land Transport System (Bland) that the realities of VicRail's financial situation and their true commercial costs are indefinite and obscure, why the Study recommended closure of various railway lines following economic analysis based on faulty financial and cost data supplied by VicRail; if not, whether he will ascertain and advise why the closure of various railway lines was recommended.

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- 1006 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the National Data Base for Children's Services, and the material currently being prepared by the Health Commission for the study mentioned in the Progress Report of the State Co-ordination Council, December 1980, whether he will provide a copy of the Victorian material to the Member for Brunswick as soon as possible; if not, why.
- 1007 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 In each of the years 1977 to 1980, in what trades apprentices have been employed by the Department of Health and Mental Health Authority and subsequently by the Health Commission.
 - 2 What was the total number of—(a) apprentices employed; and (b) first year apprentices engaged by each of the branches.
 - 3 How many apprentices it is estimated will be employed this year, specifying the number beginning their apprenticeships.
- 1008 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the decision of the Executive Council on 17 February 1981 concerning the

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Infectious Diseases Hospital at Fairfield, whether a copy of the report or reports by the Health Commission and the Minister of Health that the hospital is inefficiently and incompetently managed will be made available to the Member for Brunswick; if not, why.

- 1009 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health why the limpet asbestos was removed at the Glenhuntly Rehabilitation Centre and whether any other buildings which are the responsibility of the Health Commission have similar problems; if so, which buildings and what action is proposed.
- 1010 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the electoral district of Monbulk:
- 1 What access school children have to school dental services and how many children were examined by the School Dental Service in—
(a) 1979; and (b) 1980.
 - 2 What plans exist for the construction of dental clinics within the electoral district of Monbulk and when it is expected that dental clinics and pads for mobile dental clinics will be constructed.
- 1011 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of staff positions in the Community Health Programme for each of the past three years, specifying separately in respect of—(i) the Hospitals Division; (ii) the Mental Health Division; (iii) Mental Retardation Services; (iv) Early Childhood Services; and (v) other services:
- 1 What were the number of positions agreed to.
 - 2 How many of the approved positions have been filled.
 - 3 What is the number of approved positions which have not been able to be filled because of financial constraints.
- 1012 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether the recommendation by the National Health and Medical Research Council that children should be no longer excluded from school if suffering from head lice or nits will be adopted; if so, what arrangements will be made to supervise continuing treatment.
- 1013 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the past financial year, what Commonwealth Government grants have been made to the State for health purposes, specifying the State contribution in each area, whether any moneys remained unspent and the grants agreed to for this financial year.
- 1014 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, in respect of Tender E.19349 concerning the Glenhuntly Rehabilitation Centre:
- 1 Whether he will provide information on other public buildings where limpet asbestos has been removed or where it has to be removed.
 - 2 What are the details of the Public Works Department's policy and practice on the removal of asbestos.
- 1015 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of drug offences, how many offences were reported in 1979 and 1980, respectively, specifying the age and sex of the person charged and the type of drug involved.
- 1016 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing how many single parent families with one child are on the tenancy waiting list for the metropolitan area and what is the approximate waiting time for such housing.

- 1017 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 How many aged persons flats the Housing Commission has for rent, indicating the number of—(a) high rise; and (b) other flats, and whether in metropolitan or non-metropolitan areas.
 - 2 How many aged persons are presently on the waiting list for aged persons flats and what is the current waiting time for—(a) high rise; and (b) other flats, specifying whether in metropolitan or non-metropolitan areas.
 - 3 How many additional units have been constructed in each of the past three years and what number of units will be completed this financial year, specifying whether in metropolitan or non-metropolitan areas.
 - 4 What increase in the number of aged persons flats is proposed under present building programmes.
 - 5 What is the current waiting time in the cities of—(a) Brunswick; and (b) Coburg.
- 1018 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 When kindergarten subsidies were last reviewed.
 - 2 When it is intended that subsidies will again be reviewed.
- 1019 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Premier, in respect of the employment of physically and mentally handicapped persons, whether there have been any additional directions relating to the employment of such persons by the Public Service Board and other public instrumentalities since his answer on 11 April 1978 and whether the information on the number of such persons recruited and employed will be provided for the past three years.
- 1020 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Ballarat Base and District Hospital and further to the answer is question No. 1242 given on 12 March 1980:
- 1 Whether the hospital has now been told that the replacement of the Queen Victoria block's medical wards is on the "5 year plan"; if so, what is its position on the plan.
 - 2 Whether architects have yet been employed; if not, when the Hospital Board will be given approval to employ them.
 - 3 When it is expected that documentation will be completed and approved.
 - 4 When it is expected that building works will actually commence.
- 1021 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Southern Peninsula Hospital at Rosebud:
- 1 What was the cost of planning fees paid to architects and quantity surveyors for the major extension, including the additional 30 nursing home beds and whether any of the drawings or work done will be used in respect of new plans for the hospital.
 - 2 Whether plans have been agreed on for upgrading of the casualty department and other areas of the hospital; if so, when it is expected that work will be commenced and what contribution there will be from the State Government.
 - 3 When the application was made to the Health Commission to construct a private hospital on land next door to the Southern Peninsula Hospital and when the details of the application were made known to the joint working party.

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- 4 What effect the construction of the private hospital will have on the development of the Southern Peninsula Hospital, and on the Frankston Hospital.
- 5 What are the details of the agreed application for the private hospital.
- 1022 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether action has been or will be taken on the recommendation of the Ninetieth Session of the National Health and Medical Research Council that bottles and cans of drinks containing alcohol should be labelled with the advice that alcohol taken by pregnant women may be dangerous to the unborn child; if so, what action; is not, why.
- 1023 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Educational Services, further to the answer to question No. 672 given on 10 March 1980 concerning cyclic maintenance at Brunswick High School, whether he will indicate in which financial year cyclic maintenance will be carried out.
- 1024 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of Queensland fruit fly outbreaks in Victoria in each of the past five summers:
- 1 How many separate outbreaks were detected in each summer, indicating in each case—(a) how it was detected; (b) the date and location of the initial detection; (c) the areas ultimately involved in the outbreak; (d) the methods of control or eradication; (e) the date on which fruit fly were last detected in the area; and (f) whether the area is now free of fruit fly.
 - 2 What steps were taken to ensure the earliest possible detection of new outbreaks or the extension of existing outbreaks.
 - 3 How many grubs taken from fruit were sent by fruit-growers to the Department of Agriculture for identification, indicating the number identified as Queensland fruit fly larvae from—(a) known outbreak areas; and (b) new outbreaks.
- 1025 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, in respect of tenders invited for the connection to sewer of the Animal Research Institute, Werribee:
- 1 What buildings and other facilities are to be connected to the sewer.
 - 2 Whether the connection will ensure compliance with Environment Protection Authority requirements regarding discharge of liquid waste from the Gilbert Chandler Institute of Dairy Technology.
- 1026 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether the recommendation by the National Health and Medical Research Council that children should be no longer excluded from school if suffering from head lice or nits, will be adopted; if so, what arrangements will be made to supervise continuing treatment.
- 1027 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of the approval of the expenditure of funds appropriated to Melton's development by item 161 of the *Public Works and Services Act 1980*:
- 1 When advice of projects proposed by the Shire of Melton was first received.
 - 2 What steps he took in response to that advice before Cabinet approval of the 1980 Public Works and Services Bill.
 - 3 When he became aware of Cabinet approval of the Bill.
 - 4 When he became aware of the amount to be appropriated to Melton and Sunbury development as approved by Cabinet.

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- 5 What steps he took prior to passage of the Bill through Parliament toward the later approval of projects to be funded.
 - 6 What procedures were followed in the approval of projects, indicating the origin and reason for each procedure.
 - 7 Which proposed projects were referred to other departments, statutory authorities or other instrumentalities, indicating in each case the instrumentality, the date and purpose of the original referral and the date of the final reply.
 - 8 What were the dates on which approval was given to proceed with projects to be funded.
- 1028 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of consideration by the Country Roads Board of roadworks in Melton to be funded from an appropriation in item 161 of the *Public Works and Services Act 1980*:
- 1 When the proposed roadworks were first referred to the Board by the Minister for Planning or personnel responsible to him.
 - 2 What procedures were followed in considering the projects, indicating the origin and reason for each procedure.
 - 3 When the final reply was sent.
- 1029 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer, in respect of the expenditure of funds appropriated to Melton's development by item 161 of the *Public Works and Services Act 1980*:
- 1 Why projects proposed to be funded from the appropriation were referred to Treasury.
 - 2 What procedures were followed by Treasury in considering the projects, indicating the origin and reason for each procedure.

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- 1030 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Employment and Training, in view of the Government's establishing a "hot-line" to supply employers with information on how to go about employing an apprentice, whether he will indicate—(a) the number of inquiries received through this "hot-line" since it opened on 16 February; (b) the type of inquiry that has been received; and (c) the areas of Victoria from which inquiries have been received.
- 1031 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in relation to the Woori Yallock primary school:
- 1 What is the current school enrolment and the expected enrolment in 1982.
 - 2 What is the reason for the delay in determining whether the school will be relocated.
 - 3 Whether, in view of the significance of adequate library facilities to any school, a relocatable library will be made available to the school, and if so, when.
- 1032 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health how many new Community Centres are being constructed during the 1980–81 financial year, indicating the locations.
- 1033 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what was the number and nature of crimes reported in 1980 at the Fawkner, Pascoe Vale South and Coburg police stations, respectively.

- 1034 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs:
- 1 What were the ten major national origins of the 21 333 new settlers to Victoria from overseas during 1979–80.
 - 2 What were the comparable statistics for 1978–79.
- 1035 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs:
- 1 How many citizenship certificates were conferred in each municipality in 1980.
 - 2 How many other citizenship certificates were conferred in private ceremonies.
 - 3 How many citizenship certificates were conferred in Victoria in 1980, indicating the former nationalities of these new Australian citizens.
- 1036 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer which statutory authorities other than the State Electricity Commission negotiated loans with interest rates of 18 per cent or more during 1980.
- 1037 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works how many of the more than 1000 oil-fired heaters in Government buildings were converted to other forms of heating during 1980.
- 1038 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services how many schools were converted from oil-fired heaters during 1979 and 1980, indicating such schools within the electoral district of Coburg.
- 1039 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing how many Housing Commission homes have been constructed in Fawkner, indicating the respective number available for rent and still available for purchase.
- 1040 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what is the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board estimate of the number of passengers carried on the—(a) East Coburg; (b) North Coburg; and (c) West Coburg tram routes.
- 1041 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 Which schools in Victoria were entitled as at 1 March 1981 in terms of their enrolment to additional clerical assistance, teacher aides, and other support staff, respectively, but had not received such appointments due to the Government staff ceiling.
 - 2 When it is now expected, that these vacancies in the school establishment will be filled in each case.
- 1042 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what amount was collected in Land Tax in each of the past five years, indicating for each year the—(a) number; and (b) value of assessments issued and the cost of administration as a percentage of revenue actually obtained.
- 1043 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 and 10 December 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information relating to those departments and statutory authorities not required to table their reports in Parliament which he supplied directly to the then Leader of the Opposition in response to question No. 1642 of April 1977, whether he will now make available this information for incorporation, together with any subsequent changes.

- 1044 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 and 10 December 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on the right of nomination to public bodies which he supplied directly to the then Member for Melbourne in response to question No. 1180 of 8 December 1976, whether he will now make available this information for incorporation, together with any subsequent changes.
- 1045 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 and 10 December 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on Government inquiries, Royal Commissions and Parliamentary committee investigations which he supplied directly to the then Member for Melbourne in response to question No. 639 of 15 October 1976, whether he will now make available this information for incorporation, together with any subsequent changes.
- 1046 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 and 10 December 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on administrative and advisory boards and committees which he supplied directly to the then Member for Melbourne in response to question No. 1401 of 8 December 1976, whether he will now make available this information for incorporation, together with any subsequent changes.
- 1047 MR KIRKWOOD—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 In each of the past three years, how many students attending East Preston, Thornbury, Newlands and Preston Girls High Schools, respectively, left school before sitting for the Higher School Certificate.
 - 2 What was the percentage pass rate for the Higher School Certificate at each school in each of the past three years.
- 1048 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been undertaken to ensure that a wider variety of residential facilities with stronger after-care supports are developed under the guidance of the Department for Community Welfare Services to meet the assessed needs of those offending and misbehaving children who require residential care and treatment, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1049 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What progress has been made in expanding the Mental Health Authority facilities to enable severely and profoundly retarded children who require full-time nursing care or highly specialized supervision to be transferred from children's homes and reception centres to specialist accommodation so that the development of other children is not disadvantaged by the staff's disproportionate involvement with handicapped children, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 How many children are resident at Allambie Reception Centre who are severely and profoundly retarded and require full-time nursing care or highly specialized supervision.
- 1050 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps have been taken to ensure that the Education Department provides educational assessment services for children who come into residential care, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

- 1051 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that increased attention is given to teaching Wards social competence and social survival skills, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1052 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in ensuring that specialist services for Wards and other children in residential care is expanded and that specialists providing these services are involved in programme development and in acting as consultants to other staff as well as providing treatment for individual children, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1053 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken by the Department of Community Welfare Services to improve the register of its Wards with special needs and to ensure that staff are available to keep children's progress under review and ensure that all appropriate facilities and services are marshalled to meet their needs; and that the same staff are to be responsible for ensuring that children who must be cared for in specialist facilities have as much access as possible to normal community activities, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1054 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in ensuring that the whole range of residential child care facilities is made more flexible and staff strengthened to enable children with special needs to be included in normal programmes unless full-time nursing care or highly specialized supervision is required, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1055 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether a review has been carried out of the existing staff establishments of all Community Welfare Services Children's Homes and Reception Centres as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 What are the present staff establishments of all Community Welfare Services Children's Homes and Reception Centres.
- 1056 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what efforts have been made to encourage parents to maintain contact with children in children's homes and foster care, and whether realistic reimbursements of expenses have been implemented as an integral part of this programme, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1057 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that children are not placed with holiday hosts as a matter of routine during school holidays in order to allow children's homes staff to take holiday leave, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1058 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps have been taken to ensure that brothers and sisters are not separated by age and sex on admission to reception facilities and children's homes, save in exceptional circumstances, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

- 1059 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that as a condition of appointment as superintendent of a children's home, applicants be required to have successfully completed a recognized child care training course or possess another appropriate qualification as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1060 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in ensuring that the composition and competence of the Boards of Management of children's homes and other voluntary welfare agencies are included in the criteria when licences or contracts are being negotiated; and, further, what stipulations have been placed on Boards to ensure that a significant proportion of each Board's members be required to have some expertise or experience in the welfare or child care field, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1061 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what is the position in each Region in respect of the recommendation that the Department of Community Welfare Services should be responsible for ensuring that a wider variety of accommodation options be made available for adolescents who leave residential care and are unable to live with relatives or board with private families, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1062 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken in ensuring that congregate children's homes accommodate not more than 40 children and that remaining large congregate homes are phased out, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1063 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in developing reception and on-going residential facilities in all Regions without the establishment of any more large congregate Reception Centres or homes, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1064 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to remodel the Family Welfare Advisory Council, giving it wider scope, strengthening it and renaming it "The Family Welfare Council", making it responsible to the Minister for Community Welfare Services, with appropriate sub-committees, which will submit a report annually to the Minister, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1065 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in not deferring recommendations in the Report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976 which can be implemented with only minor legislative change while the legislation is under more rigorous review.
- 1066 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to the answer to question No. 854 given on 10 March 1981:
- 1 What monitoring of the sale and use of prostaglandins is carried out.
 - 2 Whether there have been any allegations or evidence that prostaglandins have been sold or used in breach of Schedule 7 to the *Poisons Act* 1962.
 - 3 Whether the sale or use of any prostaglandins have been investigated; if so, whether any breaches of Schedule 7 have been detected.
 - 4 What action has been taken on any apparent breaches of Schedule 7 in respect of prostaglandins.

- 1067 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in instituting formal Children's Court proceedings against alleged offenders only when the facts of innocence or guilt are in dispute, when alleged offences are serious, or when the child's pattern of behaviour or his family's situation indicates that something more than a warning may be appropriate, as recommended in the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1068 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether evaluation has taken place of the effectiveness of the warning system so that consideration can be given to the introduction of juvenile aid panels as recommended in the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1069 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that the police warning system is embodied in legislation and implemented statewide as a means of dealing with minor offenders, as recommended in the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1070 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in respect of the re-examination of provisions for defining and initiating action in respect of children who misbehave and offend, such examination having been part of a legislative review recommended in the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1071 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made by the Department of Community Welfare Services in respect of each of the aspects of the recommendation contained in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976 that the *Community Welfare Services Act* 1970 and the *Children's Court Act* 1973 be reviewed by a committee comprising both legal and welfare specialists, having regard to the guidelines set out elsewhere in the report that there should also be a continuing body with responsibility for on-going review and that consideration be given to including the *Adoption of Children Act* 1964 in this legislative review.
- 1072 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in the interest of efficiency and coherence in the State welfare field, what consideration has been given to appointing all social workers in State Government employment to the Department of Community Welfare Services as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.
- 1073 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 To what extent each Regional Centre has been delegated a high degree of autonomy as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.
 - 2 To what extent an even level of services is provided at each Regional Centre and to what extent reasonably uniform decision-making is achieved throughout the State, as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.
- 1074 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in respect of the assumption of responsibility for the immediate and long-term development of preventive programmes by the Department of Community Welfare Services, as

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recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.

- 1075 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in respect of the systematic implementation by the Department of Community Welfare Services of the provisions under sections 5 and 13 of the *Community Welfare Services Act 1970*, as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.
- 1076 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether the Government has received the recommendations contained in the report by the National Women's Advisory Council entitled "My Child Was Born Disabled"; if so—(a) to which Ministers the recommendations have been referred; (b) whether the recommendations have been considered by Cabinet; and (c) what decisions have been taken.
- 1077 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Forests, further to the answer to question No. 692 given on 9 December 1980, what grass and bush fires were suspected by the Forests Commission of Victoria to have been deliberately lit, spread from fires allegedly lit in breach of the regulations or other fire restrictions and spreading from fires allegedly lit in prohibited periods and on days of acute fire danger notified under the *Forests Act 1958* in the 1979–80 and 1980–81 seasons, indicating in each case the date and place the fire was detected.
- 1078 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Further to the answer to question No. 692 given on 9 December 1980, what grass and bush fires were suspected by the Country Fire Authority to have been deliberately lit, spread from fires allegedly lit in breach of the regulations or other fire restrictions and spreading from fires allegedly lit in breach of total fire bans proclaimed under the *Country Fire Authority Act 1958* in the 1979–80 and 1980–81 seasons, indicating in each case the date and place the fire was detected.
 - 2 What fires have been investigated by the police since 25 November 1980, indicating in each case—(a) what charges have been laid; (b) what convictions have been obtained, indicating the penalty imposed in respect of each charge proven; and (c) what charges have been withdrawn and what charges have been dismissed.
- 1079 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether the Government has accepted the recommendations contained in the report by the National Women's Advisory Council entitled "My Child Was Born Disabled" to—(a) cause modification to all public transport to ensure that disabled persons and their families can carry essential equipment; (b) remove physical barriers to the travel of disabled persons to enable them to travel as freely as non-disabled persons; (c) provide such facilities as—(i) entrances without steps in all public buildings; (ii) kerbside parking areas with sufficient space beside the vehicle to allow movement into and out of a wheelchair; (iii) a contributable transport scheme either as a taxi co-operative system or government-subsidized taxi service for disabled persons; and (iv) unisex toilets for disabled adults for those disabled people who cannot use toilets without assistance; if not, why.
- 1080 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works whether the Government has accepted the recommendation contained in the report by the National Women's Advisory Council entitled "My Child Was Born

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Disabled" to provide such facilities as entrances without steps in public buildings; if not, why.

- 1081 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to the answer to question No. 907 given on 10 March 1981, whether the Health Commission will seek statutory standards for such products in respect of nutritional value and cholesterol content with such standards used for normal testing programmes; if not, why.
- 1082 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many train derailments have occurred in the first six months of this financial year, and where they have occurred.
- 1083 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 What land purchases were made by the Housing Commission during 1980.
 - 2 Whether any purchases were made in excess of the Valuer-General's valuation.
- 1084 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what amount has been collected in oil royalties in each of the past five years.

Notices received on 12 March 1981

- 1085 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Premier, in respect of the Premier's 1976 election policy speech indicating that Urban Land Council funds should be used to bring down the initial cost of land by about two-thirds, by permitting the cost of the services to be paid over a period:
- 1 What steps have been taken to implement the policy, indicating the date of each such step.
 - 2 What further action will be taken to implement the policy, indicating the date by which it will be completely put into effect.
- 1086 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, further to the answer to question No. 379 given on 11 March 1981:
- 1 Whether there are any additional figures available, indicating the proportion of students commencing secondary education in each region—*(a)* leaving at the minimum age; *(b)* leaving school after completing year 10; *(c)* leaving school after completing year 11; and *(d)* leaving school after completing year 12; if so, what are the details.
 - 2 Whether figures similar to those provided in the answer are available for each category of Government and non-Government schools respectively; if so, what are the details.
- 1087 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps have been taken to ensure that ethnic groups are represented on important committees and advisory councils in the child and family welfare field, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1088 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure the greater use of carefully selected and trained volunteers, especially in implementing Supervision Orders and other activities requiring direct contact with families and children, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

- 1089 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the Department of Community Welfare Services has adopted the general principle that the State should retain final responsibility for children in its care even if the actual services are carried out by the voluntary agencies, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1090 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what attempts have been made to ensure that voluntary agencies play an integral part in policy development and service delivery especially through consultative and other councils and committees established by State authorities, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1091 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether negotiations have begun with the Commonwealth Government to ensure that all Commonwealth funding for child and family welfare organizations are channelled through the State Government even if the general areas in which funds are to be expended are determined at Federal level, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1092 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that improved interpreter services are made available when non-English-speaking clients are dealing with welfare organizations, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1093 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in ensuring that aboriginal and other ethnic groups are given a voice when major decisions are made about children of their own group, and that any special, relevant, cultural factors be considered when decisions are made, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1094 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether compulsory maintenance payments by parents of children in the care of the Department of Community Welfare Services have been abolished, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1095 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What progress has been made by the Department of Community Welfare Services in making available temporary emergency care facilities for children as a form of positive assistance, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 Whether he accepts the principles that such temporary care should be provided as part of an overall assistance programme for the family, that it should be provided with adequate safeguards to avoid abuse and that it should not involve the State in accepting a guardianship role.
 - 3 Whether consideration has been given to contracting out such a temporary care serve as recommended in the report of the Committee.
 - 4 Whether minor legislative changes will be introduced to allow Reception Centres to be used for this purpose, as recommended in the report of the Committee.

1096 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 What action has been taken by the Department of Community Welfare Services to promote the development of a series of community-based remedial facilities for children who offend or misbehave, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 2 Whether consideration has been given to making attendance at such centres an option specifically stated in legislation, as recommended in the report of the Committee.

1097 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 What measures have been taken to encourage magistrates to use supervision orders more frequently and to ensure that appropriate staffing and support resources are made available to enable orders to be implemented adequately, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 2 Whether magistrates are being kept up to date on the resources available in the child and family field, as recommended in the report of the Committee.

1098 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in using temporary foster homes as a component of decentralized pre-Court and reception facilities for children where severe problems of management or security are not likely to be encountered, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1099 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that foster care programmes operated by voluntary agencies are subject to licensing requirements and contractual arrangements in line with those which apply to voluntary children's homes, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1100 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 Whether the services required of individual agencies have been clearly formulated and arranged on a contractual basis where agencies carry out functions which are the Department of Community Welfare Services responsibility, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 2 Whether attempts have been made to draw up the contracts directly between the Department and the agencies; if not, why.

1101 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 Whether the system of open-ended approval of children's homes has been replaced with a system of fixed-term licensing, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 2 Whether licensing requirements now apply to all residential child care agencies and other family welfare agencies which have a component of providing care for children apart from their families, as recommended by the Committee; if not, why.

- 1102 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the composition of the Adoption Conference has been expanded to include representatives of those professions involved in the adoption field and adopting parents and people who have themselves been adopted, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1103 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken by the Department of Community Welfare Services to ensure that where dispensation of parents' consent to adoption is being sought, judicial decisions do not result in children being deprived of the opportunity for a permanent family home, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1104 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether consideration has been given by the Department of Community Welfare Services to establishing a more adequate system of subsidies for approved adoption agencies, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1105 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the Government intends to implement the recommendation that a system of adoption subsidies be developed to enable more lower income families to adopt children and that subsidies be available to all families who adopt children with special needs, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if so, when.
- 1106 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What progress has been made in implementing the twelve-monthly mandatory reviews of Wards and other children in substitute care as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 Whether machinery has been set up to ensure that the reviews are carried out; if not, why; if so, whether they are being carried out by a joint committee of the Department of Community Welfare Services and voluntary agencies' representatives, and the inclusion of one representative of the agency caring for the child, where applicable, and on a regional level, as recommended in the report of the Committee.
 - 3 Whether administrative procedures have been devised to ensure that children and families who require closer attention are the subject of more frequent review, as recommended in the report of the Committee.
- 1107 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the Government has developed training schemes for foster parents and ensured that experienced staff are available at all times for supervision and support, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1108 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to implement the recommendation that, as a matter of principle, only the Court and the Director-General of the Department of Community Welfare Services should continue to have power to alter a child's legal status, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

- 1109 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the Government intends that foster parents be more realistically reimbursed for their services, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1110 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether appeal provisions have been made available for children admitted by the decision of the Director-General of Community Welfare Services under section 35 (1) of the *Community Welfare Services Act 1970*, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria; if not, why.
- 1111 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether a wider range of options, including short-term admission to State residential care without change of guardianship or power to require children to attend non-residential remedial programmes has been made available to the Children's Court and appropriate supporting facilities developed, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1112 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What action has been taken to ensure that in the first instance and irrespective of the mode of admission, Community Welfare Services guardianship should not be for a period exceeding twelve months, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 What action is intended in implementing the recommendation that following the initial twelve-month period, longer-term guardianship be entered into only as a last resort if a careful assessment of children and their families indicates that this is the least harmful option for the child or is necessary to protect society, as stated in the report of the Committee.
- 1113 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether children are now being legally represented in their own right when the Court considers making a decision which would alter the child's legal status, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 Whether the recommendation that legal aid be made available if, for any reason, it appears to the Court that it is in the child's interest, has been adopted.
 - 3 Whether the Department of Community Welfare Services working in conjunction with the Public Solicitor's Office of the Law Department provides legal representation, as recommended in the report of the Committee.
- 1114 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that human dignity is maintained by recommending a number of changes both in Children's Court proceedings and in the physical surroundings in which they take place, as set out in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1115 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what procedures have been adopted to ensure that the respective roles of police and staff of the Department of Community Welfare Services

in respect of children are clarified at inter-departmental level, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

- 1116 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services when—(a) he intends to use his powers under section 32 of the *Community Welfare Services Act 1970* to authorize the Department's officers to intervene where children are alleged to be improperly treated and to enter premises under warrant as a last resort after other actions have failed; and (b) police involvement in child protection proceedings will be phased down, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1117 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what steps have been taken to ensure that the teaching on human relationships is expanded in tertiary education establishments as well as in primary and secondary schools, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1118 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what attempts have been made by the Department of Community Welfare Services to implement the recommendation to maintain an on-going public education and information campaign to make the community aware of the stresses which modern life imposes on individuals and families and to the means through which help may be obtained, as outlined in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1119 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps have been taken in collaboration with the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation and the Education Department to expand the use of school premises after school hours, at weekends and in holidays, to provide recreation programmes for children and parents, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1120 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether any progress has been made in developing and progressively implementing throughout the State, a comprehensive family welfare programme which will marshal all resources of statutory, voluntary and local government agencies to provide a full range of family developmental services, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1121 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in developing preventive programmes in a metropolitan and a country region to provide a range of basic supportive services, as set out in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976, indicating whether the effectiveness of these programmes have been fully evaluated as a guide for future development in other regions, as recommended in the report of the Committee.
- 1122 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what attempts have been made to ensure that research and data collection in the Department of Community Welfare Services and in other parts of the welfare field are improved, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1123 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in implementing the recommendation

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that contracts with residential care organizations stipulate all aspects of service required, not only accommodation and provision of physical care, and that the system of licensing and contracting with voluntary agencies involve close consultation with the Department of Community Welfare Services to enable the voluntary agencies to improve and refine the services and facilities they provide, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

Notices received on 17 March 1981

- 1124 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what proportion of total pay-roll tax receipts was paid by rural industry in the last financial year, indicating the proportion paid by the fruit industry.
- 1125 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Employment and Training how many approved applicants for apprenticeship in each trade were unable to undertake training at the commencement of 1981, indicating how many were girls.
- 1126 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Employment and Training how many indentured apprentices are females, indicating the trades in which they are employed.
- 1127 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing how many Housing Commission homes have been constructed in Coburg, indicating the number still available for rental or purchase, respectively.
- 1128 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what amount the Government has spent during each of the past five years on metropolitan roads and country roads, respectively, indicating the proportion spent on—
(a) construction; (b) maintenance; (c) wages and salaries; (d) traffic management; and (e) protection of future options.
- 1129 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Premier what amount the Government has spent on advertising the “Jobs from Growth” strategies on—
(a) television; (b) radio; (c) newspapers; and (d) publications.
- 1130 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what revenue was collected at each station on the Upfield railway line during each of the months of September to December 1980.
- 1131 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture:
- 1 What areas in Victoria were designated fruit fly area by the Department of Agriculture between 30 September 1980 and 17 March 1981.
 - 2 What is the total area so designated since 30 September 1980.
 - 3 What is the estimated value of crops destroyed within the areas concerned since 30 September 1980.
 - 4 On what date the Government discontinued the road block system of inspection on allocated highways and main roads within Victoria.
 - 5 What was the annual cost of the road block system for the year 1979–80.
 - 6 Whether the incidence of fruit fly increases when road blocks are withdrawn.
- 1132 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture on what date he received a request from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for supplementary funds in 1980–81, what steps he took in response to the request and on what date or dates he advised the Society of the Government’s response, indicating the content of that advice.

- 1133 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer whether he has received any submission seeking supplementary funds to maintain the inspection activities of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; if so—(a) on what date he received the submission, indicating its source; and (b) what action has been taken.
- 1134 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the White Paper on Strategies and Structures for Education in Victorian Government Schools as related to Technical Schools:
- 1 How they will be administered.
 - 2 Whether staff will remain at a ratio of 1 to 14.
 - 3 Whether schools will be equipped to present standards.
 - 4 How corporate management groups will operate.
- 1135 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the White Paper on Strategies and Structures for Education in Victorian Government Schools:
- 1 Whether the curriculum of technical schools will remain different from high schools.
 - 2 Whether there will be a core curriculum for all post-secondary schools.
 - 3 What changes will be made to methods of transfer between technical and high schools.
 - 4 What is the situation in relation to trade teachers whose present qualifications may not allow them to have secondary registration.
 - 5 What is the present situation in the northern region in relation to the 2000 apprentices who were turned away and whether the situation is likely to improve.
 - 6 What is the situation regarding the Coburg School of Textiles and the proposed forced transfer to Warrnambool.
- 1136 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the White Paper on Strategies and Structures for Education in Victorian Government Schools as related to current Education Department policy, what is the position concerning upgrading of programmes in the special needs component which have been cut back at the Glenroy Technical School.
- 1137 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the White Paper on Strategies and Structures for Education in Victorian Government schools as related to the concept of school based autonomy, how the northern region will be involved in view of the fact that basic decisions will be made at Head Office on such matters as funding large expenditure items, staffing and building.
- 1138 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the White Paper on Strategies and Structures for Education in Victorian Government Schools as related to the unavailability of emergency teachers, whether there is a likelihood of increased funding to maintain normal school activities such as camps and excursions.
- 1139 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the electrification of the Werribee railway line:
- 1 In what year funds were first allocated, indicating the purposes for which they were to be used and the year in which it was then proposed that electrification would be completed.

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- 2 What funds were allocated in each year to date, indicating the amount expended and purpose for which they were to be used.
- 3 When it was decided that the commencement of electrified services would coincide with the northern loop of the Melbourne underground rail loop coming into service, indicating what immediate effect that decision had on the date for the introduction of such services.
- 4 When it is now expected that electrified services will be introduced.
- 5 What are the reasons for the announced deferral of the commencement of electrified services until late 1982, indicating in relation to each reason, the facts used to substantiate the reason.

Notices received on 18 March 1981

- 1140 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture what further codes for the welfare of farm animals are in preparation in addition to the Codes of Accepted Farming Practice already approved by the Governor in Council, indicating in each case when it is expected that the code will be approved.
- 1141 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture in respect of the Codes of Accepted Farming Practice which have been approved by the Governor in Council and appearing in *Victoria Government Gazette* No. 16 of Wednesday, 18 February 1981, what steps have been taken to advise—
(a) livestock transport operators; (b) beef and dairy farmers; (c) pig farmers; (d) sheep farmers; (e) goat farmers; (f) deer farmers; and (g) poultry farmers, of the provisions of the Codes.
- 1142 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of the Code of Accepted Farming Practice for the Welfare of Animals During Transportation:
- 1 What is the maximum period for each species considered to be “recent” in the provision “animals awaiting transportation should have recent access to water”.
 - 2 What exceptions are implied by the term “where possible” in the provision “loaded vehicles and trailers should not be parked so that animals are exposed to extremes of heat for more than one hour where possible without shade and adequate ventilation”.
 - 3 What are the bases for the periods 36 hours and 6 hours in the provision “no animal should be left without water for more than 36 hours; this period may be extended if the journey can be completed within 6 hours”.
 - 4 What criteria are to be applied in determining the suitability of ventilation in containers used for the transportation of chicks.
- 1143 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of the Code of Accepted Farming Practice for the Welfare of Cattle:
- 1 Why there is no provision for restraint used on cattle to include procedures and equipment chosen to minimize the risk of injury and pain to the animal.
 - 2 What are considered to be “the interests of animal welfare” which might justify tail docking.
 - 3 In relation to the use of an anaesthetic in spaying what is meant by the term “as appropriate”.
- 1144 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of the Code of Accepted Farming Practice for the Welfare of Sheep, why

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there is no provision for restraint used on sheep to include procedures and equipment chosen to minimize the risk of injury and pain.

1145 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of the Code of Accepted Farming Practice for the Welfare of the Domestic Fowl:

- 1 What is meant by the use of the word “modified” in the provision “disease should be treated, prevented or modified where possible”.
- 2 What is the basis of the implicit acceptance of death rates up to one per cent per week in the provision “if deaths exceed one per cent per week”.

1146 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received correspondence and a submission from the Town Clerk, City of Fitzroy, concerning the redirection of funds from the de Paul Centre to the Fitzroy Community Health Association; if so, what action he proposes taking in relation to the correspondence and submission.

1147 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health which State Institutions are using the contraceptive “Depo-Provera” indicating on what basis and whether he will make a statement on its safety or otherwise and, if not, why.

1148 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 Which institutions are using the contraceptive “Depo-Provera” indicating on what basis.
- 2 What consultations on its safety have occurred and with whom.

1149 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:

- 1 In respect of district nursing services at the Kyneton District Hospital, what has been the increase in the last three years, and what is the expected requirement for this year.
- 2 How many nurses are employed, and what allowance is made for the size of the area to be covered.
- 3 What is the Kyneton Hospital’s priority rating for the appointment of an additional nurse or nurses, and when it is expected that such an appointment will be made.

1150 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, in respect of the studies by British consultants engaged to investigate certain aspects of a nuclear project:

- 1 What is the name of the firm of consultants.
- 2 What was the date on which the consultants were—(a) engaged; and (b) commenced their investigation.
- 3 What were the terms of reference specified to the consultants.
- 4 What fee has been or is to be paid to the consultants and how was the fee determined.
- 5 What source or sources of nuclear fuel have been considered.
- 6 What type or types of nuclear power station have been considered.
- 7 What manner or manners of treatment, disposal and/or reprocessing of spent fuel and other radioactive wastes have been considered.
- 8 What capital and operational costs other than the on-site cost of nuclear power stations have been considered.
- 9 What environmental implications have been considered.

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- 10 What changes to Victorian and Commonwealth legislation which would affect a nuclear power station have been considered.
- 11 On what date or dates the consultants—(a) were required to report; and (b) have reported or are expected to report.

1151 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 What was the content of his submissions to the Treasurer for funding of private adoption agencies, operated by the Catholic Family Welfare Bureau, the Anglican Church through the Mission of St James and St John, the Uniting Church Child Care Services, the Lutheran Church and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.
- 2 What was the response of the Treasurer to his submissions.
- 3 What is the Government's continuing commitment to these agencies.
- 4 Whether he will provide comparative costs for the Adoption Section of the Department of Community Welfare Services and for private adoption agencies.
- 5 Whether he is aware of the enormous discrepancies between the present offer for funding to each of the three first-mentioned agencies in part one and the funds provided for departmental agencies.

1152 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 What action has been taken to ensure the continuance of employment of hospital officers at Pentridge Prison Hospital.
- 2 Whether he intends to direct the Correctional Services Division to advertise vacant positions for hospital officers in prisons; if so, when.
- 3 What action he intends taking to ensure that acting hospital officers have the opportunity to participate in familiarization programmes, thus giving them the opportunity to seek secure permanent employment.
- 4 Whether he has decided to disregard the memorandum of 23 February 1979 from Dr John Wolstenholme to the Director of Correctional Services in respect of prison hospital officer requirements for Pentridge Hospital and the Jika Jika High Security Unit; if so, why, and what effects staffing cutbacks will have on the functioning of the hospital and the high security unit.
- 5 What changes to prescribed insignia have recently been required for various ranks of hospital attendants and whether this change represents any change of rank for hospital attendants; if so, what are the reasons for such insignia changes, and for changes in rank.

1153 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of the Code of Accepted Farming Practice for the Welfare of the Domestic Fowl Part II as it relates to space, what is the basis of the density figures shown, indicating how they were arrived at and why some are higher than the equivalent British figure.

1154 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Employment and Training, further to the answer to question No. 50 given on 16 September 1980 concerning the Youth Guarantee Fund, whether he will make available to the Member for Brunswick the letter that was forwarded to the Secretary of the Department of Employment and Youth Affairs, together with subsequent correspondence and whether he will provide details on the current situation of the Fund.

1155 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the proposed closure of the Upfield railway line, what studies of—(a) necessary economic and social issues; and (b) cost benefit analysis have been carried out, or are being carried out, specifying the researches involved and whether the result of such studies will be made available to the public.

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- 1156 MR SKEGGS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether there has been a departmental assessment of the effect on the environment, traffic density and rail freight arising from proposed deregulation of trucks; if so, what are the details.
- 1157 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of public dental services:
- 1 What is the Health Commission's basis for allocating public dental services to non-metropolitan areas specifying the number of public dentists required for particular population groups.
 - 2 What public dental services are available in the Geelong area, and what steps are proposed to increase the availability of such services to Geelong residents.
- 1158 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What was the actual staff ceiling in each of the Primary, Technical and Secondary teaching divisions at 1 March 1981, excluding teachers on leave.
 - 2 What was the staff establishment in each of the Primary, Technical and Secondary teaching divisions at 1 March 1981, excluding teachers on leave.
 - 3 When the Government plans to bring about equality between the staff ceiling and the staff establishment in each of the Primary, Technical and Secondary teaching divisions.
- 1159 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works whether a contract has been awarded to an overseas company to construct a wharf at Shelly Beach, Williamstown; if so, what is the purpose of the new wharf.
- 1160 MR ERNST—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what funds or guarantee of funds the Government is providing for the development of the Geelong central business district indicating for what projects.
- 1161 MR ERNST—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in relation to parking facilities at the Geelong railway station:
- 1 Whether there are any plans to extend the railway car park to overcome the limited car parking spaces available at present; if so, when construction will commence.
 - 2 Whether he will give consideration to drawing up plans and constructing an overpass or an underpass from the parking area to the railway station.
- 1162 MR ERNST—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, in respect to Government funds made available to the ethnic communities and clubs in the Geelong area, which projects have received funding for the past three years, indicating the amount in each case.
- 1163 MR SPYKER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What funds are raised from boat registration fees.
 - 2 How these funds are spent.
 - 3 What proportion of these funds are spent on new boat ramps and ramp improvements.
 - 4 What is the Government's policy in relation to the provision of boat ramps.

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- 1164 MR KIRKWOOD—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Whether he will ascertain and advise how many other States in Australia apply the rule for vehicles turning left to give way, as in Victoria.
 - 2 What steps will be taken to have uniform road laws in Australia.
- 1165 MR KIRKWOOD—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply:
- 1 What has been the price of water charged by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works for the past five years.
 - 2 What has been the percentage rate increase in comparison with water charges imposed by the Board over each of the past five years.
- 1166 MR KIRKWOOD—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply:
- 1 What is the name of the chemical material causing the bitter taste in water supplied by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works.
 - 2 What damage is being done to pipes because of excess fluoride in water.
- 1167 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister of Soldier Settlement:
- 1 On what date the Young Farmers' Establishment Scheme came into being.
 - 2 How many young farmers have received financial assistance through the Scheme to date.
 - 3 What is the total direct financial outlay by the Government to young farmers through the Scheme to date.
- 1168 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture:
- 1 Whether Countryside Meats Pty Limited, Donald, now in receivership, owe the Department of Agriculture an amount of money in respect of inspection fees and other charges; if so—(a) what is the total amount owed and over what period; (b) what action the Government has taken to recover the outstanding amounts; and (c) on what date the action was taken.
 - 2 Whether the Government authorized a number of carcass classification trials at the Countryside Meats works at Donald; if so—(a) on what date; (b) on what dates the trials commenced and ceased; (c) what was the result of the trials and whether the Government paid for the plant and machinery used at the trials; and (d) what was the cost of the trials against the Government, indicating where the machinery is now stored for safekeeping.
- 1169 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what are the statistics for the various categories of armed hold-ups reported in 1980.

- 1170 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Minister of Education, when an answer will be provided for question No. 933 asked on 10 December 1980 concerning admission criteria to Echuca technical school.
- 1171 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply:
- 1 When repairs to the exterior of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works' offices in Little Collins Street were commenced.
 - 2 What has been the cost for each year to date and what is the expected total cost.
- 1172 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 What amount is currently held in the Firearms Training Fund.
 - 2 When the last distribution of money from this fund was made, indicating the name and address and the amount paid to each club.
- 1173 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what are the conditions for paying out a Housing Commission contract before its completion, indicating any provisions concerning when it can be paid out, how the amount to be paid is to be calculated, and how the interest to be paid in addition to the capital then owing is determined.
- 1174 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what are the current Housing Commission criteria for deferring increased escalating interest repayments, indicating whether the higher interest is waived at some point of time, and in what circumstances.
- 1175 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in relation to Housing Commission land at Melton:
- 1 When the land was bought, indicating the total price, the price per hectare and the area.
 - 2 What are the holding and interest charges to date, including this financial year, indicating the amounts in each case.
 - 3 Whether any land has been sold; if so, what is the area concerned and the price paid for such land.
 - 4 What are the current plans for the development of this land, indicating the expected starting date and timetable.
- 1176 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether persons sentenced between 1961 and 1974 are disadvantaged compared with persons sentenced before or after that period.
 - 2 What action is proposed to provide justice to those prisoners sentenced between 1961 and 1975 who are serving long and very long sentences with minimum terms of twenty years or more, even with remissions allowable.
 - 3 How many prisoners are serving long commuted sentences of 25 to 30 years minimum terms.
 - 4 How many of such prisoners are considered suitable for release.
 - 5 Whether the length of their sentences will be brought into line with other life sentences; if not, why.
- 1177 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 How many women serving a court sentence at Fairlea Female Prison have children, indicating the number of children involved.

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- 2 How many hours women are allowed to spend with their children each week.
 - 3 What special arrangements are made for those women who have children and are serving a court sentence at the Prison.
- 1178 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What rights prisoners at Fairlea Female Prison have to see a visiting doctor when refused access by the supervising sister.
 - 2 What documented evidence is available to show the number of requests by prisoners at the Prison to consult a doctor which have been refused.
- 1179 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether medical care is provided on a twenty-four hour basis, seven days a week, at Fairlea Female Prison.
 - 2 Whether prisoners at the prison have the right to choose their own medical practitioner, psychologist or psychiatrist.
 - 3 Whether prescribed medical drugs are at all times supervised and administered by trained medical personnel at the prison.
- 1180 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether the hospital facilities at Fairlea Female Prison meet with the minimum requirements of the Health Commission.
 - 2 When the hospital at the prison was last inspected by the Health Commission.
 - 3 When—(a) the kitchen; (b) the laundry; and (c) the dormitories, at the prison were last inspected by the Health Commission and whether they met with the minimum requirements.
- 1181 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 How many Attendance Centres there are in Victoria.
 - 2 What is the total number of offenders supervised at Centres in Victoria, indicating how many of these offenders are women.
- 1182 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What are the figures relating to staff turnover at Fairlea Female Prison over the past five years.
 - 2 What is the current staffing complement at the Prison, indicating whether this complement is considered to be full strength.
 - 3 What is the current salary relating to the various grades of prison officers employed at the Prison.
 - 4 What was the average number of overtime hours worked by each prison officer at the Prison for the years 1978–79 and 1979–80.
 - 5 What overtime rates are paid to prison officers.
 - 6 Whether prison officers employed at the Prison are given first aid instruction during any part of their training.
- 1183 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What evidence is available to show that the work undertaken by the prisoners at Fairlea Female Prison prepares them for further employment.

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- 2 What provisions are made for pre-release leave, day leave and weekend leave at the Prison in order to prepare women for their eventual release.
 - 3 How many women were released from the Prison during the period 1978-79 and 1979-80, indicating how many have had work arranged for them by the Commonwealth Employment Service or other agencies on their release.
 - 4 What procedures are adopted at the Prison to evaluate the effectiveness of the educational and vocational programmes, indicating whether these results are available for public scrutiny.
- 1184 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether women in Fairlea Female Prison are accommodated according to age and nature of offence.
 - 2 What is the breakdown of age and offence of each woman serving in Wing 1, Wing 2A, Wing 2B and the Cottages, respectively.
- 1185 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What is the purpose in restricting prisoners' outward mail at Fairlea Female Prison to three letters per week.
 - 2 Whether he could ascertain and inform how many letters per week are permitted to be written by prisoners detained in women's prisons in New South Wales and South Australia.
 - 3 Whether it is necessary for women detained at Fairlea Female Prison to write their personal letters on Fairlea stationery; if so, why.
- 1186 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What is the maximum wage a prisoner can earn at Fairlea Female Prison.
 - 2 Whether he could ascertain and inform how this figure compares with the earnings of those women in similar institutions in New South Wales and South Australia.
- 1187 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What kind of activities, care and supervision is involved in the Fairlea Women's Prison Drug Rehabilitation Programme.
 - 2 What evidence is available to show that this programme is effective.
- 1188 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether it is an offence for a prisoner at Fairlea Female Prison to make what is considered to be an unfounded complaint to—(a) a Visiting Justice; and (b) the Ombudsman.
- 1189 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether staff and the prison population at Fairlea Female Prison have meetings for the purpose of discussing problems that may arise from certain types of behaviour, attitudes and regulations that may aggravate smooth running of prisons; if so, how often these meeting are held.
- 1190 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What is the cost per week for the Government to detain a woman at Fairlea Female Prison.

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2 What has been the total number of prisoners detained at the prison since 1975 and of this number how many are recidivists.

3 What is the maximum and minimum time respectively served by a woman serving a sentence at the Governor's pleasure at the Prison.

1191 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether the Government has made application to the Commonwealth Government for an allocation of money from the Fishing Industry Research Trust Account during the past five years; if so, what was the nature of the application and what grant was made from the Trust in each of the past five years.

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- 1192 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer whether he will lay on the table of the library all relevant files concerning the proposed major legal action being contested by a vending machine company and George Adams and the Treasurer or Premier; if not, why.
- 1193 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer with reference to the imposition of a levy on suburban rail fares to provide funds for the Melbourne Underground Rail Loop Authority:
- 1 What annual revenue has been raised by the levy.
 - 2 What have been the yearly contributions to the Authority by the Victorian Railways Board.
- 1194 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Economic Development what amount of financial assistance has been given to Victorian companies during the past twelve months in the form of freight incentives under the 10 point decentralization plan, indicating which companies have received this assistance.
- 1195 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 On what conditions the Fisheries and Wildlife Division issues permits to people to trap native birds.
 - 2 What is the estimated number of native birds trapped annually.
 - 3 Whether the Division supports the industry of trading in Australian fauna.
 - 4 Whether the Division has investigated any possible cruelties in trapping; if so—(a) what is the estimated mortality rate after the birds have been trapped; and (b) what findings have been made concerning cruelty in confining in close solitary confinement a bird that has flown free as a species for fifty years or more.
- 1196 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether the Health Commission inspects native birds taken by professional trappers for psittacosis, a contagious disease that can be communicated to human beings.
- 1197 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Property and Services:
- 1 How many marriages were performed in the electoral district of Oakleigh in each of the past five years, indicating for each year the—(a) number; and (b) percentage where the celebrant was—(i) a minister of a recognized religious denomination; (ii) the official registry; (iii) a civil celebrant.
 - 2 What was the number and percentage of marriages in each year where the—(a) bride; and (b) groom were—(i) under 20 years of age; (ii) 20–25; (iii) 26–30; (iv) 31–35; (v) 36–40; (vi) 41–45; (vii) 46–50; and (viii) over 50.

- 1198 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, how many prosecutions have been launched under section 3 of the *Litter Act* 1964.
- 1199 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health in respect of the hospital building programme for the financial year 1980–81:
- 1 Which works were to be carried out or planned in Victorian hospitals, specifying in each case—(a) the hospital and the proposed work; (b) the stage this work is expected to reach by the end of the financial year; and (c) the expected expenditure this financial year.
 - 2 Which works were paid for from 1980–81 loan funds and which works are being constructed using bank loans or overdrafts to be repaid in future financial years.
- 1200 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health concerning the implementation of the *Health (Fluoridation) Act* 1973:
- 1 What supplies have now been fluoridated, indicating the date fluoridation commenced and the number of people served by the particular supply.
 - 2 Which water supply authorities have still not implemented the Act and what steps are being taken by the Government and the Health Commission in respect of each one of these Trusts.
- 1201 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of personnel working at 555 Collins Street, what arrangements exist for people not directly on the Health Commission's payroll, namely hospital and community health centre staff, to work at the Commission and how many such people are currently engaged in such exchange.
- 1202 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the review of the Early Childhood Development Programme announced by the Assistant Minister of Health in 1978:
- 1 What were the terms of reference of the review.
 - 2 Who conducted the review.
 - 3 When the review was completed and when copies of the report will be made public.
- 1203 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in relation to the Goonawarra Estate at Sunbury:
- 1 What is the number of lots pre-selected by builders as part of a builders purchase agreement, indicating the nature and terms of the agreement and whether the agreement legally contracts a sale.
 - 2 What is the current estimated profit or loss on each block of land sold.
 - 3 How many people are permanently employed, indicating their job, both at Sunbury and in the City or elsewhere, and the costs involved.
 - 4 What is the total cost of the television advertising campaign this year, and the total cost to date of all advertising.
- 1204 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 On what information he based his advice to Mr Max Dowsey of Werribee that all children from Werribee and surrounding districts for whom pre-school education was sought during 1981 have been accommodated.
 - 2 Whether in 1979, sixteen children and in 1980, twenty children wanting pre-school education could not be allotted places.

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- 3 What reasons there are for one child in every twenty-seven in the Werribee district receiving referred enrolment whereas the Victorian average is one child in every 136.
 - 4 When a capital grant will be made for the proposed Kookaburra Avenue pre-school and infant welfare centre.

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- 7 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning whether the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works has written to him concerning the reservation for the F2 freeway, south of Bell Street, and whether the Board has written to the Brunswick City Council concerning the same matter; if so, whether he will make available to the Member for Brunswick, all files, memoranda and plans concerning this matter.
- 11 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of radiology services carried out in public hospitals on the 60/40 fee sharing agreement:
- 1 Which hospitals operate under this arrangement specifying the group practices involved, and the radiologists concerned in all such hospitals, indicating whether on a full or part time basis.
 - 2 In the case of each hospital for the years 1977–78, 1978–79 and 1979–80 and separately for the financial year to date, what income has been received by the hospital to offset the cost of providing the services to private patients.
 - 3 Whether payments have also been made in respect of radiology services for public or hospital patients; if so, what amounts in each case.
- 18 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of an investigation into hospital drug costs in Victoria announced on Friday, 28 October 1977:
- 1 Whether the investigation is completed.
 - 2 Whether a copy of the report will be made available.
 - 3 What action has resulted from the investigation.
- 25 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the proposed Eastern Suburbs Geriatric and Rehabilitation Centre planned for Burwood Highway, East Burwood:
- 1 What progress has been made in planning the Centre.
 - 2 What allocations of funds have been made to the Planning Committee in past financial years and this financial year for developing the Centre.
 - 3 Whether he will lay on the table of the Library all reports and memoranda relating to the development of this Centre.
 - 4 When it is expected that—(a) documentation will be completed; and (b) construction work will commence.
- 29 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the hospital construction and expansion programme in Victoria:
- 1 What would be the cost at current prices of building all those works and renovations which have been approved in principal and which some commitment has been made.
 - 2 Whether a list of such works will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.

- 31 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of payments to non-fulltime medical staff in hospitals during the 1978-79 and 1979-80 financial years:
- 1 What amount was paid to all visiting and sessional medical staff, specifying the categories of payment for sessional staff on call and recall.
 - 2 What is the estimate for 1980-81.
- 39 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of funds for the construction or subsidizing the construction of pre-schools:
- 1 What funds were available in the year 1979-80, specifying funds from Commonwealth sources.
 - 2 Which new or proposed pre-school centres are currently on the waiting list or have had a decision for subsidy deferred.
 - 3 Which pre-schools have had applications for extensions or alterations deferred.
- 45 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the Early Childhood Services Policy Committee, and further to question No. 92 answered on Tuesday, 11 September 1979:
- 1 What progress has been made in the evaluation of the Early Childhood Development Programme.
 - 2 Which aspects of the Programme have been examined.
 - 3 What reports and recommendations have been made by the Committee to the Chairman and/or the Minister.
 - 4 Whether copies of such reports will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 55 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 What is the composition of the advisory committee on units for cardiac surgery mentioned in answer to question No. 1079 given on 12 March 1980 and what are the terms of reference of the committee
 - 2 Whether the report has yet been submitted either to the Health Commission or to him; if so, whether a copy can now be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 59 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the sub-committee of the Consultative Council on Maternal and Child Health established to advise on the evaluation of the Early Childhood Development Programme, and further to question No. 95 answered on 5 July 1979:
- 1 Whether the report was submitted to the Consultative Council in August 1979; if not, when it was submitted.
 - 2 Whether the Consultative Council submitted the report to him; if so, when; if not, why.
 - 3 Whether he has yet decided to release all or part of the report as suggested in his answer of 5 July 1979; if so, to whom the report has been released and whether a copy of the report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 65 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, further to the answer to question No. 1268 given on 11 March 1980 concerning coronial autopsies:
- 1 What conditions are proposed to be laid down by the Law Department in granting permission to conduct post mortem examinations in certain cases where the death is reportable to the Coroner.

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- 2 Whether any teaching hospitals have yet availed themselves of these new arrangements; if so, which and when.
- 66 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of discussions between the Law Department and Health Commission medical officers concerning the conduct of post mortem examinations by teaching hospitals, in certain cases where the death is reportable to the coroner, what has been the result of these discussions, and whether it is expected that new arrangements may soon apply in at least one Melbourne teaching hospital; if so, which teaching hospital and when it is expected that the new arrangements will be introduced.
- 68 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health further to the answer to question No. 1226 given on 11 March 1980 concerning the rebuilding of the Police Hospital:
- 1 On what basis the Committee of Management of Prince Henry's Hospital was asked to participate in the building of the Police Hospital, either by the Hospitals and Charities Commission or the Health Commission.
 - 2 When the first request was made.
 - 3 What were the details of the arrangements.
 - 4 Whether either commission received progress reports from the hospital concerning the project; if so on what dates and whether all files and memoranda relating to this matter will be laid on the table of the Library.
- 72 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Box Hill Hospital:
- 1 How many administrative officers are employed at the Hospital.
 - 2 How many medical registrars are employed at the Hospital and how this compares with the number of accredited positions at the Preston and Northcote Community Hospital and the Western and General Hospital.
- 82 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Premier what reports have been compiled by—(a) the Anti-discrimination Bureau; and (b) the Equal Opportunity Board, in the past twelve months, indicating whether these reports will be laid on the table of the Library.
- 84 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in each of the past three financial years and the current financial year to date:
- 1 What funds have been allocated to co-operative housing societies, indicating—(a) Commonwealth funds and their source; (b) State funds and their source; (c) funds not used and carried over; (d) revolving funds; and (e) any other funds.
 - 2 What was the actual expenditure and what is the estimated expenditure for the remainder of this financial year.
 - 3 What was the proportion of funds as between co-operatives and the Housing Commission.
- 87 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, following the appointment of a Co-ordinator of Urban Land Development:
- 1 What steps have been taken to establish and monitor a data-bank for urban land production.
 - 2 What steps have been taken to extend the Preferred Development Area system to major urban areas in the country.

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- 3 What steps have been taken, or are currently under consideration, to reduce the cost of land servicing.
- 88 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what is the number of Country Roads Board houses being transferred to the Housing Commission, indicating in each case—(a) the location; and (b) whether the house is occupied and, if so, the duration of current tenancy agreement.
- 89 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 What housing accommodation was vacant at each Housing Commission estate as at 1 January 1980, indicating the number and type of unit.
 - 2 How many Commission flats and houses, respectively, were vacant and undergoing maintenance as at 1 January 1980 in each local government area.
- 90 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in each of the past 24 months to date, how many Housing Commission allocations for both purchase and tenancy have been made, indicating the waiting period in each case.
- 92 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 What was the number of tenancies as at 10 February 1980, indicating the percentage variation from the number as at 10 February 1979.
 - 2 What rent increases associated with the market related rent policy occurred during the year ended 10 February 1980, showing at the close of that period—(a) the number of tenants in arrears and those more than ten weeks in arrears; (b) the total amount owed; and (c) the average amount owed, indicating in each instance the percentage variation from the corresponding figures as at 10 February 1979.
- 93 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in relation to the development of the Goonawarra Estate at Sunbury:
- 1 What amount has been spent on the whole project to date, indicating the expected expenditure at completion.
 - 2 What amount has been spent on the golf course to date, and what is the expected expenditure and the completion date, indicating separate items including the club house and greenkeeper's section.
 - 3 Whether the course has reticulated water and sewerage throughout; if so, what is the cost.
 - 4 How many hectares are set aside for the golf course and its surrounds, and how many for housing.
 - 5 How many house lots are expected to be yielded from the balance of the land.
 - 6 How many houses have been completed to date, and how many are in the course of construction, indicating the cost to date and the expected selling price.
 - 7 How many houses intended for public use have been completed to date, and how many are in the course of construction, indicating the cost to date and the expected selling price.
 - 8 How many house lots will be made available to—(a) private builders; (b) private persons; and (c) public housing.
 - 9 What is the average price of blocks made available to—(a) private builders; (b) private persons; and (c) public housing.
 - 10 How much the advertising campaign has cost to date, and how much it is expected to cost, indicating the source of the funds.

- 94 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what is the result of further discussions with the State Superannuation Board to determine whether loans could be made available to the general public on a longer term basis to be more acceptable to the average borrower for home loan purposes, indicating whether any money has been lent on this basis, and, in that event, how much and at what rate of interest.
- 104 **MR MATHEWS**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what is the migrant English teacher entitlement of each school in the electoral district of Oakleigh, indicating the number of migrant English teachers actually provided in each case.
- 106 **MR MATHEWS**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what is the name of each school where building plans have had to be abandoned following adoption of the core-plus policy, indicating in each case—(a) who commissioned the plans, and whether departmental approval was given; (b) whether the plans had been completed; (c) whether tenders had been called; and (d) the costs incurred.
- 111 **MR MATHEWS**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health which of the Priority List projects for 1976–77, 1977–78 and 1978–79, pursuant to the Commonwealth *Aged Persons Hostels Act 1972* and *Aged or Disabled Persons Homes Act 1974* which his predecessor itemized in his answer to the Member for Brunswick on 15 March 1978 in response to question No. 20 and reported in *Hansard* at page 422, have not been finished, indicating the reason in each case.
- 121 **MR MATHEWS**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether the Housing Commission employs any Aborigines; if so, in what capacity.
- 123 **MR MATHEWS**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether he will now provide the answer on the recommendations of the report on the Victoria Police which the then Chief Secretary was unable to give the then Leader of the Opposition on 4 May 1977 in response to question No. 1461 and reported in *Hansard* at page 8728.
- 124 **MR MATHEWS**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what is the name of each senior citizens club for which a Commonwealth Government grant is currently being sought, indicating in each case the—(a) number on the priority list; (b) municipality; and (c) date on which application was originally made.
- 197 **MR FOGARTY**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning whether there is an appeal before the Town Planning Appeals Tribunal involving the Cities of Sunshine and Altona, against a permit being granted to Protean Holdings to build an abattoir at Derrimut; if so—(a) whether legal representatives acting on behalf of Protean Holdings indicated that it was the intention of that company to rationalize its operations at Derrimut; (b) what action the Government has taken to protect the commitments of Melbourne and Richmond City Councils on matters relating to the abattoirs sited on Crown land within those two municipalities; and (c) what adverse effects the permit granted by the Shire of Werribee and the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works will have on these works in addition to to Co-operative Farmers and Graziers Direct Meat Supply Ltd works, Brooklyn at a time of depleting livestock numbers and over-capitalization of the meat industry.
- 200 **MR FORDHAM**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, with regard to commitments made by the Government immediately prior to the last State elections:

1 What will be the specific opportunities for Victorian teachers of all backgrounds to visit and study in overseas countries from which our

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migrant population is trained, and whether the Teacher Education Division has begun consultations with ethnic communities as to how these opportunities can best meet the needs of education for a multi-cultural society.

- 2 By what means the Government will encourage the development of an understanding attitude to migrants and the acquisition of information concerning multi-cultural education within teacher education programmes.
- 3 With respect to the \$100 000 on a \$1 for \$1 basis with the Commonwealth Government for the development of community languages and multi-cultural education teaching materials, whether the \$100 000 will be provided only for 1979.
- 4 Whether the amount allocated by the Commonwealth Government in 1980 and 1981 will be matched by the State Government.
- 5 Whether the Minister of Education will guarantee that there will be adequate consultation with teacher organizations, parent organizations and ethnic communities in the development of these initiatives; if so, in what form this consultation will take place and which organizations will be consulted.

201 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:

- 1 What schools have been closed in each of the past ten years.
- 2 What is the estimated value of each of the properties involved.
- 3 Which of these properties have been disposed of, indicating at what price and to whom.
- 4 What use is being made of each of the remaining properties.

204 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of each school in the electoral district of Ringwood:

- 1 What is the staffing establishment, and what is the actual number of staff.
- 2 What representations have been received regarding the need for additional staff appointments.

207 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what is the—(a) student enrolment; and (b) staff allocation, of each Government school in the electoral districts of Doncaster, Ringwood and Mitcham, and how many teachers are allocated to specific remedial teaching duties in—(i) reading; (ii) mathematics; and (iii) written expression in each case.

209 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, with regard to the staffing position at Leongatha high school:

- 1 Why there has been a reduction for 1980 of the special needs component within the school's establishment from 1.5 to 1.2 teachers, thus forcing the school to eliminate or seriously curtail programmes designed to assist disadvantaged students.
- 2 Why finance to provide a part-time teacher aide at the school has been withdrawn for 1980.
- 3 Why a library assistant has not been provided for the school, despite the school's entitlement on the Education Department's own personnel schedule.

- 224 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in relation to the Wendouree High Technical School:
- 1 What is the present enrolment.
 - 2 What is the expected enrolment in 1981, 1982, and 1983.
 - 3 How many classrooms are at the school and of these how many are temporary.
 - 4 When it is expected that the already long overdue Stage 2 of the school's building programme will be undertaken.
 - 5 What additional ancillary staff are being provided in 1980 to cope with increased enrolments.
 - 6 What grounds development will be undertaken in 1980 and 1981.
- 229 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 How many individuals who taught English as a second language in the classroom in the Primary, Secondary and the Technical Divisions, respectively, were employed by the Education Department at the—
(a) beginning of the 1979 school year; (b) the end of the 1979 school year; and (c) beginning of the 1980 school year.
 - 2 What are the figures of effective full-time people employed by the Education Department who taught English as a second language in the classroom in the Primary, Secondary and Technical Divisions, respectively, at the—
(a) beginning of the 1979 school year; (b) end of the 1979 school year; and (c) beginning of the 1980 school year.
- 230 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 How many schools lost classroom teachers of English as a second language from the end of the 1979 school year to the beginning of the 1980 school year.
 - 2 What are the schools and how many—
(a) effective full-time classroom teachers of English as a second language; and
(b) individuals who taught English as a second language in the classroom, were lost to the schools in the above period.
 - 3 How many schools gained classroom teachers of English as a second language from the end of the 1979 school year to the beginning of the 1980 school year.
 - 4 What are the schools and how many—
(a) effective full-time classroom teachers of English as a second language; and
(b) individuals who taught English as a second language in the classroom, were gained by each of the schools in the above period.
- 236 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, further to the answer to question No. 711 given on 11 September 1979 listing secondary schools in Victoria with a Commonwealth standard library:
- 1 Whether he will review the listing of Birchip high school and Brunswick East high school as possessing such facility.
 - 2 Whether he will review the entire list and provide a new list following such review.
- 239 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, which schools in Victoria currently

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employ teachers aides, indicating in each case—(a) whether the appointment is full or part time; and (b) whether the appointment is funded by the Commonwealth or the Victorian Government.

- 241 **MR FORDHAM**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the Melbourne College of Printing and Graphic Arts:
- 1 What progress has been made by the task force established to advise the State Council for Technical Education on the needs of the college.
 - 2 What action is to be taken in response to this investigation.
 - 3 What is the current enrolment at the college.
 - 4 How many applications for apprenticeship were refused due to inadequate facilities at the college.
- 246 **MR GAVIN**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education whether he will provide Members with a copy of the formula for determining teacher staffing for special needs and migrant English.
- 249 **MR GAVIN**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, which schools in the Northern Region have a gymnasium.
- 250 **MR GAVIN**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 How many schools in each region have a gymnasium.
 - 2 What is the percentage of schools in each region with a gymnasium.
- 251 **MR GAVIN**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, which Government schools enrol only—(a) girls; and (b) boys.
- 259 **MR GAVIN**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport on what projects Commonwealth funds to Victoria under the Urban Public Transport Improvement Programme were spent during each of the past five years.
- 271 **MR GAVIN**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works what amount has been spent in converting more than 1000 oil-fired heaters in Government buildings in each of the past three years.
- 275 **MR GAVIN**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, whether the Minister has refused to confirm the compulsory acquisition of the vacant allotment, known as Lot 7 Pleasant Street, by the City of Coburg, when this acquisition is considered desirable to further the establishment of a linear park; if so, why.
- 289 **MR GAVIN**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 Whether he has investigated the heating of the Special Education Unit in Lawson Street, Fawkner.
 - 2 Whether the heating system is still operative.
 - 3 What was the cost of installation and what was the running cost during each year since installation.
 - 4 Whether the heating problems at this unit will be rectified by the winter of 1980.
- 294 **MR GAVIN**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs:
- 1 How many citizenship certificates were conferred in each municipality in 1979.

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- 2 How many other citizenship certificates were conferred in private ceremonies.
- 3 How many citizenship certificates were conferred in Victoria in 1979, indicating the nationalities of these new Australian citizens.
- 295 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs how many aliens in Victoria, sixteen years of age and over, are residentially qualified to apply for Australian Citizenship but have not done so, indicating the number of each nationality.
- 296 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning:
- 1 Whether he has received the report of the Road Planning Liaison Committee concerning the F2 reservation, south of Bell Street; if so, when he will make a decision on this matter.
 - 2 Whether he will make this report public.
- 306 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of Ruthven primary school:
- 1 When attention will be given to the lighting of eight rooms as first requested on 8 May 1978.
 - 2 When repair of damaged or subsided asphalt, first requested on 24 February 1975, will be carried out.
 - 3 When lowering of flushometers in the boys' toilets, first requested on 8 May 1978, will be carried out.
 - 4 When attention will be given to blocked drains as first requested on 17 August 1977.
 - 5 When up-grading of administrative facilities, first requested on 8 May 1978, will be carried out.
 - 6 When cyclic maintenance including external and internal painting, as first requested on 9 June 1976, will take place.
 - 7 When repairs to temporary fibro-cement wall, as requested on 4 June 1976, will be carried out.

Notices received on 10 September 1980

- 348 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many Fraud Squad investigations of corporate crime have been made in each of the years from 1970 to date.
 - 2 How many arrests have been made in each particular investigation.
 - 3 What has been the total sum of money involved in each of the years from 1970 to date.
 - 4 What has been the total sums of money recovered in each of the years from 1970 to date.
- 371 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in respect of each Housing Commission estate in Werribee and Laverton, what is the number of purchase contracts surrendered in 1979–80 to date, indicating the number of cases in which the occupants have reverted to tenancy, and the number of cases in which the contracts provided for escalating interest rates.
- 373 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the committee appointed to examine the problems arising from appointments made by School Councils under the provisions of the *Education (School Councils)*

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Act 1975 mentioned in the report of the Ombudsman in Case Nos. 8102, 8103, 8104, 8105 and 8107:

- 1 When the Committee was appointed.
- 2 Who are the members of the Committee, indicating their normal positions.
- 3 What are the terms of reference of the committee and when it is to report.

376 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Premier, in respect of the twin State relationship with Jiangsu Province in China:

- 1 What funds have been expended to date, indicating the source of funds.
- 2 What is the estimate of expenditure by Victoria in 1979–80, indicating the source or sources of funds.
- 3 What Victorian staff have been allocated to the relationship, indicating the role, qualification and proportion of time spent by each person involved.
- 4 What time has been spent in Jiangsu Province by Victorian public servants fostering the relationship, indicating any long-term visits or appointments.
- 5 What time has been spent in Victoria by officials representing Jiangsu Province, indicating any long-term visits or appointments.
- 6 What proposals there are for increasing staff and expenditure in developing the relationship.

377 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of education of deaf children in Victoria by organizations other than the Education Department:

- 1 What is the name of each organization for which funding is provided.
- 2 What are the criteria for the allocation of funds.

378 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of curriculum guides for teachers:

- 1 What is the normal frequency of publication.
- 2 When the last guides were published.
- 3 What funds have been provided for publishing new curriculum guides for the current period.
- 4 When the next curriculum guides are expected to be available.

380 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts whether proposals have been made to the Government for the creation of a resources centre for small museums; if so—(a) which body or bodies made the proposal; (b) whether the proposal has been accepted by the Government; (c) what action has been taken to establish such a centre; (d) whether funds have been made available for the establishment of a centre; and (e) whether funds are available to assist small museums, indicating details of any such allocation.

381 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of position papers foreshadowed by the Town and Country Planning Board in the State Co-ordination Council Quarterly Progress Report No. 11, December 1978, paragraph 16B.4.3:

- 1 On what date each paper was or will be completed.
- 2 Whether each paper is or will be made publicly available.
- 3 Whether the papers, findings and recommendations represent Government policy.

386 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government:

- 1 On what date ratepayers residing in the City of Sunshine will be permitted to democratically elect councillors of their own choice to represent them at local government level.
- 2 On what date the ratepayers last democratically elected councillors for the municipality.
- 3 What is the name of each ward within the municipality and what was the number of voters registered within each ward during the last election.
- 4 Whether residential development within the municipality has since aggravated the numerical differences between each ward.
- 5 What action the Minister has taken to apply the principle one person, one vote, one value, to each ratepayer within each ward for future elections to the City of Sunshine.

Notices received on 16 September 1980

492 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 In which Victorian prisons or sections of prisons use is made of the commode and bucket system as an alternative to plumbing.
- 2 In which Victorian prisons Porta Potties have been installed in the cells.
- 3 When these facilities will be replaced by permanent plumbing.

494 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether he will bring up to date the information supplied on 18 September 1974 about company investigations in response to question No. 87 recorded in *Hansard* on pages 422 and 426.

Notice received on 17 September 1980

505 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what products which include diethyl stilboestrol or chemically related substances have been approved for use in Victoria, indicating in each case—(a) the name of the product; (b) the name of the person or company in whose name it was approved; (c) the names of the active ingredients; (d) the forms in which it was approved; (e) when approval was first granted; (f) if approval was amended, when and in what way; (g) if no longer current, when approval lapsed; and (h) the uses for which it was approved.

Notice received on 18 September 1980

517 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in view of question No. 1129 first asked on 18 September 1979 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period:

- 1 What consideration he has given to the representations of the Gippsland Over Coal Land Owners Protection Council on the question of determining applications on hardship created by the Central Gippsland Interim Development Order.
- 2 In view of the considerable time which has elapsed since the Government first began to examine such hardship cases and hearing applications, what action will be taken to ensure that affected land owners are not disadvantaged by further delay.

Notices received on 23 September 1980

- 547 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 Why the medical examination programme for children at Victoria Street Pre-School Centre in Seymour has been abolished.
 - 2 Whether these medical examinations will take place this year.
- 557 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 What will be the total cost of the Melbourne International Centenary Exhibition, indicating the main items, and who will bear the cost.
 - 2 Whether any government money has been allocated to Riddell Promotions or any other organization; if so, what amount and for what purposes.
 - 3 Whether gate moneys for school groups are subsidized; if so, by what amount, indicating the total estimated amount, and to whom the money will be paid.
- 569 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Whether the police helicopter has had an engine failure; if so, whether it was necessary to purchase a spare engine.
 - 2 How many accidents the helicopter has been involved in, indicating the time out of service and the cost of repairs in each case.
- 573 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What has been the total cost of the Victoria Police Airwing helicopter and accessories to date.
 - 2 How many hours the helicopter has flown since acquisition, indicating the hours involved in—(a) training; (b) testing; and (c) actual police work.
- 575 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether the personnel winch on the police helicopter developed a fault and fired its cutting knife; if so—(a) whether the hook from the winch fell on a person's head causing injury; and (b) whether the helicopter crew refuse to operate the winch.

Notices received on 24 September 1980

- 580 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, on how many occasions since 1 January 1978 the Attorney-General has filed a presentment without there being a prior hearing, either by way of committal proceedings before a Stipendiary Magistrate, Justices or a Coroner's Inquest, and what are the names of such accused persons and the nature of the charges upon which they were presented.
- 585 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What was the cost per flying hour of the police helicopter, taking into account total moneys expended on maintenance, pilot salary and other expenses.
 - 2 What costs were incurred on—(a) scheduled maintenance, including labour; and (b) unscheduled maintenance, including labour.
- 586 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what is the estimated amount to be budgeted for the operation of
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the police helicopter for the next financial year, including provision in relation to hours of flying and pilot costs.

- 587 **MR STIRLING**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what actual number of arrests can be attributed to the use in detection work of—(a) the police helicopter; and (b) charter helicopters on police work.
- 588 **MR STIRLING**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What were the number of flights made and hours flown in the police helicopter that could not have been flown in a single engine machine, excluding time engaged on instrument flight rules training.
 - 2 Whether aerial work is permitted at night in single engined helicopters.
- 594 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Commonwealth/State programme to provide funds for elderly citizens' clubrooms, whether there is a priority list for this financial year and each of the next three financial years; if so, what is the order of the priority list.
- 596 **MR STIRLING**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether other helicopters have been chartered for police work when the police helicopter was out of service; if so, what was the cost.

Notice received on 30 September 1980

- 623 **MR FORDHAM**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether E.C.A. Centre designs and core plus designs provide adequate access for the handicapped, including to toilet areas; if not, what action will be taken to provide adequate access.

Notices received on 1 October 1980

- 627 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts, in respect of architects and consulting fees relating to the concert hall project of the Victorian Arts Centre:
- 1 What submissions have been made by the architect or any other members concerning such fees.
 - 2 What is the normal level of fees in a major building contract and that accepted by the relevant professional body.
 - 3 What offers were made by the building committee.
 - 4 When agreement was reached, indicating the level agreed on, when the question of fees was placed before the building committee, and the minuted decision.
 - 5 Whether difficulties arose because the fee set was too low to provide an efficient service and staff.
 - 6 Whether any letters were received subsequent to the agreement on fees, indicating—(a) from whom and the dates of the letters; (b) the substance of the letters; and (c) the resulting response and decision, including the date of placement before the building committee and the minuted decision and, if not placed before the committee, why.
 - 7 Whether any decision was taken that the fees be fully resolved.
 - 8 Whether the question of fees has been fully and finally resolved; if so, by whom, when and at what level.

629 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts, in respect of the concert hall project of the Victorian Arts Centre:

- 1 What is the date of completion specified in the contract.
- 2 What is the current estimated date of completion.
- 3 What variation orders there have been as a result of—(a) weather; (b) industrial disputes; (c) lack of information and/or drawings; and (d) altering of information and/or drawings, indicating the amounts claimed in each case, whether the claims were settled and the amounts agreed upon.
- 4 What are the details of those claims not yet settled.
- 5 What amount was claimed in the case of Podgor Constructions, indicating —(a) the reasons; (b) the amount agreed upon, indicating the source of funds used for any payments made; (c) whether any areas of concrete formwork were erected one day and then dismantled, indicating the extra costs involved; and (d) whether these claims have been met in part or in full and, if not, why.

634 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, with regard to the Mooroolbark technical school:

- 1 Whether advice was given some three years ago that the school would receive a gymnasium complex.
- 2 Whether plans were completed for this project.
- 3 When it is now expected that the gymnasium complex will be constructed.
- 4 What is the reason for the delay in upgrading library facilities at the school, and when it is now expected that these works will be undertaken.
- 5 What facilities will be provided at the school to replace existing rooms that will be used for the library upgrade project.

640 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the financial years since the Health Commission came into operation, and the estimate for this financial year:

- 1 What was the number, classification, and cost of staff employed in each Division.
- 2 What is the number of staff on the pay-roll of public hospitals employed in the Health Commission for Commission purposes, specifying the classification and cost.
- 3 What is the recurrent non-salary costs of the Commission, specifying the cost in terms of each Division.

Notices received on 2 October 1980

658 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General:

- 1 What criteria are applied to applicants for appointments as Queen's Counsel.
- 2 In each of the years 1950 to 1979 inclusive, how many persons were considered for appointment as Queen's Counsel and how many were so appointed.
- 3 How many persons failed to meet the criteria laid down for appointment in each of those years, specifying the number failing in each requirement.
- 4 Whether any of the rejected applications were subsequently granted; if so—(a) how many; and (b) when.

659 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:

- 1 What are the terms of access to the Thomson River catchment, indicating why only a very few of the tracks into the catchment were unpadlocked last season.
- 2 Who administers the access policy and whether the Minister will investigate past administrative practices with a view to ensuring the fullest possible public access.

Notices received on 21 October 1980

667 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:

- 1 What will be the role of music education, as an established component of the curriculum, in any re-organization of education in Victoria.
- 2 What decisions will be taken to allow for increased staffing necessary to meet the State's needs in the area of group classroom music and individual instrumental instruction.
- 3 Whether additional funding will be made available to ensure that appropriate and adequate facilities, equipment and instruments are provided for music education.
- 4 To what extent the Education Department will be involved in the Music 1981 festivities.

668 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the proposed hospital to be constructed by the Hospitals Corporation of Australia on the corner of Manningham Road and High Street, Doncaster, whether the Health Commission is aware of the extension of the building permit for the hospital; if so, whether the Commission placed the information before the Council and whether the Commission has taken any attitude towards the construction of such private hospital on that site.

675 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the evaluation of the Barwon Region Child Maltreatment Pilot Project:

- 1 What is the basic design of the evaluation and how it will be carried out.
- 2 Given the long gap between the commencement of research and the original commencement of the project, whether the research effort will be hindered and how it is intended to compensate for the delay.
- 3 Why the researcher is based in Melbourne when the project is in the Barwon Region and whether this will hinder the research.
- 4 When it is expected that the first report will be available.

681 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of school dental clinics in the electoral district of Brunswick, whether on 13 March 1979, the then Minister of Health, Mr Hunt, together with the then Assistant Minister of Health, Mr Jona, issued a press statement, which promised pre-school dental clinics at the following primary schools: Brunswick, Brunswick North, Coburg West, Moreland, and facilities for mobile dental clinics at the following: Brunswick East, Brunswick South, Brunswick South West, Brunswick West, Merri, Princes Hill and Brunswick North West, as well as funds for the construction of mobile school dental clinics and vehicles and X-ray equipment for these and other clinics; if so, whether any of these clinics have been established, and in that event, where; if not, why they have not been established and what has happened to the funds.

- 682 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the day therapy area underneath the existing nursing home wing at the West Gippsland Hospital:
- 1 When the area was completed.
 - 2 When a request for staff for the area was received, specifying the staff requested.
 - 3 When it is proposed that staff will be available to operate the area.
 - 4 When it is expected that capital funds will be available to complete the interior fitting.
- 683 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what interest was earned from investments of the Trust Fund during the year 1979–80, indicating what rate of interest this represents.
- 687 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning:
- 1 When the Town Planning Appeals Tribunals were first formed.
 - 2 What is the name, address, age and qualifications of each past and present Member of the Tribunals.
 - 3 What salary is or was paid to these Members.
 - 4 How many decisions have been upheld by the Tribunals against all city and shire councils in Victoria, indicating how many appeals in respect of decisions of the City of Broadmeadows have been upheld.
 - 5 Whether he will consider and review the powers, functions and membership of the Tribunals, if not, why.
- 689 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, further to the answer to question No. 282 given on 2 October 1980:
- 1 What were the circumstances of the \$310 000 expenditure on building work at the University of Melbourne, indicating the building work concerned.
 - 2 What was the date on which the money was expended, indicating the rate of interest, the sum paid annually to provide the interest and provisions for repayment of the total sum.
- 691 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 When VicRail Investigation Officers were first appointed.
 - 2 How many officers there are at present, indicating the name, address and age of each officer.
 - 3 What are the qualifications required for appointment to this position.
 - 4 Whether officers are instructed to identify themselves when carrying out their responsibilities; if not, why.
 - 5 How many convictions have been obtained by officers in each year since inception, indicating in respect of those convictions, in how many cases it was alleged that the investigating officer had not identified himself to the offender.
- 695 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether the Interim Report of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee which was available in January 1979, was discussed in an open forum or available for public debate; if not, why.
 - 2 What were the recommendations contained in the Interim Report of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee.
 - 3 Who are the members of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee.

Notices received on 22 October 1980

- 696 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General:
- 1 Whether the Minister is aware that no funds have been paid by the Commonwealth of Australia to the State of Victoria under the provisions of section 20 of the *Commonwealth Places (Application of Laws) Act* 1970 whereby reimbursement to the State of Victoria of funds paid is required.
 - 2 Whether the Minister can indicate why there has been no attempt by the State of Victoria to recover the moneys due to it, and whether he can give an estimate of the total amounts foregone by the State of Victoria owing to the failure to obtain reimbursement.
 - 3 What steps are being taken after a lapse of almost eight years to effect recovery in accordance with the provisions of the Act.
- 702 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether any applications for funding of construction of the Maroondah hospital were made to the Commonwealth Government between 1972 and 1975, indicating in each case the—(a) date; (b) substance; and (c) response.

Notice received on 23 October 1980

- 706 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, whether the absence of a reticulated water supply has affected the growth of the township of Bemm River; if so, what action the Minister has taken following receipt of petitions and requests from the Bemm River Progress and Improvement Association, when residents can expect the commencement of proposed works and what is the expected completion date of proposed works including a water reticulation programme.

Notices received on 28 October 1980

- 711 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health which hospitals currently have renal dialysis units, specifying the size of each unit and what expansion is proposed for such units in each of the next three years.
- 715 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 What is the name of the private firm granted an informal lease over part of the Preston Regional Office premises from June 1978 to May 1980, contrary to the *Audit Act* 1958 and the Public Accounts and Stores Regulations.
 - 2 Why the departmental file relating to this lease was not made available to the Auditor-General upon request.
- 719 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 Under what criteria organizations presently qualify for State guarantees on their bank overdrafts without the specific authority of Parliament.
 - 2 Whether the State has been committed to contingent liabilities without proper authority; if so, when the practice will be abandoned.
 - 3 What steps he will take to ensure that complete records are built up and properly maintained so that the Auditor-General can determine what loans have been favoured with State guarantees and the value of the consequent contingent liabilities created.
 - 4 What were the dates of issue, maturity dates, interest rates and other terms and conditions attached to loans guaranteed by the Treasurer under section 95A of the *State Electricity Commission Act* 1958.

- 720 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 In view of recommendations made by the Auditor-General in his last two Annual Reports, whether he will take the necessary steps to produce meaningful and timely financial reporting to Parliament by statutory authorities and also completely review the *Audit Act* 1958.
 - 2 Whether he will take steps to set up internal audit functions within departments and authorities which presently lack this vital aspect of financial control.
 - 3 Whether he will investigate the reasons for difficulties experienced by the Auditor-General in recruiting audit inspectors and base level staff and take steps to correct this situation.
- 722 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer, in view of the Auditor-General's statement that the Minister of Public Works entered into \$10.28 million worth of deferred payment contracts despite a limit of \$8 million established by the Treasurer, whether he will advise what ceilings were placed on State Electricity Commission supplier credits during each of the past three financial years and to what extent the Commission has exceeded these limits.
- 729 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 Why the following trust accounts, listed as part of the Trust Fund in the Treasurer's Finance Statement 1979-80, were never listed as "opened" in any Annual Report of the Auditor-General: Fisheries Research Fund; The Licensing Fund; Fisheries Dartmouth Dam Surveys Trust Account; Greyhound Racing Clubs Fund; Motor Accidents and Insurance Premiums Suspense Account; Railway Salaries and Wages in Suspense Account 1978-79; Treasury Drawings Account No. 1; Agriculture Technical and Further Education Trust Account; Commonwealth Traffic and Road Safety Improvement Programme Trust Account; Commonwealth National Estate Programme Trust Account; Departmental Suspense Accounts (Consumer Affairs, Corporate Affairs Office, and Liquor Control Commission); Mildura Nursery Account; and Local Government (House Builders' Liability) Trust Account.
 - 2 What was the purpose of establishing each account, indicating the payments and receipts during the first year of operation and the balance as at 30 June, after the first year of operation.
- 730 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Premier, in respect of the recent Committee of Inquiry into the Fluoridation of Victorian Water Supplies, whether he will consider making public the submissions made to the Committee; if not, why.
- 731 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of school dental services for primary school children in the Colac area:
- 1 What services are currently provided.
 - 2 When it is expected that school dental clinic services will be available and in what form.
 - 3 What discussions have occurred with the Minister of Health and the Health Commission as to the provision of facilities through the district hospital, and when adequate services will exist either through the hospital or through the school dental programme.

Notices received on 29 October 1980

- 742 MR CRABB—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport when the Government intends to announce the route of the Euroa by-pass road and

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when it is expected that construction will—(a) commence; and (b) be completed.

- 743 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in the framing of the Adoption of Children (Information) Bill, what consideration was given to research findings on this subject, indicating whether such findings were derived from inter-departmental or other sources and specifying the nature of the findings and the date received in each case.
- 745 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in relation to the Adoption of Children (Information) Bill:
- 1 How many letters he has received from biological parents, adoptive parents, and adoptees, respectively, either—(a) supporting; or (b) opposing retrospective access.
 - 2 What is the Department of Community Welfare's policy regarding community consultation and whether this policy has been recognized in relation to consultation with the community on the drafting of the Bill.
 - 3 Whether he has received any delegations who are dissatisfied with the provisions of the Bill; if so—(a) when the delegations were received; (b) who was represented on each delegation; and (c) whether he refused to meet any delegations and, in that event, why.

Notice received on 30 October 1980

- 749 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he or the Health Commission has received a detailed submission from the Shire of Mildura and the City of Mildura concerning the provision of nursing home accommodation in the Mildura area; if so, whether the submission has been examined and whether the Government intends to assist in the provision of needed nursing home accommodation in the Mildura area.

Notices received on 5 November 1980

- 756 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of the report "Manufacturing in Melbourne" submitted to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works by its Technical Advisory Committee on Manufacturing, what action has been taken to implement the recommendations of the report as they affect the Laverton North industrial area and other areas within the shires of Werribee and Melton, and the cities of Altona and Sunshine.
- 759 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, whether the Minister has received a submission from concerned residents of the Upper Yarra Shire with regard to mismanagement by the Council; if so—(a) whether the Minister has acknowledged receipt of this submission and, if not, why; and (b) what action the Minister has taken or is proposed with regard to the matters raised.
- 768 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the Department of Community Welfare Services will provide additional funds to the Springvale Community Aid and Advice Bureau on a dollar-for-dollar basis to match the Springvale City Council 1980-81 contribution; if not, why.

Notices received on 11 November 1980

- 780 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of the development of school grounds at the Brunswick North primary school, whether the Public Works Department compiled a report in the

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1978-79 financial year on the need for the development of the grounds and estimated the work to cost \$35 000; if so—(a) whether the work was placed on the Northern Regions work list and in what position, and if not, why; and (b) whether it is proposed that this development work, necessitated when the Education Department purchased and knocked down a series of houses adjacent to the school, will be undertaken.

- 782 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Community Health Programme, Capital Works Programme administered by the Hospitals Division:
- 1 What works were carried out in 1979-80 and what works are proposed this financial year, specifying the centre concerned, the work involved, and the cost.
 - 2 Which centres currently have Capital Works Programmes—(a) approved by the Health Commission; and (b) proposed to the Commission, and when it is expected that these works will commence, if already approved, or will be approved.
- 783 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of payments for podiatry services in Victorian acute and geriatric hospitals and centres:
- 1 Whether instructions have been issued by the Health Commission in relation to the payment of podiatrists; if so, what instructions.
 - 2 Whether the Hospitals Division has developed a position in relation to matters considered or to be considered by the Hospital Medical and Auxiliary Services Wages Board; if so, what is the Government's position.
 - 3 Whether the minutes of the meeting of managers, medical superintendents and regional geriatricians of country geriatric centres held on 19 March 1980 indicate that the issue of levels of payment to podiatry in Victoria is very confused; if so, what action is proposed to overcome this confusion.

Notices received on 13 November 1980

- 789 **MR HANN**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many accidents involving police motor vehicles have occurred since 1 January 1977.
 - 2 How many accidents occurred as a result of police vehicles pursuing other vehicles, indicating in each instance the reason the police were pursuing another car, and whether other vehicles involved in the collision were being pursued or not.
 - 3 How many people were—(a) killed; and (b) injured, specifying whether they were policemen, persons in the vehicle being pursued, or other persons.
 - 4 Why a similar question asked on 4 May 1978 was not answered.
- 803 **MR TREZISE**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what plans there are for the proposed establishment of a secondary school in the Lara district and when it is expected such secondary school will commence operations.
- 805 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has yet received a report and recommendations concerning "DES" from the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists; if so, when, what action is proposed and whether copies of the report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick; if not, whether he will make the report available when it is received by him.

Notices received on 18 November 1980

- 820 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 How many commercial organizations the Government is currently assisting financially either by way of loans, guarantees, grants or other methods.
 - 2 What are the individual totals of these various methods of financial assistance.
 - 3 How many of these businesses are in financial difficulties and what amount of Government funds is involved in each case.
- 824 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether representations or reports have been made to the Law Department, or the Minister's attention has been drawn to, the activities of an association purporting to expose religious cults which involves so-called de-programming practices; if so, what investigations have been made into these matters; if not, whether the Minister will cause such inquiries to be made.
- 825 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the reservation south of Bell Street for the F2 Freeway, when it is intended that the reservation be removed in view of the announced Government decision not to proceed with the freeway south of Bell Street.
- 826 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of the reservation south of Bell Street for the F2 Freeway, when it is intended that the reservation will be removed in view of the announced Government decision not to proceed with the freeway south of Bell Street.
- 828 MR JOLLY—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 What requests have been made by the State Insurance Office for additional staff.
 - 2 Whether the demands for additional staff have been completely satisfied.
 - 3 How many additional staff will be appointed and when these appointments will take place.
 - 4 Whether the State Insurance Commissioner has withdrawn his criticism of staff ceilings imposed on the State Insurance Office.
- 830 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of question No. 7 asked on 9 September 1980 which was also asked on 29 May 1979 in the previous session of Parliament, what is the reason for the delay of 18 months in answering the question and whether an answer will be expedited.
- 835 MR EBERY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, in view of the exemption of all reserves under section 4 of the *Crown Land (Reserves) Act* 1978 and the exception of all lands under section 50 of the *Forests Act* 1958 by Order in Council from occupation for mining purposes under any miners' right:
- 1 Whether the Minister will issue a public statement correcting his earlier public assertions that the claims of the Prospectors' and Miners' Association were wildly extravagant; if not, why.
 - 2 Whether he will also direct the Chairman of the Land Conservation Council to issue a similar public statement; if not, why.
 - 3 Whether the Minister will advise how prospecting and mining under the miner's right could still be legally undertaken in such areas.

- 841 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in respect of Swinborn Lodge, 4 Canning Street, Carlton, whether the Minister or the Department of Community Welfare Services undertook to provide 85 per cent of the costs of the service, a percentage which has diminished over the past five years; if so—(a) whether he is aware that the service may be forced to close; and (b) whether the Government intends to fund the service on the originally agreed basis; and, in that event, when funding will commence.

Notice received on 19 November 1980

- 842 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning whether he has considered the release of the reservations on the houses on the north side of Bell Street, Coburg; if not, why.

Notices received on 20 November 1980

- 853 MR MILLER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in view of the failure to provide information in respect of supplementary grants, initially sought in question No. 1608 asked on 20 November 1979, whether the Minister will indicate as a matter of urgency:

- 1 Whether he will undertake to survey Area Committees and find out whether their roles, procedures, relationships with schools, staffing and administration supports are satisfactory.
- 2 Whether Area Committees will be asked to indicate where improvements and streamlining could occur.
- 3 Whether he will consider the proposition that schools should have as much autonomy as possible and that *per capita* funding of disadvantaged schools is more suitable and a much easier method to use.

- 856 MR HANN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General:

- 1 Which government departments are presently represented at the Housing Commission Royal Commission by—(a) legal counsel; (b) departmental personnel; and (c) any other persons and what is the estimated daily cost of this representation.
- 2 What is the total cost of the Royal Commission to date, including the cost incurred by all government departments which have been in any way associated with the inquiry.

Notice received on 21 November 1980

- 860 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, further to the Minister's advice by letter of 23 October 1980, that transcendental meditation was an appropriate treatment option for a particular prisoner:

- 1 Whether this examination is being undertaken by expert psychologists and whether less controversial relaxation programmes are also being examined.
- 2 Whether any prisoners have undertaken the transcendental meditation programme while serving sentences in Victorian prisons.
- 3 Whether any money has been paid by the Department of Community Welfare Services for services provided to prisons or prisoners in respect of the Transcendental Meditation Programme; if so, what amounts and to what company, organization or individual such moneys were paid.

Notices received on 25 November 1980

- 863 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what safety standards and controls have been introduced for the use of lasers in Victorian schools, indicating whether the controls implement the National Health and Medical Research Council's "Code of Practice of the safe use of Lasers in Secondary Schools".
- 865 MR CRABB—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What is the ratio of police to population in the City of Knox.
 - 2 What plans exist to increase the number of police in that area to a level of one for each 540 of population as recommended in the Report on The Victoria Police Force by Colonel Sir Eric St Johnston.
- 866 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 How many surveys have been commissioned or carried out by the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation or any instrumentalities or statutory corporations under his control during 1977, 1978 and 1979, respectively.
 - 2 In respect of each of the surveys, which companies or private individuals were commissioned, what was the subject matter and the purpose and what was the cost.
- 870 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health in respect of the decision to replace the proposed 1033-bed Clayton-Burwood Queen Victoria Medical Centre with a proposed 310 bed centre at Clayton whether, prior to the decision, meetings took place between—(a) the Minister of Health; (b) the Hospitals and Charities Commission or the Health Commission; or (c) the Queen Victoria Medical Centre Committee of Management and American Medical International Inc. or Community Systems Foundation (Aust.), indicating in each case the—(i) date; (ii) names of those taking part; and (iii) the substance of the discussion.
- 871 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received any representations concerning the deletion or amendment of Section 31 of the *Health Act* 1958; if so, from whom and what action is proposed on those representations.
- 872 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health in respect of—(a) medical officers and related medical positions; and (b) dental officers and related dental positions in the Health Commission, which positions were unfilled as at 30 June and 1 November 1980, respectively.
- 873 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware of the existence of any waiting times at the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital for obtaining appointments for new glasses; if so—(a) what is the delay; (b) whether many cases have to wait for more than six months; and (c) whether there is a waiting period and what action the Government is taking to alleviate individual hardship.

Notices received on 28 November 1980

- 881 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what projects were funded by the Transport Fund in 1979-80 and what was the cost of each project.

- 883 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 28 asked on 16 September 1980, whether funds have been made available for the construction of a new outpatients' block and theatre remodelling at Yarrowonga Hospital this financial year; if so, what amount has been made available and when it is expected that work will be completed.
- 885 DR VAUGHAN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What are the details of the item listed in the Transport Works and Services Bill under sub-item 403 referring to expenditure on the Eastern Railway of \$90 000 for the financial year ending 30 June 1981.
 - 2 What are the details of the expenditure of \$46 000 on the Eastern Railway for the financial year ending 30 June 1980 referred to in the Transport Works and Services Bill.

Notices received on 2 December 1980

- 887 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 How many complaints have been received from members of the public concerning medical practitioners during each year since 1976, indicating what action has been taken following such complaints.
 - 2 What guidelines, if any, the Medical Board of Victoria uses for judging a person to be guilty of infamous conduct in a professional respect as laid down in the *Medical Practitioners Act 1970*.
- 888 MR MILLER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in view of the failure to provide information in respect of music tuition, initially sought in question No. 1607 asked on 20 November 1979, whether the Minister will indicate as a matter of urgency:
- 1 Which Government schools in the electoral district of Prahran—
(a) provide music tuition; and (b) have a part-time or full-time music teacher on their staff for this school year.
 - 2 What are the present arrangements for each of the schools for music tuition by the Education Department in terms of the number of hours and sessions taught each week.
- 890 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning whether he is aware that the Shire of Diamond Valley has rejected a \$4 million commercial development proposal, involving re-zoning of a residential area (1.25 hectares) on Grimshaw Street, bounded by McDowell Street and Ester Street, half the size of the recently-completed Greensborough Shopping Centre; if so, in view of already excessive commercial development and traffic congestion in the area, whether he will give assurances that local opinion will be paramount in any consideration of re-zoning.
- 893 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in view of the investigation of the heating of the Special Education Unit in Lowson Street, Fawkner, when an answer will be provided to Question No. 289.
- 894 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of payments to non full-time medical staff in hospitals:
- 1 What amount was paid to—(a) all sessional medical staff; and (b) all visiting medical officers during the 1979–80 financial year.
 - 2 What is the estimate for 1980–81 for both categories.
 - 3 What on-call and re-call payments were made in the 1979–80 financial year, and what is the estimate for this financial year.

- 895 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in view of the 1980 Australian Teachers Federation's National Survey of schools which shows that over one-third of the Bendigo region schools surveyed were in need of maintenance, whether the actual funding of capital works allocated to the Bendigo Region has declined in each year since 1976-77; if so, why.
- 896 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, as the Government accepts the principle of meeting the full cost of installing pedestrian operated lights outside schools where they are justified by traffic volumes, why the Government will not accept the same principle of meeting the full cost of traffic wardens on duty outside schools, performing a similar function as the traffic lights.
- 897 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether the livestock growth promotant known as "Ralgro" is an oestrogen in terms of the definition included in section 242A of the *Health Act 1958*; if so, what action has been taken to ensure that its use complies with that section of the Act.
- 898 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of the school crossing supervisor scheme:
- 1 What has been the cost of the scheme in each year of operation and what is the estimated cost for this year.
 - 2 How many persons have been employed under this scheme in each of those years.
 - 3 What has been the cost to local government in each year of operation.
 - 4 Whether there have been any fatalities or injuries on school crossings during the course of the scheme; if so, when and of what nature and how this compares with the previous period.
- 899 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Medical Board of Victoria and the *Medical Practitioners Act 1970* or previous corresponding legislation:
- 1 What is the composition of the board, indicating the names of the members, their dates of appointment, their occupations, and their current major employment.
 - 2 How many persons have been refused registration under the provisions of section 9 of the Act, indicating the numbers refused registration under paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of section 9 (1), respectively.
 - 3 How many inquiries have been held pursuant to section 16 (1) of the Act since 1976, indicating how many concluded with censure or reprimand of the medical practitioner concerned, indicating the nature of the failure to carry out professional duties adequately, or the failure to accept professional responsibilities.
 - 4 How many inquiries have been held under the provisions of section 17 of the Act since 1976, indicating—(a) how many persons were reprimanded under sub-section (7) (a); (b) how many suspensions of registration were imposed under sub-section (7) (b); (c) how many persons had their names removed from the register under the provisions of sub-section (1) (a); and (d) how many persons had their names removed from the register under the provisions of sub-section (1) (b).
- 901 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, further to his refusal on 11 March 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer on sewerage

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which he gave the then Leader of the Opposition on 20 April 1977 in answer to question No. 1588, reported in *Hansard* at page 7759, whether he will now provide this information.

- 902 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to the answer to question No. 898 given on 25 March 1980 and reported in *Hansard* at page 7396, how many mentally retarded people on waiting lists for residential care and classified as urgent have experienced waiting periods—(a) under six months; (b) six to twelve months; (c) 12 to 18 months; (d) 18 to 24 months; (e) 24 to 30 months; (f) 30 to 36 months; (g) 36 to 42 months; (h) 42 to 48 months; (i) 48 to 54 months; and (j) 54 to 60 months.

Notices received on 3 December 1980

- 904 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on residential accommodation for mentally and physically handicapped children which he gave in answer to question No. 894 on 25 March 1980, and recorded in *Hansard* at page 7395, indicating in each case the—(a) number; and (b) percentage of children, who are working regularly with—(i) teachers provided by the Education Department; (ii) physiotherapists; (iii) occupation therapists; and (iv) speech therapists.
- 908 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to his answer to question No. 898 on 25 March 1980 and recorded in *Hansard* at page 7396, how many mentally retarded people currently on waiting lists for residential care and classified as urgent are—(a) under one year old; (b) 1–2 years old; (c) 2–3 years old; (d) 3–4 years old; (e) 4–5 years old; (f) 5–6 years old; (g) 6–7 years old; (h) 7–8 years old; (i) 8–9 years old; (j) 9–10 years old; (k) 10–15 years old; (l) 15–20 years old; and (m) over 20 years old.
- 909 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on central administration and regional centres for mental retardation services which he gave on 25 March 1980 in answer to question No. 900 and recorded in *Hansard* at page 7397.
- 911 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to his answer to question No. 901 on 25 March 1980 and recorded in *Hansard* at page 7397:
- 1 Which recommendations of the Working Party on the Establishment of a Division of Mental Retardation within the Health Commission presented to the Commission on 3 July 1979—(a) have become operative with the formation of the new Division; (b) are still inoperative; and (c) have been rejected.
 - 2 What positions additional to the Director and Secretary of the Division have been authorized, indicating in each case whether or not the position has been filled, and, if not, the likely date for an appointment.
- 912 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, further to the answer to question No. 179 on 11 November 1980 and recorded in *Hansard* at page 2454, what was the cost of upgrading and repairing the 117 faulty security systems installed in Government schools prior to November 1976, indicating in each case the—(a) amount; and (b) percentage, met by the original installation contractor.

- 914 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the report prepared on the subject of Computed Axial Tomography Scanners in Victoria:
- 1 How many—(a) head scanners; and (b) full body scanners, are currently being operated in Victoria and where they are situated.
 - 2 Whether any more are proposed for operation in the next twelve months; if so, where.
 - 3 What steps have been taken to put into effect the recommendations of the report.
- 915 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on the bed state of each residential centre for mentally retarded people which he gave in answer to question No. 895 on 25 March 1980, and recorded in *Hansard* at page 7396, indicating in each case the times at which meals are served.
- 917 MR ERNST—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Forests:
- 1 Whether there are any plans, proposals or applications to establish a chip board industry in the Otway and Geelong regions; if so, what is the location, and what is the name of those applying to establish this industry.
 - 2 If he will ascertain and advise whether there are any studies being carried out by bodies such as the Geelong Regional Commission in relation to the feasibility of establishing such an industry in these areas.
 - 3 Whether there are any studies being carried out to ascertain the effect of such an industry upon the environment of these areas.
- 919 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the premises purchased in Justin Avenue for the Broadmeadows Community Health Services Centre, as an alternative for the present centre situated at 3 Hilda Street:
- 1 Whether he will advise what progress has been made regarding planning for the premises and whether funds for renovation will be made available this financial year.
 - 2 Whether he will provide details of all reports prepared in respect of the Justin Avenue premises, including any prepared by the Chief Inspector of Works.

Notice received on 5 December 1980

- 925 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of staffing in each school in the electoral district of Brunswick:
- 1 What was the enrolment by grade or form in 1979 and 1980 and what is the estimate for 1981.
 - 2 What was the number of teachers in 1979, 1980 and how many are proposed for 1981, specifying numbers of special need teachers and other special staffing categories.
 - 3 What is the reason for the reduction in staffing in each case.

Notices received on 10 December 1980

- 933 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What is the criteria for admission to Echuca Technical School.

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- 2 Whether this criteria will be made public so that parents of children seeking admission to this school become aware of it.
- 934 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What is the amount allocated for funding capital works in the Portland Region in 1980–81, indicating the increase or decreases over the amount spent in 1979–80.
 - 2 What were the amounts spent in the three previous years.
- 935 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the identification and examination of persons exposed before birth to diethyl stilboestrol, whether the paper titled “Elevated Serum Cathepsin B1 and Vaginal Pathology After Prenatal DES Exposure” (Peitras, Richard J. et al. *Obstet Gynecol* 1978 Sep; 52 (3) 321–7) has been examined and whether the examination of serum cathepsin B1 levels has been considered as a screening method; if so, what action has been taken as a result.
- 937 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 When answers will be provided to Questions Nos. 603, 604 and 620 concerning patronage and revenue collected on the Upfield line and others during 1979–80.
 - 2 How he justifies his announcement of 8 December concerning the closure of railway lines when data concerning patronage and revenue collected was not publicly available.
- 938 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether consideration has been given to remand prisoners entitlements to good conduct remissions for time served in the remand yard; if so, what is the result of such consideration and when such remissions are likely to come into practice.
- 939 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether details of the new remand building on the new site will be the subject of public consultation prior to its erection.

Notice received on 11 December 1980

- 943 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the registration of occupational therapists:
- 1 When a submission for such registration was first received by him or the Health Commission.
 - 2 What his response and the Commission’s response has been to date.
 - 3 Whether it is expected that occupational therapists will be registered in Victoria; if so, when and on what basis.

Notices received on 12 December 1980

- 951 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy why the State Electricity Commission altered last year’s accounts in comparison with the 1978–79 Annual Report in that Appendix 4 of its 1979–80 Annual Report shows that an amount of \$13 523 000 has been transferred from “Labour and associated charges, materials and other expenses” to “Purchased electricity and fuel” indicating what the \$13 523 000 was spent on.

- 952 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy why the State Electricity Commission has apparently abandoned the following quantified financial targets of—(a) maintaining an adequate level of liquid resources; and (b) achieving at least seven per cent return on investment, and whether he will supply updated versions of the relevant graphs which appeared on page 5 of the 1978–79 Annual Report but have been left out of the 1979–80 Annual Report.
- 954 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, as at 30 June 1980, on a field-by-field basis, what was the estimated size of Victoria's demonstrated brown coal resource and what proportion was defined as economically winnable.
- 955 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what proportions of Victoria's economically winnable brown coal resource, on a field-by-field basis, have been allocated or reserved for—(a) power generation; (b) briquette manufacture; (c) substitute natural gas; (d) solvent refined coal; (e) oil-from-coal; and (f) other named purposes.
- 960 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the head lice programme, which municipalities have employed nurses specifically to deal with the problem of head lice, specifying the cost in 1979–80 to each municipality, its reimbursement from the Health Commission and whether any municipalities have withdrawn or been added to the scheme this financial year.
- 961 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of funding for the construction of pre-schools:
- 1 What funds were available in 1979–80 and will be available in 1980–81, specifying the amount from Commonwealth sources.
 - 2 Which new or proposed pre-school centres are currently on the waiting list or have had a decision for subsidy deferred, specifying the date of application.
 - 3 Which pre-schools have had applications for extensions and alterations deferred, specifying the work applied for and when.
- 962 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of nursing services for—(a) the mentally retarded; and (b) patients in Mental Health Division institutions and services:
- 1 What is the present number of qualified nurses employed in direct nursing care of—(a) residents; and (b) patients.
 - 2 What is the present number of vacancies existing for qualified nurses to be employed in direct nursing care of—(a) residents; and (b) patients.
- 963 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of fixed and mobile dental services for school children in country areas, which schools were visited in 1980, indicating how many children were attended to in each school.
- 965 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, since 31 August 1978, in respect of hospital and nursing home beds registered under the Private Hospital Regulations:
- 1 How many beds have been registered, specifying the number in each category and the name, address and owner of each hospital in respect of which new or additional beds have been registered.

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- 2 How many beds have ceased to be registered, specifying the number in each category and the name, address and owner of each hospital so affected.
- 966 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of Uniform Foods legislation; whether the draft legislation has been finalized; if so, when; if not, when it is expected that inter-State and Federal negotiations will be completed.
- 969 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Education, in relation to Stream 6 programmes being undertaken within Technical and Further Education in this State:
- 1 How many—(a) technical schools and colleges; and (b) other centres, are undertaking programmes.
 - 2 How many students are involved.
 - 3 Whether the Government has directed that schools and colleges delete all staff required for Stream 6 classes from their staffing establishment requests for 1981, if so—(a) why; (b) how many teachers are involved; and (c) what steps will be taken to assist students who will be seriously disadvantaged.
- 971 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 How many dentists, advanced dental technicians, dental technicians and dental therapists, respectively, are—(a) registered in Victoria; and (b) practising in Victoria.
 - 2 What is the present dentist to population ratio in—(a) country Victoria; and (b) the metropolitan area and whether ratios are available by regions; if so, what are the ratios.
 - 3 What areas are currently assisted by Government assisted dental services in respect of—(a) hospitals with public dental clinics; (b) pre-school dental clinics; (c) school dental clinics, specifying category of service; and (d) community health centres.
 - 4 At what stage are plans for each metropolitan regional clinic.
- 972 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of hospital deficits for 1979–80, what was the deficit surplus situation at each hospital as at 30 June 1980, what adjustments were subsequently made and for what reasons, what additional moneys, if any, were paid to each hospital and what surpluses were recovered.
- 974 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware that the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust annual report has claimed that the fluoridation of Geelong's water supply is at a halt due to lack of government funding; if so, what action he or the Health Commission intends to take; if not, whether he will have urgent inquiries made and action taken.
- 975 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether he has requested the Commonwealth Minister of Education to allow funds earlier allocated for the Transition Education Advisory Committee programme for 1980 to be in fact spent on approved programmes in 1981, without affecting funds already planned to be spent in 1981; if so, what is the result of such a request; if not, whether he will make such a request.

- 976 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of funds supplied by the Commonwealth Government for the school building programme for each of the years 1978–79, 1979–80 and 1980–81, how those funds were spent, indicating the categories.
- 977 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What funds for the school building programme were retained in central accounts for disbursement, as against regional accounts, for each of the years 1977–78 to 1980–81, respectively.
 - 2 What is the rationale for such retention in each category of central accounts.
- 978 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in the years 1978–79 and 1979–80, how many of the approximately 1800 wards in voluntary and statutory residential care facilities are in facilities not in the same region as the children's families.
- 986 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the proposal that the Bright District Bush Nursing Hospital become a public hospital:
- 1 What progress has been made over the past six months in ensuring that it does become a public hospital.
 - 2 When it is expected that negotiations will be completed and funds become available, and if there is a delay, what is the reason for the delay.
- 991 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he or the Health Commission has received a detailed submission from the Stawell District Hospital concerning the inadequacies of the nursing staff establishment at the hospital; if so, what action he proposes to remedy the situation.
- 992 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of each fee charged by, or paid to, the Health Commission what was the fee income in 1978–79, 1979–80 and what is the estimate for 1980–81.
- 994 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the school and pre-school medical service during 1980, indicating the respective schools and pre-school numbers separately:
- 1 How many children were examined.
 - 2 How many children—(a) received their routine initial medical examination; (b) did not receive such examination; and (c) received specialized examinations.
 - 3 How many schools and pre-schools were not visited by—(a) medical officers; (b) nursing staff; (c) medical officers; and (d) nursing staff.
 - 4 What is the establishment of the service and how many positions were filled in terms of full-time equivalents as at—(a) 1 January 1980; and (b) 1 January 1981.
- 995 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of—
(a) medical officers and related medical positions (apart from the Mental

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Health and Mental Retardation Divisions); and (b) dental officers and related dental positions in the Health Commission:

- 1 How many positions exist, specifying their designation, whether permanent or temporary or exempt and whether currently filled.
- 2 Whether applications have been made to—(a) the Public Service Board; and (b) the Treasury for additional positions; if so, what applications and with what result.

999 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the school dental programme how many—(a) dentists; and (b) dental therapists are employed, specifying the number employed outside the metropolitan area.

1000 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, further to the answer to question No. 1821 given on 13 March 1980, when he proposes to carry out his undertaking that the tramway passenger statistics would be made available to the Member for Brunswick.

1002 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, regarding his document "The Victorian Building and Construction Industry: An Assessment", dated November 1980:

- 1 Why Alcoa's Portland Transmission Line does not appear in Statement 4 (list of major semi-government authority projects in progress or planned to commence in 1980-81).
- 2 Why the Loy Yang and Driffield power stations and coalfield developments appear in the list of private sector projects and why Loy Yang is referred to as proposed rather than committed.
- 3 Why the cost of the so-called proposed and private Loy Yang project is reported at \$2800 million in Statement 5 (which elsewhere is accurate to the nearest \$250 000) when Statement 4 has it costed at \$3043 million.
- 4 Which oil companies and private interests are joining with the Victorian Government to build the proposed \$1 billion commercial coal liquefaction plant.
- 5 Whether the Mitsui and Imhausen proposals for utilization of brown coal reserves are included in Statement 5; if so, where.
- 6 Whether the American consortium mentioned by the Premier on 26 June 1980 as showing interest in coal liquefaction is included in Statement 5; if so, where.
- 7 What is the ownership structure of the company proposing to develop the Gelliondale brown coal deposits and referred to as International Oil in Statement 5.
- 8 Why the Appendix on data sources and interpretation, which mentions surveys of future construction activity undertaken by the Department of Housing and Construction, the Master Builders Federation of Australia and the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors, ignores the surveys carried out by the Australian Federation of Construction Contractors, whose members account for 80 to 90 per cent of construction industry turnover.
- 9 Why in his Foreword he speaks of the confidence which should be engendered by the considerable number of major projects committed or proposed by the private sector in Victoria, when the latest quarterly survey by the Australian Federation of Construction Contractors estimates that Victoria will be the only State in which building and construction

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activity is likely to decline over the next five years, by 14 per cent annually in the case of engineering construction.

- 10 Whether he can quantify the continuing trend for activity to swing away from more traditional building and construction projects into heavy engineering, especially resource-based projects referred to in his Foreword and reveal how much of the swing is due to unusual growth in heavy engineering and how much to unusual decline in traditional building and construction.
- 11 Why this document does not show comparable detail to that contained in last year's version dated 11 October 1979 namely, the estimated capital works programmes of all departments, authorities and municipalities classified into—(a) Works and Services account; (b) Commonwealth special purpose funds; (c) Loan Council borrowings; (d) Trust Funds; (e) internal funds; and (f) other sources of capital funds for the latest two years.
- 12 What is the reason for the following discrepancies between Statement 5 of this document and Appendix "B" of the Annual Report of the Department of State Development, Decentralization and Tourism—GMH (Fishermen's Bend) \$210 million compared with \$300 million; JLA (Westernport) unknown compared with \$25 million; GCL (Bacchus Marsh) \$20 million compared with \$2 million; Alcoa (Portland) \$350 million compared with \$400 million; Kominic (Latrobe Valley) \$40-50 million compared with \$100 million; and Loy Yang \$2800 million compared with \$3000 million; and whether he will indicate which figures are correct.

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- 1006 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the National Data Base for Children's Services, and the material currently being prepared by the Health Commission for the study mentioned in the Progress Report of the State Co-ordination Council, December 1980, whether he will provide a copy of the Victorian material to the Member for Brunswick as soon as possible; if not, why.
- 1007 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 In each of the years 1977 to 1980, in what trades apprentices have been employed by the Department of Health and Mental Health Authority and subsequently by the Health Commission.
 - 2 What was the total number of—(a) apprentices employed; and (b) first year apprentices engaged by each of the branches.
 - 3 How many apprentices it is estimated will be employed this year, specifying the number beginning their apprenticeships.
- 1008 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the decision of the Executive Council on 17 February 1981 concerning the Infectious Diseases Hospital at Fairfield, whether a copy of the report or reports by the Health Commission and the Minister of Health that the hospital is inefficiently and incompetently managed will be made available to the Member for Brunswick; if not, why.
- 1009 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health why the limpet asbestos was removed at the Glenhuntly Rehabilitation Centre and whether any other buildings which are the responsibility of the Health Commission have similar problems; if so, which buildings and what action is proposed.

- 1010 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the electoral district of Monbulk:
- 1 What access school children have to school dental services and how many children were examined by the School Dental Service in—
(a) 1979; and (b) 1980.
 - 2 What plans exist for the construction of dental clinics within the electoral district of Monbulk and when it is expected that dental clinics and pads for mobile dental clinics will be constructed.
- 1011 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of staff positions in the Community Health Programme for each of the past three years, specifying separately in respect of—(i) the Hospitals Division; (ii) the Mental Health Division; (iii) Mental Retardation Services; (iv) Early Childhood Services; and (v) other services:
- 1 What were the number of positions agreed to.
 - 2 How many of the approved positions have been filled.
 - 3 What is the number of approved positions which have not been able to be filled because of financial constraints.
- 1012 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether the recommendation by the National Health and Medical Research Council that children should be no longer excluded from school if suffering from head lice or nits will be adopted; if so, what arrangements will be made to supervise continuing treatment.
- 1013 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the past financial year, what Commonwealth Government grants have been made to the State for health purposes, specifying the State contribution in each area, whether any moneys remained unspent and the grants agreed to for this financial year.
- 1014 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, in respect of Tender E.19349 concerning the Glenhuntly Rehabilitation Centre:
- 1 Whether he will provide information on other public buildings where limpet asbestos has been removed or where it has to be removed.
 - 2 What are the details of the Public Works Department's policy and practice on the removal of asbestos.
- 1015 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of drug offences, how many offences were reported in 1979 and 1980, respectively, specifying the age and sex of the person charged and the type of drug involved.
- 1016 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing how many single parent families with one child are on the tenancy waiting list for the metropolitan area and what is the approximate waiting time for such housing.
- 1017 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 How many aged persons flats the Housing Commission has for rent, indicating the number of—(a) high rise; and (b) other flats, and whether in metropolitan or non-metropolitan areas.
 - 2 How many aged persons are presently on the waiting list for aged persons flats and what is the current waiting time for—(a) high rise; and (b) other flats, specifying whether in metropolitan or non-metropolitan areas.

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- 3 How many additional units have been constructed in each of the past three years and what number of units will be completed this financial year, specifying whether in metropolitan or non-metropolitan areas.
 - 4 What increase in the number of aged persons flats is proposed under present building programmes.
 - 5 What is the current waiting time in the cities of—(a) Brunswick; and (b) Coburg.
- 1018 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 When kindergarten subsidies were last reviewed.
 - 2 When it is intended that subsidies will again be reviewed.
- 1019 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Premier, in respect of the employment of physically and mentally handicapped persons, whether there have been any additional directions relating to the employment of such persons by the Public Service Board and other public instrumentalities since his answer on 11 April 1978 and whether the information on the number of such persons recruited and employed will be provided for the past three years.
- 1020 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Ballarat Base and District Hospital and further to the answer is question No. 1242 given on 12 March 1980:
- 1 Whether the hospital has now been told that the replacement of the Queen Victoria block's medical wards is on the "5 year plan"; if so, what is its position on the plan.
 - 2 Whether architects have yet been employed; if not, when the Hospital Board will be given approval to employ them.
 - 3 When it is expected that documentation will be completed and approved.
 - 4 When it is expected that building works will actually commence.
- 1021 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Southern Peninsula Hospital at Rosebud:
- 1 What was the cost of planning fees paid to architects and quantity surveyors for the major extension, including the additional 30 nursing home beds and whether any of the drawings or work done will be used in respect of new plans for the hospital.
 - 2 Whether plans have been agreed on for upgrading of the casualty department and other areas of the hospital; if so, when it is expected that work will be commenced and what contribution there will be from the State Government.
 - 3 When the application was made to the Health Commission to construct a private hospital on land next door to the Southern Peninsula Hospital and when the details of the application were made known to the joint working party.
 - 4 What effect the construction of the private hospital will have on the development of the Southern Peninsula Hospital, and on the Frankston Hospital.
 - 5 What are the details of the agreed application for the private hospital.
- 1022 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether action has been or will be taken on the recommendation of the Ninetieth Session of the National Health and Medical Research Council that bottles and cans of drinks containing alcohol should be labelled with the advice that alcohol taken by pregnant women may be dangerous to the unborn child; if so, what action; if not, why.

- 1023 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Educational Services, further to the answer to question No. 672 given on 10 March 1980 concerning cyclic maintenance at Brunswick High School, whether he will indicate in which financial year cyclic maintenance will be carried out.
- 1024 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of Queensland fruit fly outbreaks in Victoria in each of the past five summers:
- 1 How many separate outbreaks were detected in each summer, indicating in each case—(a) how it was detected; (b) the date and location of the initial detection; (c) the areas ultimately involved in the outbreak; (d) the methods of control or eradication; (e) the date on which fruit fly were last detected in the area; and (f) whether the area is now free of fruit fly.
 - 2 What steps were taken to ensure the earliest possible detection of new outbreaks or the extension of existing outbreaks.
 - 3 How many grubs taken from fruit were sent by fruit-growers to the Department of Agriculture for identification, indicating the number identified as Queensland fruit fly larvae from—(a) known outbreak areas; and (b) new outbreaks.
- 1025 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, in respect of tenders invited for the connection to sewer of the Animal Research Institute, Werribee:
- 1 What buildings and other facilities are to be connected to the sewer.
 - 2 Whether the connection will ensure compliance with Environment Protection Authority requirements regarding discharge of liquid waste from the Gilbert Chandler Institute of Dairy Technology.
- 1026 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether the recommendation by the National Health and Medical Research Council that children should be no longer excluded from school if suffering from head lice or nits, will be adopted; if so, what arrangements will be made to supervise continuing treatment.
- 1027 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of the approval of the expenditure of funds appropriated to Melton's development by item 161 of the *Public Works and Services Act* 1980:
- 1 When advice of projects proposed by the Shire of Melton was first received.
 - 2 What steps he took in response to that advice before Cabinet approval of the 1980 Public Works and Services Bill.
 - 3 When he became aware of Cabinet approval of the Bill.
 - 4 When he became aware of the amount to be appropriated to Melton and Sunbury development as approved by Cabinet.
 - 5 What steps he took prior to passage of the Bill through Parliament toward the later approval of projects to be funded.
 - 6 What procedures were followed in the approval of projects, indicating the origin and reason for each procedure.
 - 7 Which proposed projects were referred to other departments, statutory authorities or other instrumentalities, indicating in each case the instrumentality, the date and purpose of the original referral and the date of the final reply.
 - 8 What were the dates on which approval was given to proceed with projects to be funded.

- 1028 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of consideration by the Country Roads Board of roadworks in Melton to be funded from an appropriation in item 161 of the *Public Works and Services Act 1980*:
- 1 When the proposed roadworks were first referred to the Board by the Minister for Planning or personnel responsible to him.
 - 2 What procedures were followed in considering the projects, indicating the origin and reason for each procedure.
 - 3 When the final reply was sent.
- 1029 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer, in respect of the expenditure of funds appropriated to Melton's development by item 161 of the *Public Works and Services Act 1980*:
- 1 Why projects proposed to be funded from the appropriation were referred to Treasury.
 - 2 What procedures were followed by Treasury in considering the projects, indicating the origin and reason for each procedure.

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- 1030 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Employment and Training, in view of the Government's establishing a "hot-line" to supply employers with information on how to go about employing an apprentice, whether he will indicate—(a) the number of inquiries received through this "hot-line" since it opened on 16 February; (b) the type of inquiry that has been received; and (c) the areas of Victoria from which inquiries have been received.
- 1031 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in relation to the Woori Yallock primary school:
- 1 What is the current school enrolment and the expected enrolment in 1982.
 - 2 What is the reason for the delay in determining whether the school will be relocated.
 - 3 Whether, in view of the significance of adequate library facilities to any school, a relocatable library will be made available to the school, and if so, when.
- 1032 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health how many new Community Centres are being constructed during the 1980–81 financial year, indicating the locations.
- 1033 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what was the number and nature of crimes reported in 1980 at the Fawkner, Pascoe Vale South and Coburg police stations, respectively.
- 1035 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs:
- 1 How many citizenship certificates were conferred in each municipality in 1980.
 - 2 How many other citizenship certificates were conferred in private ceremonies.
 - 3 How many citizenship certificates were conferred in Victoria in 1980, indicating the former nationalities of these new Australian citizens.

- 1036 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer which statutory authorities other than the State Electricity Commission negotiated loans with interest rates of 18 per cent or more during 1980.
- 1037 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works how many of the more than 1000 oil-fired heaters in Government buildings were converted to other forms of heating during 1980.
- 1038 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services how many schools were converted from oil-fired heaters during 1979 and 1980, indicating such schools within the electoral district of Coburg.
- 1039 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing how many Housing Commission homes have been constructed in Fawkner, indicating the respective number available for rent and still available for purchase.
- 1040 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what is the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board estimate of the number of passengers carried on the—(a) East Coburg; (b) North Coburg; and (c) West Coburg tram routes.
- 1041 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 Which schools in Victoria were entitled as at 1 March 1981 in terms of their enrolment to additional clerical assistance, teacher aides, and other support staff, respectively, but had not received such appointments due to the Government staff ceiling.
 - 2 When it is now expected, that these vacancies in the school establishment will be filled in each case.
- 1042 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what amount was collected in Land Tax in each of the past five years, indicating for each year the—(a) number; and (b) value of assessments issued and the cost of administration as a percentage of revenue actually obtained.
- 1043 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 and 10 December 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information relating to those departments and statutory authorities not required to table their reports in Parliament which he supplied directly to the then Leader of the Opposition in response to question No. 1642 of April 1977, whether he will now make available this information for incorporation, together with any subsequent changes.
- 1044 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 and 10 December 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on the right of nomination to public bodies which he supplied directly to the then Member for Melbourne in response to question No. 1180 of 8 December 1976, whether he will now make available this information for incorporation, together with any subsequent changes.
- 1045 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 and 10 December 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on Government inquiries, Royal Commissions and Parliamentary committee investigations which he supplied directly to the then Member for Melbourne in response to question No. 639 of 15 October 1976, whether he will now make available this information for incorporation, together with any subsequent changes.
- 1046 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 and 10 December 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on administrative and advisory boards and

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committees which he supplied directly to the then Member for Melbourne in response to question No. 1401 of 8 December 1976, whether he will now make available this information for incorporation, together with any subsequent changes.

- 1047 MR KIRKWOOD—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 In each of the past three years, how many students attending East Preston, Thornbury, Newlands and Preston Girls High Schools, respectively, left school before sitting for the Higher School Certificate.
 - 2 What was the percentage pass rate for the Higher School Certificate at each school in each of the past three years.
- 1048 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been undertaken to ensure that a wider variety of residential facilities with stronger after-care supports are developed under the guidance of the Department for Community Welfare Services to meet the assessed needs of those offending and misbehaving children who require residential care and treatment, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1049 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What progress has been made in expanding the Mental Health Authority facilities to enable severely and profoundly retarded children who require full-time nursing care or highly specialized supervision to be transferred from children's homes and reception centres to specialist accommodation so that the development of other children is not disadvantaged by the staff's disproportionate involvement with handicapped children, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 How many children are resident at Allambie Reception Centre who are severely and profoundly retarded and require full-time nursing care or highly specialized supervision.
- 1050 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps have been taken to ensure that the Education Department provides educational assessment services for children who come into residential care, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1051 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that increased attention is given to teaching Wards social competence and social survival skills, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1052 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in ensuring that specialist services for Wards and other children in residential care is expanded and that specialists providing these services are involved in programme development and in acting as consultants to other staff as well as providing treatment for individual children, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1053 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken by the Department of Community Welfare Services to improve the register of its Wards with special needs and to ensure that staff are available to keep children's progress under review and

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ensure that all appropriate facilities and services are marshalled to meet their needs; and that the same staff are to be responsible for ensuring that children who must be cared for in specialist facilities have as much access as possible to normal community activities, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

- 1054 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in ensuring that the whole range of residential child care facilities is made more flexible and staff strengthened to enable children with special needs to be included in normal programmes unless full-time nursing care or highly specialized supervision is required, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1055 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether a review has been carried out of the existing staff establishments of all Community Welfare Services Children's Homes and Reception Centres as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 What are the present staff establishments of all Community Welfare Services Children's Homes and Reception Centres.
- 1056 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what efforts have been made to encourage parents to maintain contact with children in children's homes and foster care, and whether realistic reimbursements of expenses have been implemented as an integral part of this programme, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1057 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that children are not placed with holiday hosts as a matter of routine during school holidays in order to allow children's homes staff to take holiday leave, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1058 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps have been taken to ensure that brothers and sisters are not separated by age and sex on admission to reception facilities and children's homes, save in exceptional circumstances, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1059 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that as a condition of appointment as superintendent of a children's home, applicants be required to have successfully completed a recognized child care training course or possess another appropriate qualification as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1060 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in ensuring that the composition and competence of the Boards of Management of children's homes and other voluntary welfare agencies are included in the criteria when licences or contracts are being negotiated; and, further, what stipulations have been placed on Boards to ensure that a significant proportion of each Board's members be required to have some expertise or experience in the welfare or child care field, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

- 1061 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what is the position in each Region in respect of the recommendation that the Department of Community Welfare Services should be responsible for ensuring that a wider variety of accommodation options be made available for adolescents who leave residential care and are unable to live with relatives or board with private families, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1062 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken in ensuring that congregate children's homes accommodate not more than 40 children and that remaining large congregate homes are phased out, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1063 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in developing reception and on-going residential facilities in all Regions without the establishment of any more large congregate Reception Centres or homes, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1064 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to remodel the Family Welfare Advisory Council, giving it wider scope, strengthening it and renaming it "The Family Welfare Council", making it responsible to the Minister for Community Welfare Services, with appropriate sub-committees, which will submit a report annually to the Minister, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1065 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in not deferring recommendations in the Report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976 which can be implemented with only minor legislative change while the legislation is under more rigorous review.
- 1066 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to the answer to question No. 854 given on 10 March 1981:
- 1 What monitoring of the sale and use of prostaglandins is carried out.
 - 2 Whether there have been any allegations or evidence that prostaglandins have been sold or used in breach of Schedule 7 to the *Poisons Act* 1962.
 - 3 Whether the sale or use of any prostaglandins have been investigated; if so, whether any breaches of Schedule 7 have been detected.
 - 4 What action has been taken on any apparent breaches of Schedule 7 in respect of prostaglandins.
- 1067 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in instituting formal Children's Court proceedings against alleged offenders only when the facts of innocence or guilt are in dispute, when alleged offences are serious, or when the child's pattern of behaviour or his family's situation indicates that something more than a warning may be appropriate, as recommended in the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1068 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether evaluation has taken place of the effectiveness of the warning system so that consideration can be given to the introduction of juvenile aid panels as recommended in the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

- 1069 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that the police warning system is embodied in legislation and implemented statewide as a means of dealing with minor offenders, as recommended in the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1070 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in respect of the re-examination of provisions for defining and initiating action in respect of children who misbehave and offend, such examination having been part of a legislative review recommended in the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1071 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made by the Department of Community Welfare Services in respect of each of the aspects of the recommendation contained in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976 that the *Community Welfare Services Act 1970* and the *Children's Court Act 1973* be reviewed by a committee comprising both legal and welfare specialists, having regard to the guidelines set out elsewhere in the report that there should also be a continuing body with responsibility for on-going review and that consideration be given to including the *Adoption of Children Act 1964* in this legislative review.
- 1072 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in the interest of efficiency and coherence in the State welfare field, what consideration has been given to appointing all social workers in State Government employment to the Department of Community Welfare Services as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.
- 1073 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 To what extent each Regional Centre has been delegated a high degree of autonomy as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.
 - 2 To what extent an even level of services is provided at each Regional Centre and to what extent reasonably uniform decision-making is achieved throughout the State, as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.
- 1074 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in respect of the assumption of responsibility for the immediate and long-term development of preventive programmes by the Department of Community Welfare Services, as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.
- 1075 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in respect of the systematic implementation by the Department of Community Welfare Services of the provisions under sections 5 and 13 of the *Community Welfare Services Act 1970*, as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.
- 1076 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether the Government has received the recommendations contained in the report by the National Women's Advisory Council entitled "My Child Was Born Disabled"; if so—(a) to which Ministers the recommendations have been

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referred; (b) whether the recommendations have been considered by Cabinet; and (c) what decisions have been taken.

- 1077 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Forests, further to the answer to question No. 692 given on 9 December 1980, what grass and bush fires were suspected by the Forests Commission of Victoria to have been deliberately lit, spread from fires allegedly lit in breach of the regulations or other fire restrictions and spreading from fires allegedly lit in prohibited periods and on days of acute fire danger notified under the *Forests Act* 1958 in the 1979–80 and 1980–81 seasons, indicating in each case the date and place the fire was detected.
- 1078 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Further to the answer to question No. 692 given on 9 December 1980, what grass and bush fires were suspected by the Country Fire Authority to have been deliberately lit, spread from fires allegedly lit in breach of the regulations or other fire restrictions and spreading from fires allegedly lit in breach of total fire bans proclaimed under the *Country Fire Authority Act* 1958 in the 1979–80 and 1980–81 seasons, indicating in each case the date and place the fire was detected.
 - 2 What fires have been investigated by the police since 25 November 1980, indicating in each case—(a) what charges have been laid; (b) what convictions have been obtained, indicating the penalty imposed in respect of each charge proven; and (c) what charges have been withdrawn and what charges have been dismissed.
- 1079 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether the Government has accepted the recommendations contained in the report by the National Women's Advisory Council entitled "My Child Was Born Disabled" to—(a) cause modification to all public transport to ensure that disabled persons and their families can carry essential equipment; (b) remove physical barriers to the travel of disabled persons to enable them to travel as freely as non-disabled persons; (c) provide such facilities as—(i) entrances without steps in all public buildings; (ii) kerbside parking areas with sufficient space beside the vehicle to allow movement into and out of a wheelchair; (iii) a contributable transport scheme either as a taxi co-operative system or government-subsidized taxi service for disabled persons; and (iv) unisex toilets for disabled adults for those disabled people who cannot use toilets without assistance; if not, why.
- 1080 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works whether the Government has accepted the recommendation contained in the report by the National Women's Advisory Council entitled "My Child Was Born Disabled" to provide such facilities as entrances without steps in public buildings; if not, why.
- 1081 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to the answer to question No. 907 given on 10 March 1981, whether the Health Commission will seek statutory standards for such products in respect of nutritional value and cholesterol content with such standards used for normal testing programmes; if not, why.
- 1082 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many train derailments have occurred in the first six months of this financial year, and where they have occurred.

- 1083 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 What land purchases were made by the Housing Commission during 1980.
 - 2 Whether any purchases were made in excess of the Valuer-General's valuation.
- 1084 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what amount has been collected in oil royalties in each of the past five years.

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- 1085 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Premier, in respect of the Premier's 1976 election policy speech indicating that Urban Land Council funds should be used to bring down the initial cost of land by about two-thirds, by permitting the cost of the services to be paid over a period:
- 1 What steps have been taken to implement the policy, indicating the date of each such step.
 - 2 What further action will be taken to implement the policy, indicating the date by which it will be completely put into effect.
- 1086 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, further to the answer to question No. 379 given on 11 March 1981:
- 1 Whether there are any additional figures available, indicating the proportion of students commencing secondary education in each region—
(a) leaving at the minimum age; (b) leaving school after completing year 10; (c) leaving school after completing year 11; and (d) leaving school after completing year 12; if so, what are the details.
 - 2 Whether figures similar to those provided in the answer are available for each category of Government and non-Government schools respectively; if so, what are the details.
- 1087 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps have been taken to ensure that ethnic groups are represented on important committees and advisory councils in the child and family welfare field, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1088 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure the greater use of carefully selected and trained volunteers, especially in implementing Supervision Orders and other activities requiring direct contact with families and children, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1089 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the Department of Community Welfare Services has adopted the general principle that the State should retain final responsibility for children in its care even if the actual services are carried out by the voluntary agencies, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1090 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what attempts have been made to ensure that voluntary agencies play an integral part in policy development and service delivery especially through consultative and other councils and committees established by State authorities, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

- 1091 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether negotiations have begun with the Commonwealth Government to ensure that all Commonwealth funding for child and family welfare organizations are channelled through the State Government even if the general areas in which funds are to be expended are determined at Federal level, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1092 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that improved interpreter services are made available when non-English-speaking clients are dealing with welfare organizations, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1093 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in ensuring that aboriginal and other ethnic groups are given a voice when major decisions are made about children of their own group, and that any special, relevant, cultural factors be considered when decisions are made, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1094 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether compulsory maintenance payments by parents of children in the care of the Department of Community Welfare Services have been abolished, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1095 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What progress has been made by the Department of Community Welfare Services in making available temporary emergency care facilities for children as a form of positive assistance, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 Whether he accepts the principles that such temporary care should be provided as part of an overall assistance programme for the family, that it should be provided with adequate safeguards to avoid abuse and that it should not involve the State in accepting a guardianship role.
 - 3 Whether consideration has been given to contracting out such a temporary care serve as recommended in the report of the Committee.
 - 4 Whether minor legislative changes will be introduced to allow Reception Centres to be used for this purpose, as recommended in the report of the Committee.
- 1096 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What action has been taken by the Department of Community Welfare Services to promote the development of a series of community-based remedial facilities for children who offend or misbehave, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 Whether consideration has been given to making attendance at such centres an option specifically stated in legislation, as recommended in the report of the Committee.
- 1097 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What measures have been taken to encourage magistrates to use supervision orders more frequently and to ensure that appropriate

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staffing and support resources are made available to enable orders to be implemented adequately, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

- 2 Whether magistrates are being kept up to date on the resources available in the child and family field, as recommended in the report of the Committee.

1098 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in using temporary foster homes as a component of decentralized pre-Court and reception facilities for children where severe problems of management or security are not likely to be encountered, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1099 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that foster care programmes operated by voluntary agencies are subject to licensing requirements and contractual arrangements in line with those which apply to voluntary children's homes, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1100 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 Whether the services required of individual agencies have been clearly formulated and arranged on a contractual basis where agencies carry out functions which are the Department of Community Welfare Services responsibility, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 2 Whether attempts have been made to draw up the contracts directly between the Department and the agencies; if not, why.

1101 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 Whether the system of open-ended approval of children's homes has been replaced with a system of fixed-term licensing, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 2 Whether licensing requirements now apply to all residential child care agencies and other family welfare agencies which have a component of providing care for children apart from their families, as recommended by the Committee; if not, why.

1102 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the composition of the Adoption Conference has been expanded to include representatives of those professions involved in the adoption field and adopting parents and people who have themselves been adopted, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.

1103 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken by the Department of Community Welfare Services to ensure that where dispensation of parents' consent to adoption is being sought, judicial decisions do not result in children being deprived of the opportunity for a permanent family home, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

- 1104 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether consideration has been given by the Department of Community Welfare Services to establishing a more adequate system of subsidies for approved adoption agencies, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1105 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the Government intends to implement the recommendation that a system of adoption subsidies be developed to enable more lower income families to adopt children and that subsidies be available to all families who adopt children with special needs, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if so, when.
- 1106 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What progress has been made in implementing the twelve-monthly mandatory reviews of Wards and other children in substitute care as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 Whether machinery has been set up to ensure that the reviews are carried out; if not, why; if so, whether they are being carried out by a joint committee of the Department of Community Welfare Services and voluntary agencies' representatives, and the inclusion of one representative of the agency caring for the child, where applicable, and on a regional level, as recommended in the report of the Committee.
 - 3 Whether administrative procedures have been devised to ensure that children and families who require closer attention are the subject of more frequent review, as recommended in the report of the Committee.
- 1107 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the Government has developed training schemes for foster parents and ensured that experienced staff are available at all times for supervision and support, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1108 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to implement the recommendation that, as a matter of principle, only the Court and the Director-General of the Department of Community Welfare Services should continue to have power to alter a child's legal status, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1109 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the Government intends that foster parents be more realistically reimbursed for their services, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1110 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether appeal provisions have been made available for children admitted by the decision of the Director-General of Community Welfare Services under section 35 (1) of the *Community Welfare Services Act 1970*, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria; if not, why.
- 1111 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether a wider range of options, including short-term admission to State residential care without change of guardianship or power to require

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children to attend non-residential remedial programmes has been made available to the Children's Court and appropriate supporting facilities developed, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.

1112 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 What action has been taken to ensure that in the first instance and irrespective of the mode of admission, Community Welfare Services guardianship should not be for a period exceeding twelve months, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 2 What action is intended in implementing the recommendation that following the initial twelve-month period, longer-term guardianship be entered into only as a last resort if a careful assessment of children and their families indicates that this is the least harmful option for the child or is necessary to protect society, as stated in the report of the Committee.

1113 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 Whether children are now being legally represented in their own right when the Court considers making a decision which would alter the child's legal status, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 2 Whether the recommendation that legal aid be made available if, for any reason, it appears to the Court that it is in the child's interest, has been adopted.
- 3 Whether the Department of Community Welfare Services working in conjunction with the Public Solicitor's Office of the Law Department provides legal representation, as recommended in the report of the Committee.

1114 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that human dignity is maintained by recommending a number of changes both in Children's Court proceedings and in the physical surroundings in which they take place, as set out in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1115 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what procedures have been adopted to ensure that the respective roles of police and staff of the Department of Community Welfare Services in respect of children are clarified at inter-departmental level, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1116 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services when—(a) he intends to use his powers under section 32 of the *Community Welfare Services Act 1970* to authorize the Department's officers to intervene where children are alleged to be improperly treated and to enter premises under warrant as a last resort after other actions have failed; and (b) police involvement in child protection proceedings will be phased down, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1117 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what steps have been taken

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to ensure that the teaching on human relationships is expanded in tertiary education establishments as well as in primary and secondary schools, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

- 1118 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what attempts have been made by the Department of Community Welfare Services to implement the recommendation to maintain an on-going public education and information campaign to make the community aware of the stresses which modern life imposes on individuals and families and to the means through which help may be obtained, as outlined in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1119 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps have been taken in collaboration with the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation and the Education Department to expand the use of school premises after school hours, at weekends and in holidays, to provide recreation programmes for children and parents, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1120 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether any progress has been made in developing and progressively implementing throughout the State, a comprehensive family welfare programme which will marshall all resources of statutory, voluntary and local government agencies to provide a full range of family developmental services, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1121 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in developing preventive programmes in a metropolitan and a country region to provide a range of basic supportive services, as set out in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976, indicating whether the effectiveness of these programmes have been fully evaluated as a guide for future development in other regions, as recommended in the report of the Committee.
- 1122 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what attempts have been made to ensure that research and data collection in the Department of Community Welfare Services and in other parts of the welfare field are improved, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1123 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in implementing the recommendation that contracts with residential care organizations stipulate all aspects of service required, not only accommodation and provision of physical care, and that the system of licensing and contracting with voluntary agencies involve close consultation with the Department of Community Welfare Services to enable the voluntary agencies to improve and refine the services and facilities they provide, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

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- 1124 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what proportion of total pay-roll tax receipts was paid by rural industry in the last financial year, indicating the proportion paid by the fruit industry.

- 1125 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Employment and Training how many approved applicants for apprenticeship in each trade were unable to undertake training at the commencement of 1981, indicating how many were girls.
- 1126 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Employment and Training how many indentured apprentices are females, indicating the trades in which they are employed.
- 1127 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing how many Housing Commission homes have been constructed in Coburg, indicating the number still available for rental or purchase, respectively.
- 1128 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what amount the Government has spent during each of the past five years on metropolitan roads and country roads, respectively, indicating the proportion spent on—(a) construction; (b) maintenance; (c) wages and salaries; (d) traffic management; and (e) protection of future options.
- 1129 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Premier what amount the Government has spent on advertising the “Jobs from Growth” strategies on—(a) television; (b) radio; (c) newspapers; and (d) publications.
- 1130 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what revenue was collected at each station on the Upfield railway line during each of the months of September to December 1980.
- 1131 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture:
- 1 What areas in Victoria were designated fruit fly area by the Department of Agriculture between 30 September 1980 and 17 March 1981.
 - 2 What is the total area so designated since 30 September 1980.
 - 3 What is the estimated value of crops destroyed within the areas concerned since 30 September 1980.
 - 4 On what date the Government discontinued the road block system of inspection on allocated highways and main roads within Victoria.
 - 5 What was the annual cost of the road block system for the year 1979–80.
 - 6 Whether the incidence of fruit fly increases when road blocks are withdrawn.
- 1132 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture on what date he received a request from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for supplementary funds in 1980–81, what steps he took in response to the request and on what date or dates he advised the Society of the Government’s response, indicating the content of that advice.
- 1133 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer whether he has received any submission seeking supplementary funds to maintain the inspection activities of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; if so—(a) on what date he received the submission, indicating its source; and (b) what action has been taken.
- 1134 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the White Paper on Strategies and Structures for Education in Victorian Government Schools as related to Technical Schools:
- 1 How they will be administered.
 - 2 Whether staff will remain at a ratio of 1 to 14.
 - 3 Whether schools will be equipped to present standards.
 - 4 How corporate management groups will operate.

- 1135 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the White Paper on Strategies and Structures for Education in Victorian Government Schools:
- 1 Whether the curriculum of technical schools will remain different from high schools.
 - 2 Whether there will be a core curriculum for all post-secondary schools.
 - 3 What changes will be made to methods of transfer between technical and high schools.
 - 4 What is the situation in relation to trade teachers whose present qualifications may not allow them to have secondary registration.
 - 5 What is the present situation in the northern region in relation to the 2000 apprentices who were turned away and whether the situation is likely to improve.
 - 6 What is the situation regarding the Coburg School of Textiles and the proposed forced transfer to Warrnambool.
- 1136 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the White Paper on Strategies and Structures for Education in Victorian Government Schools as related to current Education Department policy, what is the position concerning upgrading of programmes in the special needs component which have been cut back at the Glenroy Technical School.
- 1137 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the White Paper on Strategies and Structures for Education in Victorian Government schools as related to the concept of school based autonomy, how the northern region will be involved in view of the fact that basic decisions will be made at Head Office on such matters as funding large expenditure items, staffing and building.
- 1138 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the White Paper on Strategies and Structures for Education in Victorian Government Schools as related to the unavailability of emergency teachers, whether there is a likelihood of increased funding to maintain normal school activities such as camps and excursions.
- 1139 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the electrification of the Werribee railway line:
- 1 In what year funds were first allocated, indicating the purposes for which they were to be used and the year in which it was then proposed that electrification would be completed.
 - 2 What funds were allocated in each year to date, indicating the amount expended and purpose for which they were to be used.
 - 3 When it was decided that the commencement of electrified services would coincide with the northern loop of the Melbourne underground rail loop coming into service, indicating what immediate effect that decision had on the date for the introduction of such services.
 - 4 When it is now expected that electrified services will be introduced.
 - 5 What are the reasons for the announced deferral of the commencement of electrified services until late 1982, indicating in relation to each reason, the facts used to substantiate the reason.

Notices received on 18 March 1981

- 1140 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture what further codes for the welfare of farm animals are in preparation in addition to the Codes of Accepted Farming Practice already approved by the Governor in Council, indicating in each case when it is expected that the code will be approved.
- 1141 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture in respect of the Codes of Accepted Farming Practice which have been approved by the Governor in Council and appearing in *Victoria Government Gazette* No. 16 of Wednesday, 18 February 1981, what steps have been taken to advise—
(a) livestock transport operators; (b) beef and dairy farmers; (c) pig farmers; (d) sheep farmers; (e) goat farmers; (f) deer farmers; and (g) poultry farmers, of the provisions of the Codes.
- 1142 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of the Code of Accepted Farming Practice for the Welfare of Animals During Transportation:
- 1 What is the maximum period for each species considered to be “recent” in the provision “animals awaiting transportation should have recent access to water”.
 - 2 What exceptions are implied by the term “where possible” in the provision “loaded vehicles and trailers should not be parked so that animals are exposed to extremes of heat for more than one hour where possible without shade and adequate ventilation”.
 - 3 What are the bases for the periods 36 hours and 6 hours in the provision “no animal should be left without water for more than 36 hours; this period may be extended if the journey can be completed within 6 hours”.
 - 4 What criteria are to be applied in determining the suitability of ventilation in containers used for the transportation of chicks.
- 1143 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of the Code of Accepted Farming Practice for the Welfare of Cattle:
- 1 Why there is no provision for restraint used on cattle to include procedures and equipment chosen to minimize the risk of injury and pain to the animal.
 - 2 What are considered to be “the interests of animal welfare” which might justify tail docking.
 - 3 In relation to the use of an anaesthetic in spaying what is meant by the term “as appropriate”.
- 1144 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of the Code of Accepted Farming Practice for the Welfare of Sheep, why there is no provision for restraint used on sheep to include procedures and equipment chosen to minimize the risk of injury and pain.
- 1145 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of the Code of Accepted Farming Practice for the Welfare of the Domestic Fowl:
- 1 What is meant by the use of the word “modified” in the provision “disease should be treated, prevented or modified where possible”.
 - 2 What is the basis of the implicit acceptance of death rates up to one per cent per week in the provision “if deaths exceed one per cent per week”.

- 1146 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received correspondence and a submission from the Town Clerk, City of Fitzroy, concerning the redirection of funds from the de Paul Centre to the Fitzroy Community Health Association; if so, what action he proposes taking in relation to the correspondence and submission.
- 1147 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health which State Institutions are using the contraceptive “Depo-Provera” indicating on what basis and whether he will make a statement on its safety or otherwise and, if not, why.
- 1148 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Which institutions are using the contraceptive “Depo-Provera” indicating on what basis.
 - 2 What consultations on its safety have occurred and with whom.
- 1149 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 In respect of district nursing services at the Kyneton District Hospital, what has been the increase in the last three years, and what is the expected requirement for this year.
 - 2 How many nurses are employed, and what allowance is made for the size of the area to be covered.
 - 3 What is the Kyneton Hospital’s priority rating for the appointment of an additional nurse or nurses, and when it is expected that such an appointment will be made.
- 1150 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, in respect of the studies by British consultants engaged to investigate certain aspects of a nuclear project:
- 1 What is the name of the firm of consultants.
 - 2 What was the date on which the consultants were—(a) engaged; and (b) commenced their investigation.
 - 3 What were the terms of reference specified to the consultants.
 - 4 What fee has been or is to be paid to the consultants and how was the fee determined.
 - 5 What source or sources of nuclear fuel have been considered.
 - 6 What type or types of nuclear power station have been considered.
 - 7 What manner or manners of treatment, disposal and/or reprocessing of spent fuel and other radioactive wastes have been considered.
 - 8 What capital and operational costs other than the on-site cost of nuclear power stations have been considered.
 - 9 What environmental implications have been considered.
 - 10 What changes to Victorian and Commonwealth legislation which would affect a nuclear power station have been considered.
 - 11 On what date or dates the consultants—(a) were required to report; and (b) have reported or are expected to report.
- 1151 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What was the content of his submissions to the Treasurer for funding of private adoption agencies, operated by the Catholic Family Welfare Bureau, the Anglican Church through the Mission of St James and St John, the Uniting Church Child Care Services, the Lutheran Church and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

- 2 What was the response of the Treasurer to his submissions.
 - 3 What is the Government's continuing commitment to these agencies.
 - 4 Whether he will provide comparative costs for the Adoption Section of the Department of Community Welfare Services and for private adoption agencies.
 - 5 Whether he is aware of the enormous discrepancies between the present offer for funding to each of the three first-mentioned agencies in part one and the funds provided for departmental agencies.
- 1152 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What action has been taken to ensure the continuance of employment of hospital officers at Pentridge Prison Hospital.
 - 2 Whether he intends to direct the Correctional Services Division to advertise vacant positions for hospital officers in prisons; if so, when.
 - 3 What action he intends taking to ensure that acting hospital officers have the opportunity to participate in familiarization programmes, thus giving them the opportunity to seek secure permanent employment.
 - 4 Whether he has decided to disregard the memorandum of 23 February 1979 from Dr John Wolstenholme to the Director of Correctional Services in respect of prison hospital officer requirements for Pentridge Hospital and the Jika Jika High Security Unit; if so, why, and what effects staffing cutbacks will have on the functioning of the hospital and the high security unit.
 - 5 What changes to prescribed insignia have recently been required for various ranks of hospital attendants and whether this change represents any change of rank for hospital attendants; if so, what are the reasons for such insignia changes, and for changes in rank.
- 1153 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of the Code of Accepted Farming Practice for the Welfare of the Domestic Fowl Part II as it relates to space, what is the basis of the density figures shown, indicating how they were arrived at and why some are higher than the equivalent British figure.
- 1154 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Employment and Training, further to the answer to question No. 50 given on 16 September 1980 concerning the Youth Guarantee Fund, whether he will make available to the Member for Brunswick the letter that was forwarded to the Secretary of the Department of Employment and Youth Affairs, together with subsequent correspondence and whether he will provide details on the current situation of the Fund.
- 1155 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the proposed closure of the Upfield railway line, what studies of—(a) necessary economic and social issues; and (b) cost benefit analysis have been carried out, or are being carried out, specifying the researches involved and whether the result of such studies will be made available to the public.

Notices received on 19 March 1981

- 1156 MR SKEGGS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether there has been a departmental assessment of the effect on the environment, traffic density and rail freight arising from proposed deregulation of trucks; if so, what are the details.

- 1157 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of public dental services:
- 1 What is the Health Commission's basis for allocating public dental services to non-metropolitan areas specifying the number of public dentists required for particular population groups.
 - 2 What public dental services are available in the Geelong area, and what steps are proposed to increase the availability of such services to Geelong residents.
- 1158 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What was the actual staff ceiling in each of the Primary, Technical and Secondary teaching divisions at 1 March 1981, excluding teachers on leave.
 - 2 What was the staff establishment in each of the Primary, Technical and Secondary teaching divisions at 1 March 1981, excluding teachers on leave.
 - 3 When the Government plans to bring about equality between the staff ceiling and the staff establishment in each of the Primary, Technical and Secondary teaching divisions.
- 1159 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works whether a contract has been awarded to an overseas company to construct a wharf at Shelly Beach, Williamstown; if so, what is the purpose of the new wharf.
- 1160 MR ERNST—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what funds or guarantee of funds the Government is providing for the development of the Geelong central business district indicating for what projects.
- 1161 MR ERNST—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in relation to parking facilities at the Geelong railway station:
- 1 Whether there are any plans to extend the railway car park to overcome the limited car parking spaces available at present; if so, when construction will commence.
 - 2 Whether he will give consideration to drawing up plans and constructing an overpass or an underpass from the parking area to the railway station.
- 1162 MR ERNST—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, in respect to Government funds made available to the ethnic communities and clubs in the Geelong area, which projects have received funding for the past three years, indicating the amount in each case.
- 1163 MR SPYKER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for State Development, Decentralization and Tourism:
- 1 What funds are raised from boat registration fees.
 - 2 How these funds are spent.
 - 3 What proportion of these funds are spent on new boat ramps and ramp improvements.
 - 4 What is the Government's policy in relation to the provision of boat ramps.

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- 1164 MR KIRKWOOD—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Whether he will ascertain and advise how many other States in Australia apply the rule for vehicles turning left to give way, as in Victoria.
 - 2 What steps will be taken to have uniform road laws in Australia.
- 1165 MR KIRKWOOD—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply:
- 1 What has been the price of water charged by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works for the past five years.
 - 2 What has been the percentage rate increase in comparison with water charges imposed by the Board over each of the past five years.
- 1166 MR KIRKWOOD—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply:
- 1 What is the name of the chemical material causing the bitter taste in water supplied by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works.
 - 2 What damage is being done to pipes because of excess fluoride in water.
- 1167 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister of Soldier Settlement:
- 1 On what date the Young Farmers' Establishment Scheme came into being.
 - 2 How many young farmers have received financial assistance through the Scheme to date.
 - 3 What is the total direct financial outlay by the Government to young farmers through the Scheme to date.
- 1168 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture:
- 1 Whether Countryside Meats Pty Limited, Donald, now in receivership, owe the Department of Agriculture an amount of money in respect of inspection fees and other charges; if so—(a) what is the total amount owed and over what period; (b) what action the Government has taken to recover the outstanding amounts; and (c) on what date the action was taken.
 - 2 Whether the Government authorized a number of carcase classification trials at the Countryside Meats works at Donald; if so—(a) on what date; (b) on what dates the trials commenced and ceased; (c) what was the result of the trials and whether the Government paid for the plant and machinery used at the trials; and (d) what was the cost of the trials against the Government, indicating where the machinery is now stored for safekeeping.
- 1169 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what are the statistics for the various categories of armed hold-ups reported in 1980.
- 1170 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, when an answer will be provided for question No. 933 asked on 10 December 1980 concerning admission criteria to Echuca technical school.
- 1171 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply:
- 1 When repairs to the exterior of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works' offices in Little Collins Street were commenced.

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- 2 What has been the cost for each year to date and what is the expected total cost.
- 1172 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 What amount is currently held in the Firearms Training Fund.
 - 2 When the last distribution of money from this fund was made, indicating the name and address and the amount paid to each club.
- 1173 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what are the conditions for paying out a Housing Commission contract before its completion, indicating any provisions concerning when it can be paid out, how the amount to be paid is to be calculated, and how the interest to be paid in addition to the capital then owing is determined.
- 1174 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what are the current Housing Commission criteria for deferring increased escalating interest repayments, indicating whether the higher interest is waived at some point of time, and in what circumstances.
- 1175 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in relation to Housing Commission land at Melton:
- 1 When the land was bought, indicating the total price, the price per hectare and the area.
 - 2 What are the holding and interest charges to date, including this financial year, indicating the amounts in each case.
 - 3 Whether any land has been sold; if so, what is the area concerned and the price paid for such land.
 - 4 What are the current plans for the development of this land, indicating the expected starting date and timetable.
- 1176 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether persons sentenced between 1961 and 1974 are disadvantaged compared with persons sentenced before or after that period.
 - 2 What action is proposed to provide justice to those prisoners sentenced between 1961 and 1975 who are serving long and very long sentences with minimum terms of twenty years or more, even with remissions allowable.
 - 3 How many prisoners are serving long commuted sentences of 25 to 30 years minimum terms.
 - 4 How many of such prisoners are considered suitable for release.
 - 5 Whether the length of their sentences will be brought into line with other life sentences; if not, why.
- 1177 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 How many women serving a court sentence at Fairlea Female Prison have children, indicating the number of children involved.
 - 2 How many hours women are allowed to spend with their children each week.
 - 3 What special arrangements are made for those women who have children and are serving a court sentence at the prison.
- 1178 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What rights prisoners at Fairlea Female Prison have to see a visiting doctor when refused access by the supervising sister.

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- 2 What documented evidence is available to show the number of requests by prisoners at the prison to consult a doctor which have been refused.
- 1179 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether medical care is provided on a twenty-four hour basis, seven days a week, at Fairlea Female Prison.
 - 2 Whether prisoners at the prison have the right to choose their own medical practitioner, psychologist or psychiatrist.
 - 3 Whether prescribed medical drugs are at all times supervised and administered by trained medical personnel at the prison.
- 1180 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether the hospital facilities at Fairlea Female Prison meet with the minimum requirements of the Health Commission.
 - 2 When the hospital at the prison was last inspected by the Health Commission.
 - 3 When—(a) the kitchen; (b) the laundry; and (c) the dormitories, at the prison were last inspected by the Health Commission and whether they met with the minimum requirements.
- 1181 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 How many Attendance Centres there are in Victoria.
 - 2 What is the total number of offenders supervised at Centres in Victoria, indicating how many of these offenders are women.
- 1182 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What are the figures relating to staff turnover at Fairlea Female Prison over the past five years.
 - 2 What is the current staffing complement at the prison, indicating whether this complement is considered to be full strength.
 - 3 What is the current salary relating to the various grades of prison officers employed at the prison.
 - 4 What was the average number of overtime hours worked by each prison officer at the prison for the years 1978–79 and 1979–80.
 - 5 What overtime rates are paid to prison officers.
 - 6 Whether prison officers employed at the prison are given first aid instruction during any part of their training.
- 1183 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What evidence is available to show that the work undertaken by the prisoners at Fairlea Female Prison prepares them for further employment.
 - 2 What provisions are made for pre-release leave, day leave and weekend leave at the prison in order to prepare women for their eventual release.
 - 3 How many women were released from the prison during the period 1978–79 and 1979–80, indicating how many have had work arranged for them by the Commonwealth Employment Service or other agencies on their release.
 - 4 What procedures are adopted at the prison to evaluate the effectiveness of the educational and vocational programmes, indicating whether these results are available for public scrutiny.

- 1184 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether women in Fairlea Female Prison are accommodated according to age and nature of offence.
 - 2 What is the breakdown of age and offence of each woman serving in Wing 1, Wing 2A, Wing 2B and the Cottages, respectively.
- 1185 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What is the purpose in restricting prisoners' outward mail at Fairlea Female Prison to three letters per week.
 - 2 Whether he could ascertain and inform how many letters per week are permitted to be written by prisoners detained in women's prisons in New South Wales and South Australia.
 - 3 Whether it is necessary for women detained at Fairlea Female Prison to write their personal letters on Fairlea stationery; if so, why.
- 1186 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What is the maximum wage a prisoner can earn at Fairlea Female Prison.
 - 2 Whether he could ascertain and inform how this figure compares with the earnings of those women in similar institutions in New South Wales and South Australia.
- 1187 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What kind of activities, care and supervision is involved in the Fairlea Female Prison Drug Rehabilitation Programme.
 - 2 What evidence is available to show that this programme is effective.
- 1188 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether it is an offence for a prisoner at Fairlea Female Prison to make what is considered to be an unfounded complaint to—(a) a Visiting Justice; and (b) the Ombudsman.
- 1189 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether staff and the prison population at Fairlea Female Prison have meetings for the purpose of discussing problems that may arise from certain types of behaviour, attitudes and regulations that may aggravate smooth running of prisons; if so, how often these meeting are held.
- 1190 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What is the cost per week for the Government to detain a woman at Fairlea Female Prison.
 - 2 What has been the total number of prisoners detained at the prison since 1975 and of this number how many are recidivists.
 - 3 What is the maximum and minimum time respectively served by a woman serving a sentence at the Governor's pleasure at the prison.
- 1191 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether the Government has made application to the Commonwealth Government for an allocation of money from the Fishing Industry Research Trust Account during the past five years; if so, what was the nature of the application and what grant was made from the Trust in each of the past five years.

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- 1192 **MR TREZISE**—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer whether he will lay on the table of the library all relevant files concerning the proposed major legal action being contested by a vending machine company and George Adams and the Treasurer or Premier; if not, why.
- 1193 **MR ROSS-EDWARDS**—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer, with reference to the imposition of a levy on suburban rail fares to provide funds for the Melbourne Underground Rail Loop Authority:
- 1 What annual revenue has been raised by the levy.
 - 2 What have been the yearly contributions to the Authority by the Victorian Railways Board.
- 1194 **MR ROSS-EDWARDS**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Economic Development what amount of financial assistance has been given to Victorian companies during the past twelve months in the form of freight incentives under the 10 point decentralization plan, indicating which companies have received this assistance.
- 1195 **MR HOCKLEY**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 On what conditions the Fisheries and Wildlife Division issues permits to people to trap native birds.
 - 2 What is the estimated number of native birds trapped annually.
 - 3 Whether the Division supports the industry of trading in Australian fauna.
 - 4 Whether the Division has investigated any possible cruelties in trapping; if so—(a) what is the estimated mortality rate after the birds have been trapped; and (b) what findings have been made concerning cruelty in confining in close solitary confinement a bird that has flown free as a species for fifty years or more.
- 1196 **MR HOCKLEY**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether the Health Commission inspects native birds taken by professional trappers for psittacosis, a contagious disease that can be communicated to human beings.
- 1197 **MR MATHEWS**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Property and Services:
- 1 How many marriages were performed in the electoral district of Oakleigh in each of the past five years, indicating for each year the—(a) number; and (b) percentage where the celebrant was—(i) a minister of a recognized religious denomination; (ii) the official registry; (iii) a civil celebrant.
 - 2 What was the number and percentage of marriages in each year where the—(a) bride; and (b) groom were—(i) under 20 years of age; (ii) 20–25; (iii) 26–30; (iv) 31–35; (v) 36–40; (vi) 41–45; (vii) 46–50; and (viii) over 50.
- 1198 **MR ROSS-EDWARDS**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, how many prosecutions have been launched under section 3 of the *Litter Act* 1964.
- 1199 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the hospital building programme for the financial year 1980–81:
- 1 Which works were to be carried out or planned in Victorian hospitals, specifying in each case—(a) the hospital and the proposed work; (b) the

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stage this work is expected to reach by the end of the financial year; and (c) the expected expenditure this financial year.

- 2 Which works were paid for from 1980-81 loan funds and which works are being constructed using bank loans or overdrafts to be repaid in future financial years.

1200 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, concerning the implementation of the *Health (Fluoridation) Act 1973*:

- 1 What supplies have now been fluoridated, indicating the date fluoridation commenced and the number of people served by the particular supply.
- 2 Which water supply authorities have still not implemented the Act and what steps are being taken by the Government and the Health Commission in respect of each one of these Trusts.

1201 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of personnel working at 555 Collins Street, what arrangements exist for people not directly on the Health Commission's payroll, namely hospital and community health centre staff, to work at the Commission and how many such people are currently engaged in such exchange.

1202 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the review of the Early Childhood Development Programme announced by the Assistant Minister of Health in 1978:

- 1 What were the terms of reference of the review.
- 2 Who conducted the review.
- 3 When the review was completed and when copies of the report will be made public.

1203 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in relation to the Goonawarra Estate at Sunbury:

- 1 What is the number of lots pre-selected by builders as part of a builders purchase agreement, indicating the nature and terms of the agreement and whether the agreement legally contracts a sale.
- 2 What is the current estimated profit or loss on each block of land sold.
- 3 How many people are permanently employed, indicating their job, both at Sunbury and in the City or elsewhere, and the costs involved.
- 4 What is the total cost of the television advertising campaign this year, and the total cost to date of all advertising.

1204 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:

- 1 On what information he based his advice to Mr Max Dowsey of Werribee that all children from Werribee and surrounding districts for whom pre-school education was sought during 1981 have been accommodated.
- 2 Whether in 1979, sixteen children and in 1980, twenty children wanting pre-school education could not be allotted places.
- 3 What reasons there are for one child in every twenty-seven in the Werribee district receiving referred enrolment whereas the Victorian average is one child in every 136.
- 4 When a capital grant will be made for the proposed Kookaburra Avenue pre-school and infant welfare centre.

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- 1205 MR CRABB—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services how many—(a) injuries; and (b) deaths resulted from road accidents involving—(i) semi-trailers; and (ii) trucks over four tonne capacity, in each of the past ten years and how many of these accidents occurred during school holiday periods.
- 1206 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Property and Services, concerning the operation of the *Public Records Act 1973*:
- 1 How often the Public Records Advisory Council has met.
 - 2 Which departments or authorities have furnished records to the Keeper of Public Records.
 - 3 On how many occasions a declaration has been made by the Minister under section 10.
- 1207 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken in respect of the recommendations contained within the Report "Community Services for the Portland District" prepared by the Portland and District Community Services Task Group, June 1980.
- 1208 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of the recommendation contained in the Report "Community Services for the Portland District" prepared by the Portland and District Community Services Task Group, June 1980, what action has been taken to appoint a policewoman to be stationed permanently in Portland.
- 1209 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to persuade the Department of Social Security to open a permanent office in Portland, indicating the results of such representations.
- 1210 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken in respect of the request from the Portland and District Community Services Task Group for an extraordinary input of Family and Community Services funding to develop new programmes in Victoria.
- 1211 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Premier what action has been taken to honour his commitment of 7 January 1981 to provide an immediate grant of \$7000 for emergency relief in the Portland District, indicating when the grant will be forwarded to the appropriate relief agencies.

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- 1212 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What is the status of the document "Social Effects of the Portland Smelter" commissioned by the Glenelg Regional Centre of the Department of Community Welfare Services for the information of the Portland and District Community Services Task Group.
 - 2 Whether this document is a substitute for the Social Impact Study which was to have been handled by the urban geographer of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, Dr Peter Newtown, but which has now been abandoned by decision of the Ministerial Council.
- 1213 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware that persons dependent on heart pacemakers are in danger when in the vicinity of micro-wave ovens; if so, whether he will take steps to ensure that warning signs are displayed at such locations; if not, whether he will acquaint himself with the position and take appropriate action.
- 1214 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 What assistance is currently being given by the State Government towards research into diabetes.
 - 2 What proposals are being considered to increase this assistance.
- 1215 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, if he will ascertain and advise:
- 1 Whether the Industries Assistance Commission recently conducted an enquiry dealing with the effect of the import of 730 tonnes of tinned hams from Rumania and Yugoslavia upon the Victorian and Australian meat industry.
 - 2 On what date or dates hearings of the Commission in respect of this matter took place in Melbourne.
 - 3 Whether the State Government gave evidence before such enquiry, indicating whether the Government approved the imports affecting canneries at Bendigo, Kyneton, Ballarat and Moorabbin and if not, why.
- 1216 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether he will lay on the table of the Library the report of his office and all related correspondence of the interviews and decision on the appointment of an adviser on aboriginal affairs.
- 1217 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, what monitoring of pollutant levels in Cherry Lake, Altona and its tributaries, including drains, has been carried out since 1 July 1980, indicating the date and location of each sampling and the level of each pollutant detected on each occasion.

- 1218 MR BIRRELL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what has been the number of—(a) pupils on the roll; and (b) teachers on the payroll, within the Education Department in each year during the period 1976–81.
- 1219 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, of the projects currently being funded by the Transport Fund, if he will indicate in respect of each such project the amount of money required for completion of the project.
- 1220 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Property and Services what was the enrolment of each Legislative Assembly electoral district and each Legislative Council electoral province as at 31 March 1981.
- 1221 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what projects received finance from the Transport Fund in 1979–80, indicating in respect of such projects the ten highest priced projects.
- 1222 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 On what dates the position of Ministerial Adviser on Aboriginal Affairs was advertised, indicating—(a) the closing date; (b) the salary and Public Service classification offered; (c) the qualifications specified; (d) the number of applications received; and (e) the names of applicants short-listed.
 - 2 On what date a Public Service panel interview was held with Mr Bruce McGuiness in connection with his application for the position of Ministerial Adviser on Aboriginal Affairs, indicating the names of those present and the recommendations made.
 - 3 On what date the decision to appoint Mr Bruce McGuiness as Ministerial Adviser on Aboriginal Affairs was taken, indicating—(a) the date and text of the letter of appointment which was sent to Mr McGuiness; (b) the date, source and substance of any advice subsequently received; and (c) the dates and substances of subsequent communications with Mr McGuiness, and his response in each case.
- 1223 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether the proposal for a senior citizens club at Maldon is on the current list; if so, how many clubs are ahead of it in priority and when it is expected that funds will be available.
- 1224 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture:
- 1 Whether Victoria produces almost 90 per cent of Australia's exports in dairy products.
 - 2 Whether the dramatic decline in milk production will reflect upon the viability and cost structure of the Australian Dairy Corporation of which Victoria is major contributor.
 - 3 Whether he will take steps to obtain representation on the Australian Dairy Corporation for Victoria equivalent to its percentage contribution to the export market and to achieve the scaling down of the costs and administration of the Corporation in line with depreciation in quantity of export milk products; if so, what specific steps will be taken.
- 1225 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in respect of the answer to question No. 2045 asked in the previous Session of Parliament in which it was indicated that the Department of

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Community Welfare Services was undertaking a review of family substitute care and that the result would be announced late in 1980, whether the review has been completed, and if so, why no such announcement has been made in keeping with the commitment.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

QUESTIONS

Notices received on 1 April 1981

- 1226 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, what steps have been taken to prevent a repetition of contamination of Yan Yean water through chlorinator faults as reported in the *Sun* newspaper on Saturday, 28 February 1981.
- 1227 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for the Arts what is the current estimated date of completion for—(a) the concert hall at the Victorian Arts Centre; and (b) theatres and spire at the north end, indicating the projected costs in each case.
- 1228 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, further to the answer to question No. 1028 given on 31 March 1981, what were the reasons for the Country Roads Board's examinations, other procedures and a reply taking sixteen working days, indicating—(a) the number of officers involved; (b) the estimated number of working hours involved for each officer; (c) the estimated time for which the documents lay unused pending action by each officer; and (d) the estimated time absorbed by the transmission of the documents between officers.
- 1229 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, further to the answer to question No. 1028 given by the Minister of Transport on 31 March 1981, what practices, procedures or other factors prevented him from—(a) advising the Shire of Melton within one week of the proclamation of the *Public Works and Services Act* 1980 that he had approved funding the subject roadworks on condition only that the roadworks met normal Country Roads Board standards and requirements for works of a similar nature and that final contract costs conformed to the Country Roads Board's standard roadworks cost estimates; and (b) referring the subject plans and specifications to the Country Roads Board prior to 10 February 1981.
- 1230 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for the Arts, in view of the answer to question No. 626 given on 11 March 1981 and the transcript of the court case, how he relates the answer of five days delay on the concert hall and a total claimed by the builder of \$47 587 and an agreed claim figure of \$30 664 with the agreed settlement of \$1.9 million.
- 1231 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 When the Department of Community Welfare Services intends to reply to the letter dated 31 March 1980 from the Department of Social Security seeking agreement in principle for a cost-sharing arrangement for the North-West One Stop Welfare Centre, Coburg, as agreed to at a meeting between officers of the Department on 5 March 1980.
 - 2 When the Department intends to reply to the letter from the Department of Social Security of 16 July 1980 which indicated that the Department of Social Security was leaving the Centre.

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- 3 When the Department intends to reply to the letter dated 27 October 1980, from the Policy Committee of the Centre seeking information regarding the Department's commitment to the Centre.
- 4 When the Department intends to reply to the letters dated 12 November 1980, 26 November 1980 and 2 December 1980, respectively, from the Policy Committee of the Centre seeking a reply to earlier correspondence.
- 5 What action he intends to take to ensure continuity of the N.O.W. Programme, in view of the fact that the lease option expires on 6 April.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

QUESTIONS**Notices received on 9 September 1980**

- 7 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning whether the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works has written to him concerning the reservation for the F2 freeway, south of Bell Street, and whether the Board has written to the Brunswick City Council concerning the same matter; if so, whether he will make available to the Member for Brunswick, all files, memoranda and plans concerning this matter.
- 11 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of radiology services carried out in public hospitals on the 60/40 fee sharing agreement:
- 1 Which hospitals operate under this arrangement specifying the group practices involved, and the radiologists concerned in all such hospitals, indicating whether on a full or part time basis.
 - 2 In the case of each hospital for the years 1977-78, 1978-79 and 1979-80 and separately for the financial year to date, what income has been received by the hospital to offset the cost of providing the services to private patients.
 - 3 Whether payments have also been made in respect of radiology services for public or hospital patients; if so, what amounts in each case.
- 18 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of an investigation into hospital drug costs in Victoria announced on Friday, 28 October 1977:
- 1 Whether the investigation is completed.
 - 2 Whether a copy of the report will be made available.
 - 3 What action has resulted from the investigation.
- 25 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the proposed Eastern Suburbs Geriatric and Rehabilitation Centre planned for Burwood Highway, East Burwood:
- 1 What progress has been made in planning the Centre.
 - 2 What allocations of funds have been made to the Planning Committee in past financial years and this financial year for developing the Centre.
 - 3 Whether he will lay on the table of the Library all reports and memoranda relating to the development of this Centre.
 - 4 When it is expected that—(a) documentation will be completed; and (b) construction work will commence.
- 29 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the hospital construction and expansion programme in Victoria:
- 1 What would be the cost at current prices of building all those works and renovations which have been approved in principal and which some commitment has been made.
 - 2 Whether a list of such works will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.

- 31 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of payments to non-fulltime medical staff in hospitals during the 1978-79 and 1979-80 financial years:
- 1 What amount was paid to all visiting and sessional medical staff, specifying the categories of payment for sessional staff on call and recall.
 - 2 What is the estimate for 1980-81.
- 39 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of funds for the construction or subsidizing the construction of pre-schools:
- 1 What funds were available in the year 1979-80, specifying funds from Commonwealth sources.
 - 2 Which new or proposed pre-school centres are currently on the waiting list or have had a decision for subsidy deferred.
 - 3 Which pre-schools have had applications for extensions or alterations deferred.
- 45 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the Early Childhood Services Policy Committee, and further to question No. 92 answered on Tuesday, 11 September 1979:
- 1 What progress has been made in the evaluation of the Early Childhood Development Programme.
 - 2 Which aspects of the Programme have been examined.
 - 3 What reports and recommendations have been made by the Committee to the Chairman and/or the Minister.
 - 4 Whether copies of such reports will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 55 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 What is the composition of the advisory committee on units for cardiac surgery mentioned in answer to question No. 1079 given on 12 March 1980 and what are the terms of reference of the committee
 - 2 Whether the report has yet been submitted either to the Health Commission or to him; if so, whether a copy can now be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 59 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the sub-committee of the Consultative Council on Maternal and Child Health established to advise on the evaluation of the Early Childhood Development Programme, and further to question No. 95 answered on 5 July 1979:
- 1 Whether the report was submitted to the Consultative Council in August 1979; if not, when it was submitted.
 - 2 Whether the Consultative Council submitted the report to him; if so, when; if not, why.
 - 3 Whether he has yet decided to release all or part of the report as suggested in his answer of 5 July 1979; if so, to whom the report has been released and whether a copy of the report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 65 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, further to the answer to question No. 1268 given on 11 March 1980 concerning coronial autopsies:
- 1 What conditions are proposed to be laid down by the Law Department in granting permission to conduct post mortem examinations in certain cases where the death is reportable to the Coroner.

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- 2 Whether any teaching hospitals have yet availed themselves of these new arrangements; if so, which and when.
- 66 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of discussions between the Law Department and Health Commission medical officers concerning the conduct of post mortem examinations by teaching hospitals, in certain cases where the death is reportable to the coroner, what has been the result of these discussions, and whether it is expected that new arrangements may soon apply in at least one Melbourne teaching hospital; if so, which teaching hospital and when it is expected that the new arrangements will be introduced.
- 68 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health further to the answer to question No. 1226 given on 11 March 1980 concerning the rebuilding of the Police Hospital:
- 1 On what basis the Committee of Management of Prince Henry's Hospital was asked to participate in the building of the Police Hospital, either by the Hospitals and Charities Commission or the Health Commission.
 - 2 When the first request was made.
 - 3 What were the details of the arrangements.
 - 4 Whether either commission received progress reports from the hospital concerning the project; if so on what dates and whether all files and memoranda relating to this matter will be laid on the table of the Library.
- 72 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Box Hill Hospital:
- 1 How many administrative officers are employed at the Hospital.
 - 2 How many medical registrars are employed at the Hospital and how this compares with the number of accredited positions at the Preston and Northcote Community Hospital and the Western and General Hospital.
- 82 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Premier what reports have been compiled by—(a) the Anti-discrimination Bureau; and (b) the Equal Opportunity Board, in the past twelve months, indicating whether these reports will be laid on the table of the Library.
- 84 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in each of the past three financial years and the current financial year to date:
- 1 What funds have been allocated to co-operative housing societies, indicating—(a) Commonwealth funds and their source; (b) State funds and their source; (c) funds not used and carried over; (d) revolving funds; and (e) any other funds.
 - 2 What was the actual expenditure and what is the estimated expenditure for the remainder of this financial year.
 - 3 What was the proportion of funds as between co-operatives and the Housing Commission.
- 87 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, following the appointment of a Co-ordinator of Urban Land Development:
- 1 What steps have been taken to establish and monitor a data-bank for urban land production.
 - 2 What steps have been taken to extend the Preferred Development Area system to major urban areas in the country.

- 3 What steps have been taken, or are currently under consideration, to reduce the cost of land servicing.
- 88 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what is the number of Country Roads Board houses being transferred to the Housing Commission, indicating in each case—(a) the location; and (b) whether the house is occupied and, if so, the duration of current tenancy agreement.
- 89 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 What housing accommodation was vacant at each Housing Commission estate as at 1 January 1980, indicating the number and type of unit.
 - 2 How many Commission flats and houses, respectively, were vacant and undergoing maintenance as at 1 January 1980 in each local government area.
- 90 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in each of the past 24 months to date, how many Housing Commission allocations for both purchase and tenancy have been made, indicating the waiting period in each case.
- 92 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 What was the number of tenancies as at 10 February 1980, indicating the percentage variation from the number as at 10 February 1979.
 - 2 What rent increases associated with the market related rent policy occurred during the year ended 10 February 1980, showing at the close of that period—(a) the number of tenants in arrears and those more than ten weeks in arrears; (b) the total amount owed; and (c) the average amount owed, indicating in each instance the percentage variation from the corresponding figures as at 10 February 1979.
- 93 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in relation to the development of the Goonawarra Estate at Sunbury:
- 1 What amount has been spent on the whole project to date, indicating the expected expenditure at completion.
 - 2 What amount has been spent on the golf course to date, and what is the expected expenditure and the completion date, indicating separate items including the club house and greenkeeper's section.
 - 3 Whether the course has reticulated water and sewerage throughout; if so, what is the cost.
 - 4 How many hectares are set aside for the golf course and its surrounds, and how many for housing.
 - 5 How many house lots are expected to be yielded from the balance of the land.
 - 6 How many houses have been completed to date, and how many are in the course of construction, indicating the cost to date and the expected selling price.
 - 7 How many houses intended for public use have been completed to date, and how many are in the course of construction, indicating the cost to date and the expected selling price.
 - 8 How many house lots will be made available to—(a) private builders; (b) private persons; and (c) public housing.
 - 9 What is the average price of blocks made available to—(a) private builders; (b) private persons; and (c) public housing.
 - 10 How much the advertising campaign has cost to date, and how much it is expected to cost, indicating the source of the funds.

- 94 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what is the result of further discussions with the State Superannuation Board to determine whether loans could be made available to the general public on a longer term basis to be more acceptable to the average borrower for home loan purposes, indicating whether any money has been lent on this basis, and, in that event, how much and at what rate of interest.
- 104 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what is the migrant English teacher entitlement of each school in the electoral district of Oakleigh, indicating the number of migrant English teachers actually provided in each case.
- 106 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what is the name of each school where building plans have had to be abandoned following adoption of the core-plus policy, indicating in each case—(a) who commissioned the plans, and whether departmental approval was given; (b) whether the plans had been completed; (c) whether tenders had been called; and (d) the costs incurred.
- 111 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health which of the Priority List projects for 1976–77, 1977–78 and 1978–79, pursuant to the Commonwealth *Aged Persons Hostels Act 1972* and *Aged or Disabled Persons Homes Act 1974* which his predecessor itemized in his answer to the Member for Brunswick on 15 March 1978 in response to question No. 20 and reported in *Hansard* at page 422, have not been finished, indicating the reason in each case.
- 121 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether the Housing Commission employs any Aborigines; if so, in what capacity.
- 123 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether he will now provide the answer on the recommendations of the report on the Victoria Police which the then Chief Secretary was unable to give the then Leader of the Opposition on 4 May 1977 in response to question No. 1461 and reported in *Hansard* at page 8728.
- 124 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what is the name of each senior citizens club for which a Commonwealth Government grant is currently being sought, indicating in each case the—(a) number on the priority list; (b) municipality; and (c) date on which application was originally made.
- 197 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning whether there is an appeal before the Town Planning Appeals Tribunal involving the Cities of Sunshine and Altona, against a permit being granted to Protean Holdings to build an abattoir at Derrimut; if so—(a) whether legal representatives acting on behalf of Protean Holdings indicated that it was the intention of that company to rationalize its operations at Derrimut; (b) what action the Government has taken to protect the commitments of Melbourne and Richmond City Councils on matters relating to the abattoirs sited on Crown land within those two municipalities; and (c) what adverse effects the permit granted by the Shire of Werribee and the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works will have on these works in addition to to Co-operative Farmers and Graziers Direct Meat Supply Ltd works, Brooklyn at a time of depleting livestock numbers and over-capitalization of the meat industry.
- 200 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, with regard to commitments made by the Government immediately prior to the last State elections:

1 What will be the specific opportunities for Victorian teachers of all backgrounds to visit and study in overseas countries from which our

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migrant population is trained, and whether the Teacher Education Division has begun consultations with ethnic communities as to how these opportunities can best meet the needs of education for a multi-cultural society.

- 2 By what means the Government will encourage the development of an understanding attitude to migrants and the acquisition of information concerning multi-cultural education within teacher education programmes.
- 3 With respect to the \$100 000 on a \$1 for \$1 basis with the Commonwealth Government for the development of community languages and multi-cultural education teaching materials, whether the \$100 000 will be provided only for 1979.
- 4 Whether the amount allocated by the Commonwealth Government in 1980 and 1981 will be matched by the State Government.
- 5 Whether the Minister of Education will guarantee that there will be adequate consultation with teacher organizations, parent organizations and ethnic communities in the development of these initiatives; if so, in what form this consultation will take place and which organizations will be consulted.

201 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:

- 1 What schools have been closed in each of the past ten years.
- 2 What is the estimated value of each of the properties involved.
- 3 Which of these properties have been disposed of, indicating at what price and to whom.
- 4 What use is being made of each of the remaining properties.

204 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of each school in the electoral district of Ringwood:

- 1 What is the staffing establishment, and what is the actual number of staff.
- 2 What representations have been received regarding the need for additional staff appointments.

207 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what is the—(a) student enrolment; and (b) staff allocation, of each Government school in the electoral districts of Doncaster, Ringwood and Mitcham, and how many teachers are allocated to specific remedial teaching duties in—(i) reading; (ii) mathematics; and (iii) written expression in each case.

209 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, with regard to the staffing position at Leongatha high school:

- 1 Why there has been a reduction for 1980 of the special needs component within the school's establishment from 1.5 to 1.2 teachers, thus forcing the school to eliminate or seriously curtail programmes designed to assist disadvantaged students.
- 2 Why finance to provide a part-time teacher aide at the school has been withdrawn for 1980.
- 3 Why a library assistant has not been provided for the school, despite the school's entitlement on the Education Department's own personnel schedule.

- 224 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in relation to the Wendouree High Technical School:
- 1 What is the present enrolment.
 - 2 What is the expected enrolment in 1981, 1982, and 1983.
 - 3 How many classrooms are at the school and of these how many are temporary.
 - 4 When it is expected that the already long overdue Stage 2 of the school's building programme will be undertaken.
 - 5 What additional ancillary staff are being provided in 1980 to cope with increased enrolments.
 - 6 What grounds development will be undertaken in 1980 and 1981.
- 229 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 How many individuals who taught English as a second language in the classroom in the Primary, Secondary and the Technical Divisions, respectively, were employed by the Education Department at the—
(a) beginning of the 1979 school year; (b) the end of the 1979 school year; and (c) beginning of the 1980 school year.
 - 2 What are the figures of effective full-time people employed by the Education Department who taught English as a second language in the classroom in the Primary, Secondary and Technical Divisions, respectively, at the—(a) beginning of the 1979 school year; (b) end of the 1979 school year; and (c) beginning of the 1980 school year.
- 230 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 How many schools lost classroom teachers of English as a second language from the end of the 1979 school year to the beginning of the 1980 school year.
 - 2 What are the schools and how many—(a) effective full-time classroom teachers of English as a second language; and (b) individuals who taught English as a second language in the classroom, were lost to the schools in the above period.
 - 3 How many schools gained classroom teachers of English as a second language from the end of the 1979 school year to the beginning of the 1980 school year.
 - 4 What are the schools and how many—(a) effective full-time classroom teachers of English as a second language; and (b) individuals who taught English as a second language in the classroom, were gained by each of the schools in the above period.
- 236 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, further to the answer to question No. 711 given on 11 September 1979 listing secondary schools in Victoria with a Commonwealth standard library:
- 1 Whether he will review the listing of Birchip high school and Brunswick East high school as possessing such facility.
 - 2 Whether he will review the entire list and provide a new list following such review.
- 239 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, which schools in Victoria currently

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employ teachers aides, indicating in each case—(a) whether the appointment is full or part time; and (b) whether the appointment is funded by the Commonwealth or the Victorian Government.

- 241 **MR FORDHAM**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the Melbourne College of Printing and Graphic Arts:
- 1 What progress has been made by the task force established to advise the State Council for Technical Education on the needs of the college.
 - 2 What action is to be taken in response to this investigation.
 - 3 What is the current enrolment at the college.
 - 4 How many applications for apprenticeship were refused due to inadequate facilities at the college.
- 246 **MR GAVIN**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education whether he will provide Members with a copy of the formula for determining teacher staffing for special needs and migrant English.
- 249 **MR GAVIN**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, which schools in the Northern Region have a gymnasium.
- 250 **MR GAVIN**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 How many schools in each region have a gymnasium.
 - 2 What is the percentage of schools in each region with a gymnasium.
- 251 **MR GAVIN**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, which Government schools enrol only—(a) girls; and (b) boys.
- 259 **MR GAVIN**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport on what projects Commonwealth funds to Victoria under the Urban Public Transport Improvement Programme were spent during each of the past five years.
- 271 **MR GAVIN**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works what amount has been spent in converting more than 1000 oil-fired heaters in Government buildings in each of the past three years.
- 275 **MR GAVIN**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, whether the Minister has refused to confirm the compulsory acquisition of the vacant allotment, known as Lot 7 Pleasant Street, by the City of Coburg, when this acquisition is considered desirable to further the establishment of a linear park; if so, why.
- 289 **MR GAVIN**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 Whether he has investigated the heating of the Special Education Unit in Lawson Street, Fawkner.
 - 2 Whether the heating system is still operative.
 - 3 What was the cost of installation and what was the running cost during each year since installation.
 - 4 Whether the heating problems at this unit will be rectified by the winter of 1980.
- 294 **MR GAVIN**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs:
- 1 How many citizenship certificates were conferred in each municipality in 1979.

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- 2 How many other citizenship certificates were conferred in private ceremonies.
- 3 How many citizenship certificates were conferred in Victoria in 1979, indicating the nationalities of these new Australian citizens.
- 295 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs how many aliens in Victoria, sixteen years of age and over, are residentially qualified to apply for Australian Citizenship but have not done so, indicating the number of each nationality.
- 296 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning:
- 1 Whether he has received the report of the Road Planning Liaison Committee concerning the F2 reservation, south of Bell Street; if so, when he will make a decision on this matter.
 - 2 Whether he will make this report public.
- 306 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of Ruthven primary school:
- 1 When attention will be given to the lighting of eight rooms as first requested on 8 May 1978.
 - 2 When repair of damaged or subsided asphalt, first requested on 24 February 1975, will be carried out.
 - 3 When lowering of flushometers in the boys' toilets, first requested on 8 May 1978, will be carried out.
 - 4 When attention will be given to blocked drains as first requested on 17 August 1977.
 - 5 When up-grading of administrative facilities, first requested on 8 May 1978, will be carried out.
 - 6 When cyclic maintenance including external and internal painting, as first requested on 9 June 1976, will take place.
 - 7 When repairs to temporary fibro-cement wall, as requested on 4 June 1976, will be carried out.

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- 348 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many Fraud Squad investigations of corporate crime have been made in each of the years from 1970 to date.
 - 2 How many arrests have been made in each particular investigation.
 - 3 What has been the total sum of money involved in each of the years from 1970 to date.
 - 4 What has been the total sums of money recovered in each of the years from 1970 to date.
- 371 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in respect of each Housing Commission estate in Werribee and Laverton, what is the number of purchase contracts surrendered in 1979–80 to date, indicating the number of cases in which the occupants have reverted to tenancy, and the number of cases in which the contracts provided for escalating interest rates.
- 373 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the committee appointed to examine the problems arising from appointments made by School Councils under the provisions of the *Education (School Councils)*

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Act 1975 mentioned in the report of the Ombudsman in Case Nos. 8102, 8103, 8104, 8105 and 8107:

- 1 When the Committee was appointed.
- 2 Who are the members of the Committee, indicating their normal positions.
- 3 What are the terms of reference of the committee and when it is to report.

376 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Premier, in respect of the twin State relationship with Jiangsu Province in China:

- 1 What funds have been expended to date, indicating the source of funds.
- 2 What is the estimate of expenditure by Victoria in 1979–80, indicating the source or sources of funds.
- 3 What Victorian staff have been allocated to the relationship, indicating the role, qualification and proportion of time spent by each person involved.
- 4 What time has been spent in Jiangsu Province by Victorian public servants fostering the relationship, indicating any long-term visits or appointments.
- 5 What time has been spent in Victoria by officials representing Jiangsu Province, indicating any long-term visits or appointments.
- 6 What proposals there are for increasing staff and expenditure in developing the relationship.

377 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of education of deaf children in Victoria by organizations other than the Education Department:

- 1 What is the name of each organization for which funding is provided.
- 2 What are the criteria for the allocation of funds.

378 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of curriculum guides for teachers:

- 1 What is the normal frequency of publication.
- 2 When the last guides were published.
- 3 What funds have been provided for publishing new curriculum guides for the current period.
- 4 When the next curriculum guides are expected to be available.

380 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts whether proposals have been made to the Government for the creation of a resources centre for small museums; if so—(a) which body or bodies made the proposal; (b) whether the proposal has been accepted by the Government; (c) what action has been taken to establish such a centre; (d) whether funds have been made available for the establishment of a centre; and (e) whether funds are available to assist small museums, indicating details of any such allocation.

381 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of position papers foreshadowed by the Town and Country Planning Board in the State Co-ordination Council Quarterly Progress Report No. 11, December 1978, paragraph 16B.4.3:

- 1 On what date each paper was or will be completed.
- 2 Whether each paper is or will be made publicly available.
- 3 Whether the papers, findings and recommendations represent Government policy.

386 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government:

- 1 On what date ratepayers residing in the City of Sunshine will be permitted to democratically elect councillors of their own choice to represent them at local government level.
- 2 On what date the ratepayers last democratically elected councillors for the municipality.
- 3 What is the name of each ward within the municipality and what was the number of voters registered within each ward during the last election.
- 4 Whether residential development within the municipality has since aggravated the numerical differences between each ward.
- 5 What action the Minister has taken to apply the principle one person, one vote, one value, to each ratepayer within each ward for future elections to the City of Sunshine.

Notices received on 16 September 1980

492 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 In which Victorian prisons or sections of prisons use is made of the commode and bucket system as an alternative to plumbing.
- 2 In which Victorian prisons Porta Potties have been installed in the cells.
- 3 When these facilities will be replaced by permanent plumbing.

494 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether he will bring up to date the information supplied on 18 September 1974 about company investigations in response to question No. 87 recorded in *Hansard* on pages 422 and 426.

Notice received on 17 September 1980

505 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what products which include diethyl stilboestrol or chemically related substances have been approved for use in Victoria, indicating in each case—(a) the name of the product; (b) the name of the person or company in whose name it was approved; (c) the names of the active ingredients; (d) the forms in which it was approved; (e) when approval was first granted; (f) if approval was amended, when and in what way; (g) if no longer current, when approval lapsed; and (h) the uses for which it was approved.

Notice received on 18 September 1980

517 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in view of question No. 1129 first asked on 18 September 1979 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period:

- 1 What consideration he has given to the representations of the Gippsland Over Coal Land Owners Protection Council on the question of determining applications on hardship created by the Central Gippsland Interim Development Order.
- 2 In view of the considerable time which has elapsed since the Government first began to examine such hardship cases and hearing applications, what action will be taken to ensure that affected land owners are not disadvantaged by further delay.

Notices received on 23 September 1980

- 547 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 Why the medical examination programme for children at Victoria Street Pre-School Centre in Seymour has been abolished.
 - 2 Whether these medical examinations will take place this year.
- 557 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 What will be the total cost of the Melbourne International Centenary Exhibition, indicating the main items, and who will bear the cost.
 - 2 Whether any government money has been allocated to Riddell Promotions or any other organization; if so, what amount and for what purposes.
 - 3 Whether gate moneys for school groups are subsidized; if so, by what amount, indicating the total estimated amount, and to whom the money will be paid.
- 569 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Whether the police helicopter has had an engine failure; if so, whether it was necessary to purchase a spare engine.
 - 2 How many accidents the helicopter has been involved in, indicating the time out of service and the cost of repairs in each case.
- 573 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What has been the total cost of the Victoria Police Airwing helicopter and accessories to date.
 - 2 How many hours the helicopter has flown since acquisition, indicating the hours involved in—(a) training; (b) testing; and (c) actual police work.
- 575 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether the personnel winch on the police helicopter developed a fault and fired its cutting knife; if so—(a) whether the hook from the winch fell on a person's head causing injury; and (b) whether the helicopter crew refuse to operate the winch.

Notices received on 24 September 1980

- 580 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, on how many occasions since 1 January 1978 the Attorney-General has filed a presentment without there being a prior hearing, either by way of committal proceedings before a Stipendiary Magistrate, Justices or a Coroner's Inquest, and what are the names of such accused persons and the nature of the charges upon which they were presented.
- 585 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What was the cost per flying hour of the police helicopter, taking into account total moneys expended on maintenance, pilot salary and other expenses.
 - 2 What costs were incurred on—(a) scheduled maintenance, including labour; and (b) unscheduled maintenance, including labour.
- 586 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what is the estimated amount to be budgeted for the operation of

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the police helicopter for the next financial year, including provision in relation to hours of flying and pilot costs.

- 587 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what actual number of arrests can be attributed to the use in detection work of—(a) the police helicopter; and (b) charter helicopters on police work.
- 588 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What were the number of flights made and hours flown in the police helicopter that could not have been flown in a single engine machine, excluding time engaged on instrument flight rules training.
 - 2 Whether aerial work is permitted at night in single engined helicopters.
- 594 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Commonwealth/State programme to provide funds for elderly citizens' clubrooms, whether there is a priority list for this financial year and each of the next three financial years; if so, what is the order of the priority list.
- 596 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether other helicopters have been chartered for police work when the police helicopter was out of service; if so, what was the cost.

Notice received on 30 September 1980

- 623 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether E.C.A. Centre designs and core plus designs provide adequate access for the handicapped, including to toilet areas; if not, what action will be taken to provide adequate access.

Notices received on 1 October 1980

- 627 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts, in respect of architects and consulting fees relating to the concert hall project of the Victorian Arts Centre:
- 1 What submissions have been made by the architect or any other members concerning such fees.
 - 2 What is the normal level of fees in a major building contract and that accepted by the relevant professional body.
 - 3 What offers were made by the building committee.
 - 4 When agreement was reached, indicating the level agreed on, when the question of fees was placed before the building committee, and the minuted decision.
 - 5 Whether difficulties arose because the fee set was too low to provide an efficient service and staff.
 - 6 Whether any letters were received subsequent to the agreement on fees, indicating—(a) from whom and the dates of the letters; (b) the substance of the letters; and (c) the resulting response and decision, including the date of placement before the building committee and the minuted decision and, if not placed before the committee, why.
 - 7 Whether any decision was taken that the fees be fully resolved.
 - 8 Whether the question of fees has been fully and finally resolved; if so, by whom, when and at what level.

- 629 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts, in respect of the concert hall project of the Victorian Arts Centre:
- 1 What is the date of completion specified in the contract.
 - 2 What is the current estimated date of completion.
 - 3 What variation orders there have been as a result of—(a) weather; (b) industrial disputes; (c) lack of information and/or drawings; and (d) altering of information and/or drawings, indicating the amounts claimed in each case, whether the claims were settled and the amounts agreed upon.
 - 4 What are the details of those claims not yet settled.
 - 5 What amount was claimed in the case of Podgor Constructions, indicating—(a) the reasons; (b) the amount agreed upon, indicating the source of funds used for any payments made; (c) whether any areas of concrete formwork were erected one day and then dismantled, indicating the extra costs involved; and (d) whether these claims have been met in part or in full and, if not, why.
- 634 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, with regard to the Mooroolbark technical school:
- 1 Whether advice was given some three years ago that the school would receive a gymnasium complex.
 - 2 Whether plans were completed for this project.
 - 3 When it is now expected that the gymnasium complex will be constructed.
 - 4 What is the reason for the delay in upgrading library facilities at the school, and when it is now expected that these works will be undertaken.
 - 5 What facilities will be provided at the school to replace existing rooms that will be used for the library upgrade project.
- 640 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the financial years since the Health Commission came into operation, and the estimate for this financial year:
- 1 What was the number, classification, and cost of staff employed in each Division.
 - 2 What is the number of staff on the pay-roll of public hospitals employed in the Health Commission for Commission purposes, specifying the classification and cost.
 - 3 What is the recurrent non-salary costs of the Commission, specifying the cost in terms of each Division.

Notices received on 21 October 1980

- 667 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 What will be the role of music education, as an established component of the curriculum, in any re-organization of education in Victoria.
 - 2 What decisions will be taken to allow for increased staffing necessary to meet the State's needs in the area of group classroom music and individual instrumental instruction.
 - 3 Whether additional funding will be made available to ensure that appropriate and adequate facilities, equipment and instruments are provided for music education.
 - 4 To what extent the Education Department will be involved in the Music 1981 festivities.

- 668 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the proposed hospital to be constructed by the Hospitals Corporation of Australia on the corner of Manningham Road and High Street, Doncaster, whether the Health Commission is aware of the extension of the building permit for the hospital; if so, whether the Commission placed the information before the Council and whether the Commission has taken any attitude towards the construction of such private hospital on that site.
- 675 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the evaluation of the Barwon Region Child Maltreatment Pilot Project:
- 1 What is the basic design of the evaluation and how it will be carried out.
 - 2 Given the long gap between the commencement of research and the original commencement of the project, whether the research effort will be hindered and how it is intended to compensate for the delay.
 - 3 Why the researcher is based in Melbourne when the project is in the Barwon Region and whether this will hinder the research.
 - 4 When it is expected that the first report will be available.
- 681 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of school dental clinics in the electoral district of Brunswick, whether on 13 March 1979, the then Minister of Health, Mr Hunt, together with the then Assistant Minister of Health, Mr Jona, issued a press statement, which promised pre-school dental clinics at the following primary schools: Brunswick, Brunswick North, Coburg West, Moreland, and facilities for mobile dental clinics at the following: Brunswick East, Brunswick South, Brunswick South West, Brunswick West, Merri, Princes Hill and Brunswick North West, as well as funds for the construction of mobile school dental clinics and vehicles and X-ray equipment for these and other clinics; if so, whether any of these clinics have been established, and in that event, where; if not, why they have not been established and what has happened to the funds.
- 682 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the day therapy area underneath the existing nursing home wing at the West Gippsland Hospital:
- 1 When the area was completed.
 - 2 When a request for staff for the area was received, specifying the staff requested.
 - 3 When it is proposed that staff will be available to operate the area.
 - 4 When it is expected that capital funds will be available to complete the interior fitting.
- 683 **MR ROSS-EDWARDS**—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what interest was earned from investments of the Trust Fund during the year 1979–80, indicating what rate of interest this represents.
- 687 **MR CULPIN**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning:
- 1 When the Town Planning Appeals Tribunals were first formed.
 - 2 What is the name, address, age and qualifications of each past and present Member of the Tribunals.
 - 3 What salary is or was paid to these Members.
 - 4 How many decisions have been upheld by the Tribunals against all city and shire councils in Victoria, indicating how many appeals in respect of decisions of the City of Broadmeadows have been upheld.
 - 5 Whether he will consider and review the powers, functions and membership of the Tribunals, if not, why.

- 689 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, further to the answer to question No. 282 given on 2 October 1980:
- 1 What were the circumstances of the \$310 000 expenditure on building work at the University of Melbourne, indicating the building work concerned.
 - 2 What was the date on which the money was expended, indicating the rate of interest, the sum paid annually to provide the interest and provisions for repayment of the total sum.
- 691 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 When VicRail Investigation Officers were first appointed.
 - 2 How many officers there are at present, indicating the name, address and age of each officer.
 - 3 What are the qualifications required for appointment to this position.
 - 4 Whether officers are instructed to identify themselves when carrying out their responsibilities; if not, why.
 - 5 How many convictions have been obtained by officers in each year since inception, indicating in respect of those convictions, in how many cases it was alleged that the investigating officer had not identified himself to the offender.
- 695 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether the Interim Report of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee which was available in January 1979, was discussed in an open forum or available for public debate; if not, why.
 - 2 What were the recommendations contained in the Interim Report of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee.
 - 3 Who are the members of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee.

Notices received on 22 October 1980

- 696 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General:
- 1 Whether the Minister is aware that no funds have been paid by the Commonwealth of Australia to the State of Victoria under the provisions of section 20 of the *Commonwealth Places (Application of Laws) Act 1970* whereby reimbursement to the State of Victoria of funds paid is required.
 - 2 Whether the Minister can indicate why there has been no attempt by the State of Victoria to recover the moneys due to it, and whether he can give an estimate of the total amounts foregone by the State of Victoria owing to the failure to obtain reimbursement.
 - 3 What steps are being taken after a lapse of almost eight years to effect recovery in accordance with the provisions of the Act.
- 702 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether any applications for funding of construction of the Maroondah hospital were made to the Commonwealth Government between 1972 and 1975, indicating in each case the—(a) date; (b) substance; and (c) response.

Notice received on 23 October 1980

- 706 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, whether the absence of a reticulated
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water supply has affected the growth of the township of Bemm River; if so, what action the Minister has taken following receipt of petitions and requests from the Bemm River Progress and Improvement Association, when residents can expect the commencement of proposed works and what is the expected completion date of proposed works including a water reticulation programme.

Notices received on 28 October 1980

- 711 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health which hospitals currently have renal dialysis units, specifying the size of each unit and what expansion is proposed for such units in each of the next three years.
- 715 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 What is the name of the private firm granted an informal lease over part of the Preston Regional Office premises from June 1978 to May 1980, contrary to the *Audit Act* 1958 and the Public Accounts and Stores Regulations.
 - 2 Why the departmental file relating to this lease was not made available to the Auditor-General upon request.
- 719 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 Under what criteria organizations presently qualify for State guarantees on their bank overdrafts without the specific authority of Parliament.
 - 2 Whether the State has been committed to contingent liabilities without proper authority; if so, when the practice will be abandoned.
 - 3 What steps he will take to ensure that complete records are built up and properly maintained so that the Auditor-General can determine what loans have been favoured with State guarantees and the value of the consequent contingent liabilities created.
 - 4 What were the dates of issue, maturity dates, interest rates and other terms and conditions attached to loans guaranteed by the Treasurer under section 95A of the *State Electricity Commission Act* 1958.
- 720 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 In view of recommendations made by the Auditor-General in his last two Annual Reports, whether he will take the necessary steps to produce meaningful and timely financial reporting to Parliament by statutory authorities and also completely review the *Audit Act* 1958.
 - 2 Whether he will take steps to set up internal audit functions within departments and authorities which presently lack this vital aspect of financial control.
 - 3 Whether he will investigate the reasons for difficulties experienced by the Auditor-General in recruiting audit inspectors and base level staff and take steps to correct this situation.
- 722 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer, in view of the Auditor-General's statement that the Minister of Public Works entered into \$10.28 million worth of deferred payment contracts despite a limit of \$8 million established by the Treasurer, whether he will advise what ceilings were placed on State Electricity Commission supplier credits during each of the past three financial years and to what extent the Commission has exceeded these limits.
- 729 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 Why the following trust accounts, listed as part of the Trust Fund in the Treasurer's Finance Statement 1979-80, were never listed as "opened" in any Annual Report of the Auditor-General: Fisheries Research Fund;

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The Licensing Fund; Fisheries Dartmouth Dam Surveys Trust Account; Greyhound Racing Clubs Fund; Motor Accidents and Insurance Premiums Suspense Account; Railway Salaries and Wages in Suspense Account 1978-79; Treasury Drawings Account No. 1; Agriculture Technical and Further Education Trust Account; Commonwealth Traffic and Road Safety Improvement Programme Trust Account; Commonwealth National Estate Programme Trust Account; Departmental Suspense Accounts (Consumer Affairs, Corporate Affairs Office, and Liquor Control Commission); Mildura Nursery Account; and Local Government (House Builders' Liability) Trust Account.

2 What was the purpose of establishing each account, indicating the payments and receipts during the first year of operation and the balance as at 30 June, after the first year of operation.

730 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Premier, in respect of the recent Committee of Inquiry into the Fluoridation of Victorian Water Supplies, whether he will consider making public the submissions made to the Committee; if not, why.

731 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of school dental services for primary school children in the Colac area:

- 1 What services are currently provided.
- 2 When it is expected that school dental clinic services will be available and in what form.
- 3 What discussions have occurred with the Minister of Health and the Health Commission as to the provision of facilities through the district hospital, and when adequate services will exist either through the hospital or through the school dental programme.

Notices received on 29 October 1980

742 MR CRABB—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport when the Government intends to announce the route of the Euroa by-pass road and when it is expected that construction will—(a) commence; and (b) be completed.

743 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in the framing of the Adoption of Children (Information) Bill, what consideration was given to research findings on this subject, indicating whether such findings were derived from inter-departmental or other sources and specifying the nature of the findings and the date received in each case.

745 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in relation to the Adoption of Children (Information) Bill:

- 1 How many letters he has received from biological parents, adoptive parents, and adoptees, respectively, either—(a) supporting; or (b) opposing retrospective access.
- 2 What is the Department of Community Welfare's policy regarding community consultation and whether this policy has been recognized in relation to consultation with the community on the drafting of the Bill.
- 3 Whether he has received any delegations who are dissatisfied with the provisions of the Bill; if so—(a) when the delegations were received; (b) who was represented on each delegation; and (c) whether he refused to meet any delegations and, in that event, why.

Notice received on 30 October 1980

749 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he or the Health Commission has received a detailed submission from the Shire of

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Mildura and the City of Mildura concerning the provision of nursing home accommodation in the Mildura area; if so, whether the submission has been examined and whether the Government intends to assist in the provision of needed nursing home accommodation in the Mildura area.

Notices received on 5 November 1980

- 756 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of the report "Manufacturing in Melbourne" submitted to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works by its Technical Advisory Committee on Manufacturing, what action has been taken to implement the recommendations of the report as they affect the Laverton North industrial area and other areas within the shires of Werribee and Melton, and the cities of Altona and Sunshine.
- 759 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, whether the Minister has received a submission from concerned residents of the Upper Yarra Shire with regard to mismanagement by the Council; if so—(a) whether the Minister has acknowledged receipt of this submission and, if not, why; and (b) what action the Minister has taken or is proposed with regard to the matters raised.
- 768 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the Department of Community Welfare Services will provide additional funds to the Springvale Community Aid and Advice Bureau on a dollar-for-dollar basis to match the Springvale City Council 1980–81 contribution; if not, why.

Notices received on 11 November 1980

- 780 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of the development of school grounds at the Brunswick North primary school, whether the Public Works Department compiled a report in the 1978–79 financial year on the need for the development of the grounds and estimated the work to cost \$35 000; if so—(a) whether the work was placed on the Northern Regions work list and in what position, and if not, why; and (b) whether it is proposed that this development work, necessitated when the Education Department purchased and knocked down a series of houses adjacent to the school, will be undertaken.
- 782 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Community Health Programme, Capital Works Programme administered by the Hospitals Division:
- 1 What works were carried out in 1979–80 and what works are proposed this financial year, specifying the centre concerned, the work involved, and the cost.
 - 2 Which centres currently have Capital Works Programmes—(a) approved by the Health Commission; and (b) proposed to the Commission, and when it is expected that these works will commence, if already approved, or will be approved.
- 783 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of payments for podiatry services in Victorian acute and geriatric hospitals and centres:
- 1 Whether instructions have been issued by the Health Commission in relation to the payment of podiatrists; if so, what instructions.

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- 2 Whether the Hospitals Division has developed a position in relation to matters considered or to be considered by the Hospital Medical and Auxiliary Services Wages Board; if so, what is the Government's position.
- 3 Whether the minutes of the meeting of managers, medical superintendents and regional geriatricians of country geriatric centres held on 19 March 1980 indicate that the issue of levels of payment to podiatry in Victoria is very confused; if so, what action is proposed to overcome this confusion.

Notices received on 13 November 1980

- 803 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what plans there are for the proposed establishment of a secondary school in the Lara district and when it is expected such secondary school will commence operations.
- 805 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has yet received a report and recommendations concerning "DES" from the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists; if so, when, what action is proposed and whether copies of the report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick; if not, whether he will make the report available when it is received by him.

Notices received on 18 November 1980

- 820 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 How many commercial organizations the Government is currently assisting financially either by way of loans, guarantees, grants or other methods.
 - 2 What are the individual totals of these various methods of financial assistance.
 - 3 How many of these businesses are in financial difficulties and what amount of Government funds is involved in each case.
- 824 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether representations or reports have been made to the Law Department, or the Minister's attention has been drawn to, the activities of an association purporting to expose religious cults which involves so-called de-programming practices; if so, what investigations have been made into these matters; if not, whether the Minister will cause such inquiries to be made.
- 825 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the reservation south of Bell Street for the F2 Freeway, when it is intended that the reservation be removed in view of the announced Government decision not to proceed with the freeway south of Bell Street.
- 826 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of the reservation south of Bell Street for the F2 Freeway, when it is intended that the reservation will be removed in view of the announced Government decision not to proceed with the freeway south of Bell Street.
- 828 MR JOLLY—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 What requests have been made by the State Insurance Office for additional staff.
 - 2 Whether the demands for additional staff have been completely satisfied.
 - 3 How many additional staff will be appointed and when these appointments will take place.
 - 4 Whether the State Insurance Commissioner has withdrawn his criticism of staff ceilings imposed on the State Insurance Office.

- 830 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of question No. 7 asked on 9 September 1980 which was also asked on 29 May 1979 in the previous session of Parliament, what is the reason for the delay of 18 months in answering the question and whether an answer will be expedited.
- 835 MR EBERY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, in view of the exemption of all reserves under section 4 of the *Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978* and the exception of all lands under section 50 of the *Forests Act 1958* by Order in Council from occupation for mining purposes under any miners' right:
- 1 Whether the Minister will issue a public statement correcting his earlier public assertions that the claims of the Prospectors' and Miners' Association were wildly extravagant; if not, why.
 - 2 Whether he will also direct the Chairman of the Land Conservation Council to issue a similar public statement; if not, why.
 - 3 Whether the Minister will advise how prospecting and mining under the miner's right could still be legally undertaken in such areas.
- 841 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in respect of Swinborn Lodge, 4 Canning Street, Carlton, whether the Minister or the Department of Community Welfare Services undertook to provide 85 per cent of the costs of the service, a percentage which has diminished over the past five years; if so—(a) whether he is aware that the service may be forced to close; and (b) whether the Government intends to fund the service on the originally agreed basis; and, in that event, when funding will commence.

Notice received on 19 November 1980

- 842 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning whether he has considered the release of the reservations on the houses on the north side of Bell Street, Coburg; if not, why.

Notices received on 20 November 1980

- 853 MR MILLER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in view of the failure to provide information in respect of supplementary grants, initially sought in question No. 1608 asked on 20 November 1979, whether the Minister will indicate as a matter of urgency:
- 1 Whether he will undertake to survey Area Committees and find out whether their roles, procedures, relationships with schools, staffing and administration supports are satisfactory.
 - 2 Whether Area Committees will be asked to indicate where improvements and streamlining could occur.
 - 3 Whether he will consider the proposition that schools should have as much autonomy as possible and that *per capita* funding of disadvantaged schools is more suitable and a much easier method to use.
- 856 MR HANN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General:
- 1 Which government departments are presently represented at the Housing Commission Royal Commission by—(a) legal counsel; (b) departmental personnel; and (c) any other persons and what is the estimated daily cost of this representation.

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- 2 What is the total cost of the Royal Commission to date, including the cost incurred by all government departments which have been in any way associated with the inquiry.

Notice received on 21 November 1980

- 860 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, further to the Minister's advice by letter of 23 October 1980, that transcendental meditation was an appropriate treatment option for a particular prisoner:
- 1 Whether this examination is being undertaken by expert psychologists and whether less controversial relaxation programmes are also being examined.
 - 2 Whether any prisoners have undertaken the transcendental meditation programme while serving sentences in Victorian prisons.
 - 3 Whether any money has been paid by the Department of Community Welfare Services for services provided to prisons or prisoners in respect of the Transcendental Meditation Programme; if so, what amounts and to what company, organization or individual such moneys were paid.

Notices received on 25 November 1980

- 863 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what safety standards and controls have been introduced for the use of lasers in Victorian schools, indicating whether the controls implement the National Health and Medical Research Council's "Code of Practice of the safe use of Lasers in Secondary Schools".
- 866 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 How many surveys have been commissioned or carried out by the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation or any instrumentalities or statutory corporations under his control during 1977, 1978 and 1979, respectively.
 - 2 In respect of each of the surveys, which companies or private individuals were commissioned, what was the subject matter and the purpose and what was the cost.
- 870 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health in respect of the decision to replace the proposed 1033-bed Clayton-Burwood Queen Victoria Medical Centre with a proposed 310 bed centre at Clayton whether, prior to the decision, meetings took place between—(a) the Minister of Health; (b) the Hospitals and Charities Commission or the Health Commission; or (c) the Queen Victoria Medical Centre Committee of Management and American Medical International Inc. or Community Systems Foundation (Aust.), indicating in each case the—(i) date; (ii) names of those taking part; and (iii) the substance of the discussion.
- 872 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health in respect of—(a) medical officers and related medical positions; and (b) dental officers and related dental positions in the Health Commission, which positions were unfilled as at 30 June and 1 November 1980, respectively.
- 873 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware of the existence of any waiting times at the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital for obtaining appointments for new glasses; if so—(a) what is the delay; (b) whether many cases have to wait for more than six months; and (c) whether there is a waiting period and what action the Government is taking to alleviate individual hardship.

Notices received on 28 November 1980

- 881 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what projects were funded by the Transport Fund in 1979–80 and what was the cost of each project.
- 883 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 28 asked on 16 September 1980, whether funds have been made available for the construction of a new outpatients' block and theatre remodelling at Yarrawonga Hospital this financial year; if so, what amount has been made available and when it is expected that work will be completed.
- 885 DR VAUGHAN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What are the details of the item listed in the Transport Works and Services Bill under sub-item 403 referring to expenditure on the Eastern Railway of \$90 000 for the financial year ending 30 June 1981.
 - 2 What are the details of the expenditure of \$46 000 on the Eastern Railway for the financial year ending 30 June 1980 referred to in the Transport Works and Services Bill.

Notices received on 2 December 1980

- 887 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 How many complaints have been received from members of the public concerning medical practitioners during each year since 1976, indicating what action has been taken following such complaints.
 - 2 What guidelines, if any, the Medical Board of Victoria uses for judging a person to be guilty of infamous conduct in a professional respect as laid down in the *Medical Practitioners Act 1970*.
- 888 MR MILLER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in view of the failure to provide information in respect of music tuition, initially sought in question No. 1607 asked on 20 November 1979, whether the Minister will indicate as a matter of urgency:
- 1 Which Government schools in the electoral district of Prahran—
(a) provide music tuition; and (b) have a part-time or full-time music teacher on their staff for this school year.
 - 2 What are the present arrangements for each of the schools for music tuition by the Education Department in terms of the number of hours and sessions taught each week.
- 890 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning whether he is aware that the Shire of Diamond Valley has rejected a \$4 million commercial development proposal, involving re-zoning of a residential area (1.25 hectares) on Grimshaw Street, bounded by McDowell Street and Ester Street, half the size of the recently-completed Greensborough Shopping Centre; if so, in view of already excessive commercial development and traffic congestion in the area, whether he will give assurances that local opinion will be paramount in any consideration of re-zoning.
- 893 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in view of the investigation of the heating of the Special Education Unit in Lowson Street, Fawkner, when an answer will be provided to Question No. 289.
- 894 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of payments to non full-time medical staff in hospitals:
- 1 What amount was paid to—(a) all sessional medical staff; and (b) all visiting medical officers during the 1979–80 financial year.

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- 2 What is the estimate for 1980-81 for both categories.
- 3 What on-call and re-call payments were made in the 1979-80 financial year, and what is the estimate for this financial year.
- 895 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in view of the 1980 Australian Teachers Federation's National Survey of schools which shows that over one-third of the Bendigo region schools surveyed were in need of maintenance, whether the actual funding of capital works allocated to the Bendigo Region has declined in each year since 1976-77; if so, why.
- 896 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, as the Government accepts the principle of meeting the full cost of installing pedestrian operated lights outside schools where they are justified by traffic volumes, why the Government will not accept the same principle of meeting the full cost of traffic wardens on duty outside schools, performing a similar function as the traffic lights.
- 897 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether the livestock growth promotant known as "Ralgro" is an oestrogen in terms of the definition included in section 242A of the *Health Act* 1958; if so, what action has been taken to ensure that its use complies with that section of the Act.
- 899 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Medical Board of Victoria and the *Medical Practitioners Act* 1970 or previous corresponding legislation:
- 1 What is the composition of the board, indicating the names of the members, their dates of appointment, their occupations, and their current major employment.
 - 2 How many persons have been refused registration under the provisions of section 9 of the Act, indicating the numbers refused registration under paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of section 9 (1), respectively.
 - 3 How many inquiries have been held pursuant to section 16 (1) of the Act since 1976, indicating how many concluded with censure or reprimand of the medical practitioner concerned, indicating the nature of the failure to carry out professional duties adequately, or the failure to accept professional responsibilities.
 - 4 How many inquiries have been held under the provisions of section 17 of the Act since 1976, indicating—(a) how many persons were reprimanded under sub-section (7) (a); (b) how many suspensions of registration were imposed under sub-section (7) (b); (c) how many persons had their names removed from the register under the provisions of sub-section (1) (a); and (d) how many persons had their names removed from the register under the provisions of sub-section (1) (b).
- 901 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, further to his refusal on 11 March 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer on sewerage which he gave the then Leader of the Opposition on 20 April 1977 in answer to question No. 1588, reported in *Hansard* at page 7759, whether he will now provide this information.

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- 904 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on residential accommodation for mentally and physically handicapped children

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which he gave in answer to question No. 894 on 25 March 1980, and recorded in *Hansard* at page 7395, indicating in each case the—(a) number; and (b) percentage of children, who are working regularly with—(i) teachers provided by the Education Department; (ii) physiotherapists; (iii) occupation therapists; and (iv) speech therapists.

- 909 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on central administration and regional centres for mental retardation services which he gave on 25 March 1980 in answer to question No. 900 and recorded in *Hansard* at page 7397.
- 911 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to his answer to question No. 901 on 25 March 1980 and recorded in *Hansard* at page 7397:
- 1 Which recommendations of the Working Party on the Establishment of a Division of Mental Retardation within the Health Commission presented to the Commission on 3 July 1979—(a) have become operative with the formation of the new Division; (b) are still inoperative; and (c) have been rejected.
 - 2 What positions additional to the Director and Secretary of the Division have been authorized, indicating in each case whether or not the position has been filled, and, if not, the likely date for an appointment.
- 912 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, further to the answer to question No. 179 on 11 November 1980 and recorded in *Hansard* at page 2454, what was the cost of upgrading and repairing the 117 faulty security systems installed in Government schools prior to November 1976, indicating in each case the—(a) amount; and (b) percentage, met by the original installation contractor.
- 915 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on the bed state of each residential centre for mentally retarded people which he gave in answer to question No. 895 on 25 March 1980, and recorded in *Hansard* at page 7396, indicating in each case the times at which meals are served.
- 917 MR ERNST—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Forests:
- 1 Whether there are any plans, proposals or applications to establish a chip board industry in the Otway and Geelong regions; if so, what is the location, and what is the name of those applying to establish this industry.
 - 2 If he will ascertain and advise whether there are any studies being carried out by bodies such as the Geelong Regional Commission in relation to the feasibility of establishing such an industry in these areas.
 - 3 Whether there are any studies being carried out to ascertain the effect of such an industry upon the environment of these areas.
- 919 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the premises purchased in Justin Avenue for the Broadmeadows Community Health Services Centre, as an alternative for the present centre situated at 3 Hilda Street:
- 1 Whether he will advise what progress has been made regarding planning for the premises and whether funds for renovation will be made available this financial year.

- 2 Whether he will provide details of all reports prepared in respect of the Justin Avenue premises, including any prepared by the Chief Inspector of Works.

Notice received on 5 December 1980

- 925 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of staffing in each school in the electoral district of Brunswick:
- 1 What was the enrolment by grade or form in 1979 and 1980 and what is the estimate for 1981.
 - 2 What was the number of teachers in 1979, 1980 and how many are proposed for 1981, specifying numbers of special need teachers and other special staffing categories.
 - 3 What is the reason for the reduction in staffing in each case.

Notices received on 10 December 1980

- 933 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What is the criteria for admission to Echuca Technical School.
 - 2 Whether this criteria will be made public so that parents of children seeking admission to this school become aware of it.
- 934 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What is the amount allocated for funding capital works in the Portland Region in 1980–81, indicating the increase or decreases over the amount spent in 1979–80.
 - 2 What were the amounts spent in the three previous years.
- 935 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the identification and examination of persons exposed before birth to diethyl stilboestrol, whether the paper titled “Elevated Serum Cathepsin B1 and Vaginal Pathology After Prenatal DES Exposure” (Peitras, Richard J. et al. *Obstet Gynecol* 1978 Sep; 52 (3) 321–7) has been examined and whether the examination of serum cathepsin B1 levels has been considered as a screening method; if so, what action has been taken as a result.
- 937 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 When answers will be provided to Questions Nos. 603, 604 and 620 concerning patronage and revenue collected on the Upfield line and others during 1979–80.
 - 2 How he justifies his announcement of 8 December concerning the closure of railway lines when data concerning patronage and revenue collected was not publicly available.
- 938 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether consideration has been given to remand prisoners entitlements to good conduct remissions for time served in the remand yard; if so, what is the result of such consideration and when such remissions are likely to come into practice.
- 939 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether details of the new remand building on the new site will be the subject of public consultation prior to its erection.

Notice received on 11 December 1980

- 943 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the registration of occupational therapists:
- 1 When a submission for such registration was first received by him or the Health Commission.
 - 2 What his response and the Commission's response has been to date.
 - 3 Whether it is expected that occupational therapists will be registered in Victoria; if so, when and on what basis.

Notices received on 12 December 1980

- 951 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy why the State Electricity Commission altered last year's accounts in comparison with the 1978-79 Annual Report in that Appendix 4 of its 1979-80 Annual Report shows that an amount of \$13 523 000 has been transferred from "Labour and associated charges, materials and other expenses" to "Purchased electricity and fuel" indicating what the \$13 523 000 was spent on.
- 952 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy why the State Electricity Commission has apparently abandoned the following quantified financial targets of—(a) maintaining an adequate level of liquid resources; and (b) achieving at least seven per cent return on investment, and whether he will supply updated versions of the relevant graphs which appeared on page 5 of the 1978-79 Annual Report but have been left out of the 1979-80 Annual Report.
- 954 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, as at 30 June 1980, on a field-by-field basis, what was the estimated size of Victoria's demonstrated brown coal resource and what proportion was defined as economically winnable.
- 955 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what proportions of Victoria's economically winnable brown coal resource, on a field-by-field basis, have been allocated or reserved for—(a) power generation; (b) briquette manufacture; (c) substitute natural gas; (d) solvent refined coal; (e) oil-from-coal; and (f) other named purposes.
- 960 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the head lice programme, which municipalities have employed nurses specifically to deal with the problem of head lice, specifying the cost in 1979-80 to each municipality, its reimbursement from the Health Commission and whether any municipalities have withdrawn or been added to the scheme this financial year.
- 961 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of funding for the construction of pre-schools:
- 1 What funds were available in 1979-80 and will be available in 1980-81, specifying the amount from Commonwealth sources.
 - 2 Which new or proposed pre-school centres are currently on the waiting list or have had a decision for subsidy deferred, specifying the date of application.
 - 3 Which pre-schools have had applications for extensions and alterations deferred, specifying the work applied for and when.

- 962 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of nursing services for—(a) the mentally retarded; and (b) patients in Mental Health Division institutions and services:
- 1 What is the present number of qualified nurses employed in direct nursing care of—(a) residents; and (b) patients.
 - 2 What is the present number of vacancies existing for qualified nurses to be employed in direct nursing care of—(a) residents; and (b) patients.
- 965 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, since 31 August 1978, in respect of hospital and nursing home beds registered under the Private Hospital Regulations:
- 1 How many beds have been registered, specifying the number in each category and the name, address and owner of each hospital in respect of which new or additional beds have been registered.
 - 2 How many beds have ceased to be registered, specifying the number in each category and the name, address and owner of each hospital so affected.
- 969 **MR FORDHAM**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Education, in relation to Stream 6 programmes being undertaken within Technical and Further Education in this State:
- 1 How many—(a) technical schools and colleges; and (b) other centres, are undertaking programmes.
 - 2 How many students are involved.
 - 3 Whether the Government has directed that schools and colleges delete all staff required for Stream 6 classes from their staffing establishment requests for 1981, if so—(a) why; (b) how many teachers are involved; and (c) what steps will be taken to assist students who will be seriously disadvantaged.
- 971 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 How many dentists, advanced dental technicians, dental technicians and dental therapists, respectively, are—(a) registered in Victoria; and (b) practising in Victoria.
 - 2 What is the present dentist to population ratio in—(a) country Victoria; and (b) the metropolitan area and whether ratios are available by regions; if so, what are the ratios.
 - 3 What areas are currently assisted by Government assisted dental services in respect of—(a) hospitals with public dental clinics; (b) pre-school dental clinics; (c) school dental clinics, specifying category of service; and (d) community health centres.
 - 4 At what stage are plans for each metropolitan regional clinic.
- 972 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of hospital deficits for 1979–80, what was the deficit surplus situation at each hospital as at 30 June 1980, what adjustments were subsequently made and for what reasons, what additional moneys, if any, were paid to each hospital and what surpluses were recovered.
- 974 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware that the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust annual report has claimed that the fluoridation of Geelong's water supply is at a halt due to lack of government funding; if so, what action he or the Health Commission intends to take; if not, whether he will have urgent inquiries made and action taken.

- 975 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether he has requested the Commonwealth Minister of Education to allow funds earlier allocated for the Transition Education Advisory Committee programme for 1980 to be in fact spent on approved programmes in 1981, without affecting funds already planned to be spent in 1981; if so, what is the result of such a request; if not, whether he will make such a request.
- 976 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of funds supplied by the Commonwealth Government for the school building programme for each of the years 1978–79, 1979–80 and 1980–81, how those funds were spent, indicating the categories.
- 977 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What funds for the school building programme were retained in central accounts for disbursement, as against regional accounts, for each of the years 1977–78 to 1980–81, respectively.
 - 2 What is the rationale for such retention in each category of central accounts.
- 978 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in the years 1978–79 and 1979–80, how many of the approximately 1800 wards in voluntary and statutory residential care facilities are in facilities not in the same region as the children's families.
- 986 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the proposal that the Bright District Bush Nursing Hospital become a public hospital:
- 1 What progress has been made over the past six months in ensuring that it does become a public hospital.
 - 2 When it is expected that negotiations will be completed and funds become available, and if there is a delay, what is the reason for the delay.
- 991 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he or the Health Commission has received a detailed submission from the Stawell District Hospital concerning the inadequacies of the nursing staff establishment at the hospital; if so, what action he proposes to remedy the situation.
- 992 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of each fee charged by, or paid to, the Health Commission what was the fee income in 1978–79, 1979–80 and what is the estimate for 1980–81.
- 994 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the school and pre-school medical service during 1980, indicating the respective schools and pre-school numbers separately:
- 1 How many children were examined.
 - 2 How many children—(a) received their routine initial medical examination; (b) did not receive such examination; and (c) received specialized examinations.
 - 3 How many schools and pre-schools were not visited by—(a) medical officers; (b) nursing staff; (c) medical officers; and (d) nursing staff.
 - 4 What is the establishment of the service and how many positions were filled in terms of full-time equivalents as at—(a) 1 January 1980; and (b) 1 January 1981.

- 995 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of—
 (a) medical officers and related medical positions (apart from the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Divisions); and (b) dental officers and related dental positions in the Health Commission:
- 1 How many positions exist, specifying their designation, whether permanent or temporary or exempt and whether currently filled.
 - 2 Whether applications have been made to—(a) the Public Service Board; and (b) the Treasury for additional positions; if so, what applications and with what result.
- 999 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the school dental programme how many—(a) dentists; and (b) dental therapists are employed, specifying the number employed outside the metropolitan area.
- 1000 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, further to the answer to question No. 1821 given on 13 March 1980, when he proposes to carry out his undertaking that the tramway passenger statistics would be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 1002 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, regarding his document "The Victorian Building and Construction Industry: An Assessment", dated November 1980:
- 1 Why Alcoa's Portland Transmission Line does not appear in Statement 4 (list of major semi-government authority projects in progress or planned to commence in 1980-81).
 - 2 Why the Loy Yang and Driffield power stations and coalfield developments appear in the list of private sector projects and why Loy Yang is referred to as proposed rather than committed.
 - 3 Why the cost of the so-called proposed and private Loy Yang project is reported at \$2800 million in Statement 5 (which elsewhere is accurate to the nearest \$250 000) when Statement 4 has it costed at \$3043 million.
 - 4 Which oil companies and private interests are joining with the Victorian Government to build the proposed \$1 billion commercial coal liquefaction plant.
 - 5 Whether the Mitsui and Imhausen proposals for utilization of brown coal reserves are included in Statement 5; if so, where.
 - 6 Whether the American consortium mentioned by the Premier on 26 June 1980 as showing interest in coal liquefaction is included in Statement 5; if so, where.
 - 7 What is the ownership structure of the company proposing to develop the Gelliondale brown coal deposits and referred to as International Oil in Statement 5.
 - 8 Why the Appendix on data sources and interpretation, which mentions surveys of future construction activity undertaken by the Department of Housing and Construction, the Master Builders Federation of Australia and the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors, ignores the surveys carried out by the Australian Federation of Construction Contractors, whose members account for 80 to 90 per cent of construction industry turnover.
 - 9 Why in his Foreword he speaks of the confidence which should be engendered by the considerable number of major projects committed or proposed by the private sector in Victoria, when the latest quarterly survey by the Australian Federation of Construction Contractors estimates that Victoria will be the only State in which building and construction

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activity is likely to decline over the next five years, by 14 per cent annually in the case of engineering construction.

- 10 Whether he can quantify the continuing trend for activity to swing away from more traditional building and construction projects into heavy engineering, especially resource-based projects referred to in his Foreword and reveal how much of the swing is due to unusual growth in heavy engineering and how much to unusual decline in traditional building and construction.
- 11 Why this document does not show comparable detail to that contained in last year's version dated 11 October 1979 namely, the estimated capital works programmes of all departments, authorities and municipalities classified into—(a) Works and Services account; (b) Commonwealth special purpose funds; (c) Loan Council borrowings; (d) Trust Funds; (e) internal funds; and (f) other sources of capital funds for the latest two years.
- 12 What is the reason for the following discrepancies between Statement 5 of this document and Appendix "B" of the Annual Report of the Department of State Development, Decentralization and Tourism—GMH (Fishermen's Bend) \$210 million compared with \$300 million; JLA (Westernport) unknown compared with \$25 million; GCL (Bacchus Marsh) \$20 million compared with \$2 million; Alcoa (Portland) \$350 million compared with \$400 million; Kominic (Latrobe Valley) \$40–50 million compared with \$100 million; and Loy Yang \$2800 million compared with \$3000 million; and whether he will indicate which figures are correct.

Notices received on 10 March 1981

- 1006 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the National Data Base for Children's Services, and the material currently being prepared by the Health Commission for the study mentioned in the Progress Report of the State Co-ordination Council, December 1980, whether he will provide a copy of the Victorian material to the Member for Brunswick as soon as possible; if not, why.
- 1007 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 In each of the years 1977 to 1980, in what trades apprentices have been employed by the Department of Health and Mental Health Authority and subsequently by the Health Commission.
 - 2 What was the total number of—(a) apprentices employed; and (b) first year apprentices engaged by each of the branches.
 - 3 How many apprentices it is estimated will be employed this year, specifying the number beginning their apprenticeships.
- 1008 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the decision of the Executive Council on 17 February 1981 concerning the Infectious Diseases Hospital at Fairfield, whether a copy of the report or reports by the Health Commission and the Minister of Health that the hospital is inefficiently and incompetently managed will be made available to the Member for Brunswick; if not, why.
- 1009 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health why the limpet asbestos was removed at the Glenhuntly Rehabilitation Centre and whether any other buildings which are the responsibility of the Health Commission have similar problems; if so, which buildings and what action is proposed.

1010 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the electoral district of Monbulk:

- 1 What access school children have to school dental services and how many children were examined by the School Dental Service in—
(a) 1979; and (b) 1980.
- 2 What plans exist for the construction of dental clinics within the electoral district of Monbulk and when it is expected that dental clinics and pads for mobile dental clinics will be constructed.

1011 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of staff positions in the Community Health Programme for each of the past three years, specifying separately in respect of—(i) the Hospitals Division; (ii) the Mental Health Division; (iii) Mental Retardation Services; (iv) Early Childhood Services; and (v) other services:

- 1 What were the number of positions agreed to.
- 2 How many of the approved positions have been filled.
- 3 What is the number of approved positions which have not been able to be filled because of financial constraints.

1012 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether the recommendation by the National Health and Medical Research Council that children should be no longer excluded from school if suffering from head lice or nits will be adopted; if so, what arrangements will be made to supervise continuing treatment.

1013 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the past financial year, what Commonwealth Government grants have been made to the State for health purposes, specifying the State contribution in each area, whether any moneys remained unspent and the grants agreed to for this financial year.

1014 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, in respect of Tender E.19349 concerning the Glenhuntly Rehabilitation Centre:

- 1 Whether he will provide information on other public buildings where limpet asbestos has been removed or where it has to be removed.
- 2 What are the details of the Public Works Department's policy and practice on the removal of asbestos.

1015 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of drug offences, how many offences were reported in 1979 and 1980, respectively, specifying the age and sex of the person charged and the type of drug involved.

1017 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:

- 1 How many aged persons flats the Housing Commission has for rent, indicating the number of—(a) high rise; and (b) other flats, and whether in metropolitan or non-metropolitan areas.
- 2 How many aged persons are presently on the waiting list for aged persons flats and what is the current waiting time for—(a) high rise; and (b) other flats, specifying whether in metropolitan or non-metropolitan areas.
- 3 How many additional units have been constructed in each of the past three years and what number of units will be completed this financial year, specifying whether in metropolitan or non-metropolitan areas.

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- 4 What increase in the number of aged persons flats is proposed under present building programmes.
 - 5 What is the current waiting time in the cities of—(a) Brunswick; and (b) Coburg.
- 1018 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 When kindergarten subsidies were last reviewed.
 - 2 When it is intended that subsidies will again be reviewed.
- 1019 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Premier, in respect of the employment of physically and mentally handicapped persons, whether there have been any additional directions relating to the employment of such persons by the Public Service Board and other public instrumentalities since his answer on 11 April 1978 and whether the information on the number of such persons recruited and employed will be provided for the past three years.
- 1020 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Ballarat Base and District Hospital and further to the answer is question No. 1242 given on 12 March 1980:
- 1 Whether the hospital has now been told that the replacement of the Queen Victoria block's medical wards is on the "5 year plan"; if so, what is its position on the plan.
 - 2 Whether architects have yet been employed; if not, when the Hospital Board will be given approval to employ them.
 - 3 When it is expected that documentation will be completed and approved.
 - 4 When it is expected that building works will actually commence.
- 1021 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Southern Peninsula Hospital at Rosebud:
- 1 What was the cost of planning fees paid to architects and quantity surveyors for the major extension, including the additional 30 nursing home beds and whether any of the drawings or work done will be used in respect of new plans for the hospital.
 - 2 Whether plans have been agreed on for upgrading of the casualty department and other areas of the hospital; if so, when it is expected that work will be commenced and what contribution there will be from the State Government.
 - 3 When the application was made to the Health Commission to construct a private hospital on land next door to the Southern Peninsula Hospital and when the details of the application were made known to the joint working party.
 - 4 What effect the construction of the private hospital will have on the development of the Southern Peninsula Hospital, and on the Frankston Hospital.
 - 5 What are the details of the agreed application for the private hospital.
- 1022 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether action has been or will be taken on the recommendation of the Ninetieth Session of the National Health and Medical Research Council that bottles and cans of drinks containing alcohol should be labelled with the advice that alcohol taken by pregnant women may be dangerous to the unborn child; if so, what action; is not, why.

- 1023 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Educational Services, further to the answer to question No. 672 given on 10 March 1980 concerning cyclic maintenance at Brunswick High School, whether he will indicate in which financial year cyclic maintenance will be carried out.
- 1024 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of Queensland fruit fly outbreaks in Victoria in each of the past five summers:
- 1 How many separate outbreaks were detected in each summer, indicating in each case—(a) how it was detected; (b) the date and location of the initial detection; (c) the areas ultimately involved in the outbreak; (d) the methods of control or eradication; (e) the date on which fruit fly were last detected in the area; and (f) whether the area is now free of fruit fly.
 - 2 What steps were taken to ensure the earliest possible detection of new outbreaks or the extension of existing outbreaks.
 - 3 How many grubs taken from fruit were sent by fruit-growers to the Department of Agriculture for identification, indicating the number identified as Queensland fruit fly larvae from—(a) known outbreak areas; and (b) new outbreaks.
- 1025 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, in respect of tenders invited for the connection to sewer of the Animal Research Institute, Werribee:
- 1 What buildings and other facilities are to be connected to the sewer.
 - 2 Whether the connection will ensure compliance with Environment Protection Authority requirements regarding discharge of liquid waste from the Gilbert Chandler Institute of Dairy Technology.
- 1026 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether the recommendation by the National Health and Medical Research Council that children should be no longer excluded from school if suffering from head lice or nits, will be adopted; if so, what arrangements will be made to supervise continuing treatment.
- 1027 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of the approval of the expenditure of funds appropriated to Melton's development by item 161 of the *Public Works and Services Act* 1980:
- 1 When advice of projects proposed by the Shire of Melton was first received.
 - 2 What steps he took in response to that advice before Cabinet approval of the 1980 Public Works and Services Bill.
 - 3 When he became aware of Cabinet approval of the Bill.
 - 4 When he became aware of the amount to be appropriated to Melton and Sunbury development as approved by Cabinet.
 - 5 What steps he took prior to passage of the Bill through Parliament toward the later approval of projects to be funded.
 - 6 What procedures were followed in the approval of projects, indicating the origin and reason for each procedure.
 - 7 Which proposed projects were referred to other departments, statutory authorities or other instrumentalities, indicating in each case the instrumentality, the date and purpose of the original referral and the date of the final reply.
 - 8 What were the dates on which approval was given to proceed with projects to be funded.

- 1029 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer, in respect of the expenditure of funds appropriated to Melton's development by item 161 of the *Public Works and Services Act 1980*:
- 1 Why projects proposed to be funded from the appropriation were referred to Treasury.
 - 2 What procedures were followed by Treasury in considering the projects, indicating the origin and reason for each procedure.

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- 1030 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Employment and Training, in view of the Government's establishing a "hot-line" to supply employers with information on how to go about employing an apprentice, whether he will indicate—(a) the number of inquiries received through this "hot-line" since it opened on 16 February; (b) the type of inquiry that has been received; and (c) the areas of Victoria from which inquiries have been received.
- 1031 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in relation to the Woori Yallock primary school:
- 1 What is the current school enrolment and the expected enrolment in 1982.
 - 2 What is the reason for the delay in determining whether the school will be relocated.
 - 3 Whether, in view of the significance of adequate library facilities to any school, a relocatable library will be made available to the school, and if so, when.
- 1032 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health how many new Community Centres are being constructed during the 1980–81 financial year, indicating the locations.
- 1033 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what was the number and nature of crimes reported in 1980 at the Fawknor, Pascoe Vale South and Coburg police stations, respectively.
- 1035 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs:
- 1 How many citizenship certificates were conferred in each municipality in 1980.
 - 2 How many other citizenship certificates were conferred in private ceremonies.
 - 3 How many citizenship certificates were conferred in Victoria in 1980, indicating the former nationalities of these new Australian citizens.
- 1036 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer which statutory authorities other than the State Electricity Commission negotiated loans with interest rates of 18 per cent or more during 1980.
- 1037 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works how many of the more than 1000 oil-fired heaters in Government buildings were converted to other forms of heating during 1980.
- 1038 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services how many schools were converted from oil-fired heaters during 1979 and 1980, indicating such schools within the electoral district of Coburg.

- 1040 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what is the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board estimate of the number of passengers carried on the—(a) East Coburg; (b) North Coburg; and (c) West Coburg tram routes.
- 1041 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 Which schools in Victoria were entitled as at 1 March 1981 in terms of their enrolment to additional clerical assistance, teacher aides, and other support staff, respectively, but had not received such appointments due to the Government staff ceiling.
 - 2 When it is now expected, that these vacancies in the school establishment will be filled in each case.
- 1042 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what amount was collected in Land Tax in each of the past five years, indicating for each year the—(a) number; and (b) value of assessments issued and the cost of administration as a percentage of revenue actually obtained.
- 1043 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 and 10 December 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information relating to those departments and statutory authorities not required to table their reports in Parliament which he supplied directly to the then Leader of the Opposition in response to question No. 1642 of April 1977, whether he will now make available this information for incorporation, together with any subsequent changes.
- 1044 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 and 10 December 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on the right of nomination to public bodies which he supplied directly to the then Member for Melbourne in response to question No. 1180 of 8 December 1976, whether he will now make available this information for incorporation, together with any subsequent changes.
- 1045 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 and 10 December 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on Government inquiries, Royal Commissions and Parliamentary committee investigations which he supplied directly to the then Member for Melbourne in response to question No. 639 of 15 October 1976, whether he will now make available this information for incorporation, together with any subsequent changes.
- 1046 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 and 10 December 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on administrative and advisory boards and committees which he supplied directly to the then Member for Melbourne in response to question No. 1401 of 8 December 1976, whether he will now make available this information for incorporation, together with any subsequent changes.
- 1047 MR KIRKWOOD—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 In each of the past three years, how many students attending East Preston, Thornbury, Newlands and Preston Girls High Schools, respectively, left school before sitting for the Higher School Certificate.
 - 2 What was the percentage pass rate for the Higher School Certificate at each school in each of the past three years.
- 1048 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been undertaken to ensure that a wider variety of

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- residential facilities with stronger after-care supports are developed under the guidance of the Department for Community Welfare Services to meet the assessed needs of those offending and misbehaving children who require residential care and treatment, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1049 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What progress has been made in expanding the Mental Health Authority facilities to enable severely and profoundly retarded children who require full-time nursing care or highly specialized supervision to be transferred from children's homes and reception centres to specialist accommodation so that the development of other children is not disadvantaged by the staff's disproportionate involvement with handicapped children, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 How many children are resident at Allambie Reception Centre who are severely and profoundly retarded and require full-time nursing care or highly specialized supervision.
- 1050 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps have been taken to ensure that the Education Department provides educational assessment services for children who come into residential care, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1051 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that increased attention is given to teaching Wards social competence and social survival skills, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1052 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in ensuring that specialist services for Wards and other children in residential care is expanded and that specialists providing these services are involved in programme development and in acting as consultants to other staff as well as providing treatment for individual children, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1053 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken by the Department of Community Welfare Services to improve the register of its Wards with special needs and to ensure that staff are available to keep children's progress under review and ensure that all appropriate facilities and services are marshalled to meet their needs; and that the same staff are to be responsible for ensuring that children who must be cared for in specialist facilities have as much access as possible to normal community activities, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1054 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in ensuring that the whole range of residential child care facilities is made more flexible and staff strengthened to enable children with special needs to be included in normal programmes unless full-time nursing care or highly specialized supervision is required, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1055 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

1 Whether a review has been carried out of the existing staff establishments of all Community Welfare Services Children's Homes and Reception Centres as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

2 What are the present staff establishments of all Community Welfare Services Children's Homes and Reception Centres.

1056 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what efforts have been made to encourage parents to maintain contact with children in children's homes and foster care, and whether realistic reimbursements of expenses have been implemented as an integral part of this programme, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1057 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that children are not placed with holiday hosts as a matter of routine during school holidays in order to allow children's homes staff to take holiday leave, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1058 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps have been taken to ensure that brothers and sisters are not separated by age and sex on admission to reception facilities and children's homes, save in exceptional circumstances, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1059 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that as a condition of appointment as superintendent of a children's home, applicants be required to have successfully completed a recognized child care training course or possess another appropriate qualification as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1060 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in ensuring that the composition and competence of the Boards of Management of children's homes and other voluntary welfare agencies are included in the criteria when licences or contracts are being negotiated; and, further, what stipulations have been placed on Boards to ensure that a significant proportion of each Board's members be required to have some expertise or experience in the welfare or child care field, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1061 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what is the position in each Region in respect of the recommendation that the Department of Community Welfare Services should be responsible for ensuring that a wider variety of accommodation options be made available for adolescents who leave residential care and are unable to live with relatives or board with private families, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1062 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken in ensuring that congregate children's homes accommodate not more than 40 children and that remaining large congregate homes are phased out, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

- 1063 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in developing reception and on-going residential facilities in all Regions without the establishment of any more large congregate Reception Centres or homes, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1064 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to remodel the Family Welfare Advisory Council, giving it wider scope, strengthening it and renaming it “The Family Welfare Council”, making it responsible to the Minister for Community Welfare Services, with appropriate sub-committees, which will submit a report annually to the Minister, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1065 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in not deferring recommendations in the Report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976 which can be implemented with only minor legislative change while the legislation is under more rigorous review.
- 1066 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to the answer to question No. 854 given on 10 March 1981:
- 1 What monitoring of the sale and use of prostaglandins is carried out.
 - 2 Whether there have been any allegations or evidence that prostaglandins have been sold or used in breach of Schedule 7 to the *Poisons Act* 1962.
 - 3 Whether the sale or use of any prostaglandins have been investigated; if so, whether any breaches of Schedule 7 have been detected.
 - 4 What action has been taken on any apparent breaches of Schedule 7 in respect of prostaglandins.
- 1067 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in instituting formal Children’s Court proceedings against alleged offenders only when the facts of innocence or guilt are in dispute, when alleged offences are serious, or when the child’s pattern of behaviour or his family’s situation indicates that something more than a warning may be appropriate, as recommended in the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1068 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether evaluation has taken place of the effectiveness of the warning system so that consideration can be given to the introduction of juvenile aid panels as recommended in the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1069 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that the police warning system is embodied in legislation and implemented statewide as a means of dealing with minor offenders, as recommended in the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1070 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in respect of the re-examination of provisions for defining and initiating action in respect of children who misbehave and offend, such examination having been part of a legislative review recommended in the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

- 1071 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made by the Department of Community Welfare Services in respect of each of the aspects of the recommendation contained in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976 that the *Community Welfare Services Act 1970* and the *Children's Court Act 1973* be reviewed by a committee comprising both legal and welfare specialists, having regard to the guidelines set out elsewhere in the report that there should also be a continuing body with responsibility for on-going review and that consideration be given to including the *Adoption of Children Act 1964* in this legislative review.
- 1072 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in the interest of efficiency and coherence in the State welfare field, what consideration has been given to appointing all social workers in State Government employment to the Department of Community Welfare Services as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.
- 1073 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 To what extent each Regional Centre has been delegated a high degree of autonomy as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.
 - 2 To what extent an even level of services is provided at each Regional Centre and to what extent reasonably uniform decision-making is achieved throughout the State, as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.
- 1074 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in respect of the assumption of responsibility for the immediate and long-term development of preventive programmes by the Department of Community Welfare Services, as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.
- 1075 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in respect of the systematic implementation by the Department of Community Welfare Services of the provisions under sections 5 and 13 of the *Community Welfare Services Act 1970*, as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.
- 1076 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether the Government has received the recommendations contained in the report by the National Women's Advisory Council entitled "My Child Was Born Disabled"; if so—(a) to which Ministers the recommendations have been referred; (b) whether the recommendations have been considered by Cabinet; and (c) what decisions have been taken.
- 1077 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Forests, further to the answer to question No. 692 given on 9 December 1980, what grass and bush fires were suspected by the Forests Commission of Victoria to have been deliberately lit, spread from fires allegedly lit in breach of the regulations or other fire restrictions and spreading from fires allegedly lit in prohibited periods and on days of acute fire danger notified under the *Forests Act 1958* in the 1979–80 and 1980–81 seasons, indicating in each case the date and place the fire was detected.

- 1078 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Further to the answer to question No. 692 given on 9 December 1980, what grass and bush fires were suspected by the Country Fire Authority to have been deliberately lit, spread from fires allegedly lit in breach of the regulations or other fire restrictions and spreading from fires allegedly lit in breach of total fire bans proclaimed under the *Country Fire Authority Act 1958* in the 1979–80 and 1980–81 seasons, indicating in each case the date and place the fire was detected.
 - 2 What fires have been investigated by the police since 25 November 1980, indicating in each case—(a) what charges have been laid; (b) what convictions have been obtained, indicating the penalty imposed in respect of each charge proven; and (c) what charges have been withdrawn and what charges have been dismissed.
- 1079 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether the Government has accepted the recommendations contained in the report by the National Women's Advisory Council entitled "My Child Was Born Disabled" to—(a) cause modification to all public transport to ensure that disabled persons and their families can carry essential equipment; (b) remove physical barriers to the travel of disabled persons to enable them to travel as freely as non-disabled persons; (c) provide such facilities as—(i) entrances without steps in all public buildings; (ii) kerbside parking areas with sufficient space beside the vehicle to allow movement into and out of a wheelchair; (iii) a contributable transport scheme either as a taxi co-operative system or government-subsidized taxi service for disabled persons; and (iv) unisex toilets for disabled adults for those disabled people who cannot use toilets without assistance; if not, why.
- 1080 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works whether the Government has accepted the recommendation contained in the report by the National Women's Advisory Council entitled "My Child Was Born Disabled" to provide such facilities as entrances without steps in public buildings; if not, why.
- 1081 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to the answer to question No. 907 given on 10 March 1981, whether the Health Commission will seek statutory standards for such products in respect of nutritional value and cholesterol content with such standards used for normal testing programmes; if not, why.
- 1082 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many train derailments have occurred in the first six months of this financial year, and where they have occurred.
- 1083 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 What land purchases were made by the Housing Commission during 1980.
 - 2 Whether any purchases were made in excess of the Valuer-General's valuation.
- 1084 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what amount has been collected in oil royalties in each of the past five years.

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- 1085 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in respect of the Premier's 1976 election policy speech indicating that Urban Land Authority

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funds should be used to bring down the initial cost of land by about two-thirds, by permitting the cost of the services to be paid over a period:

- 1 What steps have been taken to implement the policy, indicating the date of each such step.
- 2 What further action will be taken to implement the policy, indicating the date by which it will be completely put into effect.

1086 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, further to the answer to question No. 379 given on 11 March 1981:

- 1 Whether there are any additional figures available, indicating the proportion of students commencing secondary education in each region—
(a) leaving at the minimum age; (b) leaving school after completing year 10; (c) leaving school after completing year 11; and (d) leaving school after completing year 12; if so, what are the details.
- 2 Whether figures similar to those provided in the answer are available for each category of Government and non-Government schools respectively; if so, what are the details.

1087 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps have been taken to ensure that ethnic groups are represented on important committees and advisory councils in the child and family welfare field, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1088 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure the greater use of carefully selected and trained volunteers, especially in implementing Supervision Orders and other activities requiring direct contact with families and children, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1089 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the Department of Community Welfare Services has adopted the general principle that the State should retain final responsibility for children in its care even if the actual services are carried out by the voluntary agencies, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.

1090 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what attempts have been made to ensure that voluntary agencies play an integral part in policy development and service delivery especially through consultative and other councils and committees established by State authorities, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1091 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether negotiations have begun with the Commonwealth Government to ensure that all Commonwealth funding for child and family welfare organizations are channelled through the State Government even if the general areas in which funds are to be expended are determined at Federal level, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.

1092 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that improved interpreter services are made available when non-English-speaking clients are dealing with welfare organizations, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

- 1093 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in ensuring that aboriginal and other ethnic groups are given a voice when major decisions are made about children of their own group, and that any special, relevant, cultural factors be considered when decisions are made, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1094 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether compulsory maintenance payments by parents of children in the care of the Department of Community Welfare Services have been abolished, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1095 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What progress has been made by the Department of Community Welfare Services in making available temporary emergency care facilities for children as a form of positive assistance, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 Whether he accepts the principles that such temporary care should be provided as part of an overall assistance programme for the family, that it should be provided with adequate safeguards to avoid abuse and that it should not involve the State in accepting a guardianship role.
 - 3 Whether consideration has been given to contracting out such a temporary care serve as recommended in the report of the Committee.
 - 4 Whether minor legislative changes will be introduced to allow Reception Centres to be used for this purpose, as recommended in the report of the Committee.
- 1096 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What action has been taken by the Department of Community Welfare Services to promote the development of a series of community-based remedial facilities for children who offend or misbehave, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 Whether consideration has been given to making attendance at such centres an option specifically stated in legislation, as recommended in the report of the Committee.
- 1097 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What measures have been taken to encourage magistrates to use supervision orders more frequently and to ensure that appropriate staffing and support resources are made available to enable orders to be implemented adequately, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 Whether magistrates are being kept up to date on the resources available in the child and family field, as recommended in the report of the Committee.
- 1098 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in using temporary foster homes as a component of decentralized pre-Court and reception facilities for children where severe problems of management or security are not likely to be encountered, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

- 1099 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that foster care programmes operated by voluntary agencies are subject to licensing requirements and contractual arrangements in line with those which apply to voluntary children's homes, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1100 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether the services required of individual agencies have been clearly formulated and arranged on a contractual basis where agencies carry out functions which are the Department of Community Welfare Services responsibility, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
 - 2 Whether attempts have been made to draw up the contracts directly between the Department and the agencies; if not, why.
- 1101 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether the system of open-ended approval of children's homes has been replaced with a system of fixed-term licensing, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
 - 2 Whether licensing requirements now apply to all residential child care agencies and other family welfare agencies which have a component of providing care for children apart from their families, as recommended by the Committee; if not, why.
- 1102 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the composition of the Adoption Conference has been expanded to include representatives of those professions involved in the adoption field and adopting parents and people who have themselves been adopted, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1103 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken by the Department of Community Welfare Services to ensure that where dispensation of parents' consent to adoption is being sought, judicial decisions do not result in children being deprived of the opportunity for a permanent family home, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1104 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether consideration has been given by the Department of Community Welfare Services to establishing a more adequate system of subsidies for approved adoption agencies, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1105 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the Government intends to implement the recommendation that a system of adoption subsidies be developed to enable more lower income families to adopt children and that subsidies be available to all families who adopt children with special needs, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if so, when.

- 1106 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What progress has been made in implementing the twelve-monthly mandatory reviews of Wards and other children in substitute care as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 Whether machinery has been set up to ensure that the reviews are carried out; if not, why; if so, whether they are being carried out by a joint committee of the Department of Community Welfare Services and voluntary agencies' representatives, and the inclusion of one representative of the agency caring for the child, where applicable, and on a regional level, as recommended in the report of the Committee.
 - 3 Whether administrative procedures have been devised to ensure that children and families who require closer attention are the subject of more frequent review, as recommended in the report of the Committee.
- 1107 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the Government has developed training schemes for foster parents and ensured that experienced staff are available at all times for supervision and support, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1108 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to implement the recommendation that, as a matter of principle, only the Court and the Director-General of the Department of Community Welfare Services should continue to have power to alter a child's legal status, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1109 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the Government intends that foster parents be more realistically reimbursed for their services, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1110 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether appeal provisions have been made available for children admitted by the decision of the Director-General of Community Welfare Services under section 35 (1) of the *Community Welfare Services Act 1970*, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria; if not, why.
- 1111 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether a wider range of options, including short-term admission to State residential care without change of guardianship or power to require children to attend non-residential remedial programmes has been made available to the Children's Court and appropriate supporting facilities developed, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1112 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What action has been taken to ensure that in the first instance and irrespective of the mode of admission, Community Welfare Services guardianship should not be for a period exceeding twelve months, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 What action is intended in implementing the recommendation that following the initial twelve-month period, longer-term guardianship be

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entered into only as a last resort if a careful assessment of children and their families indicates that this is the least harmful option for the child or is necessary to protect society, as stated in the report of the Committee.

1113 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

1 Whether children are now being legally represented in their own right when the Court considers making a decision which would alter the child's legal status, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

2 Whether the recommendation that legal aid be made available if, for any reason, it appears to the Court that it is in the child's interest, has been adopted.

3 Whether the Department of Community Welfare Services working in conjunction with the Public Solicitor's Office of the Law Department provides legal representation, as recommended in the report of the Committee.

1114 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that human dignity is maintained by recommending a number of changes both in Children's Court proceedings and in the physical surroundings in which they take place, as set out in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1115 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what procedures have been adopted to ensure that the respective roles of police and staff of the Department of Community Welfare Services in respect of children are clarified at inter-departmental level, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1116 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services when—(a) he intends to use his powers under section 32 of the *Community Welfare Services Act 1970* to authorize the Department's officers to intervene where children are alleged to be improperly treated and to enter premises under warrant as a last resort after other actions have failed; and (b) police involvement in child protection proceedings will be phased down, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1117 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what steps have been taken to ensure that the teaching on human relationships is expanded in tertiary education establishments as well as in primary and secondary schools, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1118 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what attempts have been made by the Department of Community Welfare Services to implement the recommendation to maintain an on-going public education and information campaign to make the community aware of the stresses which modern life imposes on individuals and families and to the means through which help may be obtained, as outlined in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1119 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps have been taken in collaboration with the Department

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of Youth, Sport and Recreation and the Education Department to expand the use of school premises after school hours, at weekends and in holidays, to provide recreation programmes for children and parents, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

- 1120 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether any progress has been made in developing and progressively implementing throughout the State, a comprehensive family welfare programme which will marshal all resources of statutory, voluntary and local government agencies to provide a full range of family developmental services, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1121 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in developing preventive programmes in a metropolitan and a country region to provide a range of basic supportive services, as set out in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976, indicating whether the effectiveness of these programmes have been fully evaluated as a guide for future development in other regions, as recommended in the report of the Committee.
- 1122 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what attempts have been made to ensure that research and data collection in the Department of Community Welfare Services and in other parts of the welfare field are improved, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1123 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in implementing the recommendation that contracts with residential care organizations stipulate all aspects of service required, not only accommodation and provision of physical care, and that the system of licensing and contracting with voluntary agencies involve close consultation with the Department of Community Welfare Services to enable the voluntary agencies to improve and refine the services and facilities they provide, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

Notices received on 17 March 1981

- 1124 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what proportion of total pay-roll tax receipts was paid by rural industry in the last financial year, indicating the proportion paid by the fruit industry.
- 1125 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Employment and Training how many approved applicants for apprenticeship in each trade were unable to undertake training at the commencement of 1981, indicating how many were girls.
- 1126 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Employment and Training how many indentured apprentices are females, indicating the trades in which they are employed.
- 1128 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what amount the Government has spent during each of the past five years on metropolitan roads and country roads, respectively, indicating the proportion spent on—
(a) construction; (b) maintenance; (c) wages and salaries; (d) traffic management; and (e) protection of future options.

- 1129 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Premier what amount the Government has spent on advertising the “Jobs from Growth” strategies on—(a) television; (b) radio; (c) newspapers; and (d) publications.
- 1130 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what revenue was collected at each station on the Upfield railway line during each of the months of September to December 1980.
- 1131 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture:
- 1 What areas in Victoria were designated fruit fly area by the Department of Agriculture between 30 September 1980 and 17 March 1981.
 - 2 What is the total area so designated since 30 September 1980.
 - 3 What is the estimated value of crops destroyed within the areas concerned since 30 September 1980.
 - 4 On what date the Government discontinued the road block system of inspection on allocated highways and main roads within Victoria.
 - 5 What was the annual cost of the road block system for the year 1979–80.
 - 6 Whether the incidence of fruit fly increases when road blocks are withdrawn.
- 1132 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture on what date he received a request from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for supplementary funds in 1980–81, what steps he took in response to the request and on what date or dates he advised the Society of the Government’s response, indicating the content of that advice.
- 1133 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer whether he has received any submission seeking supplementary funds to maintain the inspection activities of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; if so—(a) on what date he received the submission, indicating its source; and (b) what action has been taken.
- 1134 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the White Paper on Strategies and Structures for Education in Victorian Government Schools as related to Technical Schools:
- 1 How they will be administered.
 - 2 Whether staff will remain at a ratio of 1 to 14.
 - 3 Whether schools will be equipped to present standards.
 - 4 How corporate management groups will operate.
- 1135 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the White Paper on Strategies and Structures for Education in Victorian Government Schools:
- 1 Whether the curriculum of technical schools will remain different from high schools.
 - 2 Whether there will be a core curriculum for all post-secondary schools.
 - 3 What changes will be made to methods of transfer between technical and high schools.
 - 4 What is the situation in relation to trade teachers whose present qualifications may not allow them to have secondary registration.
 - 5 What is the present situation in the northern region in relation to the 2000 apprentices who were turned away and whether the situation is likely to improve.
 - 6 What is the situation regarding the Coburg School of Textiles and the proposed forced transfer to Warrnambool.

- 1136 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the White Paper on Strategies and Structures for Education in Victorian Government Schools as related to current Education Department policy, what is the position concerning upgrading of programmes in the special needs component which have been cut back at the Glenroy Technical School.
- 1137 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the White Paper on Strategies and Structures for Education in Victorian Government schools as related to the concept of school based autonomy, how the northern region will be involved in view of the fact that basic decisions will be made at Head Office on such matters as funding large expenditure items, staffing and building.
- 1138 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the White Paper on Strategies and Structures for Education in Victorian Government Schools as related to the unavailability of emergency teachers, whether there is a likelihood of increased funding to maintain normal school activities such as camps and excursions.
- 1139 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the electrification of the Werribee railway line:
- 1 In what year funds were first allocated, indicating the purposes for which they were to be used and the year in which it was then proposed that electrification would be completed.
 - 2 What funds were allocated in each year to date, indicating the amount expended and purpose for which they were to be used.
 - 3 When it was decided that the commencement of electrified services would coincide with the northern loop of the Melbourne underground rail loop coming into service, indicating what immediate effect that decision had on the date for the introduction of such services.
 - 4 When it is now expected that electrified services will be introduced.
 - 5 What are the reasons for the announced deferral of the commencement of electrified services until late 1982, indicating in relation to each reason, the facts used to substantiate the reason.

Notices received on 18 March 1981

- 1142 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of the Code of Accepted Farming Practice for the Welfare of Animals During Transportation:
- 1 What is the maximum period for each species considered to be “recent” in the provision “animals awaiting transportation should have recent access to water”.
 - 2 What exceptions are implied by the term “where possible” in the provision “loaded vehicles and trailers should not be parked so that animals are exposed to extremes of heat for more than one hour where possible without shade and adequate ventilation”.
 - 3 What are the bases for the periods 36 hours and 6 hours in the provision “no animal should be left without water for more than 36 hours; this period may be extended if the journey can be completed within 6 hours”.
 - 4 What criteria are to be applied in determining the suitability of ventilation in containers used for the transportation of chicks.

- 1143 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of the Code of Accepted Farming Practice for the Welfare of Cattle:
- 1 Why there is no provision for restraint used on cattle to include procedures and equipment chosen to minimize the risk of injury and pain to the animal.
 - 2 What are considered to be “the interests of animal welfare” which might justify tail docking.
 - 3 In relation to the use of an anaesthetic in spaying what is meant by the term “as appropriate”.
- 1144 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of the Code of Accepted Farming Practice for the Welfare of Sheep, why there is no provision for restraint used on sheep to include procedures and equipment chosen to minimize the risk of injury and pain.
- 1145 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of the Code of Accepted Farming Practice for the Welfare of the Domestic Fowl:
- 1 What is meant by the use of the word “modified” in the provision “disease should be treated, prevented or modified where possible”.
 - 2 What is the basis of the implicit acceptance of death rates up to one per cent per week in the provision “if deaths exceed one per cent per week”.
- 1146 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received correspondence and a submission from the Town Clerk, City of Fitzroy, concerning the redirection of funds from the de Paul Centre to the Fitzroy Community Health Association; if so, what action he proposes taking in relation to the correspondence and submission.
- 1147 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health which State Institutions are using the contraceptive “Depo-Provera” indicating on what basis and whether he will make a statement on its safety or otherwise and, if not, why.
- 1148 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Which institutions are using the contraceptive “Depo-Provera” indicating on what basis.
 - 2 What consultations on its safety have occurred and with whom.
- 1149 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 In respect of district nursing services at the Kyneton District Hospital, what has been the increase in the last three years, and what is the expected requirement for this year.
 - 2 How many nurses are employed, and what allowance is made for the size of the area to be covered.
 - 3 What is the Kyneton Hospital’s priority rating for the appointment of an additional nurse or nurses, and when it is expected that such an appointment will be made.
- 1150 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, in respect of the studies by British consultants engaged to investigate certain aspects of a nuclear project:
- 1 What is the name of the firm of consultants.
 - 2 What was the date on which the consultants were—(a) engaged; and (b) commenced their investigation.

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- 3 What were the terms of reference specified to the consultants.
- 4 What fee has been or is to be paid to the consultants and how was the fee determined.
- 5 What source or sources of nuclear fuel have been considered.
- 6 What type or types of nuclear power station have been considered.
- 7 What manner or manners of treatment, disposal and/or reprocessing of spent fuel and other radioactive wastes have been considered.
- 8 What capital and operational costs other than the on-site cost of nuclear power stations have been considered.
- 9 What environmental implications have been considered.
- 10 What changes to Victorian and Commonwealth legislation which would affect a nuclear power station have been considered.
- 11 On what date or dates the consultants—(a) were required to report; and (b) have reported or are expected to report.

1151 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 What was the content of his submissions to the Treasurer for funding of private adoption agencies, operated by the Catholic Family Welfare Bureau, the Anglican Church through the Mission of St James and St John, the Uniting Church Child Care Services, the Lutheran Church and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.
- 2 What was the response of the Treasurer to his submissions.
- 3 What is the Government's continuing commitment to these agencies.
- 4 Whether he will provide comparative costs for the Adoption Section of the Department of Community Welfare Services and for private adoption agencies.
- 5 Whether he is aware of the enormous discrepancies between the present offer for funding to each of the three first-mentioned agencies in part one and the funds provided for departmental agencies.

1152 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 What action has been taken to ensure the continuance of employment of hospital officers at Pentridge Prison Hospital.
- 2 Whether he intends to direct the Correctional Services Division to advertise vacant positions for hospital officers in prisons; if so, when.
- 3 What action he intends taking to ensure that acting hospital officers have the opportunity to participate in familiarization programmes, thus giving them the opportunity to seek secure permanent employment.
- 4 Whether he has decided to disregard the memorandum of 23 February 1979 from Dr John Wolstenholme to the Director of Correctional Services in respect of prison hospital officer requirements for Pentridge Hospital and the Jika Jika High Security Unit; if so, why, and what effects staffing cutbacks will have on the functioning of the hospital and the high security unit.
- 5 What changes to prescribed insignia have recently been required for various ranks of hospital attendants and whether this change represents any change of rank for hospital attendants; if so, what are the reasons for such insignia changes, and for changes in rank.

1153 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of the Code of Accepted Farming Practice for the Welfare of the Domestic

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Fowl Part II as it relates to space, what is the basis of the density figures shown, indicating how they were arrived at and why some are higher than the equivalent British figure.

- 1154 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Employment and Training, further to the answer to question No. 50 given on 16 September 1980 concerning the Youth Guarantee Fund, whether he will make available to the Member for Brunswick the letter that was forwarded to the Secretary of the Department of Employment and Youth Affairs, together with subsequent correspondence and whether he will provide details on the current situation of the Fund.
- 1155 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the proposed closure of the Upfield railway line, what studies of—(a) necessary economic and social issues; and (b) cost benefit analysis have been carried out, or are being carried out, specifying the researches involved and whether the result of such studies will be made available to the public.

Notices received on 19 March 1981

- 1156 MR SKEGGS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether there has been a departmental assessment of the effect on the environment, traffic density and rail freight arising from proposed deregulation of trucks; if so, what are the details.
- 1157 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of public dental services:
- 1 What is the Health Commission's basis for allocating public dental services to non-metropolitan areas specifying the number of public dentists required for particular population groups.
 - 2 What public dental services are available in the Geelong area, and what steps are proposed to increase the availability of such services to Geelong residents.
- 1158 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What was the actual staff ceiling in each of the Primary, Technical and Secondary teaching divisions at 1 March 1981, excluding teachers on leave.
 - 2 What was the staff establishment in each of the Primary, Technical and Secondary teaching divisions at 1 March 1981, excluding teachers on leave.
 - 3 When the Government plans to bring about equality between the staff ceiling and the staff establishment in each of the Primary, Technical and Secondary teaching divisions.
- 1159 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works whether a contract has been awarded to an overseas company to construct a wharf at Shelly Beach, Williamstown; if so, what is the purpose of the new wharf.
- 1160 MR ERNST—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what funds or guarantee of funds the Government is providing for the development of the Geelong central business district indicating for what projects.
- 1161 MR ERNST—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in relation to parking facilities at the Geelong railway station:
- 1 Whether there are any plans to extend the railway car park to overcome the limited car parking spaces available at present; if so, when construction will commence.

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- 2 Whether he will give consideration to drawing up plans and constructing an overpass or an underpass from the parking area to the railway station.

Notices received on 24 March 1981

- 1164 **MR KIRKWOOD**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Whether he will ascertain and advise how many other States in Australia apply the rule for vehicles turning left to give way, as in Victoria.
 - 2 What steps will be taken to have uniform road laws in Australia.
- 1168 **MR FOGARTY**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture:
- 1 Whether Countryside Meats Pty Limited, Donald, now in receivership, owe the Department of Agriculture an amount of money in respect of inspection fees and other charges; if so—(a) what is the total amount owed and over what period; (b) what action the Government has taken to recover the outstanding amounts; and (c) on what date the action was taken.
 - 2 Whether the Government authorized a number of carcase classification trials at the Countryside Meats works at Donald; if so—(a) on what date; (b) on what dates the trials commenced and ceased; (c) what was the result of the trials and whether the Government paid for the plant and machinery used at the trials; and (d) what was the cost of the trials against the Government, indicating where the machinery is now stored for safekeeping.
- 1169 **MR GAVIN**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what are the statistics for the various categories of armed hold-ups reported in 1980.
- 1170 **MR GAVIN**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, when an answer will be provided for question No. 933 asked on 10 December 1980 concerning admission criteria to Echuca technical school.
- 1171 **MR GAVIN**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply:
- 1 When repairs to the exterior of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works' offices in Little Collins Street were commenced.
 - 2 What has been the cost for each year to date and what is the expected total cost.
- 1172 **MR EDMUNDS**—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 What amount is currently held in the Firearms Training Fund.
 - 2 When the last distribution of money from this fund was made, indicating the name and address and the amount paid to each club.
- 1173 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what are the conditions for paying out a Housing Commission contract before its completion, indicating any provisions concerning when it can be paid out, how the amount to be paid is to be calculated, and how the interest to be paid in addition to the capital then owing is determined.
- 1174 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what are the current Housing Commission criteria for deferring increased escalating interest repayments, indicating whether the higher interest is waived at some point of time, and in what circumstances.

1175 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in relation to Housing Commission land at Melton:

- 1 When the land was bought, indicating the total price, the price per hectare and the area.
- 2 What are the holding and interest charges to date, including this financial year, indicating the amounts in each case.
- 3 Whether any land has been sold; if so, what is the area concerned and the price paid for such land.
- 4 What are the current plans for the development of this land, indicating the expected starting date and timetable.

1176 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 Whether persons sentenced between 1961 and 1974 are disadvantaged compared with persons sentenced before or after that period.
- 2 What action is proposed to provide justice to those prisoners sentenced between 1961 and 1975 who are serving long and very long sentences with minimum terms of twenty years or more, even with remissions allowable.
- 3 How many prisoners are serving long commuted sentences of 25 to 30 years minimum terms.
- 4 How many of such prisoners are considered suitable for release.
- 5 Whether the length of their sentences will be brought into line with other life sentences; if not, why.

1177 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 How many women serving a court sentence at Fairlea Female Prison have children, indicating the number of children involved.
- 2 How many hours women are allowed to spend with their children each week.
- 3 What special arrangements are made for those women who have children and are serving a court sentence at the prison.

1178 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 What rights prisoners at Fairlea Female Prison have to see a visiting doctor when refused access by the supervising sister.
- 2 What documented evidence is available to show the number of requests by prisoners at the prison to consult a doctor which have been refused.

1179 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 Whether medical care is provided on a twenty-four hour basis, seven days a week, at Fairlea Female Prison.
- 2 Whether prisoners at the prison have the right to choose their own medical practitioner, psychologist or psychiatrist.
- 3 Whether prescribed medical drugs are at all times supervised and administered by trained medical personnel at the prison.

1180 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 Whether the hospital facilities at Fairlea Female Prison meet with the minimum requirements of the Health Commission.

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2 When the hospital at the prison was last inspected by the Health Commission.

3 When—(a) the kitchen; (b) the laundry; and (c) the dormitories, at the prison were last inspected by the Health Commission and whether they met with the minimum requirements.

1181 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

1 How many Attendance Centres there are in Victoria.

2 What is the total number of offenders supervised at Centres in Victoria, indicating how many of these offenders are women.

1182 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

1 What are the figures relating to staff turnover at Fairlea Female Prison over the past five years.

2 What is the current staffing complement at the prison, indicating whether this complement is considered to be full strength.

3 What is the current salary relating to the various grades of prison officers employed at the prison.

4 What was the average number of overtime hours worked by each prison officer at the prison for the years 1978–79 and 1979–80.

5 What overtime rates are paid to prison officers.

6 Whether prison officers employed at the prison are given first aid instruction during any part of their training.

1183 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

1 What evidence is available to show that the work undertaken by the prisoners at Fairlea Female Prison prepares them for further employment.

2 What provisions are made for pre-release leave, day leave and weekend leave at the prison in order to prepare women for their eventual release.

3 How many women were released from the prison during the period 1978–79 and 1979–80, indicating how many have had work arranged for them by the Commonwealth Employment Service or other agencies on their release.

4 What procedures are adopted at the prison to evaluate the effectiveness of the educational and vocational programmes, indicating whether these results are available for public scrutiny.

1184 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

1 Whether women in Fairlea Female Prison are accommodated according to age and nature of offence.

2 What is the breakdown of age and offence of each woman serving in Wing 1, Wing 2A, Wing 2B and the Cottages, respectively.

1185 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

1 What is the purpose in restricting prisoners' outward mail at Fairlea Female Prison to three letters per week.

2 Whether he could ascertain and inform how many letters per week are permitted to be written by prisoners detained in women's prisons in New South Wales and South Australia.

3 Whether it is necessary for women detained at Fairlea Female Prison to write their personal letters on Fairlea stationery; if so, why.

- 1186 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What is the maximum wage a prisoner can earn at Fairlea Female Prison.
 - 2 Whether he could ascertain and inform how this figure compares with the earnings of those women in similar institutions in New South Wales and South Australia.
- 1187 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What kind of activities, care and supervision is involved in the Fairlea Female Prison Drug Rehabilitation Programme.
 - 2 What evidence is available to show that this programme is effective.
- 1188 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether it is an offence for a prisoner at Fairlea Female Prison to make what is considered to be an unfounded complaint to—(a) a Visiting Justice; and (b) the Ombudsman.
- 1189 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether staff and the prison population at Fairlea Female Prison have meetings for the purpose of discussing problems that may arise from certain types of behaviour, attitudes and regulations that may aggravate smooth running of prisons; if so, how often these meetings are held.
- 1190 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What is the cost per week for the Government to detain a woman at Fairlea Female Prison.
 - 2 What has been the total number of prisoners detained at the prison since 1975 and of this number how many are recidivists.
 - 3 What is the maximum and minimum time respectively served by a woman serving a sentence at the Governor's pleasure at the prison.
- 1191 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether the Government has made application to the Commonwealth Government for an allocation of money from the Fishing Industry Research Trust Account during the past five years; if so, what was the nature of the application and what grant was made from the Trust in each of the past five years.

Notices received on 25 March 1981

- 1192 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer whether he will lay on the table of the library all relevant files concerning the proposed major legal action being contested by a vending machine company and George Adams and the Treasurer or Premier; if not, why.
- 1193 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer, with reference to the imposition of a levy on suburban rail fares to provide funds for the Melbourne Underground Rail Loop Authority:
- 1 What annual revenue has been raised by the levy.
 - 2 What have been the yearly contributions to the Authority by the Victorian Railways Board.

- 1195 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 On what conditions the Fisheries and Wildlife Division issues permits to people to trap native birds.
 - 2 What is the estimated number of native birds trapped annually.
 - 3 Whether the Division supports the industry of trading in Australian fauna.
 - 4 Whether the Division has investigated any possible cruelties in trapping; if so—(a) what is the estimated mortality rate after the birds have been trapped; and (b) what findings have been made concerning cruelty in confining in close solitary confinement a bird that has flown free as a species for fifty years or more.
- 1196 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether the Health Commission inspects native birds taken by professional trappers for psittacosis, a contagious disease that can be communicated to human beings.
- 1197 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Property and Services:
- 1 How many marriages were performed in the electoral district of Oakleigh in each of the past five years, indicating for each year the—(a) number; and (b) percentage where the celebrant was—(i) a minister of a recognized religious denomination; (ii) the official registry; (iii) a civil celebrant.
 - 2 What was the number and percentage of marriages in each year where the—(a) bride; and (b) groom were—(i) under 20 years of age; (ii) 20–25; (iii) 26–30; (iv) 31–35; (v) 36–40; (vi) 41–45; (vii) 46–50; and (viii) over 50.
- 1198 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, how many prosecutions have been launched under section 3 of the *Litter Act* 1964.
- 1199 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the hospital building programme for the financial year 1980–81:
- 1 Which works were to be carried out or planned in Victorian hospitals, specifying in each case—(a) the hospital and the proposed work; (b) the stage this work is expected to reach by the end of the financial year; and (c) the expected expenditure this financial year.
 - 2 Which works were paid for from 1980–81 loan funds and which works are being constructed using bank loans or overdrafts to be repaid in future financial years.
- 1200 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, concerning the implementation of the *Health (Fluoridation) Act* 1973:
- 1 What supplies have now been fluoridated, indicating the date fluoridation commenced and the number of people served by the particular supply.
 - 2 Which water supply authorities have still not implemented the Act and what steps are being taken by the Government and the Health Commission in respect of each one of these Trusts.
- 1201 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of personnel working at 555 Collins Street, what arrangements exist for people not directly on the Health Commission's payroll, namely hospital and community health centre staff, to work at the Commission and how many such people are currently engaged in such exchange.

- 1202 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the review of the Early Childhood Development Programme announced by the Assistant Minister of Health in 1978:
- 1 What were the terms of reference of the review.
 - 2 Who conducted the review.
 - 3 When the review was completed and when copies of the report will be made public.
- 1203 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in relation to the Goonawarra Estate at Sunbury:
- 1 What is the number of lots pre-selected by builders as part of a builders purchase agreement, indicating the nature and terms of the agreement and whether the agreement legally contracts a sale.
 - 2 What is the current estimated profit or loss on each block of land sold.
 - 3 How many people are permanently employed, indicating their job, both at Sunbury and in the City or elsewhere, and the costs involved.
 - 4 What is the total cost of the television advertising campaign this year, and the total cost to date of all advertising.
- 1204 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 On what information he based his advice to Mr Max Dowsey of Werribee that all children from Werribee and surrounding districts for whom pre-school education was sought during 1981 have been accommodated.
 - 2 Whether in 1979, sixteen children and in 1980, twenty children wanting pre-school education could not be allotted places.
 - 3 What reasons there are for one child in every twenty-seven in the Werribee district receiving referred enrolment whereas the Victorian average is one child in every 136.
 - 4 When a capital grant will be made for the proposed Kookaburra Avenue pre-school and infant welfare centre.

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- 1205 MR CRABB—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services how many—(a) injuries; and (b) deaths resulted from road accidents involving—(i) semi-trailers; and (ii) trucks over four tonne capacity, in each of the past ten years and how many of these accidents occurred during school holiday periods.
- 1206 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Property and Services, concerning the operation of the *Public Records Act 1973*:
- 1 How often the Public Records Advisory Council has met.
 - 2 Which departments or authorities have furnished records to the Keeper of Public Records.
 - 3 On how many occasions a declaration has been made by the Minister under section 10.
- 1207 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken in respect of the recommendations contained within the Report "Community Services for the Portland District" prepared by the Portland and District Community Services Task Group, June 1980.

- 1208 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of the recommendation contained in the Report “Community Services for the Portland District” prepared by the Portland and District Community Services Task Group, June 1980, what action has been taken to appoint a policewoman to be stationed permanently in Portland.
- 1209 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to persuade the Department of Social Security to open a permanent office in Portland, indicating the results of such representations.
- 1210 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken in respect of the request from the Portland and District Community Services Task Group for an extraordinary input of Family and Community Services funding to develop new programmes in Victoria.
- 1211 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Premier what action has been taken to honour his commitment of 7 January 1981 to provide an immediate grant of \$7000 for emergency relief in the Portland District, indicating when the grant will be forwarded to the appropriate relief agencies.

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- 1212 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What is the status of the document “Social Effects of the Portland Smelter” commissioned by the Glenelg Regional Centre of the Department of Community Welfare Services for the information of the Portland and District Community Services Task Group.
 - 2 Whether this document is a substitute for the Social Impact Study which was to have been handled by the urban geographer of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, Dr Peter Newtown, but which has now been abandoned by decision of the Ministerial Council.
- 1213 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware that persons dependent on heart pacemakers are in danger when in the vicinity of micro-wave ovens; if so, whether he will take steps to ensure that warning signs are displayed at such locations; if not, whether he will acquaint himself with the position and take appropriate action.
- 1214 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 What assistance is currently being given by the State Government towards research into diabetes.
 - 2 What proposals are being considered to increase this assistance.
- 1215 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, if he will ascertain and advise:
- 1 Whether the Industries Assistance Commission recently conducted an enquiry dealing with the effect of the import of 730 tonnes of tinned hams from Rumania and Yugoslavia upon the Victorian and Australian meat industry.
 - 2 On what date or dates hearings of the Commission in respect of this matter took place in Melbourne.
 - 3 Whether the State Government gave evidence before such enquiry, indicating whether the Government approved the imports affecting canneries at Bendigo, Kyneton, Ballarat and Moorabbin and if not, why.

- 1216 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether he will lay on the table of the Library the report of his office and all related correspondence of the interviews and decision on the appointment of an adviser on aboriginal affairs.
- 1217 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, what monitoring of pollutant levels in Cherry Lake, Altona and its tributaries, including drains, has been carried out since 1 July 1980, indicating the date and location of each sampling and the level of each pollutant detected on each occasion.
- 1218 MR BIRRELL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what has been the number of—(a) pupils on the roll; and (b) teachers on the payroll, within the Education Department in each year during the period 1976–81.
- 1219 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, of the projects currently being funded by the Transport Fund, if he will indicate in respect of each such project the amount of money required for completion of the project.
- 1220 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Property and Services what was the enrolment of each Legislative Assembly electoral district and each Legislative Council electoral province as at 31 March 1981.
- 1221 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what projects received finance from the Transport Fund in 1979–80, indicating in respect of such projects the ten highest priced projects.
- 1222 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 On what dates the position of Ministerial Adviser on Aboriginal Affairs was advertised, indicating—(a) the closing date; (b) the salary and Public Service classification offered; (c) the qualifications specified; (d) the number of applications received; and (e) the names of applicants short-listed.
 - 2 On what date a Public Service panel interview was held with Mr Bruce McGuiness in connection with his application for the position of Ministerial Adviser on Aboriginal Affairs, indicating the names of those present and the recommendations made.
 - 3 On what date the decision to appoint Mr Bruce McGuiness as Ministerial Adviser on Aboriginal Affairs was taken, indicating—(a) the date and text of the letter of appointment which was sent to Mr McGuiness; (b) the date, source and substance of any advice subsequently received; and (c) the dates and substances of subsequent communications with Mr McGuiness, and his response in each case.
- 1223 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether the proposal for a senior citizens club at Maldon is on the current list; if so, how many clubs are ahead of it in priority and when it is expected that funds will be available.
- 1224 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture:
- 1 Whether Victoria produces almost 90 per cent of Australia's exports in dairy products.
 - 2 Whether the dramatic decline in milk production will reflect upon the viability and cost structure of the Australian Dairy Corporation of which Victoria is major contributor.
 - 3 Whether he will take steps to obtain representation on the Australian Dairy Corporation for Victoria equivalent to its percentage contribution

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to the export market and to achieve the scaling down of the costs and administration of the Corporation in line with depreciation in quantity of export milk products; if so, what specific steps will be taken.

- 1225 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in respect of the answer to question No. 2045 asked in the previous Session of Parliament in which it was indicated that the Department of Community Welfare Services was undertaking a review of family substitute care and that the result would be announced late in 1980, whether the review has been completed, and if so, why no such announcement has been made in keeping with the commitment.

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- 1226 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, what steps have been taken to prevent a repetition of contamination of Yan Yean water through chlorinator faults as reported in the *Sun* newspaper on Saturday, 28 February 1981.
- 1227 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for the Arts what is the current estimated date of completion for—(a) the concert hall at the Victorian Arts Centre; and (b) theatres and spire at the north end, indicating the projected costs in each case.
- 1228 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, further to the answer to question No. 1028 given on 31 March 1981, what were the reasons for the Country Roads Board's examinations, other procedures and a reply taking sixteen working days, indicating—(a) the number of officers involved; (b) the estimated number of working hours involved for each officer; (c) the estimated time for which the documents lay unused pending action by each officer; and (d) the estimated time absorbed by the transmission of the documents between officers.
- 1229 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, further to the answer to question No. 1028 given by the Minister of Transport on 31 March 1981, what practices, procedures or other factors prevented him from—(a) advising the Shire of Melton within one week of the proclamation of the *Public Works and Services Act 1980* that he had approved funding the subject roadworks on condition only that the roadworks met normal Country Roads Board standards and requirements for works of a similar nature and that final contract costs conformed to the Country Roads Board's standard roadworks cost estimates; and (b) referring the subject plans and specifications to the Country Roads Board prior to 10 February 1981.
- 1230 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for the Arts, in view of the answer to question No. 626 given on 11 March 1981 and the transcript of the court case, how he relates the answer of five days delay on the concert hall and a total claimed by the builder of \$47 587 and an agreed claim figure of \$30 664 with the agreed settlement of \$1·9 million.
- 1231 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 When the Department of Community Welfare Services intends to reply to the letter dated 31 March 1980 from the Department of Social Security seeking agreement in principle for a cost-sharing arrangement for the North-West One Stop Welfare Centre, Coburg, as agreed to at a meeting between officers of the Department on 5 March 1980.

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- 2 When the Department intends to reply to the letter from the Department of Social Security of 16 July 1980 which indicated that the Department of Social Security was leaving the Centre.
- 3 When the Department intends to reply to the letter dated 27 October 1980, from the Policy Committee of the Centre seeking information regarding the Department's commitment to the Centre.
- 4 When the Department intends to reply to the letters dated 12 November 1980, 26 November 1980 and 2 December 1980, respectively, from the Policy Committee of the Centre seeking a reply to earlier correspondence.
- 5 What action he intends to take to ensure continuity of the N.O.W. Programme, in view of the fact that the lease option expires on 6 April.

Notices received on 2 April 1981

- 1232 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of urea formaldehyde foam insulation, whether the Health Commission has evaluated an alleged health risk; if so, what are the results of that investigation and whether any action is proposed.
- 1233 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of proposals to amend the *Hospitals Superannuation Act* 1965 and in particular to allow eligible persons to take part of their pension or all of it by way of a lump sum, whether this proposal has been agreed to by the Hospitals Superannuation Board and sent to a Treasury sponsored committee; if so, when it is expected that a decision will be reached.
- 1234 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the increase in main line train derailments from 51 in 1978-79 to 82 in 1979-80:
- 1 What is the cause of this sharp increase in derailments.
 - 2 Whether he proposes positive action to upgrade those lines most seriously affected, or whether he wishes to avoid such action by line closures.
- 1235 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of the Government's aim to increase agricultural production by 25 per cent over the next ten years, whether a "small farm" problem exists in this State; if so, in what sectors of the rural economy this is most prevalent.
- 1236 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Economic Development, in respect of the Government's financial contribution to the Industrial Design Council of Australia and in view of the Government's recent promises to provide financial incentives for industries to develop research and development capacities, whether the Government intends to restore its contributions to the Council in accordance with the established \$1 for \$1 Commonwealth-State funding agreement.
- 1237 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, in respect of the River Murray Waters Agreement and the proposed amendment to extend the responsibility of the River Murray Commission to include water quality throughout the River Murray System, whether the Government has signed this agreement; if not, when it expects to do so.
- 1238 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the \$30 000 survey being conducted into the attitudes of public transport users to the recommendation to close the St Kilda line contained in the Victorian Transport Study, whether additional surveys are proposed or are presently being conducted into the proposed closure of country rail lines; if so, what is the proposed cost of such surveys.
- 1239 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Regionalization of Health Services Discussion document prepared by the Health Commission, whether he proposes to present to the House a detailed report on the responses from the community and others to the proposals contained in that report; if so, when.
- 1240 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Employment and Training whether he can advise what specific programmes have been planned to provide greater employment opportunities for the disabled in Victoria, particularly in view of 1981 being the Year of the Disabled.

- 1241 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what is the expected completion date for the construction of the trans-shipping stockyards and rail sidings at Bandiana.
- 1242 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 Whether it is the policy of VicRail to scale down its livestock transportation; if so, why.
 - 2 What is the current availability of livestock rolling stock, indicating the condition, age, and type of stock.
 - 3 Whether there are plans to replace and modernize rolling stock for the movement of livestock; if so, when the Government intends—
(a) commencing; and (b) completing the updating programme.
- 1243 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning whether he is aware that the Minister for Economic Development wrote to the Member for Werribee on 5 March 1981 in connection with the approval of expenditure in Melton as part of the Melton–Sunbury project indicating that a reply from the Minister for Planning should be received very shortly thereafter; if so, what are the reasons for the delay in making a reply and when it can be expected.
- 1244 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, further to his statements on the adjournment debate on 1 April 1981 in respect of fruit-fly control:
- 1 What evidence there is of fresh outbreaks of Queensland fruit-fly (*Dacus tryoni*) arising from adults flying 80 km.
 - 2 What distances have been recorded between new *Dacus tryoni* outbreaks arising from flights by adults and pre-existing infestations.
 - 3 Whether there is evidence that *Dacus tryoni* survived in Melbourne and Wangaratta between the summers of—(a) 1978–79 and 1979–80; and (b) 1979–80 and 1980–81.
 - 4 Whether there is evidence that *Dacus tryoni* has regularly survived between summers in parts of Gippsland, and in parts of southern New South Wales having similar climates to parts of Victoria.
 - 5 Whether papers by experts including A. Meats and M. A. Bateman have drawn attention to the valuable role of quarantine barriers such as road blocks in controlling the spread of fruit-fly including *Dacus tryoni*.
 - 6 Whether any special lures or other means of detecting the presence of Mediterranean fruit-fly (*Ceratitis capitata*) in Victoria originating from the several recent outbreaks in South Australia or other infestations have been used in Victoria; if so, where and when, indicating the dates in each case.
- 1245 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for the Arts whether he received reports before 31 December 1980 as provided in sections 17 and 18 of the *Victorian Arts Centre Act 1979*; if so, why they have not been tabled as required by section 18 of the Act and when they will be tabled; if not, what steps have been taken to require the production of the report.

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- 1246 MR BROWN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 How many current purchase and tenancy applications, respectively, are held for public housing in Wonthaggi, indicating the number of applications for—(a) lone person; (b) low rental; (c) childless couples; (d) two-bedroom family; (e) three-bedroom family; and (f) large family categories.
 - 2 What is the current provision of housing for each of these categories in Wonthaggi.
 - 3 What are the current plans for providing additional housing in Wonthaggi.
 - 4 How many spot purchase dwellings are currently planned for purchase in Wonthaggi.
 - 5 Whether the Ministry of Housing has any plans to subsidize the construction of dwellings for elderly persons in Wonthaggi with assets greater than \$9000 but less than \$25 000; if so, what plans.
- 1247 MR SIMPSON—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Economic Development:
- 1 Whether he will make available all information regarding discussions between the Government and Alcoa of Australia Ltd about housing itinerant workers at Portland.
 - 2 When discussions were commenced and what arrangements were made.
- 1248 MR SIMPSON—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Economic Development:
- 1 In view of \$1·8 million having been spent by the Government on the caravan industry in Ballarat since its inception, how often the companies receiving such subsidies reported to the Government on the state of the industry.
 - 2 Whether he will make details of any such reports available and detail any mechanisms designed to make a subsidized decentralized industry accountable to the Ministry.
- 1249 MR SIMPSON—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Economic Development whether a \$3·5 million contract has been awarded to a South Australian firm ATCO to supply modular housing to Alcoa at Portland; if so—(a) when negotiations took place; (b) when the contract was signed; (c) what other companies were involved in negotiations; (d) how many jobs will be created at ATCO as a result of the Government contract; and (e) whether any steps were taken by the Government to try to persuade Alcoa to purchase such housing from Victorian companies.
- 1250 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether, as compared to 1978, the State Electricity Commission during 1980 has reduced its non-advertising sales promotion effort for appliances which use off-peak electricity; if so, whether this was done because of the tight supply situation during nights when base-load power is used to recharge pumped storages in the Snowy Mountains.

- 1251 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, further to the answer to question No. 788 given on 10 March 1981, and since 1 July 1980, whether any State Electricity Commission officer has originated an internal memorandum to accounting and financial staff which either defines a “duly authorized officer” for the first time or makes more restrictive some existing definition of “duly authorized officer”.
- 1252 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether he will provide the Leader of the Opposition with a copy of all submissions made by the State Electricity Commission to the Committee of Inquiry into Electricity Generation and the Sharing of Power Resources in South-East Australia chaired by Sir David Zeidler.
- 1253 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, further to the answer to question No. 712 given on 10 March 1981, whether he will now provide a final figure for the adjusting hydrocarbon royalty payment owed by Esso-B.H.P. to the State, indicate when and how this debt will be repaid, release details of any agreement that no interest will be charged, and explain precisely why the adjustment does not greatly exceed the \$15 million estimate made by the then Public Accounts Committee in its Report upon the Auditor-General’s Report for 1975–76.
- 1254 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy:
- 1 How many contracts for the supply of natural gas to power stations have been entered into between the State Electricity Commission and Esso-B.H.P.
 - 2 How many modifications to each contract, whether be re-negotiation or attachment of appendices, have been made, indicating on which date each event occurred and whether any such modifications are currently under discussion.
- 1255 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether the Council of either the Town or Shire of Portland applied to the State Electricity Commission for supply of electricity to the Alcoa of Australia Ltd aluminium smelter pursuant to section 45 of the *State Electricity Commission Act 1958*; if not, why.
- 1256 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, in respect of State Electricity Commission contractors only, how many industrial disputes in the Latrobe Valley causing loss of working time have occurred during the past five financial years, indicating in each case the date, man-hours lost, duration, contractors involved, trade unions involved, and reasons.
- 1257 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether the State Electricity Commission has made any studies of the feasibility of a Latrobe Valley to Adelaide high voltage transmission line via Portland and Mount Gambier; if so, what is the likely transient stability limit on power flow capacity expressed in megawatts.
- 1258 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to question No. 464 answered on 21 October 1980, what were the terms and conditions of an offer recommended to be made to Nabalco on 28 February 1979, and an offer accepted by Alcoa of Australia Ltd on 1 March 1979.
- 1259 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether he will make available an organization chart for the Portland Ministerial Council and supporting bodies, indicating which positions are full-time and part-time and which positions are filled by seconded personnel.

- 1260 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether the Government or the State Electricity Commission will be making submissions to the Senate Standing Committee on National Resources Inquiry into the Bauxite, Alumina and Aluminium Industries chaired by Senator Andrew Thomas; if not, why.
- 1261 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, how many residential properties have been ordered to be sold by the Sheriff in each calendar year from 1970 to 1980, inclusive.
- 1262 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of grants for the 1981–82 financial year from the Commonwealth Government Fishing Industry Research Trust Account to the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology for the projects entitled “Fish Canning—Quality Control on New Product Development” and “The Utilization of Fish Waste as Silage”:
- 1 What are the aims and objectives of each project.
 - 2 What is the nature of any involvement in the projects by the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife or any other Victorian Government instrumentality.
- 1263 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture what recent developments have been undertaken in Victoria for the genetic development of salt tolerant plants, indicating—(a) the plant species involved; (b) the location of the research and development; (c) the funds expended from each source; and (d) the results of research and development.
- 1264 MR SIMPSON—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Economic Development, in view of the shortage of temporary housing at Portland for workers of Alcoa of Australia Ltd, whether he will make representations to Alcoa to buy caravans from the Franklin Caravan Plant which may save the jobs of at least some of the 270 workers who are to be retrenched.
- 1265 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of the Government’s objectives for agriculture in the 1980s, what increase by—(a) value; and (b) volume or mass is proposed for the production of each industry, indicating how it will be achieved.
- 1266 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, in respect of each grant for the 1981–82 financial year from the Commonwealth Government Fishing Industry Research Trust Account to continuing projects and new projects:
- 1 What is the source of funds contributed to the project from State sources.
 - 2 What will be the location or locations of the project.
 - 3 What is the designation and qualification of each officer involved in the project, indicating the proportion of the officer’s time to be devoted to the project.
 - 4 What are the aims and objectives of the project.
- 1267 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, what recent developments have been undertaken in Victoria for research into the most efficient use of irrigation water, indicating—(a) the location and nature of each research project; (b) the criteria by which efficiency has been assessed; and (c) the findings of the research in respect of the costs of irrigation and the control of salinity, respectively.

- 1268 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to question No. 464 answered on 21 October 1980, whether an offer recommended to be made to Nabalco was made; if so, on what date.
- 1269 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what are the lengths and capital costs of the third and fourth 500 kilovolt transmission lines currently being built by the State Electricity Commission from the Latrobe Valley to the Melbourne load centre.
- 1270 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy how, in view of the statement by the State Electricity Commission's Tariff Engineer during a meeting held at Monash House with the Opposition on 17 November 1980 that approximately one-sixth of total costs (over \$100 million) represent losses on briquetting operations and subsidies of various kinds, he reconciles this information with the answer given by his predecessor in answer to question No. 574 given on 21 October 1980 that under Commission tariffs no company receives any subsidy.
- 1271 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer, of the seven projects mentioned in answer to question No. 288 given on 21 October 1980:
- 1 What is the new capital expenditure for each project.
 - 2 How many persons are currently employed in the construction of each project.
 - 3 What is the estimated number of persons who will be employed in each project on completion.
 - 4 Whether any of these projects are not proceeding.

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- 1272 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to the answer to question No. 377 given by the Minister of Educational Services on 7 April 1981:
- 1 What is the name of each organization for the education of deaf children for which funding is provided by the Health Commission.
 - 2 What are the criteria for allocation of funds by the Commission.
- 1273 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 Whether the Japanese research vessel, Hoyo Maru, also acting as a commercial squid venture is operating off the Victorian coast for a four-week period ending 22 April 1981; if so—(a) how many Victorian or Australian observers are on board the ship; and (b) what confirmation is available as to size of catch and when details of research will be relayed to Australian fishermen.
 - 2 Whether the Commonwealth Government made available the sum of \$40 000 to Victoria for the employment of observers and inspectors of foreign fishing ventures in 1980–81; if so, in the absence of a joint fishing venture how the State Government will spend the \$40 000.
- 1274 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether a serious dispute between Tasmania and Victoria exists within the fishing and allied industries relating to which State effectively controls the waters in Bass Strait as from the parallel of latitude 39° 12' south; if so, what is the Victorian Government doing to resolve the dispute.
- 1275 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to the answer to question No. 376 given on 7 April 1981:
- 1 What is the nature of each joint project being undertaken as part of the Victoria/Jiangsu sister-State relationship, indicating in each case, the respective Government agencies and private bodies participating, the skills, materials, technology, information and other resources contributed by each State, and the duration of the project.
 - 2 What is the nature of each additional joint project now undergoing a feasibility study.
- 1276 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What steps are being taken to eliminate the necessity for some boys at Baltara Reception Centre having to sleep on the floor.
 - 2 Whether alternative arrangements are being planned to accommodate non-offenders in an environment separate from offenders; if not, why.
 - 3 What is the staff/child ratio at the centre, indicating whether this figure is adjusted according to special needs of some residents.

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- 4 How many boys have attended the centre over the past five years, indicating the average duration of stay before placement elsewhere.
- 5 How Youth Welfare Services and Early Adolescent Support Units will function to assist some of the present problems.
- 6 Whether all boys attending the centre receive Education Department schooling.
- 1277 MR ERNST—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, what projects in Victoria have been approved in connection with the National Water Resources Programme.
- 1278 MR ERNST—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, in relation to the Geelong Water Works and Sewerage Trust project for the Gellibrand Scheme:
- 1 Whether the scheme is part of the Victorian projects under the National Water Resource Programme.
 - 2 Whether the project has been approved.
 - 3 When funds will be made available.
 - 4 What part of the project will be funded directly by the State Government.
 - 5 What studies are being undertaken and funded by the State Government.
- 1279 MR ERNST—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 When the investigation into the re-classification of roads in the Bellarine Shire will be completed.
 - 2 Whether a copy of this report will be made available to local Members of Parliament.
 - 3 Whether the Geelong-Portarlington road will be re-classified as a highway.
 - 4 What plans there are for the duplication of the Geelong-Portarlington Road.
 - 5 When work will commence on the duplication of the Geelong-Portarlington Road.
- 1280 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for the Arts:
- 1 When it is expected that the Committee of Inquiry into the Light Entertainment Industry will complete its report.
 - 2 Whether the report will be made public; if not, why.
- 1281 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer whether, in view of recent financial losses by the clients of failed insurance brokers, it is his intention to introduce legislation requiring insurance brokers to immediately lodge with the appropriate insurance company premiums paid by clients with proposals as negotiated; if not, why.
- 1282 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer whether the Government intends to introduce an amendment to the *Motor Car Act* 1958 to allow ex-service personnel categorized as 5 (a), 5 (b) and 5 (c) in the Commonwealth Repatriation Act to claim concessions on motor registration fees.

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- 1272 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to the answer to question No. 377 given by the Minister of Educational Services on 7 April 1981:
- 1 What is the name of each organization for the education of deaf children for which funding is provided by the Health Commission.
 - 2 What are the criteria for allocation of funds by the Commission.
- 1273 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 Whether the Japanese research vessel, Hoyo Maru, also acting as a commercial squid venture is operating off the Victorian coast for a four-week period ending 22 April 1981; if so—(a) how many Victorian or Australian observers are on board the ship; and (b) what confirmation is available as to size of catch and when details of research will be relayed to Australian fishermen.
 - 2 Whether the Commonwealth Government made available the sum of \$40 000 to Victoria for the employment of observers and inspectors of foreign fishing ventures in 1980-81; if so, in the absence of a joint fishing venture how the State Government will spend the \$40 000.
- 1274 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether a serious dispute between Tasmania and Victoria exists within the fishing and allied industries relating to which State effectively controls the waters in Bass Strait as from the parallel of latitude 39° 12' south; if so, what is the Victorian Government doing to resolve the dispute.
- 1275 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to the answer to question No. 376 given on 7 April 1981:
- 1 What is the nature of each joint project being undertaken as part of the Victoria/Jiangsu sister-State relationship, indicating in each case, the respective Government agencies and private bodies participating, the skills, materials, technology, information and other resources contributed by each State, and the duration of the project.
 - 2 What is the nature of each additional joint project now undergoing a feasibility study.
- 1276 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What steps are being taken to eliminate the necessity for some boys at Baltara Reception Centre having to sleep on the floor.
 - 2 Whether alternative arrangements are being planned to accommodate non-offenders in an environment separate from offenders; if not, why.
 - 3 What is the staff/child ratio at the centre, indicating whether this figure is adjusted according to special needs of some residents.

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- 4 How many boys have attended the centre over the past five years, indicating the average duration of stay before placement elsewhere.
- 5 How Youth Welfare Services and Early Adolescent Support Units will function to assist some of the present problems.
- 6 Whether all boys attending the centre receive Education Department schooling.
- 1277 MR ERNST—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, what projects in Victoria have been approved in connection with the National Water Resources Programme.
- 1278 MR ERNST—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, in relation to the Geelong Water Works and Sewerage Trust project for the Gellibrand Scheme:
- 1 Whether the scheme is part of the Victorian projects under the National Water Resource Programme.
 - 2 Whether the project has been approved.
 - 3 When funds will be made available.
 - 4 What part of the project will be funded directly by the State Government.
 - 5 What studies are being undertaken and funded by the State Government.
- 1279 MR ERNST—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 When the investigation into the re-classification of roads in the Bellarine Shire will be completed.
 - 2 Whether a copy of this report will be made available to local Members of Parliament.
 - 3 Whether the Geelong-Portarlington road will be re-classified as a highway.
 - 4 What plans there are for the duplication of the Geelong-Portarlington Road.
 - 5 When work will commence on the duplication of the Geelong-Portarlington Road.
- 1280 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for the Arts:
- 1 When it is expected that the Committee of Inquiry into the Light Entertainment Industry will complete its report.
 - 2 Whether the report will be made public; if not, why.
- 1281 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer whether, in view of recent financial losses by the clients of failed insurance brokers, it is his intention to introduce legislation requiring insurance brokers to immediately lodge with the appropriate insurance company premiums paid by clients with proposals as negotiated; if not, why.
- 1282 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer whether the Government intends to introduce an amendment to the *Motor Car Act* 1958 to allow ex-service personnel categorized as 5 (a), 5 (b) and 5 (c) in the Commonwealth Repatriation Act to claim concessions on motor registration fees.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

QUESTIONS

Notices received on 9 September 1980

- 7 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning whether the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works has written to him concerning the reservation for the F2 freeway, south of Bell Street, and whether the Board has written to the Brunswick City Council concerning the same matter; if so, whether he will make available to the Member for Brunswick, all files, memoranda and plans concerning this matter.
- 11 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of radiology services carried out in public hospitals on the 60/40 fee sharing agreement:
- 1 Which hospitals operate under this arrangement specifying the group practices involved, and the radiologists concerned in all such hospitals, indicating whether on a full or part time basis.
 - 2 In the case of each hospital for the years 1977-78, 1978-79 and 1979-80 and separately for the financial year to date, what income has been received by the hospital to offset the cost of providing the services to private patients.
 - 3 Whether payments have also been made in respect of radiology services for public or hospital patients; if so, what amounts in each case.
- 18 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of an investigation into hospital drug costs in Victoria announced on Friday, 28 October 1977:
- 1 Whether the investigation is completed.
 - 2 Whether a copy of the report will be made available.
 - 3 What action has resulted from the investigation.
- 25 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the proposed Eastern Suburbs Geriatric and Rehabilitation Centre planned for Burwood Highway, East Burwood:
- 1 What progress has been made in planning the Centre.
 - 2 What allocations of funds have been made to the Planning Committee in past financial years and this financial year for developing the Centre.
 - 3 Whether he will lay on the table of the Library all reports and memoranda relating to the development of this Centre.
 - 4 When it is expected that—(a) documentation will be completed; and (b) construction work will commence.
- 29 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the hospital construction and expansion programme in Victoria:
- 1 What would be the cost at current prices of building all those works and renovations which have been approved in principal and which some commitment has been made.
 - 2 Whether a list of such works will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.

- 31 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of payments to non-fulltime medical staff in hospitals during the 1978-79 and 1979-80 financial years:
- 1 What amount was paid to all visiting and sessional medical staff, specifying the categories of payment for sessional staff on call and recall.
 - 2 What is the estimate for 1980-81.
- 39 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of funds for the construction or subsidizing the construction of pre-schools:
- 1 What funds were available in the year 1979-80, specifying funds from Commonwealth sources.
 - 2 Which new or proposed pre-school centres are currently on the waiting list or have had a decision for subsidy deferred.
 - 3 Which pre-schools have had applications for extensions or alterations deferred.
- 45 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the Early Childhood Services Policy Committee, and further to question No. 92 answered on Tuesday, 11 September 1979:
- 1 What progress has been made in the evaluation of the Early Childhood Development Programme.
 - 2 Which aspects of the Programme have been examined.
 - 3 What reports and recommendations have been made by the Committee to the Chairman and/or the Minister.
 - 4 Whether copies of such reports will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 55 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 What is the composition of the advisory committee on units for cardiac surgery mentioned in answer to question No. 1079 given on 12 March 1980 and what are the terms of reference of the committee
 - 2 Whether the report has yet been submitted either to the Health Commission or to him; if so, whether a copy can now be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 59 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the sub-committee of the Consultative Council on Maternal and Child Health established to advise on the evaluation of the Early Childhood Development Programme, and further to question No. 95 answered on 5 July 1979:
- 1 Whether the report was submitted to the Consultative Council in August 1979; if not, when it was submitted.
 - 2 Whether the Consultative Council submitted the report to him; if so, when; if not, why.
 - 3 Whether he has yet decided to release all or part of the report as suggested in his answer of 5 July 1979; if so, to whom the report has been released and whether a copy of the report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 65 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, further to the answer to question No. 1268 given on 11 March 1980 concerning coronial autopsies:
- 1 What conditions are proposed to be laid down by the Law Department in granting permission to conduct post mortem examinations in certain cases where the death is reportable to the Coroner.

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- 2 Whether any teaching hospitals have yet availed themselves of these new arrangements; if so, which and when.
- 66 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of discussions between the Law Department and Health Commission medical officers concerning the conduct of post mortem examinations by teaching hospitals, in certain cases where the death is reportable to the coroner, what has been the result of these discussions, and whether it is expected that new arrangements may soon apply in at least one Melbourne teaching hospital; if so, which teaching hospital and when it is expected that the new arrangements will be introduced.
- 68 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health further to the answer to question No. 1226 given on 11 March 1980 concerning the rebuilding of the Police Hospital:
- 1 On what basis the Committee of Management of Prince Henry's Hospital was asked to participate in the building of the Police Hospital, either by the Hospitals and Charities Commission or the Health Commission.
 - 2 When the first request was made.
 - 3 What were the details of the arrangements.
 - 4 Whether either commission received progress reports from the hospital concerning the project; if so on what dates and whether all files and memoranda relating to this matter will be laid on the table of the Library.
- 72 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Box Hill Hospital:
- 1 How many administrative officers are employed at the Hospital.
 - 2 How many medical registrars are employed at the Hospital and how this compares with the number of accredited positions at the Preston and Northcote Community Hospital and the Western and General Hospital.
- 82 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Premier what reports have been compiled by—(a) the Anti-discrimination Bureau; and (b) the Equal Opportunity Board, in the past twelve months, indicating whether these reports will be laid on the table of the Library.
- 84 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in each of the past three financial years and the current financial year to date:
- 1 What funds have been allocated to co-operative housing societies, indicating—(a) Commonwealth funds and their source; (b) State funds and their source; (c) funds not used and carried over; (d) revolving funds; and (e) any other funds.
 - 2 What was the actual expenditure and what is the estimated expenditure for the remainder of this financial year.
 - 3 What was the proportion of funds as between co-operatives and the Housing Commission.
- 87 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, following the appointment of a Co-ordinator of Urban Land Development:
- 1 What steps have been taken to establish and monitor a data-bank for urban land production.
 - 2 What steps have been taken to extend the Preferred Development Area system to major urban areas in the country.

- 3 What steps have been taken, or are currently under consideration, to reduce the cost of land servicing.
- 88 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what is the number of Country Roads Board houses being transferred to the Housing Commission, indicating in each case—(a) the location; and (b) whether the house is occupied and, if so, the duration of current tenancy agreement.
- 89 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 What housing accommodation was vacant at each Housing Commission estate as at 1 January 1980, indicating the number and type of unit.
 - 2 How many Commission flats and houses, respectively, were vacant and undergoing maintenance as at 1 January 1980 in each local government area.
- 90 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in each of the past 24 months to date, how many Housing Commission allocations for both purchase and tenancy have been made, indicating the waiting period in each case.
- 92 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 What was the number of tenancies as at 10 February 1980, indicating the percentage variation from the number as at 10 February 1979.
 - 2 What rent increases associated with the market related rent policy occurred during the year ended 10 February 1980, showing at the close of that period—(a) the number of tenants in arrears and those more than ten weeks in arrears; (b) the total amount owed; and (c) the average amount owed, indicating in each instance the percentage variation from the corresponding figures as at 10 February 1979.
- 93 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in relation to the development of the Goonawarra Estate at Sunbury:
- 1 What amount has been spent on the whole project to date, indicating the expected expenditure at completion.
 - 2 What amount has been spent on the golf course to date, and what is the expected expenditure and the completion date, indicating separate items including the club house and greenkeeper's section.
 - 3 Whether the course has reticulated water and sewerage throughout; if so, what is the cost.
 - 4 How many hectares are set aside for the golf course and its surrounds, and how many for housing.
 - 5 How many house lots are expected to be yielded from the balance of the land.
 - 6 How many houses have been completed to date, and how many are in the course of construction, indicating the cost to date and the expected selling price.
 - 7 How many houses intended for public use have been completed to date, and how many are in the course of construction, indicating the cost to date and the expected selling price.
 - 8 How many house lots will be made available to—(a) private builders; (b) private persons; and (c) public housing.
 - 9 What is the average price of blocks made available to—(a) private builders; (b) private persons; and (c) public housing.
 - 10 How much the advertising campaign has cost to date, and how much it is expected to cost, indicating the source of the funds.

- 94 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what is the result of further discussions with the State Superannuation Board to determine whether loans could be made available to the general public on a longer term basis to be more acceptable to the average borrower for home loan purposes, indicating whether any money has been lent on this basis, and, in that event, how much and at what rate of interest.
- 104 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what is the migrant English teacher entitlement of each school in the electoral district of Oakleigh, indicating the number of migrant English teachers actually provided in each case.
- 106 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what is the name of each school where building plans have had to be abandoned following adoption of the core-plus policy, indicating in each case—(a) who commissioned the plans, and whether departmental approval was given; (b) whether the plans had been completed; (c) whether tenders had been called; and (d) the costs incurred.
- 111 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health which of the Priority List projects for 1976–77, 1977–78 and 1978–79, pursuant to the Commonwealth *Aged Persons Hostels Act 1972* and *Aged or Disabled Persons Homes Act 1974* which his predecessor itemized in his answer to the Member for Brunswick on 15 March 1978 in response to question No. 20 and reported in *Hansard* at page 422, have not been finished, indicating the reason in each case.
- 121 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether the Housing Commission employs any Aboriginals; if so, in what capacity.
- 123 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether he will now provide the answer on the recommendations of the report on the Victoria Police which the then Chief Secretary was unable to give the then Leader of the Opposition on 4 May 1977 in response to question No. 1461 and reported in *Hansard* at page 8728.
- 124 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what is the name of each senior citizens club for which a Commonwealth Government grant is currently being sought, indicating in each case the—(a) number on the priority list; (b) municipality; and (c) date on which application was originally made.
- 197 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning whether there is an appeal before the Town Planning Appeals Tribunal involving the Cities of Sunshine and Altona, against a permit being granted to Protean Holdings to build an abattoir at Derrimut; if so—(a) whether legal representatives acting on behalf of Protean Holdings indicated that it was the intention of that company to rationalize its operations at Derrimut; (b) what action the Government has taken to protect the commitments of Melbourne and Richmond City Councils on matters relating to the abattoirs sited on Crown land within those two municipalities; and (c) what adverse effects the permit granted by the Shire of Werribee and the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works will have on these works in addition to Co-operative Farmers and Graziers Direct Meat Supply Ltd works, Brooklyn at a time of depleting livestock numbers and over-capitalization of the meat industry.
- 200 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, with regard to commitments made by the Government immediately prior to the last State elections:
- 1 What will be the specific opportunities for Victorian teachers of all backgrounds to visit and study in overseas countries from which our

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migrant population is trained, and whether the Teacher Education Division has begun consultations with ethnic communities as to how these opportunities can best meet the needs of education for a multi-cultural society.

- 2 By what means the Government will encourage the development of an understanding attitude to migrants and the acquisition of information concerning multi-cultural education within teacher education programmes.
 - 3 With respect to the \$100 000 on a \$1 for \$1 basis with the Commonwealth Government for the development of community languages and multi-cultural education teaching materials, whether the \$100 000 will be provided only for 1979.
 - 4 Whether the amount allocated by the Commonwealth Government in 1980 and 1981 will be matched by the State Government.
 - 5 Whether the Minister of Education will guarantee that there will be adequate consultation with teacher organizations, parent organizations and ethnic communities in the development of these initiatives; if so, in what form this consultation will take place and which organizations will be consulted.
- 201 **MR FORDHAM**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What schools have been closed in each of the past ten years.
 - 2 What is the estimated value of each of the properties involved.
 - 3 Which of these properties have been disposed of, indicating at what price and to whom.
 - 4 What use is being made of each of the remaining properties.
- 207 **MR FORDHAM**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what is the—(a) student enrolment; and (b) staff allocation, of each Government school in the electoral districts of Doncaster, Ringwood and Mitcham, and how many teachers are allocated to specific remedial teaching duties in—(i) reading; (ii) mathematics; and (iii) written expression in each case.
- 209 **MR FORDHAM**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, with regard to the staffing position at Leongatha high school:
- 1 Why there has been a reduction for 1980 of the special needs component within the school's establishment from 1.5 to 1.2 teachers, thus forcing the school to eliminate or seriously curtail programmes designed to assist disadvantaged students.
 - 2 Why finance to provide a part-time teacher aide at the school has been withdrawn for 1980.
 - 3 Why a library assistant has not been provided for the school, despite the school's entitlement on the Education Department's own personnel schedule.
- 224 **MR FORDHAM**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in relation to the Wendouree High Technical School:
- 1 What is the present enrolment.
 - 2 What is the expected enrolment in 1981, 1982, and 1983.
 - 3 How many classrooms are at the school and of these how many are temporary.

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- 4 When it is expected that the already long overdue Stage 2 of the school's building programme will be undertaken.
- 5 What additional ancillary staff are being provided in 1980 to cope with increased enrolments.
- 6 What grounds development will be undertaken in 1980 and 1981.

229 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:

- 1 How many individuals who taught English as a second language in the classroom in the Primary, Secondary and the Technical Divisions, respectively, were employed by the Education Department at the—(a) beginning of the 1979 school year; (b) the end of the 1979 school year; and (c) beginning of the 1980 school year.
- 2 What are the figures of effective full-time people employed by the Education Department who taught English as a second language in the classroom in the Primary, Secondary and Technical Divisions, respectively, at the—(a) beginning of the 1979 school year; (b) end of the 1979 school year; and (c) beginning of the 1980 school year.

230 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:

- 1 How many schools lost classroom teachers of English as a second language from the end of the 1979 school year to the beginning of the 1980 school year.
- 2 What are the schools and how many—(a) effective full-time classroom teachers of English as a second language; and (b) individuals who taught English as a second language in the classroom, were lost to the schools in the above period.
- 3 How many schools gained classroom teachers of English as a second language from the end of the 1979 school year to the beginning of the 1980 school year.
- 4 What are the schools and how many—(a) effective full-time classroom teachers of English as a second language; and (b) individuals who taught English as a second language in the classroom, were gained by each of the schools in the above period.

236 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, further to the answer to question No. 711 given on 11 September 1979 listing secondary schools in Victoria with a Commonwealth standard library:

- 1 Whether he will review the listing of Birchip high school and Brunswick East high school as possessing such facility.
- 2 Whether he will review the entire list and provide a new list following such review.

239 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, which schools in Victoria currently employ teachers aides, indicating in each case—(a) whether the appointment is full or part time; and (b) whether the appointment is funded by the Commonwealth or the Victorian Government.

241 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the Melbourne College of Printing and Graphic Arts:

- 1 What progress has been made by the task force established to advise the State Council for Technical Education on the needs of the college.

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- 2 What action is to be taken in response to this investigation.
 - 3 What is the current enrolment at the college.
 - 4 How many applications for apprenticeship were refused due to inadequate facilities at the college.
- 246 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education whether he will provide Members with a copy of the formula for determining teacher staffing for special needs and migrant English.
- 249 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, which schools in the Northern Region have a gymnasium.
- 250 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 How many schools in each region have a gymnasium.
 - 2 What is the percentage of schools in each region with a gymnasium.
- 251 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, which Government schools enrol only—(a) girls; and (b) boys.
- 259 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport on what projects Commonwealth funds to Victoria under the Urban Public Transport Improvement Programme were spent during each of the past five years.
- 271 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works what amount has been spent in converting more than 1000 oil-fired heaters in Government buildings in each of the past three years.
- 275 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, whether the Minister has refused to confirm the compulsory acquisition of the vacant allotment, known as Lot 7 Pleasant Street, by the City of Coburg, when this acquisition is considered desirable to further the establishment of a linear park; if so, why.
- 289 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 Whether he has investigated the heating of the Special Education Unit in Lawson Street, Fawkner.
 - 2 Whether the heating system is still operative.
 - 3 What was the cost of installation and what was the running cost during each year since installation.
 - 4 Whether the heating problems at this unit will be rectified by the winter of 1980.
- 294 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs:
- 1 How many citizenship certificates were conferred in each municipality in 1979.
 - 2 How many other citizenship certificates were conferred in private ceremonies.
 - 3 How many citizenship certificates were conferred in Victoria in 1979, indicating the nationalities of these new Australian citizens.
- 295 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs how many aliens in Victoria, sixteen years of age and over, are residentially qualified to apply for Australian Citizenship but have not done so, indicating the number of each nationality.

- 296 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning:
- 1 Whether he has received the report of the Road Planning Liaison Committee concerning the F2 reservation, south of Bell Street; if so, when he will make a decision on this matter.
 - 2 Whether he will make this report public.
- 306 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of Ruthven primary school:
- 1 When attention will be given to the lighting of eight rooms as first requested on 8 May 1978.
 - 2 When repair of damaged or subsided asphalt, first requested on 24 February 1975, will be carried out.
 - 3 When lowering of flushometers in the boys' toilets, first requested on 8 May 1978, will be carried out.
 - 4 When attention will be given to blocked drains as first requested on 17 August 1977.
 - 5 When up-grading of administrative facilities, first requested on 8 May 1978, will be carried out.
 - 6 When cyclic maintenance including external and internal painting, as first requested on 9 June 1976, will take place.
 - 7 When repairs to temporary fibro-cement wall, as requested on 4 June 1976, will be carried out.

Notices received on 10 September 1980

- 348 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many Fraud Squad investigations of corporate crime have been made in each of the years from 1970 to date.
 - 2 How many arrests have been made in each particular investigation.
 - 3 What has been the total sum of money involved in each of the years from 1970 to date.
 - 4 What has been the total sums of money recovered in each of the years from 1970 to date.
- 371 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in respect of each Housing Commission estate in Werribee and Laverton, what is the number of purchase contracts surrendered in 1979–80 to date, indicating the number of cases in which the occupants have reverted to tenancy, and the number of cases in which the contracts provided for escalating interest rates.
- 373 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the committee appointed to examine the problems arising from appointments made by School Councils under the provisions of the *Education (School Councils) Act 1975* mentioned in the report of the Ombudsman in Case Nos. 8102, 8103, 8104, 8105 and 8107:
- 1 When the Committee was appointed.
 - 2 Who are the members of the Committee, indicating their normal positions.
 - 3 What are the terms of reference of the committee and when it is to report.

378 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of curriculum guides for teachers:

- 1 What is the normal frequency of publication.
- 2 When the last guides were published.
- 3 What funds have been provided for publishing new curriculum guides for the current period.
- 4 When the next curriculum guides are expected to be available.

380 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts whether proposals have been made to the Government for the creation of a resources centre for small museums; if so—(a) which body or bodies made the proposal; (b) whether the proposal has been accepted by the Government; (c) what action has been taken to establish such a centre; (d) whether funds have been made available for the establishment of a centre; and (e) whether funds are available to assist small museums, indicating details of any such allocation.

381 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of position papers foreshadowed by the Town and Country Planning Board in the State Co-ordination Council Quarterly Progress Report No. 11, December 1978, paragraph 16B.4.3:

- 1 On what date each paper was or will be completed.
- 2 Whether each paper is or will be made publicly available.
- 3 Whether the papers, findings and recommendations represent Government policy.

386 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government:

- 1 On what date ratepayers residing in the City of Sunshine will be permitted to democratically elect councillors of their own choice to represent them at local government level.
- 2 On what date the ratepayers last democratically elected councillors for the municipality.
- 3 What is the name of each ward within the municipality and what was the number of voters registered within each ward during the last election.
- 4 Whether residential development within the municipality has since aggravated the numerical differences between each ward.
- 5 What action the Minister has taken to apply the principle one person, one vote, one value, to each ratepayer within each ward for future elections to the City of Sunshine.

Notice received on 16 September 1980

494 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether he will bring up to date the information supplied on 18 September 1974 about company investigations in response to question No. 87 recorded in *Hansard* on pages 422 and 426.

Notice received on 17 September 1980

505 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what products which include diethyl stilboestrol or chemically related substances have been approved for use in Victoria, indicating in each case—(a) the name of the product; (b) the name of the person or company in whose name it was approved; (c) the names of the active ingredients; (d) the forms in which

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it was approved; (e) when approval was first granted; (f) if approval was amended, when and in what way; (g) if no longer current, when approval lapsed; and (h) the uses for which it was approved.

Notice received on 18 September 1980

517 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in view of question No. 1129 first asked on 18 September 1979 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period:

- 1 What consideration he has given to the representations of the Gippsland Over Coal Land Owners Protection Council on the question of determining applications on hardship created by the Central Gippsland Interim Development Order.
- 2 In view of the considerable time which has elapsed since the Government first began to examine such hardship cases and hearing applications, what action will be taken to ensure that affected land owners are not disadvantaged by further delay.

Notices received on 23 September 1980

569 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:

- 1 Whether the police helicopter has had an engine failure; if so, whether it was necessary to purchase a spare engine.
- 2 How many accidents the helicopter has been involved in, indicating the time out of service and the cost of repairs in each case.

573 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:

- 1 What has been the total cost of the Victoria Police Airwing helicopter and accessories to date.
- 2 How many hours the helicopter has flown since acquisition, indicating the hours involved in—(a) training; (b) testing; and (c) actual police work.

575 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether the personnel winch on the police helicopter developed a fault and fired its cutting knife; if so—(a) whether the hook from the winch fell on a person's head causing injury; and (b) whether the helicopter crew refuse to operate the winch.

Notices received on 24 September 1980

580 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, on how many occasions since 1 January 1978 the Attorney-General has filed a presentment without there being a prior hearing, either by way of committal proceedings before a Stipendiary Magistrate, Justices or a Coroner's Inquest, and what are the names of such accused persons and the nature of the charges upon which they were presented.

585 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:

- 1 What was the cost per flying hour of the police helicopter, taking into account total moneys expended on maintenance, pilot salary and other expenses.
- 2 What costs were incurred on—(a) scheduled maintenance, including labour; and (b) unscheduled maintenance, including labour.

- 586 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what is the estimated amount to be budgeted for the operation of the police helicopter for the next financial year, including provision in relation to hours of flying and pilot costs.
- 587 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what actual number of arrests can be attributed to the use in detection work of—(a) the police helicopter; and (b) charter helicopters on police work.
- 588 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What were the number of flights made and hours flown in the police helicopter that could not have been flown in a single engine machine, excluding time engaged on instrument flight rules training.
 - 2 Whether aerial work is permitted at night in single engined helicopters.
- 594 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Commonwealth/State programme to provide funds for elderly citizens' clubrooms, whether there is a priority list for this financial year and each of the next three financial years; if so, what is the order of the priority list.
- 596 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether other helicopters have been chartered for police work when the police helicopter was out of service; if so, what was the cost.

Notice received on 30 September 1980

- 623 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether E.C.A. Centre designs and core plus designs provide adequate access for the handicapped, including to toilet areas; if not, what action will be taken to provide adequate access.

Notices received on 1 October 1980

- 627 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts, in respect of architects and consulting fees relating to the concert hall project of the Victorian Arts Centre:
- 1 What submissions have been made by the architect or any other members concerning such fees.
 - 2 What is the normal level of fees in a major building contract and that accepted by the relevant professional body.
 - 3 What offers were made by the building committee.
 - 4 When agreement was reached, indicating the level agreed on, when the question of fees was placed before the building committee, and the minuted decision.
 - 5 Whether difficulties arose because the fee set was too low to provide an efficient service and staff.
 - 6 Whether any letters were received subsequent to the agreement on fees, indicating—(a) from whom and the dates of the letters; (b) the substance of the letters; and (c) the resulting response and decision, including the date of placement before the building committee and the minuted decision and, if not placed before the committee, why.
 - 7 Whether any decision was taken that the fees be fully resolved.
 - 8 Whether the question of fees has been fully and finally resolved; if so, by whom, when and at what level.

- 629 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts, in respect of the concert hall project of the Victorian Arts Centre:
- 1 What is the date of completion specified in the contract.
 - 2 What is the current estimated date of completion.
 - 3 What variation orders there have been as a result of—(a) weather; (b) industrial disputes; (c) lack of information and/or drawings; and (d) altering of information and/or drawings, indicating the amounts claimed in each case, whether the claims were settled and the amounts agreed upon.
 - 4 What are the details of those claims not yet settled.
 - 5 What amount was claimed in the case of Podgor Constructions, indicating—(a) the reasons; (b) the amount agreed upon, indicating the source of funds used for any payments made; (c) whether any areas of concrete formwork were erected one day and then dismantled, indicating the extra costs involved; and (d) whether these claims have been met in part or in full and, if not, why.

- 640 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the financial years since the Health Commission came into operation, and the estimate for this financial year:
- 1 What was the number, classification, and cost of staff employed in each Division.
 - 2 What is the number of staff on the pay-roll of public hospitals employed in the Health Commission for Commission purposes, specifying the classification and cost.
 - 3 What is the recurrent non-salary costs of the Commission, specifying the cost in terms of each Division.

Notices received on 21 October 1980

- 667 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 What will be the role of music education, as an established component of the curriculum, in any re-organization of education in Victoria.
 - 2 What decisions will be taken to allow for increased staffing necessary to meet the State's needs in the area of group classroom music and individual instrumental instruction.
 - 3 Whether additional funding will be made available to ensure that appropriate and adequate facilities, equipment and instruments are provided for music education.
 - 4 To what extent the Education Department will be involved in the Music 1981 festivities.
- 668 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the proposed hospital to be constructed by the Hospitals Corporation of Australia on the corner of Manningham Road and High Street, Doncaster, whether the Health Commission is aware of the extension of the building permit for the hospital; if so, whether the Commission placed the information before the Council and whether the Commission has taken any attitude towards the construction of such private hospital on that site.
- 675 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the evaluation of the Barwon Region Child Maltreatment Pilot Project:
- 1 What is the basic design of the evaluation and how it will be carried out.

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- 2 Given the long gap between the commencement of research and the original commencement of the project, whether the research effort will be hindered and how it is intended to compensate for the delay.
- 3 Why the researcher is based in Melbourne when the project is in the Barwon Region and whether this will hinder the research.
- 4 When it is expected that the first report will be available.

- 681 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of school dental clinics in the electoral district of Brunswick, whether on 13 March 1979, the then Minister of Health, Mr Hunt, together with the then Assistant Minister of Health, Mr Jona, issued a press statement, which promised pre-school dental clinics at the following primary schools: Brunswick, Brunswick North, Coburg West, Moreland, and facilities for mobile dental clinics at the following: Brunswick East, Brunswick South, Brunswick South West, Brunswick West, Merri, Princes Hill and Brunswick North West, as well as funds for the construction of mobile school dental clinics and vehicles and X-ray equipment for these and other clinics; if so, whether any of these clinics have been established, and in that event, where; if not, why they have not been established and what has happened to the funds.
- 682 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the day therapy area underneath the existing nursing home wing at the West Gippsland Hospital:
- 1 When the area was completed.
 - 2 When a request for staff for the area was received, specifying the staff requested.
 - 3 When it is proposed that staff will be available to operate the area.
 - 4 When it is expected that capital funds will be available to complete the interior fitting.
- 683 **MR ROSS-EDWARDS**—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what interest was earned from investments of the Trust Fund during the year 1979–80, indicating what rate of interest this represents.
- 687 **MR CULPIN**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning:
- 1 When the Town Planning Appeals Tribunals were first formed.
 - 2 What is the name, address, age and qualifications of each past and present Member of the Tribunals.
 - 3 What salary is or was paid to these Members.
 - 4 How many decisions have been upheld by the Tribunals against all city and shire councils in Victoria, indicating how many appeals in respect of decisions of the City of Broadmeadows have been upheld.
 - 5 Whether he will consider and review the powers, functions and membership of the Tribunals, if not, why.
- 689 **DR COGHILL**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, further to the answer to question No. 282 given on 2 October 1980:
- 1 What were the circumstances of the \$310 000 expenditure on building work at the University of Melbourne, indicating the building work concerned.
 - 2 What was the date on which the money was expended, indicating the rate of interest, the sum paid annually to provide the interest and provisions for repayment of the total sum.

- 691 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 When VicRail Investigation Officers were first appointed.
 - 2 How many officers there are at present, indicating the name, address and age of each officer.
 - 3 What are the qualifications required for appointment to this position.
 - 4 Whether officers are instructed to identify themselves when carrying out their responsibilities; if not, why.
 - 5 How many convictions have been obtained by officers in each year since inception, indicating in respect of those convictions, in how many cases it was alleged that the investigating officer had not identified himself to the offender.

- 695 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether the Interim Report of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee which was available in January 1979, was discussed in an open forum or available for public debate; if not, why.
 - 2 What were the recommendations contained in the Interim Report of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee.
 - 3 Who are the members of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee.

Notices received on 22 October 1980

- 696 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General:
- 1 Whether the Minister is aware that no funds have been paid by the Commonwealth of Australia to the State of Victoria under the provisions of section 20 of the *Commonwealth Places (Application of Laws) Act* 1970 whereby reimbursement to the State of Victoria of funds paid is required.
 - 2 Whether the Minister can indicate why there has been no attempt by the State of Victoria to recover the moneys due to it, and whether he can give an estimate of the total amounts foregone by the State of Victoria owing to the failure to obtain reimbursement.
 - 3 What steps are being taken after a lapse of almost eight years to effect recovery in accordance with the provisions of the Act.
- 702 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether any applications for funding of construction of the MaroonDAH hospital were made to the Commonwealth Government between 1972 and 1975, indicating in each case the—(a) date; (b) substance; and (c) response.

Notices received on 28 October 1980

- 711 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health which hospitals currently have renal dialysis units, specifying the size of each unit and what expansion is proposed for such units in each of the next three years.
- 715 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 What is the name of the private firm granted an informal lease over part of the Preston Regional Office premises from June 1978 to May 1980, contrary to the *Audit Act* 1958 and the Public Accounts and Stores Regulations.
 - 2 Why the departmental file relating to this lease was not made available to the Auditor-General upon request.

- 719 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 Under what criteria organizations presently qualify for State guarantees on their bank overdrafts without the specific authority of Parliament.
 - 2 Whether the State has been committed to contingent liabilities without proper authority; if so, when the practice will be abandoned.
 - 3 What steps he will take to ensure that complete records are built up and properly maintained so that the Auditor-General can determine what loans have been favoured with State guarantees and the value of the consequent contingent liabilities created.
 - 4 What were the dates of issue, maturity dates, interest rates and other terms and conditions attached to loans guaranteed by the Treasurer under section 95A of the *State Electricity Commission Act 1958*.
- 722 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer, in view of the Auditor-General's statement that the Minister of Public Works entered into \$10.28 million worth of deferred payment contracts despite a limit of \$8 million established by the Treasurer, whether he will advise what ceilings were placed on State Electricity Commission supplier credits during each of the past three financial years and to what extent the Commission has exceeded these limits.
- 729 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 Why the following trust accounts, listed as part of the Trust Fund in the Treasurer's Finance Statement 1979-80, were never listed as "opened" in any Annual Report of the Auditor-General: Fisheries Research Fund; The Licensing Fund; Fisheries Dartmouth Dam Surveys Trust Account; Greyhound Racing Clubs Fund; Motor Accidents and Insurance Premiums Suspense Account; Railway Salaries and Wages in Suspense Account 1978-79; Treasury Drawings Account No. 1; Agriculture Technical and Further Education Trust Account; Commonwealth Traffic and Road Safety Improvement Programme Trust Account; Commonwealth National Estate Programme Trust Account; Departmental Suspense Accounts (Consumer Affairs, Corporate Affairs Office, and Liquor Control Commission); Mildura Nursery Account; and Local Government (House Builders' Liability) Trust Account.
 - 2 What was the purpose of establishing each account, indicating the payments and receipts during the first year of operation and the balance as at 30 June, after the first year of operation.
- 730 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Premier, in respect of the recent Committee of Inquiry into the Fluoridation of Victorian Water Supplies, whether he will consider making public the submissions made to the Committee; if not, why.
- 731 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of school dental services for primary school children in the Colac area:
- 1 What services are currently provided.
 - 2 When it is expected that school dental clinic services will be available and in what form.
 - 3 What discussions have occurred with the Minister of Health and the Health Commission as to the provision of facilities through the district hospital, and when adequate services will exist either through the hospital or through the school dental programme.

Notices received on 29 October 1980

- 743 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in the framing of the Adoption of Children (Information) Bill,

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what consideration was given to research findings on this subject, indicating whether such findings were derived from inter-departmental or other sources and specifying the nature of the findings and the date received in each case.

- 745 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in relation to the Adoption of Children (Information) Bill:
- 1 How many letters he has received from biological parents, adoptive parents, and adoptees, respectively, either—(a) supporting; or (b) opposing retrospective access.
 - 2 What is the Department of Community Welfare's policy regarding community consultation and whether this policy has been recognized in relation to consultation with the community on the drafting of the Bill.
 - 3 Whether he has received any delegations who are dissatisfied with the provisions of the Bill; if so—(a) when the delegations were received; (b) who was represented on each delegation; and (c) whether he refused to meet any delegations and, in that event, why.

Notice received on 30 October 1980

- 749 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he or the Health Commission has received a detailed submission from the Shire of Mildura and the City of Mildura concerning the provision of nursing home accommodation in the Mildura area; if so, whether the submission has been examined and whether the Government intends to assist in the provision of needed nursing home accommodation in the Mildura area.

Notices received on 5 November 1980

- 756 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of the report "Manufacturing in Melbourne" submitted to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works by its Technical Advisory Committee on Manufacturing, what action has been taken to implement the recommendations of the report as they affect the Laverton North industrial area and other areas within the shires of Werribee and Melton, and the cities of Altona and Sunshine.
- 759 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, whether the Minister has received a submission from concerned residents of the Upper Yarra Shire with regard to mismanagement by the Council; if so—(a) whether the Minister has acknowledged receipt of this submission and, if not, why; and (b) what action the Minister has taken or is proposed with regard to the matters raised.
- 768 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the Department of Community Welfare Services will provide additional funds to the Springvale Community Aid and Advice Bureau on a dollar-for-dollar basis to match the Springvale City Council 1980-81 contribution; if not, why.

Notices received on 11 November 1980

- 780 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of the development of school grounds at the Brunswick North primary school, whether the Public Works Department compiled a report in the 1978-79 financial year on the need for the development of the grounds and estimated the work to cost \$35 000; if so—(a) whether the work was placed on the Northern Regions work list and in what position, and if not, why;

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and (b) whether it is proposed that this development work, necessitated when the Education Department purchased and knocked down a series of houses adjacent to the school, will be undertaken.

782 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Community Health Programme, Capital Works Programme administered by the Hospitals Division:

1 What works were carried out in 1979–80 and what works are proposed this financial year, specifying the centre concerned, the work involved, and the cost.

2 Which centres currently have Capital Works Programmes—(a) approved by the Health Commission; and (b) proposed to the Commission, and when it is expected that these works will commence, if already approved, or will be approved.

783 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of payments for podiatry services in Victorian acute and geriatric hospitals and centres:

1 Whether instructions have been issued by the Health Commission in relation to the payment of podiatrists; if so, what instructions.

2 Whether the Hospitals Division has developed a position in relation to matters considered or to be considered by the Hospital Medical and Auxiliary Services Wages Board; if so, what is the Government's position.

3 Whether the minutes of the meeting of managers, medical superintendents and regional geriatricians of country geriatric centres held on 19 March 1980 indicate that the issue of levels of payment to podiatry in Victoria is very confused; if so, what action is proposed to overcome this confusion.

Notices received on 13 November 1980

803 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what plans there are for the proposed establishment of a secondary school in the Lara district and when it is expected such secondary school will commence operations.

805 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has yet received a report and recommendations concerning "DES" from the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists; if so, when, what action is proposed and whether copies of the report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick; if not, whether he will make the report available when it is received by him.

Notices received on 18 November 1980

820 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:

1 How many commercial organizations the Government is currently assisting financially either by way of loans, guarantees, grants or other methods.

2 What are the individual totals of these various methods of financial assistance.

3 How many of these businesses are in financial difficulties and what amount of Government funds is involved in each case.

824 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether representations or reports have been made to the Law Department, or the Minister's attention has been drawn to, the activities of an association purporting to expose religious cults which involves

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so-called de-programming practices; if so, what investigations have been made into these matters; if not, whether the Minister will cause such inquiries to be made.

- 826 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of the reservation south of Bell Street for the F2 Freeway, when it is intended that the reservation will be removed in view of the announced Government decision not to proceed with the freeway south of Bell Street.
- 828 MR JOLLY—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 What requests have been made by the State Insurance Office for additional staff.
 - 2 Whether the demands for additional staff have been completely satisfied.
 - 3 How many additional staff will be appointed and when these appointments will take place.
 - 4 Whether the State Insurance Commissioner has withdrawn his criticism of staff ceilings imposed on the State Insurance Office.
- 830 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of question No. 7 asked on 9 September 1980 which was also asked on 29 May 1979 in the previous session of Parliament, what is the reason for the delay of 18 months in answering the question and whether an answer will be expedited.
- 835 MR EBERY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, in view of the exemption of all reserves under section 4 of the *Crown Land (Reserves) Act* 1978 and the exception of all lands under section 50 of the *Forests Act* 1958 by Order in Council from occupation for mining purposes under any miners' right:
- 1 Whether the Minister will issue a public statement correcting his earlier public assertions that the claims of the Prospectors' and Miners' Association were wildly extravagant; if not, why.
 - 2 Whether he will also direct the Chairman of the Land Conservation Council to issue a similar public statement; if not, why.
 - 3 Whether the Minister will advise how prospecting and mining under the miner's right could still be legally undertaken in such areas.
- 841 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in respect of Swinborn Lodge, 4 Canning Street, Carlton, whether the Minister or the Department of Community Welfare Services undertook to provide 85 per cent of the costs of the service, a percentage which has diminished over the past five years; if so—(a) whether he is aware that the service may be forced to close; and (b) whether the Government intends to fund the service on the originally agreed basis; and, in that event, when funding will commence.

Notice received on 19 November 1980

- 842 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning whether he has considered the release of the reservations on the houses on the north side of Bell Street, Coburg; if not, why.

Notices received on 20 November 1980

- 853 MR MILLER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in view of the failure to provide information in respect of supplementary grants, initially sought in question

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No. 1608 asked on 20 November 1979, whether the Minister will indicate as a matter of urgency:

- 1 Whether he will undertake to survey Area Committees and find out whether their roles, procedures, relationships with schools, staffing and administration supports are satisfactory.
- 2 Whether Area Committees will be asked to indicate where improvements and streamlining could occur.
- 3 Whether he will consider the proposition that schools should have as much autonomy as possible and that *per capita* funding of disadvantaged schools is more suitable and a much easier method to use.

856 MR HANN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General:

- 1 Which government departments are presently represented at the Housing Commission Royal Commission by—(a) legal counsel; (b) departmental personnel; and (c) any other persons and what is the estimated daily cost of this representation.
- 2 What is the total cost of the Royal Commission to date, including the cost incurred by all government departments which have been in any way associated with the inquiry.

Notices received on 25 November 1980

863 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what safety standards and controls have been introduced for the use of lasers in Victorian schools, indicating whether the controls implement the National Health and Medical Research Council's "Code of Practice of the safe use of Lasers in Secondary Schools".

866 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:

- 1 How many surveys have been commissioned or carried out by the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation or any instrumentalities or statutory corporations under his control during 1977, 1978 and 1979, respectively.
- 2 In respect of each of the surveys, which companies or private individuals were commissioned, what was the subject matter and the purpose and what was the cost.

870 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health in respect of the decision to replace the proposed 1033-bed Clayton-Burwood Queen Victoria Medical Centre with a proposed 310 bed centre at Clayton whether, prior to the decision, meetings took place between—(a) the Minister of Health; (b) the Hospitals and Charities Commission or the Health Commission; or (c) the Queen Victoria Medical Centre Committee of Management and American Medical International Inc. or Community Systems Foundation (Aust.), indicating in each case the—(i) date; (ii) names of those taking part; and (iii) the substance of the discussion.

872 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health in respect of—(a) medical officers and related medical positions; and (b) dental officers and related dental positions in the Health Commission, which positions were unfilled as at 30 June and 1 November 1980, respectively.

873 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware of the existence of any waiting times at the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital for obtaining appointments for new glasses; if so—(a) what is the

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delay; (b) whether many cases have to wait for more than six months; and (c) whether there is a waiting period and what action the Government is taking to alleviate individual hardship.

Notices received on 28 November 1980

- 881 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what projects were funded by the Transport Fund in 1979–80 and what was the cost of each project.
- 883 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 28 asked on 16 September 1980, whether funds have been made available for the construction of a new outpatients' block and theatre remodelling at Yarrowonga Hospital this financial year; if so, what amount has been made available and when it is expected that work will be completed.

Notices received on 2 December 1980

- 888 MR MILLER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in view of the failure to provide information in respect of music tuition, initially sought in question No. 1607 asked on 20 November 1979, whether the Minister will indicate as a matter of urgency:
- 1 Which Government schools in the electoral district of Prahran—
(a) provide music tuition; and (b) have a part-time or full-time music teacher on their staff for this school year.
 - 2 What are the present arrangements for each of the schools for music tuition by the Education Department in terms of the number of hours and sessions taught each week.
- 890 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning whether he is aware that the Shire of Diamond Valley has rejected a \$4 million commercial development proposal, involving re-zoning of a residential area (1.25 hectares) on Grimshaw Street, bounded by McDowell Street and Ester Street, half the size of the recently-completed Greensborough Shopping Centre; if so, in view of already excessive commercial development and traffic congestion in the area, whether he will give assurances that local opinion will be paramount in any consideration of re-zoning.
- 893 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in view of the investigation of the heating of the Special Education Unit in Lowson Street, Fawkner, when an answer will be provided to Question No. 289.
- 894 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of payments to non full-time medical staff in hospitals:
- 1 What amount was paid to—(a) all sessional medical staff; and (b) all visiting medical officers during the 1979–80 financial year.
 - 2 What is the estimate for 1980–81 for both categories.
 - 3 What on-call and re-call payments were made in the 1979–80 financial year, and what is the estimate for this financial year.
- 895 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in view of the 1980 Australian Teachers Federation's National Survey of schools which shows that over one-third of the Bendigo region schools surveyed were in need of maintenance, whether the actual funding of capital works allocated to the Bendigo Region has declined in each year since 1976–77; if so, why.

- 896 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, as the Government accepts the principle of meeting the full cost of installing pedestrian operated lights outside schools where they are justified by traffic volumes, why the Government will not accept the same principle of meeting the full cost of traffic wardens on duty outside schools, performing a similar function as the traffic lights.
- 901 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, further to his refusal on 11 March 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer on sewerage which he gave the then Leader of the Opposition on 20 April 1977 in answer to question No. 1588, reported in *Hansard* at page 7759, whether he will now provide this information.

Notices received on 3 December 1980

- 904 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on residential accommodation for mentally and physically handicapped children which he gave in answer to question No. 894 on 25 March 1980, and recorded in *Hansard* at page 7395, indicating in each case the—(a) number; and (b) percentage of children, who are working regularly with—(i) teachers provided by the Education Department; (ii) physiotherapists; (iii) occupation therapists; and (iv) speech therapists.
- 909 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on central administration and regional centres for mental retardation services which he gave on 25 March 1980 in answer to question No. 900 and recorded in *Hansard* at page 7397.
- 911 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to his answer to question No. 901 on 25 March 1980 and recorded in *Hansard* at page 7397:
- 1 Which recommendations of the Working Party on the Establishment of a Division of Mental Retardation within the Health Commission presented to the Commission on 3 July 1979—(a) have become operative with the formation of the new Division; (b) are still inoperative; and (c) have been rejected.
 - 2 What positions additional to the Director and Secretary of the Division have been authorized, indicating in each case whether or not the position has been filled, and, if not, the likely date for an appointment.
- 912 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, further to the answer to question No. 179 on 11 November 1980 and recorded in *Hansard* at page 2454, what was the cost of upgrading and repairing the 117 faulty security systems installed in Government schools prior to November 1976, indicating in each case the—(a) amount; and (b) percentage, met by the original installation contractor.
- 915 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on the bed state of each residential centre for mentally retarded people which he gave in answer to question No. 895 on 25 March 1980, and recorded in *Hansard* at page 7396, indicating in each case the times at which meals are served.

- 917 MR ERNST—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Forests:
- 1 Whether there are any plans, proposals or applications to establish a chip board industry in the Otway and Geelong regions; if so, what is the location, and what is the name of those applying to establish this industry.
 - 2 If he will ascertain and advise whether there are any studies being carried out by bodies such as the Geelong Regional Commission in relation to the feasibility of establishing such an industry in these areas.
 - 3 Whether there are any studies being carried out to ascertain the effect of such an industry upon the environment of these areas.
- 919 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the premises purchased in Justin Avenue for the Broadmeadows Community Health Services Centre, as an alternative for the present centre situated at 3 Hilda Street:
- 1 Whether he will advise what progress has been made regarding planning for the premises and whether funds for renovation will be made available this financial year.
 - 2 Whether he will provide details of all reports prepared in respect of the Justin Avenue premises, including any prepared by the Chief Inspector of Works.

Notice received on 5 December 1980

- 925 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of staffing in each school in the electoral district of Brunswick:
- 1 What was the enrolment by grade or form in 1979 and 1980 and what is the estimate for 1981.
 - 2 What was the number of teachers in 1979, 1980 and how many are proposed for 1981, specifying numbers of special need teachers and other special staffing categories.
 - 3 What is the reason for the reduction in staffing in each case.

Notices received on 10 December 1980

- 933 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What is the criteria for admission to Echuca Technical School.
 - 2 Whether this criteria will be made public so that parents of children seeking admission to this school become aware of it.
- 934 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What is the amount allocated for funding capital works in the Portland Region in 1980–81, indicating the increase or decreases over the amount spent in 1979–80.
 - 2 What were the amounts spent in the three previous years.
- 935 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the identification and examination of persons exposed before birth to diethyl stilboestrol, whether the paper titled "Elevated Serum Cathepsin B1 and Vaginal Pathology After Prenatal DES Exposure" (Peitras, Richard J. et al.

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Obstet Gynecol 1978 Sep; 52 (3) 321-7) has been examined and whether the examination of serum cathepsin B1 levels has been considered as a screening method; if so, what action has been taken as a result.

- 938 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether consideration has been given to remand prisoners entitlements to good conduct remissions for time served in the remand yard; if so, what is the result of such consideration and when such remissions are likely to come into practice.
- 939 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether details of the new remand building on the new site will be the subject of public consultation prior to its erection.

Notices received on 12 December 1980

- 951 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy why the State Electricity Commission altered last year's accounts in comparison with the 1978-79 Annual Report in that Appendix 4 of its 1979-80 Annual Report shows that an amount of \$13 523 000 has been transferred from "Labour and associated charges, materials and other expenses" to "Purchased electricity and fuel" indicating what the \$13 523 000 was spent on.
- 952 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy why the State Electricity Commission has apparently abandoned the following quantified financial targets of—(a) maintaining an adequate level of liquid resources; and (b) achieving at least seven per cent return on investment, and whether he will supply updated versions of the relevant graphs which appeared on page 5 of the 1978-79 Annual Report but have been left out of the 1979-80 Annual Report.
- 955 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what proportions of Victoria's economically winnable brown coal resource, on a field-by-field basis, have been allocated or reserved for—(a) power generation; (b) briquette manufacture; (c) substitute natural gas; (d) solvent refined coal; (e) oil-from-coal; and (f) other named purposes.
- 960 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the head lice programme, which municipalities have employed nurses specifically to deal with the problem of head lice, specifying the cost in 1979-80 to each municipality, its reimbursement from the Health Commission and whether any municipalities have withdrawn or been added to the scheme this financial year.
- 961 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of funding for the construction of pre-schools:
- 1 What funds were available in 1979-80 and will be available in 1980-81, specifying the amount from Commonwealth sources.
 - 2 Which new or proposed pre-school centres are currently on the waiting list or have had a decision for subsidy deferred, specifying the date of application.
 - 3 Which pre-schools have had applications for extensions and alterations deferred, specifying the work applied for and when.
- 962 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of nursing services for—(a) the mentally retarded; and (b) patients in Mental Health Division institutions and services:
- 1 What is the present number of qualified nurses employed in direct nursing care of—(a) residents; and (b) patients.

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- 2 What is the present number of vacancies existing for qualified nurses to be employed in direct nursing care of—(a) residents; and (b) patients.
- 965 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, since 31 August 1978, in respect of hospital and nursing home beds registered under the Private Hospital Regulations:
- 1 How many beds have been registered, specifying the number in each category and the name, address and owner of each hospital in respect of which new or additional beds have been registered.
 - 2 How many beds have ceased to be registered, specifying the number in each category and the name, address and owner of each hospital so affected.
- 969 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Education, in relation to Stream 6 programmes being undertaken within Technical and Further Education in this State:
- 1 How many—(a) technical schools and colleges; and (b) other centres, are undertaking programmes.
 - 2 How many students are involved.
 - 3 Whether the Government has directed that schools and colleges delete all staff required for Stream 6 classes from their staffing establishment requests for 1981, if so—(a) why; (b) how many teachers are involved; and (c) what steps will be taken to assist students who will be seriously disadvantaged.
- 971 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 How many dentists, advanced dental technicians, dental technicians and dental therapists, respectively, are—(a) registered in Victoria; and (b) practising in Victoria.
 - 2 What is the present dentist to population ratio in—(a) country Victoria; and (b) the metropolitan area and whether ratios are available by regions; if so, what are the ratios.
 - 3 What areas are currently assisted by Government assisted dental services in respect of—(a) hospitals with public dental clinics; (b) pre-school dental clinics; (c) school dental clinics, specifying category of service; and (d) community health centres.
 - 4 At what stage are plans for each metropolitan regional clinic.
- 972 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of hospital deficits for 1979–80, what was the deficit surplus situation at each hospital as at 30 June 1980, what adjustments were subsequently made and for what reasons, what additional moneys, if any, were paid to each hospital and what surpluses were recovered.
- 974 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware that the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust annual report has claimed that the fluoridation of Geelong's water supply is at a halt due to lack of government funding; if so, what action he or the Health Commission intends to take; if not, whether he will have urgent inquiries made and action taken.
- 975 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether he has requested the Commonwealth Minister of Education to allow funds earlier allocated for the Transition Education Advisory Committee programme for 1980

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to be in fact spent on approved programmes in 1981, without affecting funds already planned to be spent in 1981; if so, what is the result of such a request; if not, whether he will make such a request.

- 976 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of funds supplied by the Commonwealth Government for the school building programme for each of the years 1978–79, 1979–80 and 1980–81, how those funds were spent, indicating the categories.
- 977 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What funds for the school building programme were retained in central accounts for disbursement, as against regional accounts, for each of the years 1977–78 to 1980–81, respectively.
 - 2 What is the rationale for such retention in each category of central accounts.
- 978 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in the years 1978–79 and 1979–80, how many of the approximately 1800 wards in voluntary and statutory residential care facilities are in facilities not in the same region as the children's families.
- 986 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the proposal that the Bright District Bush Nursing Hospital become a public hospital:
- 1 What progress has been made over the past six months in ensuring that it does become a public hospital.
 - 2 When it is expected that negotiations will be completed and funds become available, and if there is a delay, what is the reason for the delay.
- 991 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he or the Health Commission has received a detailed submission from the Stawell District Hospital concerning the inadequacies of the nursing staff establishment at the hospital; if so, what action he proposes to remedy the situation.
- 992 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of each fee charged by, or paid to, the Health Commission what was the fee income in 1978–79, 1979–80 and what is the estimate for 1980–81.
- 994 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the school and pre-school medical service during 1980, indicating the respective schools and pre-school numbers separately:
- 1 How many children were examined.
 - 2 How many children—(a) received their routine initial medical examination; (b) did not receive such examination; and (c) received specialized examinations.
 - 3 How many schools and pre-schools were not visited by—(a) medical officers; (b) nursing staff; (c) medical officers; and (d) nursing staff.
 - 4 What is the establishment of the service and how many positions were filled in terms of full-time equivalents as at—(a) 1 January 1980; and (b) 1 January 1981.
- 995 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of—
(a) medical officers and related medical positions (apart from the Mental

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Health and Mental Retardation Divisions); and (b) dental officers and related dental positions in the Health Commission:

- 1 How many positions exist, specifying their designation, whether permanent or temporary or exempt and whether currently filled.
 - 2 Whether applications have been made to—(a) the Public Service Board; and (b) the Treasury for additional positions; if so, what applications and with what result.
- 999 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the school dental programme how many—(a) dentists; and (b) dental therapists are employed, specifying the number employed outside the metropolitan area.
- 1000 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, further to the answer to question No. 1821 given on 13 March 1980, when he proposes to carry out his undertaking that the tramway passenger statistics would be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 1002 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, regarding his document “The Victorian Building and Construction Industry: An Assessment”, dated November 1980:
- 1 Why Alcoa’s Portland Transmission Line does not appear in Statement 4 (list of major semi-government authority projects in progress or planned to commence in 1980–81).
 - 2 Why the Loy Yang and Driffield power stations and coalfield developments appear in the list of private sector projects and why Loy Yang is referred to as proposed rather than committed.
 - 3 Why the cost of the so-called proposed and private Loy Yang project is reported at \$2800 million in Statement 5 (which elsewhere is accurate to the nearest \$250 000) when Statement 4 has it costed at \$3043 million.
 - 4 Which oil companies and private interests are joining with the Victorian Government to build the proposed \$1 billion commercial coal liquefaction plant.
 - 5 Whether the Mitsui and Imhausen proposals for utilization of brown coal reserves are included in Statement 5; if so, where.
 - 6 Whether the American consortium mentioned by the Premier on 26 June 1980 as showing interest in coal liquefaction is included in Statement 5; if so, where.
 - 7 What is the ownership structure of the company proposing to develop the Gelliondale brown coal deposits and referred to as International Oil in Statement 5.
 - 8 Why the Appendix on data sources and interpretation, which mentions surveys of future construction activity undertaken by the Department of Housing and Construction, the Master Builders Federation of Australia and the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors, ignores the surveys carried out by the Australian Federation of Construction Contractors, whose members account for 80 to 90 per cent of construction industry turnover.
 - 9 Why in his Foreword he speaks of the confidence which should be engendered by the considerable number of major projects committed or proposed by the private sector in Victoria, when the latest quarterly survey by the Australian Federation of Construction Contractors estimates that Victoria will be the only State in which building and construction activity is likely to decline over the next five years, by 14 per cent annually in the case of engineering construction.

- 10 Whether he can quantify the continuing trend for activity to swing away from more traditional building and construction projects into heavy engineering, especially resource-based projects referred to in his Foreword and reveal how much of the swing is due to unusual growth in heavy engineering and how much to unusual decline in traditional building and construction.
- 11 Why this document does not show comparable detail to that contained in last year's version dated 11 October 1979 namely, the estimated capital works programmes of all departments, authorities and municipalities classified into—(a) Works and Services account; (b) Commonwealth special purpose funds; (c) Loan Council borrowings; (d) Trust Funds; (e) internal funds; and (f) other sources of capital funds for the latest two years.
- 12 What is the reason for the following discrepancies between Statement 5 of this document and Appendix "B" of the Annual Report of the Department of State Development, Decentralization and Tourism—GMH (Fishermen's Bend) \$210 million compared with \$300 million; JLA (Westernport) unknown compared with \$25 million; GCL (Bacchus Marsh) \$20 million compared with \$2 million; Alcoa (Portland) \$350 million compared with \$400 million; Kominic (Lalor) \$40–50 million compared with \$100 million; and Loy Yang \$2800 million compared with \$3000 million; and whether he will indicate which figures are correct.

Notices received on 10 March 1981

- 1007 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 In each of the years 1977 to 1980, in what trades apprentices have been employed by the Department of Health and Mental Health Authority and subsequently by the Health Commission.
 - 2 What was the total number of—(a) apprentices employed; and (b) first year apprentices engaged by each of the branches.
 - 3 How many apprentices it is estimated will be employed this year, specifying the number beginning their apprenticeships.
- 1008 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the decision of the Executive Council on 17 February 1981 concerning the Infectious Diseases Hospital at Fairfield, whether a copy of the report or reports by the Health Commission and the Minister of Health that the hospital is inefficiently and incompetently managed will be made available to the Member for Brunswick; if not, why.
- 1009 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health why the limpet asbestos was removed at the Glenhuntly Rehabilitation Centre and whether any other buildings which are the responsibility of the Health Commission have similar problems; if so, which buildings and what action is proposed.
- 1010 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the electoral district of Monbulk:
- 1 What access school children have to school dental services and how many children were examined by the School Dental Service in—(a) 1979; and (b) 1980.
 - 2 What plans exist for the construction of dental clinics within the electoral district of Monbulk and when it is expected that dental clinics and pads for mobile dental clinics will be constructed.

- 1011 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of staff positions in the Community Health Programme for each of the past three years, specifying separately in respect of—(i) the Hospitals Division; (ii) the Mental Health Division; (iii) Mental Retardation Services; (iv) Early Childhood Services; and (v) other services:
- 1 What were the number of positions agreed to.
 - 2 How many of the approved positions have been filled.
 - 3 What is the number of approved positions which have not been able to be filled because of financial constraints.
- 1012 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether the recommendation by the National Health and Medical Research Council that children should be no longer excluded from school if suffering from head lice or nits will be adopted; if so, what arrangements will be made to supervise continuing treatment.
- 1013 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the past financial year, what Commonwealth Government grants have been made to the State for health purposes, specifying the State contribution in each area, whether any moneys remained unspent and the grants agreed to for this financial year.
- 1014 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, in respect of Tender E.19349 concerning the Glenhuntly Rehabilitation Centre:
- 1 Whether he will provide information on other public buildings where limpet asbestos has been removed or where it has to be removed.
 - 2 What are the details of the Public Works Department's policy and practice on the removal of asbestos.
- 1015 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of drug offences, how many offences were reported in 1979 and 1980, respectively, specifying the age and sex of the person charged and the type of drug involved.
- 1017 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 How many aged persons flats the Housing Commission has for rent, indicating the number of—(a) high rise; and (b) other flats, and whether in metropolitan or non-metropolitan areas.
 - 2 How many aged persons are presently on the waiting list for aged persons flats and what is the current waiting time for—(a) high rise; and (b) other flats, specifying whether in metropolitan or non-metropolitan areas.
 - 3 How many additional units have been constructed in each of the past three years and what number of units will be completed this financial year, specifying whether in metropolitan or non-metropolitan areas.
 - 4 What increase in the number of aged persons flats is proposed under present building programmes.
 - 5 What is the current waiting time in the cities of—(a) Brunswick; and (b) Coburg.
- 1018 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 When kindergarten subsidies were last reviewed.
 - 2 When it is intended that subsidies will again be reviewed.

- 1019 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Premier, in respect of the employment of physically and mentally handicapped persons, whether there have been any additional directions relating to the employment of such persons by the Public Service Board and other public instrumentalities since his answer on 11 April 1978 and whether the information on the number of such persons recruited and employed will be provided for the past three years.
- 1020 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Ballarat Base and District Hospital and further to the answer is question No. 1242 given on 12 March 1980:
- 1 Whether the hospital has now been told that the replacement of the Queen Victoria block's medical wards is on the "5 year plan"; if so, what is its position on the plan.
 - 2 Whether architects have yet been employed; if not, when the Hospital Board will be given approval to employ them.
 - 3 When it is expected that documentation will be completed and approved.
 - 4 When it is expected that building works will actually commence.
- 1021 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Southern Peninsula Hospital at Rosebud:
- 1 What was the cost of planning fees paid to architects and quantity surveyors for the major extension, including the additional 30 nursing home beds and whether any of the drawings or work done will be used in respect of new plans for the hospital.
 - 2 Whether plans have been agreed on for upgrading of the casualty department and other areas of the hospital; if so, when it is expected that work will be commenced and what contribution there will be from the State Government.
 - 3 When the application was made to the Health Commission to construct a private hospital on land next door to the Southern Peninsula Hospital and when the details of the application were made known to the joint working party.
 - 4 What effect the construction of the private hospital will have on the development of the Southern Peninsula Hospital, and on the Frankston Hospital.
 - 5 What are the details of the agreed application for the private hospital.
- 1022 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether action has been or will be taken on the recommendation of the Ninetieth Session of the National Health and Medical Research Council that bottles and cans of drinks containing alcohol should be labelled with the advice that alcohol taken by pregnant women may be dangerous to the unborn child; if so, what action; if not, why.
- 1023 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Educational Services, further to the answer to question No. 672 given on 10 March 1980 concerning cyclic maintenance at Brunswick High School, whether he will indicate in which financial year cyclic maintenance will be carried out.
- 1024 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of Queensland fruit fly outbreaks in Victoria in each of the past five summers:
- 1 How many separate outbreaks were detected in each summer, indicating in each case—(a) how it was detected; (b) the date and location of the initial detection; (c) the areas ultimately involved in the outbreak; (d) the methods of control or eradication; (e) the date on which fruit

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- fly were last detected in the area; and (f) whether the area is now free of fruit fly.
- 2 What steps were taken to ensure the earliest possible detection of new outbreaks or the extension of existing outbreaks.
 - 3 How many grubs taken from fruit were sent by fruit-growers to the Department of Agriculture for identification, indicating the number identified as Queensland fruit fly larvae from—(a) known outbreak areas; and (b) new outbreaks.
- 1025 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, in respect of tenders invited for the connection to sewer of the Animal Research Institute, Werribee:
- 1 What buildings and other facilities are to be connected to the sewer.
 - 2 Whether the connection will ensure compliance with Environment Protection Authority requirements regarding discharge of liquid waste from the Gilbert Chandler Institute of Dairy Technology.
- 1026 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether the recommendation by the National Health and Medical Research Council that children should be no longer excluded from school if suffering from head lice or nits, will be adopted; if so, what arrangements will be made to supervise continuing treatment.
- 1027 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of the approval of the expenditure of funds appropriated to Melton's development by item 161 of the *Public Works and Services Act 1980*:
- 1 When advice of projects proposed by the Shire of Melton was first received.
 - 2 What steps he took in response to that advice before Cabinet approval of the 1980 Public Works and Services Bill.
 - 3 When he became aware of Cabinet approval of the Bill.
 - 4 When he became aware of the amount to be appropriated to Melton and Sunbury development as approved by Cabinet.
 - 5 What steps he took prior to passage of the Bill through Parliament toward the later approval of projects to be funded.
 - 6 What procedures were followed in the approval of projects, indicating the origin and reason for each procedure.
 - 7 Which proposed projects were referred to other departments, statutory authorities or other instrumentalities, indicating in each case the instrumentality, the date and purpose of the original referral and the date of the final reply.
 - 8 What were the dates on which approval was given to proceed with projects to be funded.
- 1029 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer, in respect of the expenditure of funds appropriated to Melton's development by item 161 of the *Public Works and Services Act 1980*:
- 1 Why projects proposed to be funded from the appropriation were referred to Treasury.
 - 2 What procedures were followed by Treasury in considering the projects, indicating the origin and reason for each procedure.

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- 1030 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Employment and Training, in view of the Government's establishing a "hot-line" to supply employers with information on how to go about employing an apprentice, whether he will indicate—(a) the number of inquiries received through this "hot-line" since it opened on 16 February; (b) the type of inquiry that has been received; and (c) the areas of Victoria from which inquiries have been received.
- 1031 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in relation to the Woori Yallock primary school:
- 1 What is the current school enrolment and the expected enrolment in 1982.
 - 2 What is the reason for the delay in determining whether the school will be relocated.
 - 3 Whether, in view of the significance of adequate library facilities to any school, a relocatable library will be made available to the school, and if so, when.
- 1032 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health how many new Community Centres are being constructed during the 1980-81 financial year, indicating the locations.
- 1033 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what was the number and nature of crimes reported in 1980 at the Fawkner, Pascoe Vale South and Coburg police stations, respectively.
- 1035 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs:
- 1 How many citizenship certificates were conferred in each municipality in 1980.
 - 2 How many other citizenship certificates were conferred in private ceremonies.
 - 3 How many citizenship certificates were conferred in Victoria in 1980, indicating the former nationalities of these new Australian citizens.
- 1036 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer which statutory authorities other than the State Electricity Commission negotiated loans with interest rates of 18 per cent or more during 1980.
- 1037 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works how many of the more than 1000 oil-fired heaters in Government buildings were converted to other forms of heating during 1980.
- 1038 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services how many schools were converted from oil-fired heaters during 1979 and 1980, indicating such schools within the electoral district of Coburg.
- 1040 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what is the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board estimate of the number of passengers carried on the—(a) East Coburg; (b) North Coburg; and (c) West Coburg tram routes.
- 1041 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 Which schools in Victoria were entitled as at 1 March 1981 in terms of their enrolment to additional clerical assistance, teacher aides, and other

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support staff, respectively, but had not received such appointments due to the Government staff ceiling.

2 When it is now expected, that these vacancies in the school establishment will be filled in each case.

- 1042 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what amount was collected in Land Tax in each of the past five years, indicating for each year the—(a) number; and (b) value of assessments issued and the cost of administration as a percentage of revenue actually obtained.
- 1043 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 and 10 December 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information relating to those departments and statutory authorities not required to table their reports in Parliament which he supplied directly to the then Leader of the Opposition in response to question No. 1642 of April 1977, whether he will now make available this information for incorporation, together with any subsequent changes.
- 1044 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 and 10 December 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on the right of nomination to public bodies which he supplied directly to the then Member for Melbourne in response to question No. 1180 of 8 December 1976, whether he will now make available this information for incorporation, together with any subsequent changes.
- 1045 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 and 10 December 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on Government inquiries, Royal Commissions and Parliamentary committee investigations which he supplied directly to the then Member for Melbourne in response to question No. 639 of 15 October 1976, whether he will now make available this information for incorporation, together with any subsequent changes.
- 1046 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 and 10 December 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on administrative and advisory boards and committees which he supplied directly to the then Member for Melbourne in response to question No. 1401 of 8 December 1976, whether he will now make available this information for incorporation, together with any subsequent changes.
- 1047 MR KIRKWOOD—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 In each of the past three years, how many students attending East Preston, Thornbury, Newlands and Preston Girls High Schools, respectively, left school before sitting for the Higher School Certificate.
 - 2 What was the percentage pass rate for the Higher School Certificate at each school in each of the past three years.
- 1048 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been undertaken to ensure that a wider variety of residential facilities with stronger after-care supports are developed under the guidance of the Department for Community Welfare Services to meet the assessed needs of those offending and misbehaving children who require residential care and treatment, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

- 1049 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What progress has been made in expanding the Mental Health Authority facilities to enable severely and profoundly retarded children who require full-time nursing care or highly specialized supervision to be transferred from children's homes and reception centres to specialist accommodation so that the development of other children is not disadvantaged by the staff's disproportionate involvement with handicapped children, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 How many children are resident at Allambie Reception Centre who are severely and profoundly retarded and require full-time nursing care or highly specialized supervision.
- 1050 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps have been taken to ensure that the Education Department provides educational assessment services for children who come into residential care, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1051 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that increased attention is given to teaching Wards social competence and social survival skills, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1052 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in ensuring that specialist services for Wards and other children in residential care is expanded and that specialists providing these services are involved in programme development and in acting as consultants to other staff as well as providing treatment for individual children, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1053 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken by the Department of Community Welfare Services to improve the register of its Wards with special needs and to ensure that staff are available to keep children's progress under review and ensure that all appropriate facilities and services are marshalled to meet their needs; and that the same staff are to be responsible for ensuring that children who must be cared for in specialist facilities have as much access as possible to normal community activities, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1054 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in ensuring that the whole range of residential child care facilities is made more flexible and staff strengthened to enable children with special needs to be included in normal programmes unless full-time nursing care or highly specialized supervision is required, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1055 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether a review has been carried out of the existing staff establishments of all Community Welfare Services Children's Homes and Reception Centres as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

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2 What are the present staff establishments of all Community Welfare Services Children's Homes and Reception Centres.

- 1056 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what efforts have been made to encourage parents to maintain contact with children in children's homes and foster care, and whether realistic reimbursements of expenses have been implemented as an integral part of this programme, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1057 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that children are not placed with holiday hosts as a matter of routine during school holidays in order to allow children's homes staff to take holiday leave, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1058 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps have been taken to ensure that brothers and sisters are not separated by age and sex on admission to reception facilities and children's homes, save in exceptional circumstances, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1059 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that as a condition of appointment as superintendent of a children's home, applicants be required to have successfully completed a recognized child care training course or possess another appropriate qualification as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1060 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in ensuring that the composition and competence of the Boards of Management of children's homes and other voluntary welfare agencies are included in the criteria when licences or contracts are being negotiated; and, further, what stipulations have been placed on Boards to ensure that a significant proportion of each Board's members be required to have some expertise or experience in the welfare or child care field, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1061 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what is the position in each Region in respect of the recommendation that the Department of Community Welfare Services should be responsible for ensuring that a wider variety of accommodation options be made available for adolescents who leave residential care and are unable to live with relatives or board with private families, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1062 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken in ensuring that congregate children's homes accommodate not more than 40 children and that remaining large congregate homes are phased out, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1063 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in developing reception and on-going residential facilities in all Regions without the establishment of any more large congregate Reception Centres or homes, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

- 1064 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to remodel the Family Welfare Advisory Council, giving it wider scope, strengthening it and renaming it “The Family Welfare Council”, making it responsible to the Minister for Community Welfare Services, with appropriate sub-committees, which will submit a report annually to the Minister, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1065 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in not deferring recommendations in the Report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976 which can be implemented with only minor legislative change while the legislation is under more rigorous review.
- 1066 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to the answer to question No. 854 given on 10 March 1981:
- 1 What monitoring of the sale and use of prostaglandins is carried out.
 - 2 Whether there have been any allegations or evidence that prostaglandins have been sold or used in breach of Schedule 7 to the *Poisons Act* 1962.
 - 3 Whether the sale or use of any prostaglandins have been investigated; if so, whether any breaches of Schedule 7 have been detected.
 - 4 What action has been taken on any apparent breaches of Schedule 7 in respect of prostaglandins.
- 1067 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in instituting formal Children’s Court proceedings against alleged offenders only when the facts of innocence or guilt are in dispute, when alleged offences are serious, or when the child’s pattern of behaviour or his family’s situation indicates that something more than a warning may be appropriate, as recommended in the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1068 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether evaluation has taken place of the effectiveness of the warning system so that consideration can be given to the introduction of juvenile aid panels as recommended in the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1069 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that the police warning system is embodied in legislation and implemented statewide as a means of dealing with minor offenders, as recommended in the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1070 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in respect of the re-examination of provisions for defining and initiating action in respect of children who misbehave and offend, such examination having been part of a legislative review recommended in the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1071 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made by the Department of Community Welfare Services in respect of each of the aspects of the recommendation contained in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976 that the *Community Welfare Services Act* 1970 and the *Children’s Court Act* 1973 be reviewed by a committee comprising both legal and welfare specialists, having regard to the guidelines set out

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elsewhere in the report that there should also be a continuing body with responsibility for on-going review and that consideration be given to including the *Adoption of Children Act 1964* in this legislative review.

- 1072 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in the interest of efficiency and coherence in the State welfare field, what consideration has been given to appointing all social workers in State Government employment to the Department of Community Welfare Services as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.
- 1073 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 To what extent each Regional Centre has been delegated a high degree of autonomy as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.
 - 2 To what extent an even level of services is provided at each Regional Centre and to what extent reasonably uniform decision-making is achieved throughout the State, as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.
- 1074 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in respect of the assumption of responsibility for the immediate and long-term development of preventive programmes by the Department of Community Welfare Services, as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.
- 1075 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in respect of the systematic implementation by the Department of Community Welfare Services of the provisions under sections 5 and 13 of the *Community Welfare Services Act 1970*, as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.
- 1076 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether the Government has received the recommendations contained in the report by the National Women's Advisory Council entitled "My Child Was Born Disabled"; if so—(a) to which Ministers the recommendations have been referred; (b) whether the recommendations have been considered by Cabinet; and (c) what decisions have been taken.
- 1077 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Forests, further to the answer to question No. 692 given on 9 December 1980, what grass and bush fires were suspected by the Forests Commission of Victoria to have been deliberately lit, spread from fires allegedly lit in breach of the regulations or other fire restrictions and spreading from fires allegedly lit in prohibited periods and on days of acute fire danger notified under the *Forests Act 1958* in the 1979–80 and 1980–81 seasons, indicating in each case the date and place the fire was detected.
- 1078 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Further to the answer to question No. 692 given on 9 December 1980, what grass and bush fires were suspected by the Country Fire Authority to have been deliberately lit, spread from fires allegedly lit in breach of the regulations or other fire restrictions and spreading from fires allegedly

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lit in breach of total fire bans proclaimed under the *Country Fire Authority Act* 1958 in the 1979-80 and 1980-81 seasons, indicating in each case the date and place the fire was detected.

- 2 What fires have been investigated by the police since 25 November 1980, indicating in each case—(a) what charges have been laid; (b) what convictions have been obtained, indicating the penalty imposed in respect of each charge proven; and (c) what charges have been withdrawn and what charges have been dismissed.

1079 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether the Government has accepted the recommendations contained in the report by the National Women's Advisory Council entitled "My Child Was Born Disabled" to—(a) cause modification to all public transport to ensure that disabled persons and their families can carry essential equipment; (b) remove physical barriers to the travel of disabled persons to enable them to travel as freely as non-disabled persons; (c) provide such facilities as—(i) entrances without steps in all public buildings; (ii) kerbless parking areas with sufficient space beside the vehicle to allow movement into and out of a wheelchair; (iii) a contributable transport scheme either as a taxi co-operative system or government-subsidized taxi service for disabled persons; and (iv) unisex toilets for disabled adults for those disabled people who cannot use toilets without assistance; if not, why.

1080 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works whether the Government has accepted the recommendation contained in the report by the National Women's Advisory Council entitled "My Child Was Born Disabled" to provide such facilities as entrances without steps in public buildings; if not, why.

1081 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to the answer to question No. 907 given on 10 March 1981, whether the Health Commission will seek statutory standards for such products in respect of nutritional value and cholesterol content with such standards used for normal testing programmes; if not, why.

1082 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many train derailments have occurred in the first six months of this financial year, and where they have occurred.

1083 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:

- 1 What land purchases were made by the Housing Commission during 1980.
- 2 Whether any purchases were made in excess of the Valuer-General's valuation.

1084 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what amount has been collected in oil royalties in each of the past five years.

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1085 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in respect of the Premier's 1976 election policy speech indicating that Urban Land Authority funds should be used to bring down the initial cost of land by about two-thirds, by permitting the cost of the services to be paid over a period:

- 1 What steps have been taken to implement the policy, indicating the date of each such step.
- 2 What further action will be taken to implement the policy, indicating the date by which it will be completely put into effect.

- 1086 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, further to the answer to question No. 379 given on 11 March 1981:
- 1 Whether there are any additional figures available, indicating the proportion of students commencing secondary education in each region—
(a) leaving at the minimum age; (b) leaving school after completing year 10; (c) leaving school after completing year 11; and (d) leaving school after completing year 12; if so, what are the details.
 - 2 Whether figures similar to those provided in the answer are available for each category of Government and non-Government schools respectively; if so, what are the details.
- 1087 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps have been taken to ensure that ethnic groups are represented on important committees and advisory councils in the child and family welfare field, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1088 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure the greater use of carefully selected and trained volunteers, especially in implementing Supervision Orders and other activities requiring direct contact with families and children, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1089 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the Department of Community Welfare Services has adopted the general principle that the State should retain final responsibility for children in its care even if the actual services are carried out by the voluntary agencies, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1090 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what attempts have been made to ensure that voluntary agencies play an integral part in policy development and service delivery especially through consultative and other councils and committees established by State authorities, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1091 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether negotiations have begun with the Commonwealth Government to ensure that all Commonwealth funding for child and family welfare organizations are channelled through the State Government even if the general areas in which funds are to be expended are determined at Federal level, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1092 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that improved interpreter services are made available when non-English-speaking clients are dealing with welfare organizations, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1093 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in ensuring that aboriginal and other ethnic groups are given a voice when major decisions are made about children of their own group, and that any special, relevant, cultural factors be considered when decisions are made, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1094 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether compulsory maintenance payments by parents of children in the care of the Department of Community Welfare Services have been abolished, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.

1095 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 What progress has been made by the Department of Community Welfare Services in making available temporary emergency care facilities for children as a form of positive assistance, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 2 Whether he accepts the principles that such temporary care should be provided as part of an overall assistance programme for the family, that it should be provided with adequate safeguards to avoid abuse and that it should not involve the State in accepting a guardianship role.
- 3 Whether consideration has been given to contracting out such a temporary care serve as recommended in the report of the Committee.
- 4 Whether minor legislative changes will be introduced to allow Reception Centres to be used for this purpose, as recommended in the report of the Committee.

1096 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 What action has been taken by the Department of Community Welfare Services to promote the development of a series of community-based remedial facilities for children who offend or misbehave, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 2 Whether consideration has been given to making attendance at such centres an option specifically stated in legislation, as recommended in the report of the Committee.

1097 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 What measures have been taken to encourage magistrates to use supervision orders more frequently and to ensure that appropriate staffing and support resources are made available to enable orders to be implemented adequately, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 2 Whether magistrates are being kept up to date on the resources available in the child and family field, as recommended in the report of the Committee.

1098 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in using temporary foster homes as a component of decentralized pre-Court and reception facilities for children where severe problems of management or security are not likely to be encountered, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1099 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that foster care programmes operated by voluntary agencies are subject to licensing requirements and contractual arrangements in line with those which apply to voluntary children's homes, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

- 1100 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether the services required of individual agencies have been clearly formulated and arranged on a contractual basis where agencies carry out functions which are the Department of Community Welfare Services responsibility, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
 - 2 Whether attempts have been made to draw up the contracts directly between the Department and the agencies; if not, why.
- 1101 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether the system of open-ended approval of children's homes has been replaced with a system of fixed-term licensing, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
 - 2 Whether licensing requirements now apply to all residential child care agencies and other family welfare agencies which have a component of providing care for children apart from their families, as recommended by the Committee; if not, why.
- 1102 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the composition of the Adoption Conference has been expanded to include representatives of those professions involved in the adoption field and adopting parents and people who have themselves been adopted, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1103 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken by the Department of Community Welfare Services to ensure that where dispensation of parents' consent to adoption is being sought, judicial decisions do not result in children being deprived of the opportunity for a permanent family home, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1104 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether consideration has been given by the Department of Community Welfare Services to establishing a more adequate system of subsidies for approved adoption agencies, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1105 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the Government intends to implement the recommendation that a system of adoption subsidies be developed to enable more lower income families to adopt children and that subsidies be available to all families who adopt children with special needs, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if so, when.
- 1106 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What progress has been made in implementing the twelve-monthly mandatory reviews of Wards and other children in substitute care as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

- 2 Whether machinery has been set up to ensure that the reviews are carried out; if not, why; if so, whether they are being carried out by a joint committee of the Department of Community Welfare Services and voluntary agencies' representatives, and the inclusion of one representative of the agency caring for the child, where applicable, and on a regional level, as recommended in the report of the Committee.
- 3 Whether administrative procedures have been devised to ensure that children and families who require closer attention are the subject of more frequent review, as recommended in the report of the Committee.
- 1107 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the Government has developed training schemes for foster parents and ensured that experienced staff are available at all times for supervision and support, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1108 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to implement the recommendation that, as a matter of principle, only the Court and the Director-General of the Department of Community Welfare Services should continue to have power to alter a child's legal status, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1109 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the Government intends that foster parents be more realistically reimbursed for their services, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1110 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether appeal provisions have been made available for children admitted by the decision of the Director-General of Community Welfare Services under section 35 (1) of the *Community Welfare Services Act 1970*, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria; if not, why.
- 1111 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether a wider range of options, including short-term admission to State residential care without change of guardianship or power to require children to attend non-residential remedial programmes has been made available to the Children's Court and appropriate supporting facilities developed, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1112 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What action has been taken to ensure that in the first instance and irrespective of the mode of admission, Community Welfare Services guardianship should not be for a period exceeding twelve months, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 What action is intended in implementing the recommendation that following the initial twelve-month period, longer-term guardianship be entered into only as a last resort if a careful assessment of children and their families indicates that this is the least harmful option for the child or is necessary to protect society, as stated in the report of the Committee.

- 1113 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether children are now being legally represented in their own right when the Court considers making a decision which would alter the child's legal status, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 Whether the recommendation that legal aid be made available if, for any reason, it appears to the Court that it is in the child's interest, has been adopted.
 - 3 Whether the Department of Community Welfare Services working in conjunction with the Public Solicitor's Office of the Law Department provides legal representation, as recommended in the report of the Committee.
- 1114 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that human dignity is maintained by recommending a number of changes both in Children's Court proceedings and in the physical surroundings in which they take place, as set out in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1115 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what procedures have been adopted to ensure that the respective roles of police and staff of the Department of Community Welfare Services in respect of children are clarified at inter-departmental level, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1116 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services when—(a) he intends to use his powers under section 32 of the *Community Welfare Services Act 1970* to authorize the Department's officers to intervene where children are alleged to be improperly treated and to enter premises under warrant as a last resort after other actions have failed; and (b) police involvement in child protection proceedings will be phased down, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1117 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what steps have been taken to ensure that the teaching on human relationships is expanded in tertiary education establishments as well as in primary and secondary schools, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1118 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what attempts have been made by the Department of Community Welfare Services to implement the recommendation to maintain an on-going public education and information campaign to make the community aware of the stresses which modern life imposes on individuals and families and to the means through which help may be obtained, as outlined in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1119 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps have been taken in collaboration with the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation and the Education Department to expand the use of school premises after school hours, at weekends and in holidays, to provide recreation programmes for children and parents, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

- 1120 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether any progress has been made in developing and progressively implementing throughout the State, a comprehensive family welfare programme which will marshal all resources of statutory, voluntary and local government agencies to provide a full range of family developmental services, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1121 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in developing preventive programmes in a metropolitan and a country region to provide a range of basic supportive services, as set out in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976, indicating whether the effectiveness of these programmes have been fully evaluated as a guide for future development in other regions, as recommended in the report of the Committee.
- 1122 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what attempts have been made to ensure that research and data collection in the Department of Community Welfare Services and in other parts of the welfare field are improved, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1123 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in implementing the recommendation that contracts with residential care organizations stipulate all aspects of service required, not only accommodation and provision of physical care, and that the system of licensing and contracting with voluntary agencies involve close consultation with the Department of Community Welfare Services to enable the voluntary agencies to improve and refine the services and facilities they provide, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

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- 1124 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what proportion of total pay-roll tax receipts was paid by rural industry in the last financial year, indicating the proportion paid by the fruit industry.
- 1125 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Employment and Training how many approved applicants for apprenticeship in each trade were unable to undertake training at the commencement of 1981, indicating how many were girls.
- 1126 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Employment and Training how many indentured apprentices are females, indicating the trades in which they are employed.
- 1128 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what amount the Government has spent during each of the past five years on metropolitan roads and country roads, respectively, indicating the proportion spent on—
(a) construction; (b) maintenance; (c) wages and salaries; (d) traffic management; and (e) protection of future options.
- 1130 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what revenue was collected at each station on the Upfield railway line during each of the months of September to December 1980.
- 1133 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer whether he has received any submission seeking supplementary funds to maintain the inspection activities of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; if so—
(a) on what date he received the submission, indicating its source; and
(b) what action has been taken.

- 1134 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the White Paper on Strategies and Structures for Education in Victorian Government Schools as related to Technical Schools:
- 1 How they will be administered.
 - 2 Whether staff will remain at a ratio of 1 to 14.
 - 3 Whether schools will be equipped to present standards.
 - 4 How corporate management groups will operate.
- 1135 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the White Paper on Strategies and Structures for Education in Victorian Government Schools:
- 1 Whether the curriculum of technical schools will remain different from high schools.
 - 2 Whether there will be a core curriculum for all post-secondary schools.
 - 3 What changes will be made to methods of transfer between technical and high schools.
 - 4 What is the situation in relation to trade teachers whose present qualifications may not allow them to have secondary registration.
 - 5 What is the present situation in the northern region in relation to the 2000 apprentices who were turned away and whether the situation is likely to improve.
 - 6 What is the situation regarding the Coburg School of Textiles and the proposed forced transfer to Warrnambool.
- 1136 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the White Paper on Strategies and Structures for Education in Victorian Government Schools as related to current Education Department policy, what is the position concerning upgrading of programmes in the special needs component which have been cut back at the Glenroy Technical School.
- 1137 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the White Paper on Strategies and Structures for Education in Victorian Government schools as related to the concept of school based autonomy, how the northern region will be involved in view of the fact that basic decisions will be made at Head Office on such matters as funding large expenditure items, staffing and building.
- 1138 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the White Paper on Strategies and Structures for Education in Victorian Government Schools as related to the unavailability of emergency teachers, whether there is a likelihood of increased funding to maintain normal school activities such as camps and excursions.
- 1139 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the electrification of the Werribee railway line:
- 1 In what year funds were first allocated, indicating the purposes for which they were to be used and the year in which it was then proposed that electrification would be completed.
 - 2 What funds were allocated in each year to date, indicating the amount expended and purpose for which they were to be used.

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- 3 When it was decided that the commencement of electrified services would coincide with the northern loop of the Melbourne underground rail loop coming into service, indicating what immediate effect that decision had on the date for the introduction of such services.
- 4 When it is now expected that electrified services will be introduced.
- 5 What are the reasons for the announced deferral of the commencement of electrified services until late 1982, indicating in relation to each reason, the facts used to substantiate the reason.

Notices received on 18 March 1981

- 1146 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received correspondence and a submission from the Town Clerk, City of Fitzroy, concerning the redirection of funds from the de Paul Centre to the Fitzroy Community Health Association; if so, what action he proposes taking in relation to the correspondence and submission.
- 1147 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health which State Institutions are using the contraceptive “Depo-Provera” indicating on what basis and whether he will make a statement on its safety or otherwise and, if not, why.
- 1148 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Which institutions are using the contraceptive “Depo-Provera” indicating on what basis.
 - 2 What consultations on its safety have occurred and with whom.
- 1149 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 In respect of district nursing services at the Kyneton District Hospital, what has been the increase in the last three years, and what is the expected requirement for this year.
 - 2 How many nurses are employed, and what allowance is made for the size of the area to be covered.
 - 3 What is the Kyneton Hospital’s priority rating for the appointment of an additional nurse or nurses, and when it is expected that such an appointment will be made.
- 1150 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, in respect of the studies by British consultants engaged to investigate certain aspects of a nuclear project:
- 1 What is the name of the firm of consultants.
 - 2 What was the date on which the consultants were—(a) engaged; and (b) commenced their investigation.
 - 3 What were the terms of reference specified to the consultants.
 - 4 What fee has been or is to be paid to the consultants and how was the fee determined.
 - 5 What source or sources of nuclear fuel have been considered.
 - 6 What type or types of nuclear power station have been considered.
 - 7 What manner or manners of treatment, disposal and/or reprocessing of spent fuel and other radioactive wastes have been considered.
 - 8 What capital and operational costs other than the on-site cost of nuclear power stations have been considered.
 - 9 What environmental implications have been considered.

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- 10 What changes to Victorian and Commonwealth legislation which would affect a nuclear power station have been considered.
 - 11 On what date or dates the consultants—(a) were required to report; and (b) have reported or are expected to report.
- 1151 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What was the content of his submissions to the Treasurer for funding of private adoption agencies, operated by the Catholic Family Welfare Bureau, the Anglican Church through the Mission of St James and St John, the Uniting Church Child Care Services, the Lutheran Church and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.
 - 2 What was the response of the Treasurer to his submissions.
 - 3 What is the Government's continuing commitment to these agencies.
 - 4 Whether he will provide comparative costs for the Adoption Section of the Department of Community Welfare Services and for private adoption agencies.
 - 5 Whether he is aware of the enormous discrepancies between the present offer for funding to each of the three first-mentioned agencies in part one and the funds provided for departmental agencies.
- 1152 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What action has been taken to ensure the continuance of employment of hospital officers at Pentridge Prison Hospital.
 - 2 Whether he intends to direct the Correctional Services Division to advertise vacant positions for hospital officers in prisons; if so, when.
 - 3 What action he intends taking to ensure that acting hospital officers have the opportunity to participate in familiarization programmes, thus giving them the opportunity to seek secure permanent employment.
 - 4 Whether he has decided to disregard the memorandum of 23 February 1979 from Dr John Wolstenholme to the Director of Correctional Services in respect of prison hospital officer requirements for Pentridge Hospital and the Jika Jika High Security Unit; if so, why, and what effects staffing cutbacks will have on the functioning of the hospital and the high security unit.
 - 5 What changes to prescribed insignia have recently been required for various ranks of hospital attendants and whether this change represents any change of rank for hospital attendants; if so, what are the reasons for such insignia changes, and for changes in rank.
- 1154 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Employment and Training, further to the answer to question No. 50 given on 16 September 1980 concerning the Youth Guarantee Fund, whether he will make available to the Member for Brunswick the letter that was forwarded to the Secretary of the Department of Employment and Youth Affairs, together with subsequent correspondence and whether he will provide details on the current situation of the Fund.
- 1155 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the proposed closure of the Upfield railway line, what studies of—(a) necessary economic and social issues; and (b) cost benefit analysis have been carried out, or are being carried out, specifying the researches involved and whether the result of such studies will be made available to the public.

Notices received on 19 March 1981

- 1156 **MR SKEGGS**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether there has been a departmental assessment of the effect on the environment, traffic density and rail freight arising from proposed deregulation of trucks; if so, what are the details.
- 1157 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of public dental services:
- 1 What is the Health Commission's basis for allocating public dental services to non-metropolitan areas specifying the number of public dentists required for particular population groups.
 - 2 What public dental services are available in the Geelong area, and what steps are proposed to increase the availability of such services to Geelong residents.
- 1158 **MR FORDHAM**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What was the actual staff ceiling in each of the Primary, Technical and Secondary teaching divisions at 1 March 1981, excluding teachers on leave.
 - 2 What was the staff establishment in each of the Primary, Technical and Secondary teaching divisions at 1 March 1981, excluding teachers on leave.
 - 3 When the Government plans to bring about equality between the staff ceiling and the staff establishment in each of the Primary, Technical and Secondary teaching divisions.
- 1159 **MR STIRLING**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works whether a contract has been awarded to an overseas company to construct a wharf at Shelly Beach, Williamstown; if so, what is the purpose of the new wharf.
- 1160 **MR ERNST**—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what funds or guarantee of funds the Government is providing for the development of the Geelong central business district indicating for what projects.
- 1161 **MR ERNST**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in relation to parking facilities at the Geelong railway station:
- 1 Whether there are any plans to extend the railway car park to overcome the limited car parking spaces available at present; if so, when construction will commence.
 - 2 Whether he will give consideration to drawing up plans and constructing an overpass or an underpass from the parking area to the railway station.

Notices received on 24 March 1981

- 1164 **MR KIRKWOOD**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Whether he will ascertain and advise how many other States in Australia apply the rule for vehicles turning left to give way, as in Victoria.
 - 2 What steps will be taken to have uniform road laws in Australia.
- 1168 **MR FOGARTY**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture:
- 1 Whether Countryside Meats Pty Limited, Donald, now in receivership, owe the Department of Agriculture an amount of money in respect of inspection fees and other charges; if so—(a) what is the total amount

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owed and over what period; (b) what action the Government has taken to recover the outstanding amounts; and (c) on what date the action was taken.

- 2 Whether the Government authorized a number of carcass classification trials at the Countryside Meats works at Donald; if so—(a) on what date; (b) on what dates the trials commenced and ceased; (c) what was the result of the trials and whether the Government paid for the plant and machinery used at the trials; and (d) what was the cost of the trials against the Government, indicating where the machinery is now stored for safekeeping.
- 1169 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what are the statistics for the various categories of armed hold-ups reported in 1980.
- 1170 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, when an answer will be provided for question No. 933 asked on 10 December 1980 concerning admission criteria to Echuca technical school.
- 1171 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply:
- 1 When repairs to the exterior of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works' offices in Little Collins Street were commenced.
 - 2 What has been the cost for each year to date and what is the expected total cost.
- 1172 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 What amount is currently held in the Firearms Training Fund.
 - 2 When the last distribution of money from this fund was made, indicating the name and address and the amount paid to each club.
- 1174 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what are the current Housing Commission criteria for deferring increased escalating interest repayments, indicating whether the higher interest is waived at some point of time, and in what circumstances.
- 1175 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in relation to Housing Commission land at Melton:
- 1 When the land was bought, indicating the total price, the price per hectare and the area.
 - 2 What are the holding and interest charges to date, including this financial year, indicating the amounts in each case.
 - 3 Whether any land has been sold; if so, what is the area concerned and the price paid for such land.
 - 4 What are the current plans for the development of this land, indicating the expected starting date and timetable.
- 1176 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether persons sentenced between 1961 and 1974 are disadvantaged compared with persons sentenced before or after that period.
 - 2 What action is proposed to provide justice to those prisoners sentenced between 1961 and 1975 who are serving long and very long sentences with minimum terms of twenty years or more, even with remissions allowable.

3 How many prisoners are serving long commuted sentences of 25 to 30 years minimum terms.

4 How many of such prisoners are considered suitable for release.

5 Whether the length of their sentences will be brought into line with other life sentences; if not, why.

1177 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

1 How many women serving a court sentence at Fairlea Female Prison have children, indicating the number of children involved.

2 How many hours women are allowed to spend with their children each week.

3 What special arrangements are made for those women who have children and are serving a court sentence at the prison.

1178 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

1 What rights prisoners at Fairlea Female Prison have to see a visiting doctor when refused access by the supervising sister.

2 What documented evidence is available to show the number of requests by prisoners at the prison to consult a doctor which have been refused.

1179 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

1 Whether medical care is provided on a twenty-four hour basis, seven days a week, at Fairlea Female Prison.

2 Whether prisoners at the prison have the right to choose their own medical practitioner, psychologist or psychiatrist.

3 Whether prescribed medical drugs are at all times supervised and administered by trained medical personnel at the prison.

1180 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

1 Whether the hospital facilities at Fairlea Female Prison meet with the minimum requirements of the Health Commission.

2 When the hospital at the prison was last inspected by the Health Commission.

3 When—(a) the kitchen; (b) the laundry; and (c) the dormitories, at the prison were last inspected by the Health Commission and whether they met with the minimum requirements.

1181 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

1 How many Attendance Centres there are in Victoria.

2 What is the total number of offenders supervised at Centres in Victoria, indicating how many of these offenders are women.

1182 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

1 What are the figures relating to staff turnover at Fairlea Female Prison over the past five years.

2 What is the current staffing complement at the prison, indicating whether this complement is considered to be full strength.

3 What is the current salary relating to the various grades of prison officers employed at the prison.

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4 What was the average number of overtime hours worked by each prison officer at the prison for the years 1978-79 and 1979-80.

5 What overtime rates are paid to prison officers.

6 Whether prison officers employed at the prison are given first aid instruction during any part of their training.

1183 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

1 What evidence is available to show that the work undertaken by the prisoners at Fairlea Female Prison prepares them for further employment.

2 What provisions are made for pre-release leave, day leave and weekend leave at the prison in order to prepare women for their eventual release.

3 How many women were released from the prison during the period 1978-79 and 1979-80, indicating how many have had work arranged for them by the Commonwealth Employment Service or other agencies on their release.

4 What procedures are adopted at the prison to evaluate the effectiveness of the educational and vocational programmes, indicating whether these results are available for public scrutiny.

1184 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

1 Whether women in Fairlea Female Prison are accommodated according to age and nature of offence.

2 What is the breakdown of age and offence of each woman serving in Wing 1, Wing 2A, Wing 2B and the Cottages, respectively.

1185 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

1 What is the purpose in restricting prisoners' outward mail at Fairlea Female Prison to three letters per week.

2 Whether he could ascertain and inform how many letters per week are permitted to be written by prisoners detained in women's prisons in New South Wales and South Australia.

3 Whether it is necessary for women detained at Fairlea Female Prison to write their personal letters on Fairlea stationery; if so, why.

1186 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

1 What is the maximum wage a prisoner can earn at Fairlea Female Prison.

2 Whether he could ascertain and inform how this figure compares with the earnings of those women in similar institutions in New South Wales and South Australia.

1187 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

1 What kind of activities, care and supervision is involved in the Fairlea Female Prison Drug Rehabilitation Programme.

2 What evidence is available to show that this programme is effective.

1188 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether it is an offence for a prisoner at Fairlea Female Prison to make what is considered to be an unfounded complaint to—(a) a Visiting Justice; and (b) the Ombudsman.

- 1189 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether staff and the prison population at Fairlea Female Prison have meetings for the purpose of discussing problems that may arise from certain types of behaviour, attitudes and regulations that may aggravate smooth running of prisons; if so, how often these meeting are held.
- 1190 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What is the cost per week for the Government to detain a woman at Fairlea Female Prison.
 - 2 What has been the total number of prisoners detained at the prison since 1975 and of this number how many are recidivists.
 - 3 What is the maximum and minimum time respectively served by a woman serving a sentence at the Governor's pleasure at the prison.
- 1191 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether the Government has made application to the Commonwealth Government for an allocation of money from the Fishing Industry Research Trust Account during the past five years; if so, what was the nature of the application and what grant was made from the Trust in each of the past five years.

Notices received on 25 March 1981

- 1192 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer whether he will lay on the table of the library all relevant files concerning the proposed major legal action being contested by a vending machine company and George Adams and the Treasurer or Premier; if not, why.
- 1193 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer, with reference to the imposition of a levy on suburban rail fares to provide funds for the Melbourne Underground Rail Loop Authority:
- 1 What annual revenue has been raised by the levy.
 - 2 What have been the yearly contributions to the Authority by the Victorian Railways Board.
- 1195 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 On what conditions the Fisheries and Wildlife Division issues permits to people to trap native birds.
 - 2 What is the estimated number of native birds trapped annually.
 - 3 Whether the Division supports the industry of trading in Australian fauna.
 - 4 Whether the Division has investigated any possible cruelties in trapping; if so—(a) what is the estimated mortality rate after the birds have been trapped; and (b) what findings have been made concerning cruelty in confining in close solitary confinement a bird that has flown free as a species for fifty years or more.
- 1196 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether the Health Commission inspects native birds taken by professional trappers for psittacosis, a contagious disease that can be communicated to human beings.
- 1197 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Property and Services:
- 1 How many marriages were performed in the electoral district of Oakleigh in each of the past five years, indicating for each year the—(a) number;

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- and (b) percentage where the celebrant was—(i) a minister of a recognized religious denomination; (ii) the official registry; (iii) a civil celebrant.
- 2 What was the number and percentage of marriages in each year where the—(a) bride; and (b) groom were—(i) under 20 years of age; (ii) 20–25; (iii) 26–30; (iv) 31–35; (v) 36–40; (vi) 41–45; (vii) 46–50; and (viii) over 50.
- 1198 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, how many prosecutions have been launched under section 3 of the *Litter Act 1964*.
- 1199 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the hospital building programme for the financial year 1980–81:
- 1 Which works were to be carried out or planned in Victorian hospitals, specifying in each case—(a) the hospital and the proposed work; (b) the stage this work is expected to reach by the end of the financial year; and (c) the expected expenditure this financial year.
- 2 Which works were paid for from 1980–81 loan funds and which works are being constructed using bank loans or overdrafts to be repaid in future financial years.
- 1200 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, concerning the implementation of the *Health (Fluoridation) Act 1973*:
- 1 What supplies have now been fluoridated, indicating the date fluoridation commenced and the number of people served by the particular supply.
- 2 Which water supply authorities have still not implemented the Act and what steps are being taken by the Government and the Health Commission in respect of each one of these Trusts.
- 1201 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of personnel working at 555 Collins Street, what arrangements exist for people not directly on the Health Commission's payroll, namely hospital and community health centre staff, to work at the Commission and how many such people are currently engaged in such exchange.
- 1202 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the review of the Early Childhood Development Programme announced by the Assistant Minister of Health in 1978:
- 1 What were the terms of reference of the review.
- 2 Who conducted the review.
- 3 When the review was completed and when copies of the report will be made public.
- 1203 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in relation to the Goonawarra Estate at Sunbury:
- 1 What is the number of lots pre-selected by builders as part of a builders purchase agreement, indicating the nature and terms of the agreement and whether the agreement legally contracts a sale.
- 2 What is the current estimated profit or loss on each block of land sold.
- 3 How many people are permanently employed, indicating their job, both at Sunbury and in the City or elsewhere, and the costs involved.
- 4 What is the total cost of the television advertising campaign this year, and the total cost to date of all advertising.

1204 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:

- 1 On what information he based his advice to Mr Max Dowsey of Werribee that all children from Werribee and surrounding districts for whom pre-school education was sought during 1981 have been accommodated.
- 2 Whether in 1979, sixteen children and in 1980, twenty children wanting pre-school education could not be allotted places.
- 3 What reasons there are for one child in every twenty-seven in the Werribee district receiving referred enrolment whereas the Victorian average is one child in every 136.
- 4 When a capital grant will be made for the proposed Kookaburra Avenue pre-school and infant welfare centre.

Notices received on 26 March 1981

1205 MR CRABB—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services how many—(a) injuries; and (b) deaths resulted from road accidents involving—(i) semi-trailers; and (ii) trucks over four tonne capacity, in each of the past ten years and how many of these accidents occurred during school holiday periods.

1206 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Property and Services, concerning the operation of the *Public Records Act 1973*:

- 1 How often the Public Records Advisory Council has met.
- 2 Which departments or authorities have furnished records to the Keeper of Public Records.
- 3 On how many occasions a declaration has been made by the Minister under section 10.

1207 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken in respect of the recommendations contained within the Report "Community Services for the Portland District" prepared by the Portland and District Community Services Task Group, June 1980.

1208 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of the recommendation contained in the Report "Community Services for the Portland District" prepared by the Portland and District Community Services Task Group, June 1980, what action has been taken to appoint a policewoman to be stationed permanently in Portland.

1209 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to persuade the Department of Social Security to open a permanent office in Portland, indicating the results of such representations.

1210 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken in respect of the request from the Portland and District Community Services Task Group for an extraordinary input of Family and Community Services funding to develop new programmes in Victoria.

1211 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Premier what action has been taken to honour his commitment of 7 January 1981 to provide an immediate grant of \$7000 for emergency relief in the Portland District, indicating when the grant will be forwarded to the appropriate relief agencies.

Notices received on 31 March 1981

- 1212 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What is the status of the document "Social Effects of the Portland Smelter" commissioned by the Glenelg Regional Centre of the Department of Community Welfare Services for the information of the Portland and District Community Services Task Group.
 - 2 Whether this document is a substitute for the Social Impact Study which was to have been handled by the urban geographer of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, Dr Peter Newtown, but which has now been abandoned by decision of the Ministerial Council.
- 1213 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware that persons dependent on heart pacemakers are in danger when in the vicinity of micro-wave ovens; if so, whether he will take steps to ensure that warning signs are displayed at such locations; if not, whether he will acquaint himself with the position and take appropriate action.
- 1214 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 What assistance is currently being given by the State Government towards research into diabetes.
 - 2 What proposals are being considered to increase this assistance.
- 1217 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, what monitoring of pollutant levels in Cherry Lake, Altona and its tributaries, including drains, has been carried out since 1 July 1980, indicating the date and location of each sampling and the level of each pollutant detected on each occasion.
- 1218 MR BIRRELL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what has been the number of—(a) pupils on the roll; and (b) teachers on the payroll, within the Education Department in each year during the period 1976–81.
- 1219 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, of the projects currently being funded by the Transport Fund, if he will indicate in respect of each such project the amount of money required for completion of the project.
- 1220 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Property and Services what was the enrolment of each Legislative Assembly electoral district and each Legislative Council electoral province as at 31 March 1981.
- 1221 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what projects received finance from the Transport Fund in 1979–80, indicating in respect of such projects the ten highest priced projects.
- 1223 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether the proposal for a senior citizens club at Maldon is on the current list; if so, how many clubs are ahead of it in priority and when it is expected that funds will be available.
- 1224 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture:
- 1 Whether Victoria produces almost 90 per cent of Australia's exports in dairy products.
 - 2 Whether the dramatic decline in milk production will reflect upon the viability and cost structure of the Australian Dairy Corporation of which Victoria is major contributor.

3 Whether he will take steps to obtain representation on the Australian Dairy Corporation for Victoria equivalent to its percentage contribution to the export market and to achieve the scaling down of the costs and administration of the Corporation in line with depreciation in quantity of export milk products; if so, what specific steps will be taken.

1225 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in respect of the answer to question No. 2045 asked in the previous Session of Parliament in which it was indicated that the Department of Community Welfare Services was undertaking a review of family substitute care and that the result would be announced late in 1980, whether the review has been completed, and if so, why no such announcement has been made in keeping with the commitment.

Notices received on 1 April 1981

1227 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for the Arts what is the current estimated date of completion for—(a) the concert hall at the Victorian Arts Centre; and (b) theatres and spire at the north end, indicating the projected costs in each case.

1228 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, further to the answer to question No. 1028 given on 31 March 1981, what were the reasons for the Country Roads Board's examinations, other procedures and a reply taking sixteen working days, indicating—(a) the number of officers involved; (b) the estimated number of working hours involved for each officer; (c) the estimated time for which the documents lay unused pending action by each officer; and (d) the estimated time absorbed by the transmission of the documents between officers.

1229 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, further to the answer to question No. 1028 given by the Minister of Transport on 31 March 1981, what practices, procedures or other factors prevented him from—(a) advising the Shire of Melton within one week of the proclamation of the *Public Works and Services Act 1980* that he had approved funding the subject roadworks on condition only that the roadworks met normal Country Roads Board standards and requirements for works of a similar nature and that final contract costs conformed to the Country Roads Board's standard roadworks cost estimates; and (b) referring the subject plans and specifications to the Country Roads Board prior to 10 February 1981.

1230 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for the Arts, in view of the answer to question No. 626 given on 11 March 1981 and the transcript of the court case, how he relates the answer of five days delay on the concert hall and a total claimed by the builder of \$47 587 and an agreed claim figure of \$30 664 with the agreed settlement of \$1.9 million.

1231 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

1 When the Department of Community Welfare Services intends to reply to the letter dated 31 March 1980 from the Department of Social Security seeking agreement in principle for a cost-sharing arrangement for the North-West One Stop Welfare Centre, Coburg, as agreed to at a meeting between officers of the Department on 5 March 1980.

2 When the Department intends to reply to the letter from the Department of Social Security of 16 July 1980 which indicated that the Department of Social Security was leaving the Centre.

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- 3 When the Department intends to reply to the letter dated 27 October 1980, from the Policy Committee of the Centre seeking information regarding the Department's commitment to the Centre.
- 4 When the Department intends to reply to the letters dated 12 November 1980, 26 November 1980 and 2 December 1980, respectively, from the Policy Committee of the Centre seeking a reply to earlier correspondence.
- 5 What action he intends to take to ensure continuity of the N.O.W. Programme, in view of the fact that the lease option expires on 6 April.

Notices received on 2 April 1981

- 1232 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of urea formaldehyde foam insulation, whether the Health Commission has evaluated an alleged health risk; if so, what are the results of that investigation and whether any action is proposed.
- 1233 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of proposals to amend the *Hospitals Superannuation Act 1965* and in particular to allow eligible persons to take part of their pension or all of it by way of a lump sum, whether this proposal has been agreed to by the Hospitals Superannuation Board and sent to a Treasury sponsored committee; if so, when it is expected that a decision will be reached.
- 1234 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the increase in main line train derailments from 51 in 1978–79 to 82 in 1979–80:
- 1 What is the cause of this sharp increase in derailments.
 - 2 Whether he proposes positive action to upgrade those lines most seriously affected, or whether he wishes to avoid such action by line closures.
- 1235 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of the Government's aim to increase agricultural production by 25 per cent over the next ten years, whether a "small farm" problem exists in this State; if so, in what sectors of the rural economy this is most prevalent.
- 1236 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Economic Development, in respect of the Government's financial contribution to the Industrial Design Council of Australia and in view of the Government's recent promises to provide financial incentives for industries to develop research and development capacities, whether the Government intends to restore its contributions to the Council in accordance with the established \$1 for \$1 Commonwealth–State funding agreement.
- 1237 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, in respect of the River Murray Waters Agreement and the proposed amendment to extend the responsibility of the River Murray Commission to include water quality throughout the River Murray System, whether the Government has signed this agreement; if not, when it expects to do so.
- 1238 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the \$30 000 survey being conducted into the attitudes of public transport users to the recommendation to close the St Kilda line contained in the Victorian Transport Study, whether additional surveys are proposed or are presently being conducted into the proposed closure of country rail lines; if so, what is the proposed cost of such surveys.

- 1239 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Regionalization of Health Services Discussion document prepared by the Health Commission, whether he proposes to present to the House a detailed report on the responses from the community and others to the proposals contained in that report; if so, when.
- 1240 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Employment and Training whether he can advise what specific programmes have been planned to provide greater employment opportunities for the disabled in Victoria, particularly in view of 1981 being the Year of the Disabled.
- 1241 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what is the expected completion date for the construction of the trans-shipping stockyards and rail sidings at Bandiana.
- 1242 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 Whether it is the policy of VicRail to scale down its livestock transportation; if so, why.
 - 2 What is the current availability of livestock rolling stock, indicating the condition, age, and type of stock.
 - 3 Whether there are plans to replace and modernize rolling stock for the movement of livestock; if so, when the Government intends—
(a) commencing; and (b) completing the updating programme.
- 1243 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning whether he is aware that the Minister for Economic Development wrote to the Member for Werribee on 5 March 1981 in connection with the approval of expenditure in Melton as part of the Melton-Sunbury project indicating that a reply from the Minister for Planning should be received very shortly thereafter; if so, what are the reasons for the delay in making a reply and when it can be expected.
- 1244 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, further to his statements on the adjournment debate on 1 April 1981 in respect of fruit-fly control:
- 1 What evidence there is of fresh outbreaks of Queensland fruit-fly (*Dacus tryoni*) arising from adults flying 80 km.
 - 2 What distances have been recorded between new *Dacus tryoni* outbreaks arising from flights by adults and pre-existing infestations.
 - 3 Whether there is evidence that *Dacus tryoni* survived in Melbourne and Wangaratta between the summers of—(a) 1978-79 and 1979-80; and (b) 1979-80 and 1980-81.
 - 4 Whether there is evidence that *Dacus tryoni* has regularly survived between summers in parts of Gippsland, and in parts of southern New South Wales having similar climates to parts of Victoria.
 - 5 Whether papers by experts including A. Meats and M. A. Bateman have drawn attention to the valuable role of quarantine barriers such as road blocks in controlling the spread of fruit-fly including *Dacus tryoni*.
 - 6 Whether any special lures or other means of detecting the presence of Mediterranean fruit-fly (*Ceratitis capitata*) in Victoria originating from the several recent outbreaks in South Australia or other infestations have been used in Victoria; if so, where and when, indicating the dates in each case.

- 1245 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for the Arts whether he received reports before 31 December 1980 as provided in sections 17 and 18 of the *Victorian Arts Centre Act 1979*; if so, why they have not been tabled as required by section 18 of the Act and when they will be tabled; if not, what steps have been taken to require the production of the report.

Notices received on 7 April 1981

- 1246 MR BROWN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 How many current purchase and tenancy applications, respectively, are held for public housing in Wonthaggi, indicating the number of applications for—(a) lone person; (b) low rental; (c) childless couples; (d) two-bedroom family; (e) three-bedroom family; and (f) large family categories.
 - 2 What is the current provision of housing for each of these categories in Wonthaggi.
 - 3 What are the current plans for providing additional housing in Wonthaggi.
 - 4 How many spot purchase dwellings are currently planned for purchase in Wonthaggi.
 - 5 Whether the Ministry of Housing has any plans to subsidize the construction of dwellings for elderly persons in Wonthaggi with assets greater than \$9000 but less than \$25000; if so, what plans.
- 1247 MR SIMPSON—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Economic Development:
- 1 Whether he will make available all information regarding discussions between the Government and Alcoa of Australia Ltd about housing itinerant workers at Portland.
 - 2 When discussions were commenced and what arrangements were made.
- 1248 MR SIMPSON—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Economic Development:
- 1 In view of \$1.8 million having been spent by the Government on the caravan industry in Ballarat since its inception, how often the companies receiving such subsidies reported to the Government on the state of the industry.
 - 2 Whether he will make details of any such reports available and detail any mechanisms designed to make a subsidized decentralized industry accountable to the Ministry.
- 1249 MR SIMPSON—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Economic Development whether a \$3.5 million contract has been awarded to a South Australian firm ATCO to supply modular housing to Alcoa at Portland; if so—(a) when negotiations took place; (b) when the contract was signed; (c) what other companies were involved in negotiations; (d) how many jobs will be created at ATCO as a result of the Government contract; and (e) whether any steps were taken by the Government to try to persuade Alcoa to purchase such housing from Victorian companies.
- 1250 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether, as compared to 1978, the State Electricity Commission during 1980 has reduced its non-advertising sales promotion effort for appliances which use off-peak electricity; if so, whether this was done because of the tight supply situation during nights when base-load power is used to recharge pumped storages in the Snowy Mountains.
- 1251 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, further to the answer to question No. 788 given on 10 March 1981, and since 1 July 1980, whether any State Electricity Commission officer has

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originated an internal memorandum to accounting and financial staff which either defines a "duly authorized officer" for the first time or makes more restrictive some existing definition of "duly authorized officer".

- 1252 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether he will provide the Leader of the Opposition with a copy of all submissions made by the State Electricity Commission to the Committee of Inquiry into Electricity Generation and the Sharing of Power Resources in South-East Australia chaired by Sir David Zeidler.
- 1253 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, further to the answer to question No. 712 given on 10 March 1981, whether he will now provide a final figure for the adjusting hydrocarbon royalty payment owed by Esso-B.H.P. to the State, indicate when and how this debt will be repaid, release details of any agreement that no interest will be charged, and explain precisely why the adjustment does not greatly exceed the \$15 million estimate made by the then Public Accounts Committee in its Report upon the Auditor-General's Report for 1975-76.
- 1254 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy:
- 1 How many contracts for the supply of natural gas to power stations have been entered into between the State Electricity Commission and Esso-B.H.P.
 - 2 How many modifications to each such contract, whether by re-negotiation or attachment of appendices, have been made, indicating on which date each event occurred and whether any such modifications are currently under discussion.
- 1255 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether the Council of either the Town or Shire of Portland applied to the State Electricity Commission for supply of electricity to the Alcoa of Australia Ltd aluminium smelter pursuant to section 45 of the *State Electricity Commission Act 1958*; if not, why.
- 1256 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, in respect of State Electricity Commission contractors only, how many industrial disputes in the Latrobe Valley causing loss of working time have occurred during the past five financial years, indicating in each case the date, man-hours lost, duration, contractors involved, trade unions involved, and reasons.
- 1257 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether the State Electricity Commission has made any studies of the feasibility of a Latrobe Valley to Adelaide high voltage transmission line via Portland and Mount Gambier; if so, what is the likely transient stability limit on power flow capacity expressed in megawatts.
- 1258 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to question No. 464 answered on 21 October 1980, what were the terms and conditions of an offer recommended to be made to Nabalco on 28 February 1979, and an offer accepted by Alcoa of Australia Ltd on 1 March 1979.
- 1259 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether he will make available an organization chart for the Portland Ministerial Council and supporting bodies, indicating which positions are full-time and part-time and which positions are filled by seconded personnel.
- 1260 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether the Government or the State Electricity Commission will be making submissions to the Senate

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Standing Committee on National Resources Inquiry into the Bauxite, Alumina and Aluminium Industries chaired by Senator Andrew Thomas; if not, why.

- 1261 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, how many residential properties have been ordered to be sold by the Sheriff in each calendar year from 1970 to 1980, inclusive.
- 1262 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of grants for the 1981–82 financial year from the Commonwealth Government Fishing Industry Research Trust Account to the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology for the projects entitled “Fish Canning—Quality Control on New Product Development” and “The Utilization of Fish Waste as Silage”:
- 1 What are the aims and objectives of each project.
 - 2 What is the nature of any involvement in the projects by the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife or any other Victorian Government instrumentality.
- 1263 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture what recent developments have been undertaken in Victoria for the genetic development of salt tolerant plants, indicating—(a) the plant species involved; (b) the location of the research and development; (c) the funds expended from each source; and (d) the results of research and development.
- 1264 MR SIMPSON—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Economic Development, in view of the shortage of temporary housing at Portland for workers of Alcoa of Australia Ltd, whether he will make representations to Alcoa to buy caravans from the Franklin Caravan Plant which may save the jobs of at least some of the 270 workers who are to be retrenched.
- 1265 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of the Government’s objectives for agriculture in the 1980s, what increase by—(a) value; and (b) volume or mass is proposed for the production of each industry, indicating how it will be achieved.
- 1266 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, in respect of each grant for the 1981–82 financial year from the Commonwealth Government Fishing Industry Research Trust Account to continuing projects and new projects:
- 1 What is the source of funds contributed to the project from State sources.
 - 2 What will be the location or locations of the project.
 - 3 What is the designation and qualification of each officer involved in the project, indicating the proportion of the officer’s time to be devoted to the project.
 - 4 What are the aims and objectives of the project.
- 1267 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, what recent developments have been undertaken in Victoria for research into the most efficient use of irrigation water, indicating—(a) the location and nature of each research project; (b) the criteria by which efficiency has been assessed; and (c) the findings of the research in respect of the costs of irrigation and the control of salinity, respectively.
- 1268 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to question No. 464 answered on 21 October 1980, whether an offer recommended to be made to Nabalco was made; if so, on what date.

- 1269 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what are the lengths and capital costs of the third and fourth 500 kilovolt transmission lines currently being built by the State Electricity Commission from the Latrobe Valley to the Melbourne load centre.
- 1270 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy how, in view of the statement by the State Electricity Commission's Tariff Engineer during a meeting held at Monash House with the Opposition on 17 November 1980 that approximately one-sixth of total costs (over \$100 million) represent losses on briquetting operations and subsidies of various kinds, he reconciles this information with the answer given by his predecessor in answer to question No. 574 given on 21 October 1980 that under Commission tariffs no company receives any subsidy.
- 1271 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer, of the seven projects mentioned in answer to question No. 288 given on 21 October 1980:
- 1 What is the new capital expenditure for each project.
 - 2 How many persons are currently employed in the construction of each project.
 - 3 What is the estimated number of persons who will be employed in each project on completion.
 - 4 Whether any of these projects are not proceeding.

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- 1272 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to the answer to question No. 377 given by the Minister of Educational Services on 7 April 1981:
- 1 What is the name of each organization for the education of deaf children for which funding is provided by the Health Commission.
 - 2 What are the criteria for allocation of funds by the Commission.
- 1273 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 Whether the Japanese research vessel, Hoyo Maru, also acting as a commercial squid venture is operating off the Victorian coast for a four-week period ending 22 April 1981; if so—(a) how many Victorian or Australian observers are on board the ship; and (b) what confirmation is available as to size of catch and when details of research will be relayed to Australian fishermen.
 - 2 Whether the Commonwealth Government made available the sum of \$40 000 to Victoria for the employment of observers and inspectors of foreign fishing ventures in 1980–81; if so, in the absence of a joint fishing venture, how the State Government will spend the \$40 000.
- 1274 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether a serious dispute between Tasmania and Victoria exists within the fishing and allied industries relating to which State effectively controls the waters in Bass Strait as from the parallel of latitude 39° 12' south; if so, what is the Victorian Government doing to resolve the dispute.
- 1275 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to the answer to question No. 376 given on 7 April 1981:
- 1 What is the nature of each joint project being undertaken as part of the Victoria/Jiangsu sister-State relationship, indicating in each case,

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the respective Government agencies and private bodies participating, the skills, materials, technology, information and other resources contributed by each State, and the duration of the project.

- 2 What is the nature of each additional joint project now undergoing a feasibility study.

1276 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 What steps are being taken to eliminate the necessity for some boys at Baltara Reception Centre having to sleep on the floor.
- 2 Whether alternative arrangements are being planned to accommodate non-offenders in an environment separate from offenders; if not, why.
- 3 What is the staff/child ratio at the centre, indicating whether this figure is adjusted according to special needs of some residents.
- 4 How many boys have attended the centre over the past five years, indicating the average duration of stay before placement elsewhere.
- 5 How Youth Welfare Services and Early Adolescent Support Units will function to assist some of the present problems.
- 6 Whether all boys attending the centre receive Education Department schooling.

1277 MR ERNST—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, what projects in Victoria have been approved in connection with the National Water Resources Programme.

1278 MR ERNST—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, in relation to the Geelong Water Works and Sewerage Trust project for the Gellibrand Scheme:

- 1 Whether the scheme is part of the Victorian projects under the National Water Resources Programme.
- 2 Whether the project has been approved.
- 3 When funds will be made available.
- 4 What part of the project will be funded directly by the State Government.
- 5 What studies are being undertaken and funded by the State Government.

1279 MR ERNST—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:

- 1 When the investigation into the re-classification of roads in the Bellarine Shire will be completed.
- 2 Whether a copy of this report will be made available to local Members of Parliament.
- 3 Whether the Geelong-Portarlington road will be re-classified as a highway.
- 4 What plans there are for the duplication of the Geelong-Portarlington Road.
- 5 When work will commence on the duplication of the Geelong-Portarlington Road.

1280 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for the Arts:

- 1 When it is expected that the Committee of Inquiry into the Light Entertainment Industry will complete its report.
- 2 Whether the report will be made public; if not, why.

1281 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer whether, in view of recent financial losses by the clients of failed insurance brokers, it is his intention

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to introduce legislation requiring insurance brokers to immediately lodge with the appropriate insurance company premiums paid by clients with proposals as negotiated; if not, why.

- 1282 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether the Government intends to introduce an amendment to the *Motor Car Act* 1958 to allow ex-service personnel categorized as 5 (a), 5 (b) and 5 (c) in the Commonwealth Repatriation Act to claim concessions on motor registration fees.

Notices received on 9 April 1981

- 1283 **MR KIRKWOOD**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether there are any recognized health risks associated with the practice of children collecting used aluminium cans; if so, what risks and what is the potential for diseases to be contracted by children handling such cans, indicating those diseases.
- 1284 **DR COGHILL**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, further to the answer to question No. 1132 given on 8 April 1981, what was the manner in which he advised the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of the Government decision on funding on 16 March 1981 and, if it was not by letter addressed to the Association, whether advice was later confirmed by letter.

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Notices received on 14 April 1981

- 1285 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 Which unused railway stations have been leased to organizations.
 - 2 Whether any unused railway stations have been handed over to other organizations.
- 1286 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 Which VicRail capital works projects, funded in any of the past three years, will not be completed by 30 June 1981 and what is the estimated cost of completion in each case.
 - 2 Whether any of these projects will be completed in 1981–82.
- 1287 MR CRABB—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in each of the past twelve months what sums of money have been paid by—(a) VicRail; and (b) the Ministry of Transport to contractors operating bus services in lieu of rail services between—(i) Ballarat and Donald; (ii) Ballarat and Geelong; (iii) Lilydale and Healesville; (iv) Ararat and Portland; and (v) Toolamba and Echuca; and in each case how many days bus operation was involved.
- 1288 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, in respect of the decision to locate the sheet-metal facility at Brunswick Technical College:
- 1 Whether the school was informed that the facility was to be located on the Millers Rope Works site and whether meetings were held on site to commence planning.
 - 2 Whether a decision was then made to shift the location to Preston; if so, when that decision was made and by whom.
 - 3 Whether all or some of the following interested parties had approved the construction of the facility at Brunswick—(a) the Brunswick Technical School Council; (b) the Principal of the Preston Technical College; (c) the Planning Committee of the North Regional Council of Technical Education and the committee itself; (d) the Facilities Planning Committee of the State Council for Technical Education; and (e) the State Council for Technical Education; if so, why those approvals were ignored.
 - 4 On what basis the decision to relocate the facility at Preston technical college was made.
- 1289 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware of reports that there are inadequate dialysis treatment facilities in the Melbourne metropolitan area; if so, what proposals the Government has to expand dialysis treatment services.
- 1290 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 What are the current interest rates for each Victorian permanent building society for—(a) deposits; and (b) loans, indicating when the loan rate

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- last rose and what minimum borrowers must have and for what period of time to qualify.
- 2 What is the lowest, highest, and average interest rate in Victoria, indicating—(a) the society; and (b) the comparison with other States.
 - 3 Whether any building societies have ceased taking applications for housing loans, indicating the society, when the decision was taken, and the reasons.
- 1291 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what is the number of registered private day care childminding centres within the metropolitan area, indicating the name and location of each.
- 1292 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what number of qualified childcare workers have graduated from the college at Watsonia over the past five years, indicating the number of students with—(a) a one-year Certificate; and (b) a two-year Diploma.
- 1293 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether the Government has been involved in any activities of the Australia–China Council, indicating any way in which the Sister-State relationship with Jiangsu Province is related to the activities of the Council.
- 1294 MR REMINGTON—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the Adelaide–Melbourne railway line, between Ararat and Serviceton:
- 1 How many derailments have occurred in the past twelve months.
 - 2 What was the cost of track and vehicle damage respectively.
 - 3 What was the total number of days the derailments closed the line.
 - 4 What was the total period during which speed restrictions were in force after the derailments.
- 1295 MR REMINGTON—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the Ararat–Portland railway line:
- 1 How many derailments have occurred over the past twelve months.
 - 2 What was the cost in terms of track and vehicle damage respectively.
 - 3 What was the total number of days the derailments closed the line.
 - 4 What was the total period during which speed restrictions were in force after the derailments.
 - 5 How many staff are allocated to detecting track defects in the Ararat region.
 - 6 How many staff were allocated to the same duties five and ten years ago, respectively.
- 1296 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what is the designation of each position on the staff of the Knox–Sherbrooke Early Childhood Development Programme, indicating in each case, whether the position is vacant, and, if so—(a) when the vacancy occurred; and (b) when it will be filled.
- 1297 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in respect of the *Community Welfare Services Act 1978*:
- 1 Why sections 21 (3) and (4), 22, 23, 34, 53 and 57 respectively have not been proclaimed.
 - 2 When these respective sections will be proclaimed.

1298 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:

- 1 What is the current shortage of rental stock in—(a) Melbourne; (b) regional cities; and (c) country areas, indicating the extent of available rental stock in each case and the need.
- 2 What current programmes are adding to this rental stock.
- 3 What is the current policy towards selling houses, particularly in areas where there is a shortage and existing accommodation is largely flats, indicating the number sold in the past twelve months to date.

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- 7 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning whether the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works has written to him concerning the reservation for the F2 freeway, south of Bell Street, and whether the Board has written to the Brunswick City Council concerning the same matter; if so, whether he will make available to the Member for Brunswick, all files, memoranda and plans concerning this matter.
- 11 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of radiology services carried out in public hospitals on the 60/40 fee sharing agreement:
- 1 Which hospitals operate under this arrangement specifying the group practices involved, and the radiologists concerned in all such hospitals, indicating whether on a full or part time basis.
 - 2 In the case of each hospital for the years 1977–78, 1978–79 and 1979–80 and separately for the financial year to date, what income has been received by the hospital to offset the cost of providing the services to private patients.
 - 3 Whether payments have also been made in respect of radiology services for public or hospital patients; if so, what amounts in each case.
- 18 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of an investigation into hospital drug costs in Victoria announced on Friday, 28 October 1977:
- 1 Whether the investigation is completed.
 - 2 Whether a copy of the report will be made available.
 - 3 What action has resulted from the investigation.
- 25 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the proposed Eastern Suburbs Geriatric and Rehabilitation Centre planned for Burwood Highway, East Burwood:
- 1 What progress has been made in planning the Centre.
 - 2 What allocations of funds have been made to the Planning Committee in past financial years and this financial year for developing the Centre.
 - 3 Whether he will lay on the table of the Library all reports and memoranda relating to the development of this Centre.
 - 4 When it is expected that—(a) documentation will be completed; and (b) construction work will commence.
- 29 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the hospital construction and expansion programme in Victoria:
- 1 What would be the cost at current prices of building all those works and renovations which have been approved in principal and which some commitment has been made.
 - 2 Whether a list of such works will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.

- 31 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of payments to non-fulltime medical staff in hospitals during the 1978–79 and 1979–80 financial years:
- 1 What amount was paid to all visiting and sessional medical staff, specifying the categories of payment for sessional staff on call and recall.
 - 2 What is the estimate for 1980–81.
- 39 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of funds for the construction or subsidizing the construction of pre-schools:
- 1 What funds were available in the year 1979–80, specifying funds from Commonwealth sources.
 - 2 Which new or proposed pre-school centres are currently on the waiting list or have had a decision for subsidy deferred.
 - 3 Which pre-schools have had applications for extensions or alterations deferred.
- 45 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the Early Childhood Services Policy Committee, and further to question No. 92 answered on Tuesday, 11 September 1979:
- 1 What progress has been made in the evaluation of the Early Childhood Development Programme.
 - 2 Which aspects of the Programme have been examined.
 - 3 What reports and recommendations have been made by the Committee to the Chairman and/or the Minister.
 - 4 Whether copies of such reports will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 55 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 What is the composition of the advisory committee on units for cardiac surgery mentioned in answer No. 1079 given on 12 March 1980 and what are the terms of reference of the committee
 - 2 Whether the report has yet been submitted either to the Health Commission or to him; if so, whether a copy can now be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 59 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the sub-committee of the Consultative Council on Maternal and Child Health established to advise on the evaluation of the Early Childhood Development Programme, and further to question No. 95 answered on 5 July 1979:
- 1 Whether the report was submitted to the Consultative Council in August 1979; if not, when it was submitted.
 - 2 Whether the Consultative Council submitted the report to him; if so, when; if not, why.
 - 3 Whether he has yet decided to release all or part of the report as suggested in his answer of 5 July 1979; if so, to whom the report has been released and whether a copy of the report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 65 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, further to the answer to question No. 1268 given on 11 March 1980 concerning coronial autopsies:
- 1 What conditions are proposed to be laid down by the Law Department in granting permission to conduct post mortem examinations in certain cases where the death is reportable to the Coroner.

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- 2 Whether any teaching hospitals have yet availed themselves of these new arrangements; if so, which and when.
- 66 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of discussions between the Law Department and Health Commission medical officers concerning the conduct of post mortem examinations by teaching hospitals, in certain cases where the death is reportable to the coroner, what has been the result of these discussions, and whether it is expected that new arrangements may soon apply in at least one Melbourne teaching hospital; if so, which teaching hospital and when it is expected that the new arrangements will be introduced.
- 68 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health further to the answer to question No. 1226 given on 11 March 1980 concerning the rebuilding of the Police Hospital:
- 1 On what basis the Committee of Management of Prince Henry's Hospital was asked to participate in the building of the Police Hospital, either by the Hospitals and Charities Commission or the Health Commission.
 - 2 When the first request was made.
 - 3 What were the details of the arrangements.
 - 4 Whether either commission received progress reports from the hospital concerning the project; if so on what dates and whether all files and memoranda relating to this matter will be laid on the table of the Library.
- 72 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Box Hill Hospital:
- 1 How many administrative officers are employed at the Hospital.
 - 2 How many medical registrars are employed at the Hospital and how this compares with the number of accredited positions at the Preston and Northcote Community Hospital and the Western and General Hospital.
- 82 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Premier what reports have been compiled by—(a) the Anti-discrimination Bureau; and (b) the Equal Opportunity Board, in the past twelve months, indicating whether these reports will be laid on the table of the Library.
- 84 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in each of the past three financial years and the current financial year to date:
- 1 What funds have been allocated to co-operative housing societies, indicating—(a) Commonwealth funds and their source; (b) State funds and their source; (c) funds not used and carried over; (d) revolving funds; and (e) any other funds.
 - 2 What was the actual expenditure and what is the estimated expenditure for the remainder of this financial year.
 - 3 What was the proportion of funds as between co-operatives and the Housing Commission.
- 87 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, following the appointment of a Co-ordinator of Urban Land Development:
- 1 What steps have been taken to establish and monitor a data-bank for urban land production.
 - 2 What steps have been taken to extend the Preferred Development Area system to major urban areas in the country.

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- 3 What steps have been taken, or are currently under consideration, to reduce the cost of land servicing.
- 88 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what is the number of Country Roads Board houses being transferred to the Housing Commission, indicating in each case—(a) the location; and (b) whether the house is occupied and, if so, the duration of current tenancy agreement.
- 93 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in relation to the development of the Goonawarra Estate at Sunbury:
- 1 What amount has been spent on the whole project to date, indicating the expected expenditure at completion.
 - 2 What amount has been spent on the golf course to date, and what is the expected expenditure and the completion date, indicating separate items including the club house and greenkeeper's section.
 - 3 Whether the course has reticulated water and sewerage throughout; if so, what is the cost.
 - 4 How many hectares are set aside for the golf course and its surrounds, and how many for housing.
 - 5 How many house lots are expected to be yielded from the balance of the land.
 - 6 How many houses have been completed to date, and how many are in the course of construction, indicating the cost to date and the expected selling price.
 - 7 How many houses intended for public use have been completed to date, and how many are in the course of construction, indicating the cost to date and the expected selling price.
 - 8 How many house lots will be made available to—(a) private builders; (b) private persons; and (c) public housing.
 - 9 What is the average price of blocks made available to—(a) private builders; (b) private persons; and (c) public housing.
 - 10 How much the advertising campaign has cost to date, and how much it is expected to cost, indicating the source of the funds.
- 94 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what is the result of further discussions with the State Superannuation Board to determine whether loans could be made available to the general public on a longer term basis to be more acceptable to the average borrower for home loan purposes, indicating whether any money has been lent on this basis, and, in that event, how much and at what rate of interest.
- 104 **MR MATHEWS**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what is the migrant English teacher entitlement of each school in the electoral district of Oakleigh, indicating the number of migrant English teachers actually provided in each case.
- 106 **MR MATHEWS**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what is the name of each school where building plans have had to be abandoned following adoption of the core-plus policy, indicating in each case—(a) who commissioned the plans, and whether departmental approval was given; (b) whether the plans had been completed; (c) whether tenders had been called; and (d) the costs incurred.
- 111 **MR MATHEWS**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health which of the Priority List projects for 1976-77, 1977-78 and 1978-79, pursuant to the Commonwealth *Aged Persons Hostels Act 1972* and *Aged or Disabled Persons Homes Act 1974* which his predecessor itemized in his answer to the Member

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- for Brunswick on 15 March 1978 in response to question No. 20 and reported in *Hansard* at page 422, have not been finished, indicating the reason in each case.
- 121 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether the Housing Commission employs any Aborigines; if so, in what capacity.
- 123 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether he will now provide the answer on the recommendations of the report on the Victoria Police which the then Chief Secretary was unable to give the then Leader of the Opposition on 4 May 1977 in response to question No. 1461 and reported in *Hansard* at page 8728.
- 124 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what is the name of each senior citizens club for which a Commonwealth Government grant is currently being sought, indicating in each case the—(a) number on the priority list; (b) municipality; and (c) date on which application was originally made.
- 197 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning whether there is an appeal before the Town Planning Appeals Tribunal involving the Cities of Sunshine and Altona, against a permit being granted to Protean Holdings to build an abattoir at Derrimut; if so—(a) whether legal representatives acting on behalf of Protean Holdings indicated that it was the intention of that company to rationalize its operations at Derrimut; (b) what action the Government has taken to protect the commitments of Melbourne and Richmond City Councils on matters relating to the abattoirs sited on Crown land within those two municipalities; and (c) what adverse effects the permit granted by the Shire of Werribee and the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works will have on these works in addition to to Co-operative Farmers and Graziers Direct Meat Supply Ltd works, Brooklyn at a time of depleting livestock numbers and over-capitalization of the meat industry.
- 200 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, with regard to commitments made by the Government immediately prior to the last State elections:
- 1 What will be the specific opportunities for Victorian teachers of all backgrounds to visit and study in overseas countries from which our migrant population is trained, and whether the Teacher Education Division has begun consultations with ethnic communities as to how these opportunities can best meet the needs of education for a multi-cultural society.
 - 2 By what means the Government will encourage the development of an understanding attitude to migrants and the acquisition of information concerning multi-cultural education within teacher education programmes.
 - 3 With respect to the \$100 000 on a \$1 for \$1 basis with the Commonwealth Government for the development of community languages and multi-cultural education teaching materials, whether the \$100 000 will be provided only for 1979.
 - 4 Whether the amount allocated by the Commonwealth Government in 1980 and 1981 will be matched by the State Government.
 - 5 Whether the Minister of Education will guarantee that there will be adequate consultation with teacher organizations, parent organizations and ethnic communities in the development of these initiatives; if so, in what form this consultation will take place and which organizations will be consulted.

- 201 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What schools have been closed in each of the past ten years.
 - 2 What is the estimated value of each of the properties involved.
 - 3 Which of these properties have been disposed of, indicating at what price and to whom.
 - 4 What use is being made of each of the remaining properties.
- 207 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what is the—(a) student enrolment; and (b) staff allocation, of each Government school in the electoral districts of Doncaster, Ringwood and Mitcham, and how many teachers are allocated to specific remedial teaching duties in—(i) reading; (ii) mathematics; and (iii) written expression in each case.
- 209 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, with regard to the staffing position at Leongatha high school:
- 1 Why there has been a reduction for 1980 of the special needs component within the school's establishment from 1.5 to 1.2 teachers, thus forcing the school to eliminate or seriously curtail programmes designed to assist disadvantaged students.
 - 2 Why finance to provide a part-time teacher aide at the school has been withdrawn for 1980.
 - 3 Why a library assistant has not been provided for the school, despite the school's entitlement on the Education Department's own personnel schedule.
- 224 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in relation to the Wendouree High Technical School:
- 1 What is the present enrolment.
 - 2 What is the expected enrolment in 1981, 1982, and 1983.
 - 3 How many classrooms are at the school and of these how many are temporary.
 - 4 When it is expected that the already long overdue Stage 2 of the school's building programme will be undertaken.
 - 5 What additional ancillary staff are being provided in 1980 to cope with increased enrolments.
 - 6 What grounds development will be undertaken in 1980 and 1981.
- 229 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 How many individuals who taught English as a second language in the classroom in the Primary, Secondary and the Technical Divisions, respectively, were employed by the Education Department at the—(a) beginning of the 1979 school year; (b) the end of the 1979 school year; and (c) beginning of the 1980 school year.
 - 2 What are the figures of effective full-time people employed by the Education Department who taught English as a second language in the classroom in the Primary, Secondary and Technical Divisions, respectively, at the—(a) beginning of the 1979 school year; (b) end of the 1979 school year; and (c) beginning of the 1980 school year.

- 230 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 How many schools lost classroom teachers of English as a second language from the end of the 1979 school year to the beginning of the 1980 school year.
 - 2 What are the schools and how many—(a) effective full-time classroom teachers of English as a second language; and (b) individuals who taught English as a second language in the classroom, were lost to the schools in the above period.
 - 3 How many schools gained classroom teachers of English as a second language from the end of the 1979 school year to the beginning of the 1980 school year.
 - 4 What are the schools and how many—(a) effective full-time classroom teachers of English as a second language; and (b) individuals who taught English as a second language in the classroom, were gained by each of the schools in the above period.
- 236 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, further to the answer to question No. 711 given on 11 September 1979 listing secondary schools in Victoria with a Commonwealth standard library:
- 1 Whether he will review the listing of Birchip high school and Brunswick East high school as possessing such facility.
 - 2 Whether he will review the entire list and provide a new list following such review.
- 239 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, which schools in Victoria currently employ teachers aides, indicating in each case—(a) whether the appointment is full or part time; and (b) whether the appointment is funded by the Commonwealth or the Victorian Government.
- 241 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the Melbourne College of Printing and Graphic Arts:
- 1 What progress has been made by the task force established to advise the State Council for Technical Education on the needs of the college.
 - 2 What action is to be taken in response to this investigation.
 - 3 What is the current enrolment at the college.
 - 4 How many applications for apprenticeship were refused due to inadequate facilities at the college.
- 246 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education whether he will provide Members with a copy of the formula for determining teacher staffing for special needs and migrant English.
- 249 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, which schools in the Northern Region have a gymnasium.
- 250 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 How many schools in each region have a gymnasium.
 - 2 What is the percentage of schools in each region with a gymnasium.
- 251 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, which Government schools enrol only—(a) girls; and (b) boys.

- 259 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport on what projects Commonwealth funds to Victoria under the Urban Public Transport Improvement Programme were spent during each of the past five years.
- 271 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works what amount has been spent in converting more than 1000 oil-fired heaters in Government buildings in each of the past three years.
- 275 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, whether the Minister has refused to confirm the compulsory acquisition of the vacant allotment, known as Lot 7 Pleasant Street, by the City of Coburg, when this acquisition is considered desirable to further the establishment of a linear park; if so, why.
- 289 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 Whether he has investigated the heating of the Special Education Unit in Lawson Street, Fawkner.
 - 2 Whether the heating system is still operative.
 - 3 What was the cost of installation and what was the running cost during each year since installation.
 - 4 Whether the heating problems at this unit will be rectified by the winter of 1980.
- 294 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs:
- 1 How many citizenship certificates were conferred in each municipality in 1979.
 - 2 How many other citizenship certificates were conferred in private ceremonies.
 - 3 How many citizenship certificates were conferred in Victoria in 1979, indicating the nationalities of these new Australian citizens.
- 295 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs how many aliens in Victoria, sixteen years of age and over, are residentially qualified to apply for Australian Citizenship but have not done so, indicating the number of each nationality.
- 296 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning:
- 1 Whether he has received the report of the Road Planning Liaison Committee concerning the F2 reservation, south of Bell Street; if so, when he will make a decision on this matter.
 - 2 Whether he will make this report public.
- 306 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of Ruthven primary school:
- 1 When attention will be given to the lighting of eight rooms as first requested on 8 May 1978.
 - 2 When repair of damaged or subsided asphalt, first requested on 24 February 1975, will be carried out.
 - 3 When lowering of flushometers in the boys' toilets, first requested on 8 May 1978, will be carried out.
 - 4 When attention will be given to blocked drains as first requested on 17 August 1977.
 - 5 When up-grading of administrative facilities, first requested on 8 May 1978, will be carried out.

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- 6 When cyclic maintenance including external and internal painting, as first requested on 9 June 1976, will take place.
- 7 When repairs to temporary fibro-cement wall, as requested on 4 June 1976, will be carried out.

Notices received on 10 September 1980

- 348 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many Fraud Squad investigations of corporate crime have been made in each of the years from 1970 to date.
 - 2 How many arrests have been made in each particular investigation.
 - 3 What has been the total sum of money involved in each of the years from 1970 to date.
 - 4 What has been the total sums of money recovered in each of the years from 1970 to date.
- 373 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the committee appointed to examine the problems arising from appointments made by School Councils under the provisions of the *Education (School Councils) Act 1975* mentioned in the report of the Ombudsman in Case Nos. 8102, 8103, 8104, 8105 and 8107:
- 1 When the Committee was appointed.
 - 2 Who are the members of the Committee, indicating their normal positions.
 - 3 What are the terms of reference of the committee and when it is to report.
- 378 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of curriculum guides for teachers:
- 1 What is the normal frequency of publication.
 - 2 When the last guides were published.
 - 3 What funds have been provided for publishing new curriculum guides for the current period.
 - 4 When the next curriculum guides are expected to be available.
- 380 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts whether proposals have been made to the Government for the creation of a resources centre for small museums; if so—(a) which body or bodies made the proposal; (b) whether the proposal has been accepted by the Government; (c) what action has been taken to establish such a centre; (d) whether funds have been made available for the establishment of a centre; and (e) whether funds are available to assist small museums, indicating details of any such allocation.
- 381 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of position papers foreshadowed by the Town and Country Planning Board in the State Co-ordination Council Quarterly Progress Report No. 11, December 1978, paragraph 16B.4.3:
- 1 On what date each paper was or will be completed.
 - 2 Whether each paper is or will be made publicly available.
 - 3 Whether the papers, findings and recommendations represent Government policy.

386 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government:

- 1 On what date ratepayers residing in the City of Sunshine will be permitted to democratically elect councillors of their own choice to represent them at local government level.
- 2 On what date the ratepayers last democratically elected councillors for the municipality.
- 3 What is the name of each ward within the municipality and what was the number of voters registered within each ward during the last election.
- 4 Whether residential development within the municipality has since aggravated the numerical differences between each ward.
- 5 What action the Minister has taken to apply the principle one person, one vote, one value, to each ratepayer within each ward for future elections to the City of Sunshine.

Notice received on 16 September 1980

494 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether he will bring up to date the information supplied on 18 September 1974 about company investigations in response to question No. 87 recorded in *Hansard* on pages 422 and 426.

Notice received on 17 September 1980

505 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what products which include diethyl stilboestrol or chemically related substances have been approved for use in Victoria, indicating in each case—(a) the name of the product; (b) the name of the person or company in whose name it was approved; (c) the names of the active ingredients; (d) the forms in which it was approved; (e) when approval was first granted; (f) if approval was amended, when and in what way; (g) if no longer current, when approval lapsed; and (h) the uses for which it was approved.

Notice received on 18 September 1980

517 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in view of question No. 1129 first asked on 18 September 1979 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period:

- 1 What consideration he has given to the representations of the Gippsland Over Coal Land Owners Protection Council on the question of determining applications on hardship created by the Central Gippsland Interim Development Order.
- 2 In view of the considerable time which has elapsed since the Government first began to examine such hardship cases and hearing applications, what action will be taken to ensure that affected land owners are not disadvantaged by further delay.

Notices received on 23 September 1980

569 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:

- 1 Whether the police helicopter has had an engine failure; if so, whether it was necessary to purchase a spare engine.
- 2 How many accidents the helicopter has been involved in, indicating the time out of service and the cost of repairs in each case.

573 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:

- 1 What has been the total cost of the Victoria Police Airwing helicopter and accessories to date.
- 2 How many hours the helicopter has flown since acquisition, indicating the hours involved in—(a) training; (b) testing; and (c) actual police work.

575 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether the personnel winch on the police helicopter developed a fault and fired its cutting knife; if so—(a) whether the hook from the winch fell on a person's head causing injury; and (b) whether the helicopter crew refuse to operate the winch.

Notices received on 24 September 1980

585 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:

- 1 What was the cost per flying hour of the police helicopter, taking into account total moneys expended on maintenance, pilot salary and other expenses.
- 2 What costs were incurred on—(a) scheduled maintenance, including labour; and (b) unscheduled maintenance, including labour.

586 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what is the estimated amount to be budgeted for the operation of the police helicopter for the next financial year, including provision in relation to hours of flying and pilot costs.

587 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what actual number of arrests can be attributed to the use in detection work of—(a) the police helicopter; and (b) charter helicopters on police work.

588 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:

- 1 What were the number of flights made and hours flown in the police helicopter that could not have been flown in a single engine machine, excluding time engaged on instrument flight rules training.
- 2 Whether aerial work is permitted at night in single engined helicopters.

594 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Commonwealth/State programme to provide funds for elderly citizens' clubrooms, whether there is a priority list for this financial year and each of the next three financial years; if so, what is the order of the priority list.

596 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether other helicopters have been chartered for police work when the police helicopter was out of service; if so, what was the cost.

Notice received on 30 September 1980

623 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether E.C.A. Centre designs and core plus designs provide adequate access for the handicapped, including to toilet areas; if not, what action will be taken to provide adequate access.

Notices received on 1 October 1980

- 627 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts, in respect of architects and consulting fees relating to the concert hall project of the Victorian Arts Centre:
- 1 What submissions have been made by the architect or any other members concerning such fees.
 - 2 What is the normal level of fees in a major building contract and that accepted by the relevant professional body.
 - 3 What offers were made by the building committee.
 - 4 When agreement was reached, indicating the level agreed on, when the question of fees was placed before the building committee, and the minuted decision.
 - 5 Whether difficulties arose because the fee set was too low to provide an efficient service and staff.
 - 6 Whether any letters were received subsequent to the agreement on fees, indicating—(a) from whom and the dates of the letters; (b) the substance of the letters; and (c) the resulting response and decision, including the date of placement before the building committee and the minuted decision and, if not placed before the committee, why.
 - 7 Whether any decision was taken that the fees be fully resolved.
 - 8 Whether the question of fees has been fully and finally resolved; if so, by whom, when and at what level.
- 629 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts, in respect of the concert hall project of the Victorian Arts Centre:
- 1 What is the date of completion specified in the contract.
 - 2 What is the current estimated date of completion.
 - 3 What variation orders there have been as a result of—(a) weather; (b) industrial disputes; (c) lack of information and/or drawings; and (d) altering of information and/or drawings, indicating the amounts claimed in each case, whether the claims were settled and the amounts agreed upon.
 - 4 What are the details of those claims not yet settled.
 - 5 What amount was claimed in the case of Podgor Constructions, indicating—(a) the reasons; (b) the amount agreed upon, indicating the source of funds used for any payments made; (c) whether any areas of concrete formwork were erected one day and then dismantled, indicating the extra costs involved; and (d) whether these claims have been met in part or in full and, if not, why.
- 640 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the financial years since the Health Commission came into operation, and the estimate for this financial year:
- 1 What was the number, classification, and cost of staff employed in each Division.
 - 2 What is the number of staff on the pay-roll of public hospitals employed in the Health Commission for Commission purposes, specifying the classification and cost.
 - 3 What is the recurrent non-salary costs of the Commission, specifying the cost in terms of each Division.

Notices received on 21 October 1980

- 667 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 What will be the role of music education, as an established component of the curriculum, in any re-organization of education in Victoria.
 - 2 What decisions will be taken to allow for increased staffing necessary to meet the State's needs in the area of group classroom music and individual instrumental instruction.
 - 3 Whether additional funding will be made available to ensure that appropriate and adequate facilities, equipment and instruments are provided for music education.
 - 4 To what extent the Education Department will be involved in the Music 1981 festivities.
- 668 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the proposed hospital to be constructed by the Hospitals Corporation of Australia on the corner of Manningham Road and High Street, Doncaster, whether the Health Commission is aware of the extension of the building permit for the hospital; if so, whether the Commission placed the information before the Council and whether the Commission has taken any attitude towards the construction of such private hospital on that site.
- 675 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the evaluation of the Barwon Region Child Maltreatment Pilot Project:
- 1 What is the basic design of the evaluation and how it will be carried out.
 - 2 Given the long gap between the commencement of research and the original commencement of the project, whether the research effort will be hindered and how it is intended to compensate for the delay.
 - 3 Why the researcher is based in Melbourne when the project is in the Barwon Region and whether this will hinder the research.
 - 4 When it is expected that the first report will be available.
- 681 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of school dental clinics in the electoral district of Brunswick, whether on 13 March 1979, the then Minister of Health, Mr Hunt, together with the then Assistant Minister of Health, Mr Jona, issued a press statement, which promised pre-school dental clinics at the following primary schools: Brunswick, Brunswick North, Coburg West, Moreland, and facilities for mobile dental clinics at the following: Brunswick East, Brunswick South, Brunswick South West, Brunswick West, Merri, Princes Hill and Brunswick North West, as well as funds for the construction of mobile school dental clinics and vehicles and X-ray equipment for these and other clinics; if so, whether any of these clinics have been established, and in that event, where; if not, why they have not been established and what has happened to the funds.
- 682 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the day therapy area underneath the existing nursing home wing at the West Gippsland Hospital:
- 1 When the area was completed.
 - 2 When a request for staff for the area was received, specifying the staff requested.
 - 3 When it is proposed that staff will be available to operate the area.
 - 4 When it is expected that capital funds will be available to complete the interior fitting.

- 683 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what interest was earned from investments of the Trust Fund during the year 1979–80, indicating what rate of interest this represents.
- 687 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning:
- 1 When the Town Planning Appeals Tribunals were first formed.
 - 2 What is the name, address, age and qualifications of each past and present Member of the Tribunals.
 - 3 What salary is or was paid to these Members.
 - 4 How many decisions have been upheld by the Tribunals against all city and shire councils in Victoria, indicating how many appeals in respect of decisions of the City of Broadmeadows have been upheld.
 - 5 Whether he will consider and review the powers, functions and membership of the Tribunals, if not, why.
- 689 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, further to the answer to question No. 282 given on 2 October 1980:
- 1 What were the circumstances of the \$310 000 expenditure on building work at the University of Melbourne, indicating the building work concerned.
 - 2 What was the date on which the money was expended, indicating the rate of interest, the sum paid annually to provide the interest and provisions for repayment of the total sum.
- 691 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 When VicRail Investigation Officers were first appointed.
 - 2 How many officers there are at present, indicating the name, address and age of each officer.
 - 3 What are the qualifications required for appointment to this position.
 - 4 Whether officers are instructed to identify themselves when carrying out their responsibilities; if not, why.
 - 5 How many convictions have been obtained by officers in each year since inception, indicating in respect of those convictions, in how many cases it was alleged that the investigating officer had not identified himself to the offender.
- 695 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether the Interim Report of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee which was available in January 1979, was discussed in an open forum or available for public debate; if not, why.
 - 2 What were the recommendations contained in the Interim Report of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee.
 - 3 Who are the members of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee.

Notices received on 22 October 1980

- 696 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General:
- 1 Whether the Minister is aware that no funds have been paid by the Commonwealth of Australia to the State of Victoria under the provisions of section 20 of the *Commonwealth Places (Application of Laws) Act 1970* whereby reimbursement to the State of Victoria of funds paid is required.

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- 2 Whether the Minister can indicate why there has been no attempt by the State of Victoria to recover the moneys due to it, and whether he can give an estimate of the total amounts foregone by the State of Victoria owing to the failure to obtain reimbursement.
- 3 What steps are being taken after a lapse of almost eight years to effect recovery in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

702 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether any applications for funding of construction of the Maroondah hospital were made to the Commonwealth Government between 1972 and 1975, indicating in each case the—(a) date; (b) substance; and (c) response.

Notices received on 28 October 1980

711 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health which hospitals currently have renal dialysis units, specifying the size of each unit and what expansion is proposed for such units in each of the next three years.

715 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:

- 1 What is the name of the private firm granted an informal lease over part of the Preston Regional Office premises from June 1978 to May 1980, contrary to the *Audit Act* 1958 and the Public Accounts and Stores Regulations.
- 2 Why the departmental file relating to this lease was not made available to the Auditor-General upon request.

719 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:

- 1 Under what criteria organizations presently qualify for State guarantees on their bank overdrafts without the specific authority of Parliament.
- 2 Whether the State has been committed to contingent liabilities without proper authority; if so, when the practice will be abandoned.
- 3 What steps he will take to ensure that complete records are built up and properly maintained so that the Auditor-General can determine what loans have been favoured with State guarantees and the value of the consequent contingent liabilities created.
- 4 What were the dates of issue, maturity dates, interest rates and other terms and conditions attached to loans guaranteed by the Treasurer under section 95A of the *State Electricity Commission Act* 1958.

722 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer, in view of the Auditor-General's statement that the Minister of Public Works entered into \$10.28 million worth of deferred payment contracts despite a limit of \$8 million established by the Treasurer, whether he will advise what ceilings were placed on State Electricity Commission supplier credits during each of the past three financial years and to what extent the Commission has exceeded these limits.

729 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier:

- 1 Why the following trust accounts, listed as part of the Trust Fund in the Treasurer's Finance Statement 1979–80, were never listed as "opened" in any Annual Report of the Auditor-General: Fisheries Research Fund; The Licensing Fund; Fisheries Dartmouth Dam Surveys Trust Account; Greyhound Racing Clubs Fund; Motor Accidents and Insurance Premiums Suspense Account; Railway Salaries and Wages in Suspense Account 1978–79; Treasury Drawings Account No. 1; Agriculture Technical and Further Education Trust Account; Commonwealth Traffic and Road Safety Improvement Programme Trust Account; Commonwealth National

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Estate Programme Trust Account; Departmental Suspense Accounts (Consumer Affairs, Corporate Affairs Office, and Liquor Control Commission); Mildura Nursery Account; and Local Government (House Builders' Liability) Trust Account.

2 What was the purpose of establishing each account, indicating the payments and receipts during the first year of operation and the balance as at 30 June, after the first year of operation.

730 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Premier, in respect of the recent Committee of Inquiry into the Fluoridation of Victorian Water Supplies, whether he will consider making public the submissions made to the Committee; if not, why.

731 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of school dental services for primary school children in the Colac area:

1 What services are currently provided.

2 When it is expected that school dental clinic services will be available and in what form.

3 What discussions have occurred with the Minister of Health and the Health Commission as to the provision of facilities through the district hospital, and when adequate services will exist either through the hospital or through the school dental programme.

Notices received on 29 October 1980

743 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in the framing of the Adoption of Children (Information) Bill, what consideration was given to research findings on this subject, indicating whether such findings were derived from inter-departmental or other sources and specifying the nature of the findings and the date received in each case.

745 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in relation to the Adoption of Children (Information) Bill:

1 How many letters he has received from biological parents, adoptive parents, and adoptees, respectively, either—(a) supporting; or (b) opposing retrospective access.

2 What is the Department of Community Welfare's policy regarding community consultation and whether this policy has been recognized in relation to consultation with the community on the drafting of the Bill.

3 Whether he has received any delegations who are dissatisfied with the provisions of the Bill; if so—(a) when the delegations were received; (b) who was represented on each delegation; and (c) whether he refused to meet any delegations and, in that event, why.

Notice received on 30 October 1980

749 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he or the Health Commission has received a detailed submission from the Shire of Mildura and the City of Mildura concerning the provision of nursing home accommodation in the Mildura area; if so, whether the submission has been examined and whether the Government intends to assist in the provision of needed nursing home accommodation in the Mildura area.

Notices received on 5 November 1980

756 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of the report "Manufacturing in Melbourne" submitted to the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works by its Technical Advisory Committee on

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Manufacturing, what action has been taken to implement the recommendations of the report as they affect the Laverton North industrial area and other areas within the shires of Werribee and Melton, and the cities of Altona and Sunshine.

- 759 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, whether the Minister has received a submission from concerned residents of the Upper Yarra Shire with regard to mismanagement by the Council; if so—(a) whether the Minister has acknowledged receipt of this submission and, if not, why; and (b) what action the Minister has taken or is proposed with regard to the matters raised.
- 768 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the Department of Community Welfare Services will provide additional funds to the Springvale Community Aid and Advice Bureau on a dollar-for-dollar basis to match the Springvale City Council 1980–81 contribution; if not, why.

Notices received on 11 November 1980

- 780 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of the development of school grounds at the Brunswick North primary school, whether the Public Works Department compiled a report in the 1978–79 financial year on the need for the development of the grounds and estimated the work to cost \$35 000; if so—(a) whether the work was placed on the Northern Regions work list and in what position, and if not, why; and (b) whether it is proposed that this development work, necessitated when the Education Department purchased and knocked down a series of houses adjacent to the school, will be undertaken.
- 782 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Community Health Programme, Capital Works Programme administered by the Hospitals Division:
- 1 What works were carried out in 1979–80 and what works are proposed this financial year, specifying the centre concerned, the work involved, and the cost.
 - 2 Which centres currently have Capital Works Programmes—(a) approved by the Health Commission; and (b) proposed to the Commission, and when it is expected that these works will commence, if already approved, or will be approved.
- 783 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of payments for podiatry services in Victorian acute and geriatric hospitals and centres:
- 1 Whether instructions have been issued by the Health Commission in relation to the payment of podiatrists; if so, what instructions.
 - 2 Whether the Hospitals Division has developed a position in relation to matters considered or to be considered by the Hospital Medical and Auxiliary Services Wages Board; if so, what is the Government's position.
 - 3 Whether the minutes of the meeting of managers, medical superintendents and regional geriatricians of country geriatric centres held on 19 March 1980 indicate that the issue of levels of payment to podiatry in Victoria is very confused; if so, what action is proposed to overcome this confusion.

Notices received on 13 November 1980

- 803 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what plans there are for the proposed establishment of a secondary school in the

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Lara district and when it is expected such secondary school will commence operations.

- 805 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has yet received a report and recommendations concerning “DES” from the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists; if so, when, what action is proposed and whether copies of the report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick; if not, whether he will make the report available when it is received by him.

Notices received on 18 November 1980

- 820 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 How many commercial organizations the Government is currently assisting financially either by way of loans, guarantees, grants or other methods.
 - 2 What are the individual totals of these various methods of financial assistance.
 - 3 How many of these businesses are in financial difficulties and what amount of Government funds is involved in each case.
- 824 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether representations or reports have been made to the Law Department, or the Minister’s attention has been drawn to, the activities of an association purporting to expose religious cults which involves so-called de-programming practices; if so, what investigations have been made into these matters; if not, whether the Minister will cause such inquiries to be made.
- 826 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of the reservation south of Bell Street for the F2 Freeway, when it is intended that the reservation will be removed in view of the announced Government decision not to proceed with the freeway south of Bell Street.
- 828 MR JOLLY—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 What requests have been made by the State Insurance Office for additional staff.
 - 2 Whether the demands for additional staff have been completely satisfied.
 - 3 How many additional staff will be appointed and when these appointments will take place.
 - 4 Whether the State Insurance Commissioner has withdrawn his criticism of staff ceilings imposed on the State Insurance Office.
- 830 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of question No. 7 asked on 9 September 1980 which was also asked on 29 May 1979 in the previous session of Parliament, what is the reason for the delay of 18 months in answering the question and whether an answer will be expedited.
- 835 MR EBERY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, in view of the exemption of all reserves under section 4 of the *Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978* and the exception of all lands under section 50 of the *Forests Act 1958* by Order in Council from occupation for mining purposes under any miners’ right:
- 1 Whether the Minister will issue a public statement correcting his earlier public assertions that the claims of the Prospectors’ and Miners’ Association were wildly extravagant; if not, why.

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2 Whether he will also direct the Chairman of the Land Conservation Council to issue a similar public statement; if not, why.

3 Whether the Minister will advise how prospecting and mining under the miner's right could still be legally undertaken in such areas.

- 841 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in respect of Swinborn Lodge, 4 Canning Street, Carlton, whether the Minister or the Department of Community Welfare Services undertook to provide 85 per cent of the costs of the service, a percentage which has diminished over the past five years; if so—(a) whether he is aware that the service may be forced to close; and (b) whether the Government intends to fund the service on the originally agreed basis; and, in that event, when funding will commence.

Notice received on 19 November 1980

- 842 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning whether he has considered the release of the reservations on the houses on the north side of Bell Street, Coburg; if not, why.

Notices received on 20 November 1980

- 853 MR MILLER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in view of the failure to provide information in respect of supplementary grants, initially sought in question No. 1608 asked on 20 November 1979, whether the Minister will indicate as a matter of urgency:

1 Whether he will undertake to survey Area Committees and find out whether their roles, procedures, relationships with schools, staffing and administration supports are satisfactory.

2 Whether Area Committees will be asked to indicate where improvements and streamlining could occur.

3 Whether he will consider the proposition that schools should have as much autonomy as possible and that *per capita* funding of disadvantaged schools is more suitable and a much easier method to use.

- 856 MR HANN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General:

1 Which government departments are presently represented at the Housing Commission Royal Commission by—(a) legal counsel; (b) departmental personnel; and (c) any other persons and what is the estimated daily cost of this representation.

2 What is the total cost of the Royal Commission to date, including the cost incurred by all government departments which have been in any way associated with the inquiry.

Notices received on 25 November 1980

- 863 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what safety standards and controls have been introduced for the use of lasers in Victorian schools, indicating whether the controls implement the National Health and Medical Research Council's "Code of Practice of the safe use of Lasers in Secondary Schools".

- 866 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:

1 How many surveys have been commissioned or carried out by the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation or any instrumentalities or

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statutory corporations under his control during 1977, 1978 and 1979, respectively.

- 2 In respect of each of the surveys, which companies or private individuals were commissioned, what was the subject matter and the purpose and what was the cost.

- 870 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health in respect of the decision to replace the proposed 1033-bed Clayton-Burwood Queen Victoria Medical Centre with a proposed 310 bed centre at Clayton whether, prior to the decision, meetings took place between—(a) the Minister of Health; (b) the Hospitals and Charities Commission or the Health Commission; or (c) the Queen Victoria Medical Centre Committee of Management and American Medical International Inc. or Community Systems Foundation (Aust.), indicating in each case the—(i) date; (ii) names of those taking part; and (iii) the substance of the discussion.
- 872 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health in respect of—(a) medical officers and related medical positions; and (b) dental officers and related dental positions in the Health Commission, which positions were unfilled as at 30 June and 1 November 1980, respectively.
- 873 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware of the existence of any waiting times at the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital for obtaining appointments for new glasses; if so—(a) what is the delay; (b) whether many cases have to wait for more than six months; and (c) whether there is a waiting period and what action the Government is taking to alleviate individual hardship.

Notices received on 28 November 1980

- 881 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what projects were funded by the Transport Fund in 1979–80 and what was the cost of each project.
- 883 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 28 asked on 16 September 1980, whether funds have been made available for the construction of a new outpatients' block and theatre remodelling at Yarrowonga Hospital this financial year; if so, what amount has been made available and when it is expected that work will be completed.

Notices received on 2 December 1980

- 888 MR MILLER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in view of the failure to provide information in respect of music tuition, initially sought in question No. 1607 asked on 20 November 1979, whether the Minister will indicate as a matter of urgency:
- 1 Which Government schools in the electoral district of Prahran—(a) provide music tuition; and (b) have a part-time or full-time music teacher on their staff for this school year.
 - 2 What are the present arrangements for each of the schools for music tuition by the Education Department in terms of the number of hours and sessions taught each week.
- 890 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning whether he is aware that the Shire of Diamond Valley has rejected a \$4 million commercial development proposal, involving re-zoning of a residential area (1.25 hectares) on Grimshaw Street, bounded by McDowell Street and Ester Street, half

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the size of the recently-completed Greensborough Shopping Centre; if so, in view of already excessive commercial development and traffic congestion in the area, whether he will give assurances that local opinion will be paramount in any consideration of re-zoning.

- 893 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in view of the investigation of the heating of the Special Education Unit in Lowson Street, Fawkner, when an answer will be provided to Question No. 289.
- 894 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of payments to non full-time medical staff in hospitals:
- 1 What amount was paid to—(a) all sessional medical staff; and (b) all visiting medical officers during the 1979–80 financial year.
 - 2 What is the estimate for 1980–81 for both categories.
 - 3 What on-call and re-call payments were made in the 1979–80 financial year, and what is the estimate for this financial year.
- 895 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in view of the 1980 Australian Teachers Federation's National Survey of schools which shows that over one-third of the Bendigo region schools surveyed were in need of maintenance, whether the actual funding of capital works allocated to the Bendigo Region has declined in each year since 1976–77; if so, why.
- 896 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, as the Government accepts the principle of meeting the full cost of installing pedestrian operated lights outside schools where they are justified by traffic volumes, why the Government will not accept the same principle of meeting the full cost of traffic wardens on duty outside schools, performing a similar function as the traffic lights.
- 901 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, further to his refusal on 11 March 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer on sewerage which he gave the then Leader of the Opposition on 20 April 1977 in answer to question No. 1588, reported in *Hansard* at page 7759, whether he will now provide this information.

Notices received on 3 December 1980

- 904 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on residential accommodation for mentally and physically handicapped children which he gave in answer to question No. 894 on 25 March 1980, and recorded in *Hansard* at page 7395, indicating in each case the—(a) number; and (b) percentage of children, who are working regularly with—(i) teachers provided by the Education Department; (ii) physiotherapists; (iii) occupation therapists; and (iv) speech therapists.
- 909 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on central administration and regional centres for mental retardation services which he gave on 25 March 1980 in answer to question No. 900 and recorded in *Hansard* at page 7397.

911 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to his answer to question No. 901 on 25 March 1980 and recorded in *Hansard* at page 7397:

1 Which recommendations of the Working Party on the Establishment of a Division of Mental Retardation within the Health Commission presented to the Commission on 3 July 1979—(a) have become operative with the formation of the new Division; (b) are still inoperative; and (c) have been rejected.

2 What positions additional to the Director and Secretary of the Division have been authorized, indicating in each case whether or not the position has been filled, and, if not, the likely date for an appointment.

912 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, further to the answer to question No. 179 on 11 November 1980 and recorded in *Hansard* at page 2454, what was the cost of upgrading and repairing the 117 faulty security systems installed in Government schools prior to November 1976, indicating in each case the—(a) amount; and (b) percentage, met by the original installation contractor.

915 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on the bed state of each residential centre for mentally retarded people which he gave in answer to question No. 895 on 25 March 1980, and recorded in *Hansard* at page 7396, indicating in each case the times at which meals are served.

919 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the premises purchased in Justin Avenue for the Broadmeadows Community Health Services Centre, as an alternative for the present centre situated at 3 Hilda Street:

1 Whether he will advise what progress has been made regarding planning for the premises and whether funds for renovation will be made available this financial year.

2 Whether he will provide details of all reports prepared in respect of the Justin Avenue premises, including any prepared by the Chief Inspector of Works.

Notice received on 5 December 1980

925 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of staffing in each school in the electoral district of Brunswick:

1 What was the enrolment by grade or form in 1979 and 1980 and what is the estimate for 1981.

2 What was the number of teachers in 1979, 1980 and how many are proposed for 1981, specifying numbers of special need teachers and other special staffing categories.

3 What is the reason for the reduction in staffing in each case.

Notices received on 10 December 1980

933 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:

1 What is the criteria for admission to Echuca Technical School.

2 Whether this criteria will be made public so that parents of children seeking admission to this school become aware of it.

- 934 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What is the amount allocated for funding capital works in the Portland Region in 1980–81, indicating the increase or decreases over the amount spent in 1979–80.
 - 2 What were the amounts spent in the three previous years.
- 935 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the identification and examination of persons exposed before birth to diethyl stilboestrol, whether the paper titled “Elevated Serum Cathepsin B1 and Vaginal Pathology After Prenatal DES Exposure” (Peitras, Richard J. et al. *Obstet Gynecol* 1978 Sep; 52 (3) 321–7) has been examined and whether the examination of serum cathepsin B1 levels has been considered as a screening method; if so, what action has been taken as a result.
- 938 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether consideration has been given to remand prisoners entitlements to good conduct remissions for time served in the remand yard; if so, what is the result of such consideration and when such remissions are likely to come into practice.
- 939 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether details of the new remand building on the new site will be the subject of public consultation prior to its erection.

Notices received on 12 December 1980

- 951 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy why the State Electricity Commission altered last year’s accounts in comparison with the 1978–79 Annual Report in that Appendix 4 of its 1979–80 Annual Report shows that an amount of \$13 523 000 has been transferred from “Labour and associated charges, materials and other expenses” to “Purchased electricity and fuel” indicating what the \$13 523 000 was spent on.
- 952 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy why the State Electricity Commission has apparently abandoned the following quantified financial targets of—(a) maintaining an adequate level of liquid resources; and (b) achieving at least seven per cent return on investment, and whether he will supply updated versions of the relevant graphs which appeared on page 5 of the 1978–79 Annual Report but have been left out of the 1979–80 Annual Report.
- 955 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what proportions of Victoria’s economically winnable brown coal resource, on a field-by-field basis, have been allocated or reserved for—(a) power generation; (b) briquette manufacture; (c) substitute natural gas; (d) solvent refined coal; (e) oil-from-coal; and (f) other named purposes.
- 960 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the head lice programme, which municipalities have employed nurses specifically to deal with the problem of head lice, specifying the cost in 1979–80 to each municipality, its reimbursement from the Health Commission and whether any municipalities have withdrawn or been added to the scheme this financial year.
- 961 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of funding for the construction of pre-schools:
- 1 What funds were available in 1979–80 and will be available in 1980–81, specifying the amount from Commonwealth sources.

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- 2 Which new or proposed pre-school centres are currently on the waiting list or have had a decision for subsidy deferred, specifying the date of application.
 - 3 Which pre-schools have had applications for extensions and alterations deferred, specifying the work applied for and when.
- 962 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of nursing services for—(a) the mentally retarded; and (b) patients in Mental Health Division institutions and services:
- 1 What is the present number of qualified nurses employed in direct nursing care of—(a) residents; and (b) patients.
 - 2 What is the present number of vacancies existing for qualified nurses to be employed in direct nursing care of—(a) residents; and (b) patients.
- 965 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, since 31 August 1978, in respect of hospital and nursing home beds registered under the Private Hospital Regulations:
- 1 How many beds have been registered, specifying the number in each category and the name, address and owner of each hospital in respect of which new or additional beds have been registered.
 - 2 How many beds have ceased to be registered, specifying the number in each category and the name, address and owner of each hospital so affected.
- 969 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Education, in relation to Stream 6 programmes being undertaken within Technical and Further Education in this State:
- 1 How many—(a) technical schools and colleges; and (b) other centres, are undertaking programmes.
 - 2 How many students are involved.
 - 3 Whether the Government has directed that schools and colleges delete all staff required for Stream 6 classes from their staffing establishment requests for 1981, if so—(a) why; (b) how many teachers are involved; and (c) what steps will be taken to assist students who will be seriously disadvantaged.
- 971 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 How many dentists, advanced dental technicians, dental technicians and dental therapists, respectively, are—(a) registered in Victoria; and (b) practising in Victoria.
 - 2 What is the present dentist to population ratio in—(a) country Victoria; and (b) the metropolitan area and whether ratios are available by regions; if so, what are the ratios.
 - 3 What areas are currently assisted by Government assisted dental services in respect of—(a) hospitals with public dental clinics; (b) pre-school dental clinics; (c) school dental clinics, specifying category of service; and (d) community health centres.
 - 4 At what stage are plans for each metropolitan regional clinic.
- 972 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of hospital deficits for 1979–80, what was the deficit surplus situation at each hospital as at 30 June 1980, what adjustments were subsequently made and for what reasons, what additional moneys, if any, were paid to each hospital and what surpluses were recovered.

- 974 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware that the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust annual report has claimed that the fluoridation of Geelong's water supply is at a halt due to lack of government funding; if so, what action he or the Health Commission intends to take; if not, whether he will have urgent inquiries made and action taken.
- 975 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether he has requested the Commonwealth Minister of Education to allow funds earlier allocated for the Transition Education Advisory Committee programme for 1980 to be in fact spent on approved programmes in 1981, without affecting funds already planned to be spent in 1981; if so, what is the result of such a request; if not, whether he will make such a request.
- 976 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of funds supplied by the Commonwealth Government for the school building programme for each of the years 1978–79, 1979–80 and 1980–81, how those funds were spent, indicating the categories.
- 977 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What funds for the school building programme were retained in central accounts for disbursement, as against regional accounts, for each of the years 1977–78 to 1980–81, respectively.
 - 2 What is the rationale for such retention in each category of central accounts.
- 978 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in the years 1978–79 and 1979–80, how many of the approximately 1800 wards in voluntary and statutory residential care facilities are in facilities not in the same region as the children's families.
- 986 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the proposal that the Bright District Bush Nursing Hospital become a public hospital:
- 1 What progress has been made over the past six months in ensuring that it does become a public hospital.
 - 2 When it is expected that negotiations will be completed and funds become available, and if there is a delay, what is the reason for the delay.
- 991 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he or the Health Commission has received a detailed submission from the Stawell District Hospital concerning the inadequacies of the nursing staff establishment at the hospital; if so, what action he proposes to remedy the situation.
- 992 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of each fee charged by, or paid to, the Health Commission what was the fee income in 1978–79, 1979–80 and what is the estimate for 1980–81.
- 994 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the school and pre-school medical service during 1980, indicating the respective schools and pre-school numbers separately:
- 1 How many children were examined.
 - 2 How many children—(a) received their routine initial medical examination; (b) did not receive such examination; and (c) received specialized examinations.

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- 3 How many schools and pre-schools were not visited by—(a) medical officers; (b) nursing staff; (c) medical officers; and (d) nursing staff.
- 4 What is the establishment of the service and how many positions were filled in terms of full-time equivalents as at—(a) 1 January 1980; and (b) 1 January 1981.
- 995 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of—
(a) medical officers and related medical positions (apart from the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Divisions); and (b) dental officers and related dental positions in the Health Commission:
- 1 How many positions exist, specifying their designation, whether permanent or temporary or exempt and whether currently filled.
 - 2 Whether applications have been made to—(a) the Public Service Board; and (b) the Treasury for additional positions; if so, what applications and with what result.
- 1000 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, further to the answer to question No. 1821 given on 13 March 1980, when he proposes to carry out his undertaking that the tramway passenger statistics would be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 1002 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, regarding his document "The Victorian Building and Construction Industry: An Assessment", dated November 1980:
- 1 Why Alcoa's Portland Transmission Line does not appear in Statement 4 (list of major semi-government authority projects in progress or planned to commence in 1980-81).
 - 2 Why the Loy Yang and Driffield power stations and coalfield developments appear in the list of private sector projects and why Loy Yang is referred to as proposed rather than committed.
 - 3 Why the cost of the so-called proposed and private Loy Yang project is reported at \$2800 million in Statement 5 (which elsewhere is accurate to the nearest \$250 000) when Statement 4 has it costed at \$3043 million.
 - 4 Which oil companies and private interests are joining with the Victorian Government to build the proposed \$1 billion commercial coal liquefaction plant.
 - 5 Whether the Mitsui and Imhausen proposals for utilization of brown coal reserves are included in Statement 5; if so, where.
 - 6 Whether the American consortium mentioned by the Premier on 26 June 1980 as showing interest in coal liquefaction is included in Statement 5; if so, where.
 - 7 What is the ownership structure of the company proposing to develop the Gelliondale brown coal deposits and referred to as International Oil in Statement 5.
 - 8 Why the Appendix on data sources and interpretation, which mentions surveys of future construction activity undertaken by the Department of Housing and Construction, the Master Builders Federation of Australia and the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors, ignores the surveys carried out by the Australian Federation of Construction Contractors, whose members account for 80 to 90 per cent of construction industry turnover.
 - 9 Why in his Foreword he speaks of the confidence which should be engendered by the considerable number of major projects committed or proposed by the private sector in Victoria, when the latest quarterly survey

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by the Australian Federation of Construction Contractors estimates that Victoria will be the only State in which building and construction activity is likely to decline over the next five years, by 14 per cent annually in the case of engineering construction.

- 10 Whether he can quantify the continuing trend for activity to swing away from more traditional building and construction projects into heavy engineering, especially resource-based projects referred to in his Foreword and reveal how much of the swing is due to unusual growth in heavy engineering and how much to unusual decline in traditional building and construction.
- 11 Why this document does not show comparable detail to that contained in last year's version dated 11 October 1979 namely, the estimated capital works programmes of all departments, authorities and municipalities classified into—(a) Works and Services account; (b) Commonwealth special purpose funds; (c) Loan Council borrowings; (d) Trust Funds; (e) internal funds; and (f) other sources of capital funds for the latest two years.
- 12 What is the reason for the following discrepancies between Statement 5 of this document and Appendix "B" of the Annual Report of the Department of State Development, Decentralization and Tourism—GMH (Fishermen's Bend) \$210 million compared with \$300 million; JLA (Westernport) unknown compared with \$25 million; GCL (Bacchus Marsh) \$20 million compared with \$2 million; Alcoa (Portland) \$350 million compared with \$400 million; Kominic (Latrobe Valley) \$40–50 million compared with \$100 million; and Loy Yang \$2800 million compared with \$3000 million; and whether he will indicate which figures are correct.

Notices received on 10 March 1981

- 1007 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 In each of the years 1977 to 1980, in what trades apprentices have been employed by the Department of Health and Mental Health Authority and subsequently by the Health Commission.
 - 2 What was the total number of—(a) apprentices employed; and (b) first year apprentices engaged by each of the branches.
 - 3 How many apprentices it is estimated will be employed this year, specifying the number beginning their apprenticeships.
- 1008 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the decision of the Executive Council on 17 February 1981 concerning the Infectious Diseases Hospital at Fairfield, whether a copy of the report or reports by the Health Commission and the Minister of Health that the hospital is inefficiently and incompetently managed will be made available to the Member for Brunswick; if not, why.
- 1009 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health why the limpet asbestos was removed at the Glenhuntly Rehabilitation Centre and whether any other buildings which are the responsibility of the Health Commission have similar problems; if so, which buildings and what action is proposed.
- 1010 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the electoral district of Monbulk:
- 1 What access school children have to school dental services and how many children were examined by the School Dental Service in—(a) 1979; and (b) 1980.

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- 2 What plans exist for the construction of dental clinics within the electoral district of Monbulk and when it is expected that dental clinics and pads for mobile dental clinics will be constructed.
- 1011 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of staff positions in the Community Health Programme for each of the past three years, specifying separately in respect of—(i) the Hospitals Division; (ii) the Mental Health Division; (iii) Mental Retardation Services; (iv) Early Childhood Services; and (v) other services:
- 1 What were the number of positions agreed to.
 - 2 How many of the approved positions have been filled.
 - 3 What is the number of approved positions which have not been able to be filled because of financial constraints.
- 1012 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether the recommendation by the National Health and Medical Research Council that children should be no longer excluded from school if suffering from head lice or nits will be adopted; if so, what arrangements will be made to supervise continuing treatment.
- 1013 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the past financial year, what Commonwealth Government grants have been made to the State for health purposes, specifying the State contribution in each area, whether any moneys remained unspent and the grants agreed to for this financial year.
- 1014 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, in respect of Tender E.19349 concerning the Glenhuntly Rehabilitation Centre:
- 1 Whether he will provide information on other public buildings where limpet asbestos has been removed or where it has to be removed.
 - 2 What are the details of the Public Works Department's policy and practice on the removal of asbestos.
- 1015 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of drug offences, how many offences were reported in 1979 and 1980, respectively, specifying the age and sex of the person charged and the type of drug involved.
- 1017 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 How many aged persons flats the Housing Commission has for rent, indicating the number of—(a) high rise; and (b) other flats, and whether in metropolitan or non-metropolitan areas.
 - 2 How many aged persons are presently on the waiting list for aged persons flats and what is the current waiting time for—(a) high rise; and (b) other flats, specifying whether in metropolitan or non-metropolitan areas.
 - 3 How many additional units have been constructed in each of the past three years and what number of units will be completed this financial year, specifying whether in metropolitan or non-metropolitan areas.
 - 4 What increase in the number of aged persons flats is proposed under present building programmes.
 - 5 What is the current waiting time in the cities of—(a) Brunswick; and (b) Coburg.

- 1019 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Premier, in respect of the employment of physically and mentally handicapped persons, whether there have been any additional directions relating to the employment of such persons by the Public Service Board and other public instrumentalities since his answer on 11 April 1978 and whether the information on the number of such persons recruited and employed will be provided for the past three years.
- 1020 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Ballarat Base and District Hospital and further to the answer is question No. 1242 given on 12 March 1980:
- 1 Whether the hospital has now been told that the replacement of the Queen Victoria block's medical wards is on the "5 year plan"; if so, what is its position on the plan.
 - 2 Whether architects have yet been employed; if not, when the Hospital Board will be given approval to employ them.
 - 3 When it is expected that documentation will be completed and approved.
 - 4 When it is expected that building works will actually commence.
- 1021 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Southern Peninsula Hospital at Rosebud:
- 1 What was the cost of planning fees paid to architects and quantity surveyors for the major extension, including the additional 30 nursing home beds and whether any of the drawings or work done will be used in respect of new plans for the hospital.
 - 2 Whether plans have been agreed on for upgrading of the casualty department and other areas of the hospital; if so, when it is expected that work will be commenced and what contribution there will be from the State Government.
 - 3 When the application was made to the Health Commission to construct a private hospital on land next door to the Southern Peninsula Hospital and when the details of the application were made known to the joint working party.
 - 4 What effect the construction of the private hospital will have on the development of the Southern Peninsula Hospital, and on the Frankston Hospital.
 - 5 What are the details of the agreed application for the private hospital.
- 1023 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Educational Services, further to the answer to question No. 672 given on 10 March 1980 concerning cyclic maintenance at Brunswick High School, whether he will indicate in which financial year cyclic maintenance will be carried out.
- 1024 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of Queensland fruit fly outbreaks in Victoria in each of the past five summers:
- 1 How many separate outbreaks were detected in each summer, indicating in each case—(a) how it was detected; (b) the date and location of the initial detection; (c) the areas ultimately involved in the outbreak; (d) the methods of control or eradication; (e) the date on which fruit fly were last detected in the area; and (f) whether the area is now free of fruit fly.
 - 2 What steps were taken to ensure the earliest possible detection of new outbreaks or the extension of existing outbreaks.
 - 3 How many grubs taken from fruit were sent by fruit-growers to the Department of Agriculture for identification, indicating the number

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identified as Queensland fruit fly larvae from—(a) known outbreak areas; and (b) new outbreaks.

1025 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, in respect of tenders invited for the connection to sewer of the Animal Research Institute, Werribee:

- 1 What buildings and other facilities are to be connected to the sewer.
- 2 Whether the connection will ensure compliance with Environment Protection Authority requirements regarding discharge of liquid waste from the Gilbert Chandler Institute of Dairy Technology.

1027 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of the approval of the expenditure of funds appropriated to Melton's development by item 161 of the *Public Works and Services Act 1980*:

- 1 When advice of projects proposed by the Shire of Melton was first received.
- 2 What steps he took in response to that advice before Cabinet approval of the 1980 Public Works and Services Bill.
- 3 When he became aware of Cabinet approval of the Bill.
- 4 When he became aware of the amount to be appropriated to Melton and Sunbury development as approved by Cabinet.
- 5 What steps he took prior to passage of the Bill through Parliament toward the later approval of projects to be funded.
- 6 What procedures were followed in the approval of projects, indicating the origin and reason for each procedure.
- 7 Which proposed projects were referred to other departments, statutory authorities or other instrumentalities, indicating in each case the instrumentality, the date and purpose of the original referral and the date of the final reply.
- 8 What were the dates on which approval was given to proceed with projects to be funded.

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1030 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Employment and Training, in view of the Government's establishing a "hot-line" to supply employers with information on how to go about employing an apprentice, whether he will indicate—(a) the number of inquiries received through this "hot-line" since it opened on 16 February; (b) the type of inquiry that has been received; and (c) the areas of Victoria from which inquiries have been received.

1031 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in relation to the Woori Yallock primary school:

- 1 What is the current school enrolment and the expected enrolment in 1982.
- 2 What is the reason for the delay in determining whether the school will be relocated.
- 3 Whether, in view of the significance of adequate library facilities to any school, a relocatable library will be made available to the school, and if so, when.

1032 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health how many new Community Centres are being constructed during the 1980-81 financial year, indicating the locations.

- 1033 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what was the number and nature of crimes reported in 1980 at the Fawknor, Pascoe Vale South and Coburg police stations, respectively.
- 1035 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs:
- 1 How many citizenship certificates were conferred in each municipality in 1980.
 - 2 How many other citizenship certificates were conferred in private ceremonies.
 - 3 How many citizenship certificates were conferred in Victoria in 1980, indicating the former nationalities of these new Australian citizens.
- 1036 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer which statutory authorities other than the State Electricity Commission negotiated loans with interest rates of 18 per cent or more during 1980.
- 1038 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services how many schools were converted from oil-fired heaters during 1979 and 1980, indicating such schools within the electoral district of Coburg.
- 1040 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what is the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board estimate of the number of passengers carried on the—(a) East Coburg; (b) North Coburg; and (c) West Coburg tram routes.
- 1041 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 Which schools in Victoria were entitled as at 1 March 1981 in terms of their enrolment to additional clerical assistance, teacher aides, and other support staff, respectively, but had not received such appointments due to the Government staff ceiling.
 - 2 When it is now expected, that these vacancies in the school establishment will be filled in each case.
- 1042 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what amount was collected in Land Tax in each of the past five years, indicating for each year the—(a) number; and (b) value of assessments issued and the cost of administration as a percentage of revenue actually obtained.
- 1043 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 and 10 December 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information relating to those departments and statutory authorities not required to table their reports in Parliament which he supplied directly to the then Leader of the Opposition in response to question No. 1642 of April 1977, whether he will now make available this information for incorporation, together with any subsequent changes.
- 1044 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 and 10 December 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on the right of nomination to public bodies which he supplied directly to the then Member for Melbourne in response to question No. 1180 of 8 December 1976, whether he will now make available this information for incorporation, together with any subsequent changes.
- 1045 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 and 10 December 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on Government inquiries, Royal Commissions and Parliamentary committee investigations which he supplied directly to the then

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Member for Melbourne in response to question No. 639 of 15 October 1976, whether he will now make available this information for incorporation, together with any subsequent changes.

- 1046 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 and 10 December 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on administrative and advisory boards and committees which he supplied directly to the then Member for Melbourne in response to question No. 1401 of 8 December 1976, whether he will now make available this information for incorporation, together with any subsequent changes.
- 1047 MR KIRKWOOD—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 In each of the past three years, how many students attending East Preston, Thornbury, Newlands and Preston Girls High Schools, respectively, left school before sitting for the Higher School Certificate.
 - 2 What was the percentage pass rate for the Higher School Certificate at each school in each of the past three years.
- 1048 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been undertaken to ensure that a wider variety of residential facilities with stronger after-care supports are developed under the guidance of the Department for Community Welfare Services to meet the assessed needs of those offending and misbehaving children who require residential care and treatment, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1049 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What progress has been made in expanding the Mental Health Authority facilities to enable severely and profoundly retarded children who require full-time nursing care or highly specialized supervision to be transferred from children's homes and reception centres to specialist accommodation so that the development of other children is not disadvantaged by the staff's disproportionate involvement with handicapped children, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 How many children are resident at Allambie Reception Centre who are severely and profoundly retarded and require full-time nursing care or highly specialized supervision.
- 1050 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps have been taken to ensure that the Education Department provides educational assessment services for children who come into residential care, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1051 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that increased attention is given to teaching Wards social competence and social survival skills, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1052 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in ensuring that specialist services for Wards and other children in residential care is expanded and that specialists providing these services are involved in programme development and in acting

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as consultants to other staff as well as providing treatment for individual children, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

- 1053 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken by the Department of Community Welfare Services to improve the register of its Wards with special needs and to ensure that staff are available to keep children's progress under review and ensure that all appropriate facilities and services are marshalled to meet their needs; and that the same staff are to be responsible for ensuring that children who must be cared for in specialist facilities have as much access as possible to normal community activities, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1054 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in ensuring that the whole range of residential child care facilities is made more flexible and staff strengthened to enable children with special needs to be included in normal programmes unless full-time nursing care or highly specialized supervision is required, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1055 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether a review has been carried out of the existing staff establishments of all Community Welfare Services Children's Homes and Reception Centres as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 What are the present staff establishments of all Community Welfare Services Children's Homes and Reception Centres.
- 1056 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what efforts have been made to encourage parents to maintain contact with children in children's homes and foster care, and whether realistic reimbursements of expenses have been implemented as an integral part of this programme, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1057 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that children are not placed with holiday hosts as a matter of routine during school holidays in order to allow children's homes staff to take holiday leave, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1058 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps have been taken to ensure that brothers and sisters are not separated by age and sex on admission to reception facilities and children's homes, save in exceptional circumstances, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1059 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that as a condition of appointment as superintendent of a children's home, applicants be required to have successfully completed a recognized child care training course or possess another appropriate qualification as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

- 1060 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in ensuring that the composition and competence of the Boards of Management of children's homes and other voluntary welfare agencies are included in the criteria when licences or contracts are being negotiated; and, further, what stipulations have been placed on Boards to ensure that a significant proportion of each Board's members be required to have some expertise or experience in the welfare or child care field, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1061 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what is the position in each Region in respect of the recommendation that the Department of Community Welfare Services should be responsible for ensuring that a wider variety of accommodation options be made available for adolescents who leave residential care and are unable to live with relatives or board with private families, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1062 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken in ensuring that congregate children's homes accommodate not more than 40 children and that remaining large congregate homes are phased out, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1063 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in developing reception and on-going residential facilities in all Regions without the establishment of any more large congregate Reception Centres or homes, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1064 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to remodel the Family Welfare Advisory Council, giving it wider scope, strengthening it and renaming it "The Family Welfare Council", making it responsible to the Minister for Community Welfare Services, with appropriate sub-committees, which will submit a report annually to the Minister, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1065 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in not deferring recommendations in the Report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976 which can be implemented with only minor legislative change while the legislation is under more rigorous review.
- 1066 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to the answer to question No. 854 given on 10 March 1981:
- 1 What monitoring of the sale and use of prostaglandins is carried out.
 - 2 Whether there have been any allegations or evidence that prostaglandins have been sold or used in breach of Schedule 7 to the *Poisons Act* 1962.
 - 3 Whether the sale or use of any prostaglandins have been investigated; if so, whether any breaches of Schedule 7 have been detected.
 - 4 What action has been taken on any apparent breaches of Schedule 7 in respect of prostaglandins.
- 1067 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in instituting formal Children's Court proceedings against alleged offenders only when the facts of innocence or guilt are in dispute, when alleged offences are serious, or when the child's

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pattern of behaviour or his family's situation indicates that something more than a warning may be appropriate, as recommended in the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

- 1068 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether evaluation has taken place of the effectiveness of the warning system so that consideration can be given to the introduction of juvenile aid panels as recommended in the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1069 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that the police warning system is embodied in legislation and implemented statewide as a means of dealing with minor offenders, as recommended in the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1070 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in respect of the re-examination of provisions for defining and initiating action in respect of children who misbehave and offend, such examination having been part of a legislative review recommended in the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1071 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made by the Department of Community Welfare Services in respect of each of the aspects of the recommendation contained in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976 that the *Community Welfare Services Act 1970* and the *Children's Court Act 1973* be reviewed by a committee comprising both legal and welfare specialists, having regard to the guidelines set out elsewhere in the report that there should also be a continuing body with responsibility for on-going review and that consideration be given to including the *Adoption of Children Act 1964* in this legislative review.
- 1072 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in the interest of efficiency and coherence in the State welfare field, what consideration has been given to appointing all social workers in State Government employment to the Department of Community Welfare Services as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.
- 1073 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 To what extent each Regional Centre has been delegated a high degree of autonomy as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.
 - 2 To what extent an even level of services is provided at each Regional Centre and to what extent reasonably uniform decision-making is achieved throughout the State, as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.
- 1074 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in respect of the assumption of responsibility for the immediate and long-term development of preventive programmes by the Department of Community Welfare Services, as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.

- 1075 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in respect of the systematic implementation by the Department of Community Welfare Services of the provisions under sections 5 and 13 of the *Community Welfare Services Act 1970*, as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.
- 1076 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether the Government has received the recommendations contained in the report by the National Women's Advisory Council entitled "My Child Was Born Disabled"; if so—(a) to which Ministers the recommendations have been referred; (b) whether the recommendations have been considered by Cabinet; and (c) what decisions have been taken.
- 1077 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Forests, further to the answer to question No. 692 given on 9 December 1980, what grass and bush fires were suspected by the Forests Commission of Victoria to have been deliberately lit, spread from fires allegedly lit in breach of the regulations or other fire restrictions and spreading from fires allegedly lit in prohibited periods and on days of acute fire danger notified under the *Forests Act 1958* in the 1979–80 and 1980–81 seasons, indicating in each case the date and place the fire was detected.
- 1078 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Further to the answer to question No. 692 given on 9 December 1980, what grass and bush fires were suspected by the Country Fire Authority to have been deliberately lit, spread from fires allegedly lit in breach of the regulations or other fire restrictions and spreading from fires allegedly lit in breach of total fire bans proclaimed under the *Country Fire Authority Act 1958* in the 1979–80 and 1980–81 seasons, indicating in each case the date and place the fire was detected.
 - 2 What fires have been investigated by the police since 25 November 1980, indicating in each case—(a) what charges have been laid; (b) what convictions have been obtained, indicating the penalty imposed in respect of each charge proven; and (c) what charges have been withdrawn and what charges have been dismissed.
- 1079 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether the Government has accepted the recommendations contained in the report by the National Women's Advisory Council entitled "My Child Was Born Disabled" to—(a) cause modification to all public transport to ensure that disabled persons and their families can carry essential equipment; (b) remove physical barriers to the travel of disabled persons to enable them to travel as freely as non-disabled persons; (c) provide such facilities as—(i) entrances without steps in all public buildings; (ii) kerbless parking areas with sufficient space beside the vehicle to allow movement into and out of a wheelchair; (iii) a contributable transport scheme either as a taxi co-operative system or government-subsidized taxi service for disabled persons; and (iv) unisex toilets for disabled adults for those disabled people who cannot use toilets without assistance; if not, why.
- 1082 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many train derailments have occurred in the first six months of this financial year, and where they have occurred.
- 1084 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what amount has been collected in oil royalties in each of the past five years.

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- 1085 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in respect of the Premier's 1976 election policy speech indicating that Urban Land Authority funds should be used to bring down the initial cost of land by about two-thirds, by permitting the cost of the services to be paid over a period:
- 1 What steps have been taken to implement the policy, indicating the date of each such step.
 - 2 What further action will be taken to implement the policy, indicating the date by which it will be completely put into effect.
- 1086 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, further to the answer to question No. 379 given on 11 March 1981:
- 1 Whether there are any additional figures available, indicating the proportion of students commencing secondary education in each region—
(a) leaving at the minimum age; (b) leaving school after completing year 10; (c) leaving school after completing year 11; and (d) leaving school after completing year 12; if so, what are the details.
 - 2 Whether figures similar to those provided in the answer are available for each category of Government and non-Government schools respectively; if so, what are the details.
- 1087 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps have been taken to ensure that ethnic groups are represented on important committees and advisory councils in the child and family welfare field, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1088 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure the greater use of carefully selected and trained volunteers, especially in implementing Supervision Orders and other activities requiring direct contact with families and children, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1089 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the Department of Community Welfare Services has adopted the general principle that the State should retain final responsibility for children in its care even if the actual services are carried out by the voluntary agencies, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1090 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what attempts have been made to ensure that voluntary agencies play an integral part in policy development and service delivery especially through consultative and other councils and committees established by State authorities, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1091 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether negotiations have begun with the Commonwealth Government to ensure that all Commonwealth funding for child and family welfare organizations are channelled through the State Government even if the general areas in which funds are to be expended are determined at Federal level, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.

- 1092 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that improved interpreter services are made available when non-English-speaking clients are dealing with welfare organizations, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1093 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in ensuring that aboriginal and other ethnic groups are given a voice when major decisions are made about children of their own group, and that any special, relevant, cultural factors be considered when decisions are made, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1094 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether compulsory maintenance payments by parents of children in the care of the Department of Community Welfare Services have been abolished, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1095 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What progress has been made by the Department of Community Welfare Services in making available temporary emergency care facilities for children as a form of positive assistance, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 Whether he accepts the principles that such temporary care should be provided as part of an overall assistance programme for the family, that it should be provided with adequate safeguards to avoid abuse and that it should not involve the State in accepting a guardianship role.
 - 3 Whether consideration has been given to contracting out such a temporary care serve as recommended in the report of the Committee.
 - 4 Whether minor legislative changes will be introduced to allow Reception Centres to be used for this purpose, as recommended in the report of the Committee.
- 1096 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What action has been taken by the Department of Community Welfare Services to promote the development of a series of community-based remedial facilities for children who offend or misbehave, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 Whether consideration has been given to making attendance at such centres an option specifically stated in legislation, as recommended in the report of the Committee.
- 1097 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What measures have been taken to encourage magistrates to use supervision orders more frequently and to ensure that appropriate staffing and support resources are made available to enable orders to be implemented adequately, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 Whether magistrates are being kept up to date on the resources available in the child and family field, as recommended in the report of the Committee.

- 1098 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in using temporary foster homes as a component of decentralized pre-Court and reception facilities for children where severe problems of management or security are not likely to be encountered, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1099 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that foster care programmes operated by voluntary agencies are subject to licensing requirements and contractual arrangements in line with those which apply to voluntary children's homes, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1100 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether the services required of individual agencies have been clearly formulated and arranged on a contractual basis where agencies carry out functions which are the Department of Community Welfare Services responsibility, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
 - 2 Whether attempts have been made to draw up the contracts directly between the Department and the agencies; if not, why.
- 1101 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether the system of open-ended approval of children's homes has been replaced with a system of fixed-term licensing, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
 - 2 Whether licensing requirements now apply to all residential child care agencies and other family welfare agencies which have a component of providing care for children apart from their families, as recommended by the Committee; if not, why.
- 1102 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the composition of the Adoption Conference has been expanded to include representatives of those professions involved in the adoption field and adopting parents and people who have themselves been adopted, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1103 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken by the Department of Community Welfare Services to ensure that where dispensation of parents' consent to adoption is being sought, judicial decisions do not result in children being deprived of the opportunity for a permanent family home, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1104 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether consideration has been given by the Department of Community Welfare Services to establishing a more adequate system of subsidies for approved adoption agencies, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1105 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the Government intends to implement the recommendation

that a system of adoption subsidies be developed to enable more lower income families to adopt children and that subsidies be available to all families who adopt children with special needs, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if so, when.

1106 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

1 What progress has been made in implementing the twelve-monthly mandatory reviews of Wards and other children in substitute care as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

2 Whether machinery has been set up to ensure that the reviews are carried out; if not, why; if so, whether they are being carried out by a joint committee of the Department of Community Welfare Services and voluntary agencies' representatives, and the inclusion of one representative of the agency caring for the child, where applicable, and on a regional level, as recommended in the report of the Committee.

3 Whether administrative procedures have been devised to ensure that children and families who require closer attention are the subject of more frequent review, as recommended in the report of the Committee.

1107 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the Government has developed training schemes for foster parents and ensured that experienced staff are available at all times for supervision and support, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.

1108 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to implement the recommendation that, as a matter of principle, only the Court and the Director-General of the Department of Community Welfare Services should continue to have power to alter a child's legal status, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1109 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the Government intends that foster parents be more realistically reimbursed for their services, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1110 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether appeal provisions have been made available for children admitted by the decision of the Director-General of Community Welfare Services under section 35 (1) of the *Community Welfare Services Act 1970*, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria; if not, why.

1111 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether a wider range of options, including short-term admission to State residential care without change of guardianship or power to require children to attend non-residential remedial programmes has been made available to the Children's Court and appropriate supporting facilities developed, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.

1112 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

1 What action has been taken to ensure that in the first instance and irrespective of the mode of admission, Community Welfare Services

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guardianship should not be for a period exceeding twelve months, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

- 2 What action is intended in implementing the recommendation that following the initial twelve-month period, longer-term guardianship be entered into only as a last resort if a careful assessment of children and their families indicates that this is the least harmful option for the child or is necessary to protect society, as stated in the report of the Committee.

1113 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 Whether children are now being legally represented in their own right when the Court considers making a decision which would alter the child's legal status, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 2 Whether the recommendation that legal aid be made available if, for any reason, it appears to the Court that it is in the child's interest, has been adopted.
- 3 Whether the Department of Community Welfare Services working in conjunction with the Public Solicitor's Office of the Law Department provides legal representation, as recommended in the report of the Committee.

1114 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that human dignity is maintained by recommending a number of changes both in Children's Court proceedings and in the physical surroundings in which they take place, as set out in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1115 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what procedures have been adopted to ensure that the respective roles of police and staff of the Department of Community Welfare Services in respect of children are clarified at inter-departmental level, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1116 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services when—(a) he intends to use his powers under section 32 of the *Community Welfare Services Act 1970* to authorize the Department's officers to intervene where children are alleged to be improperly treated and to enter premises under warrant as a last resort after other actions have failed; and (b) police involvement in child protection proceedings will be phased down, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1117 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what steps have been taken to ensure that the teaching on human relationships is expanded in tertiary education establishments as well as in primary and secondary schools, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1118 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what attempts have been made by the Department of Community Welfare Services to implement the recommendation to maintain an on-going public education and information campaign to make the community aware

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of the stresses which modern life imposes on individuals and families and to the means through which help may be obtained, as outlined in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

- 1119 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps have been taken in collaboration with the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation and the Education Department to expand the use of school premises after school hours, at weekends and in holidays, to provide recreation programmes for children and parents, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1120 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether any progress has been made in developing and progressively implementing throughout the State, a comprehensive family welfare programme which will marshal all resources of statutory, voluntary and local government agencies to provide a full range of family developmental services, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1121 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in developing preventive programmes in a metropolitan and a country region to provide a range of basic supportive services, as set out in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976, indicating whether the effectiveness of these programmes have been fully evaluated as a guide for future development in other regions, as recommended in the report of the Committee.
- 1122 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what attempts have been made to ensure that research and data collection in the Department of Community Welfare Services and in other parts of the welfare field are improved, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1123 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in implementing the recommendation that contracts with residential care organizations stipulate all aspects of service required, not only accommodation and provision of physical care, and that the system of licensing and contracting with voluntary agencies involve close consultation with the Department of Community Welfare Services to enable the voluntary agencies to improve and refine the services and facilities they provide, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

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- 1124 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what proportion of total pay-roll tax receipts was paid by rural industry in the last financial year, indicating the proportion paid by the fruit industry.
- 1125 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Employment and Training how many approved applicants for apprenticeship in each trade were unable to undertake training at the commencement of 1981, indicating how many were girls.
- 1126 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Employment and Training how many indentured apprentices are females, indicating the trades in which they are employed.
- 1128 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what amount the Government has spent during each of the past five years on metropolitan

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roads and country roads, respectively, indicating the proportion spent on—
(a) construction; (b) maintenance; (c) wages and salaries; (d) traffic management; and (e) protection of future options.

- 1130 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what revenue was collected at each station on the Upfield railway line during each of the months of September to December 1980.
- 1134 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the White Paper on Strategies and Structures for Education in Victorian Government Schools as related to Technical Schools:
- 1 How they will be administered.
 - 2 Whether staff will remain at a ratio of 1 to 14.
 - 3 Whether schools will be equipped to present standards.
 - 4 How corporate management groups will operate.
- 1135 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the White Paper on Strategies and Structures for Education in Victorian Government Schools:
- 1 Whether the curriculum of technical schools will remain different from high schools.
 - 2 Whether there will be a core curriculum for all post-secondary schools.
 - 3 What changes will be made to methods of transfer between technical and high schools.
 - 4 What is the situation in relation to trade teachers whose present qualifications may not allow them to have secondary registration.
 - 5 What is the present situation in the northern region in relation to the 2000 apprentices who were turned away and whether the situation is likely to improve.
 - 6 What is the situation regarding the Coburg School of Textiles and the proposed forced transfer to Warrnambool.
- 1136 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the White Paper on Strategies and Structures for Education in Victorian Government Schools as related to current Education Department policy, what is the position concerning upgrading of programmes in the special needs component which have been cut back at the Glenroy Technical School.
- 1137 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the White Paper on Strategies and Structures for Education in Victorian Government schools as related to the concept of school based autonomy, how the northern region will be involved in view of the fact that basic decisions will be made at Head Office on such matters as funding large expenditure items, staffing and building.
- 1138 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the White Paper on Strategies and Structures for Education in Victorian Government Schools as related to the unavailability of emergency teachers, whether there is a likelihood of increased funding to maintain normal school activities such as camps and excursions.

1139 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the electrification of the Werribee railway line:

- 1 In what year funds were first allocated, indicating the purposes for which they were to be used and the year in which it was then proposed that electrification would be completed.
- 2 What funds were allocated in each year to date, indicating the amount expended and purpose for which they were to be used.
- 3 When it was decided that the commencement of electrified services would coincide with the northern loop of the Melbourne underground rail loop coming into service, indicating what immediate effect that decision had on the date for the introduction of such services.
- 4 When it is now expected that electrified services will be introduced.
- 5 What are the reasons for the announced deferral of the commencement of electrified services until late 1982, indicating in relation to each reason, the facts used to substantiate the reason.

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1146 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received correspondence and a submission from the Town Clerk, City of Fitzroy, concerning the redirection of funds from the de Paul Centre to the Fitzroy Community Health Association; if so, what action he proposes taking in relation to the correspondence and submission.

1147 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health which State Institutions are using the contraceptive "Depo-Provera" indicating on what basis and whether he will make a statement on its safety or otherwise and, if not, why.

1148 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 Which institutions are using the contraceptive "Depo-Provera" indicating on what basis.
- 2 What consultations on its safety have occurred and with whom.

1149 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:

- 1 In respect of district nursing services at the Kyneton District Hospital, what has been the increase in the last three years, and what is the expected requirement for this year.
- 2 How many nurses are employed, and what allowance is made for the size of the area to be covered.
- 3 What is the Kyneton Hospital's priority rating for the appointment of an additional nurse or nurses, and when it is expected that such an appointment will be made.

1150 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, in respect of the studies by British consultants engaged to investigate certain aspects of a nuclear project:

- 1 What is the name of the firm of consultants.
- 2 What was the date on which the consultants were—(a) engaged; and (b) commenced their investigation.
- 3 What were the terms of reference specified to the consultants.
- 4 What fee has been or is to be paid to the consultants and how was the fee determined.

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- 5 What source or sources of nuclear fuel have been considered.
 - 6 What type or types of nuclear power station have been considered.
 - 7 What manner or manners of treatment, disposal and/or reprocessing of spent fuel and other radioactive wastes have been considered.
 - 8 What capital and operational costs other than the on-site cost of nuclear power stations have been considered.
 - 9 What environmental implications have been considered.
 - 10 What changes to Victorian and Commonwealth legislation which would affect a nuclear power station have been considered.
 - 11 On what date or dates the consultants—(a) were required to report; and (b) have reported or are expected to report.
- 1151 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What was the content of his submissions to the Treasurer for funding of private adoption agencies, operated by the Catholic Family Welfare Bureau, the Anglican Church through the Mission of St James and St John, the Uniting Church Child Care Services, the Lutheran Church and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.
 - 2 What was the response of the Treasurer to his submissions.
 - 3 What is the Government's continuing commitment to these agencies.
 - 4 Whether he will provide comparative costs for the Adoption Section of the Department of Community Welfare Services and for private adoption agencies.
 - 5 Whether he is aware of the enormous discrepancies between the present offer for funding to each of the three first-mentioned agencies in part one and the funds provided for departmental agencies.
- 1152 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What action has been taken to ensure the continuance of employment of hospital officers at Pentridge Prison Hospital.
 - 2 Whether he intends to direct the Correctional Services Division to advertise vacant positions for hospital officers in prisons; if so, when.
 - 3 What action he intends taking to ensure that acting hospital officers have the opportunity to participate in familiarization programmes, thus giving them the opportunity to seek secure permanent employment.
 - 4 Whether he has decided to disregard the memorandum of 23 February 1979 from Dr John Wolstenholme to the Director of Correctional Services in respect of prison hospital officer requirements for Pentridge Hospital and the Jika Jika High Security Unit; if so, why, and what effects staffing cutbacks will have on the functioning of the hospital and the high security unit.
 - 5 What changes to prescribed insignia have recently been required for various ranks of hospital attendants and whether this change represents any change of rank for hospital attendants; if so, what are the reasons for such insignia changes, and for changes in rank.
- 1154 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Employment and Training, further to the answer to question No. 50 given on 16 September 1980 concerning the Youth Guarantee Fund, whether he will make available to the Member for Brunswick the letter that was forwarded to the Secretary of the Department of Employment and Youth Affairs, together with subsequent correspondence and whether he will provide details on the current situation of the Fund.

- 1155 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the proposed closure of the Upfield railway line, what studies of—(a) necessary economic and social issues; and (b) cost benefit analysis have been carried out, or are being carried out, specifying the researches involved and whether the result of such studies will be made available to the public.

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- 1156 MR SKEGGS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether there has been a departmental assessment of the effect on the environment, traffic density and rail freight arising from proposed deregulation of trucks; if so, what are the details.

- 1157 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of public dental services:

- 1 What is the Health Commission's basis for allocating public dental services to non-metropolitan areas specifying the number of public dentists required for particular population groups.
- 2 What public dental services are available in the Geelong area, and what steps are proposed to increase the availability of such services to Geelong residents.

- 1158 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:

- 1 What was the actual staff ceiling in each of the Primary, Technical and Secondary teaching divisions at 1 March 1981, excluding teachers on leave.
- 2 What was the staff establishment in each of the Primary, Technical and Secondary teaching divisions at 1 March 1981, excluding teachers on leave.
- 3 When the Government plans to bring about equality between the staff ceiling and the staff establishment in each of the Primary, Technical and Secondary teaching divisions.

- 1159 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works whether a contract has been awarded to an overseas company to construct a wharf at Shelly Beach, Williamstown; if so, what is the purpose of the new wharf.

- 1160 MR ERNST—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what funds or guarantee of funds the Government is providing for the development of the Geelong central business district indicating for what projects.

- 1161 MR ERNST—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in relation to parking facilities at the Geelong railway station:

- 1 Whether there are any plans to extend the railway car park to overcome the limited car parking spaces available at present; if so, when construction will commence.
- 2 Whether he will give consideration to drawing up plans and constructing an overpass or an underpass from the parking area to the railway station.

Notices received on 24 March 1981

- 1164 MR KIRKWOOD—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:

- 1 Whether he will ascertain and advise how many other States in Australia apply the rule for vehicles turning left to give way, as in Victoria.
- 2 What steps will be taken to have uniform road laws in Australia.

- 1169 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what are the statistics for the various categories of armed hold-ups reported in 1980.
- 1170 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, when an answer will be provided for question No. 933 asked on 10 December 1980 concerning admission criteria to Echuca technical school.
- 1171 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply:
- 1 When repairs to the exterior of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works' offices in Little Collins Street were commenced.
 - 2 What has been the cost for each year to date and what is the expected total cost.
- 1175 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in relation to Housing Commission land at Melton:
- 1 When the land was bought, indicating the total price, the price per hectare and the area.
 - 2 What are the holding and interest charges to date, including this financial year, indicating the amounts in each case.
 - 3 Whether any land has been sold; if so, what is the area concerned and the price paid for such land.
 - 4 What are the current plans for the development of this land, indicating the expected starting date and timetable.
- 1176 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether persons sentenced between 1961 and 1974 are disadvantaged compared with persons sentenced before or after that period.
 - 2 What action is proposed to provide justice to those prisoners sentenced between 1961 and 1975 who are serving long and very long sentences with minimum terms of twenty years or more, even with remissions allowable.
 - 3 How many prisoners are serving long commuted sentences of 25 to 30 years minimum terms.
 - 4 How many of such prisoners are considered suitable for release.
 - 5 Whether the length of their sentences will be brought into line with other life sentences; if not, why.
- 1177 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 How many women serving a court sentence at Fairlea Female Prison have children, indicating the number of children involved.
 - 2 How many hours women are allowed to spend with their children each week.
 - 3 What special arrangements are made for those women who have children and are serving a court sentence at the prison.
- 1178 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What rights prisoners at Fairlea Female Prison have to see a visiting doctor when refused access by the supervising sister.
 - 2 What documented evidence is available to show the number of requests by prisoners at the prison to consult a doctor which have been refused.

1179 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 Whether medical care is provided on a twenty-four hour basis, seven days a week, at Fairlea Female Prison.
- 2 Whether prisoners at the prison have the right to choose their own medical practitioner, psychologist or psychiatrist.
- 3 Whether prescribed medical drugs are at all times supervised and administered by trained medical personnel at the prison.

1180 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 Whether the hospital facilities at Fairlea Female Prison meet with the minimum requirements of the Health Commission.
- 2 When the hospital at the prison was last inspected by the Health Commission.
- 3 When—(a) the kitchen; (b) the laundry; and (c) the dormitories, at the prison were last inspected by the Health Commission and whether they met with the minimum requirements.

1182 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 What are the figures relating to staff turnover at Fairlea Female Prison over the past five years.
- 2 What is the current staffing complement at the prison, indicating whether this complement is considered to be full strength.
- 3 What is the current salary relating to the various grades of prison officers employed at the prison.
- 4 What was the average number of overtime hours worked by each prison officer at the prison for the years 1978–79 and 1979–80.
- 5 What overtime rates are paid to prison officers.
- 6 Whether prison officers employed at the prison are given first aid instruction during any part of their training.

1183 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 What evidence is available to show that the work undertaken by the prisoners at Fairlea Female Prison prepares them for further employment.
- 2 What provisions are made for pre-release leave, day leave and weekend leave at the prison in order to prepare women for their eventual release.
- 3 How many women were released from the prison during the period 1978–79 and 1979–80, indicating how many have had work arranged for them by the Commonwealth Employment Service or other agencies on their release.
- 4 What procedures are adopted at the prison to evaluate the effectiveness of the educational and vocational programmes, indicating whether these results are available for public scrutiny.

1184 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 Whether women in Fairlea Female Prison are accommodated according to age and nature of offence.
- 2 What is the breakdown of age and offence of each woman serving in Wing 1, Wing 2A, Wing 2B and the Cottages, respectively.

- 1185 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What is the purpose in restricting prisoners' outward mail at Fairlea Female Prison to three letters per week.
 - 2 Whether he could ascertain and inform how many letters per week are permitted to be written by prisoners detained in women's prisons in New South Wales and South Australia.
 - 3 Whether it is necessary for women detained at Fairlea Female Prison to write their personal letters on Fairlea stationery; if so, why.
- 1186 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What is the maximum wage a prisoner can earn at Fairlea Female Prison.
 - 2 Whether he could ascertain and inform how this figure compares with the earnings of those women in similar institutions in New South Wales and South Australia.
- 1187 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What kind of activities, care and supervision is involved in the Fairlea Female Prison Drug Rehabilitation Programme.
 - 2 What evidence is available to show that this programme is effective.
- 1189 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether staff and the prison population at Fairlea Female Prison have meetings for the purpose of discussing problems that may arise from certain types of behaviour, attitudes and regulations that may aggravate smooth running of prisons; if so, how often these meeting are held.
- 1190 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What is the cost per week for the Government to detain a woman at Fairlea Female Prison.
 - 2 What has been the total number of prisoners detained at the prison since 1975 and of this number how many are recidivists.
 - 3 What is the maximum and minimum time respectively served by a woman serving a sentence at the Governor's pleasure at the prison.
- 1191 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether the Government has made application to the Commonwealth Government for an allocation of money from the Fishing Industry Research Trust Account during the past five years; if so, what was the nature of the application and what grant was made from the Trust in each of the past five years.

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- 1192 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer whether he will lay on the table of the library all relevant files concerning the proposed major legal action being contested by a vending machine company and George Adams and the Treasurer or Premier; if not, why.
- 1195 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 On what conditions the Fisheries and Wildlife Division issues permits to people to trap native birds.

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- 2 What is the estimated number of native birds trapped annually.
 - 3 Whether the Division supports the industry of trading in Australian fauna.
 - 4 Whether the Division has investigated any possible cruelties in trapping; if so—(a) what is the estimated mortality rate after the birds have been trapped; and (b) what findings have been made concerning cruelty in confining in close solitary confinement a bird that has flown free as a species for fifty years or more.
- 1197 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Property and Services:
- 1 How many marriages were performed in the electoral district of Oakleigh in each of the past five years, indicating for each year the—(a) number; and (b) percentage where the celebrant was—(i) a minister of a recognized religious denomination; (ii) the official registry; (iii) a civil celebrant.
 - 2 What was the number and percentage of marriages in each year where the—(a) bride; and (b) groom were—(i) under 20 years of age; (ii) 20–25; (iii) 26–30; (iv) 31–35; (v) 36–40; (vi) 41–45; (vii) 46–50; and (viii) over 50.
- 1198 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, how many prosecutions have been launched under section 3 of the *Litter Act* 1964.
- 1199 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the hospital building programme for the financial year 1980–81:
- 1 Which works were to be carried out or planned in Victorian hospitals, specifying in each case—(a) the hospital and the proposed work; (b) the stage this work is expected to reach by the end of the financial year; and (c) the expected expenditure this financial year.
 - 2 Which works were paid for from 1980–81 loan funds and which works are being constructed using bank loans or overdrafts to be repaid in future financial years.
- 1200 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, concerning the implementation of the *Health (Fluoridation) Act* 1973:
- 1 What supplies have now been fluoridated, indicating the date fluoridation commenced and the number of people served by the particular supply.
 - 2 Which water supply authorities have still not implemented the Act and what steps are being taken by the Government and the Health Commission in respect of each one of these Trusts.
- 1201 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of personnel working at 555 Collins Street, what arrangements exist for people not directly on the Health Commission's payroll, namely hospital and community health centre staff, to work at the Commission and how many such people are currently engaged in such exchange.
- 1202 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the review of the Early Childhood Development Programme announced by the Assistant Minister of Health in 1978:
- 1 What were the terms of reference of the review.
 - 2 Who conducted the review.
 - 3 When the review was completed and when copies of the report will be made public.

- 1203 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in relation to the Goonawarra Estate at Sunbury:
- 1 What is the number of lots pre-selected by builders as part of a builders purchase agreement, indicating the nature and terms of the agreement and whether the agreement legally contracts a sale.
 - 2 What is the current estimated profit or loss on each block of land sold.
 - 3 How many people are permanently employed, indicating their job, both at Sunbury and in the City or elsewhere, and the costs involved.
 - 4 What is the total cost of the television advertising campaign this year, and the total cost to date of all advertising.

- 1204 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 On what information he based his advice to Mr Max Dowsey of Werribee that all children from Werribee and surrounding districts for whom pre-school education was sought during 1981 have been accommodated.
 - 2 Whether in 1979, sixteen children and in 1980, twenty children wanting pre-school education could not be allotted places.
 - 3 What reasons there are for one child in every twenty-seven in the Werribee district receiving referred enrolment whereas the Victorian average is one child in every 136.
 - 4 When a capital grant will be made for the proposed Kookaburra Avenue pre-school and infant welfare centre.

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- 1205 MR CRABB—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services how many—(a) injuries; and (b) deaths resulted from road accidents involving—(i) semi-trailers; and (ii) trucks over four tonne capacity, in each of the past ten years and how many of these accidents occurred during school holiday periods.
- 1206 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Property and Services, concerning the operation of the *Public Records Act 1973*:
- 1 How often the Public Records Advisory Council has met.
 - 2 Which departments or authorities have furnished records to the Keeper of Public Records.
 - 3 On how many occasions a declaration has been made by the Minister under section 10.
- 1207 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken in respect of the recommendations contained within the Report "Community Services for the Portland District" prepared by the Portland and District Community Services Task Group, June 1980.
- 1208 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of the recommendation contained in the Report "Community Services for the Portland District" prepared by the Portland and District Community Services Task Group, June 1980, what action has been taken to appoint a policewoman to be stationed permanently in Portland.
- 1209 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to persuade the Department of Social

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Security to open a permanent office in Portland, indicating the results of such representations.

- 1210 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken in respect of the request from the Portland and District Community Services Task Group for an extraordinary input of Family and Community Services funding to develop new programmes in Victoria.
- 1211 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Premier what action has been taken to honour his commitment of 7 January 1981 to provide an immediate grant of \$7000 for emergency relief in the Portland District, indicating when the grant will be forwarded to the appropriate relief agencies.

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- 1212 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What is the status of the document "Social Effects of the Portland Smelter" commissioned by the Glenelg Regional Centre of the Department of Community Welfare Services for the information of the Portland and District Community Services Task Group.
 - 2 Whether this document is a substitute for the Social Impact Study which was to have been handled by the urban geographer of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, Dr Peter Newtown, but which has now been abandoned by decision of the Ministerial Council.
- 1213 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware that persons dependent on heart pacemakers are in danger when in the vicinity of micro-wave ovens; if so, whether he will take steps to ensure that warning signs are displayed at such locations; if not, whether he will acquaint himself with the position and take appropriate action.
- 1214 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 What assistance is currently being given by the State Government towards research into diabetes.
 - 2 What proposals are being considered to increase this assistance.
- 1217 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, what monitoring of pollutant levels in Cherry Lake, Altona and its tributaries, including drains, has been carried out since 1 July 1980, indicating the date and location of each sampling and the level of each pollutant detected on each occasion.
- 1218 MR BIRRELL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what has been the number of—(a) pupils on the roll; and (b) teachers on the payroll, within the Education Department in each year during the period 1976–81.
- 1219 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, of the projects currently being funded by the Transport Fund, if he will indicate in respect of each such project the amount of money required for completion of the project.
- 1220 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Property and Services what was the enrolment of each Legislative Assembly electoral district and each Legislative Council electoral province as at 31 March 1981.
- 1221 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what projects received finance from the Transport Fund in 1979–80, indicating in respect of such projects the ten highest priced projects.

1231 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 When the Department of Community Welfare Services intends to reply to the letter dated 31 March 1980 from the Department of Social Security seeking agreement in principle for a cost-sharing arrangement for the North-West One Stop Welfare Centre, Coburg, as agreed to at a meeting between officers of the Department on 5 March 1980.
- 2 When the Department intends to reply to the letter from the Department of Social Security of 16 July 1980 which indicated that the Department of Social Security was leaving the Centre.
- 3 When the Department intends to reply to the letter dated 27 October 1980, from the Policy Committee of the Centre seeking information regarding the Department's commitment to the Centre.
- 4 When the Department intends to reply to the letters dated 12 November 1980, 26 November 1980 and 2 December 1980, respectively, from the Policy Committee of the Centre seeking a reply to earlier correspondence.
- 5 What action he intends to take to ensure continuity of the N.O.W. Programme, in view of the fact that the lease option expires on 6 April.

Notices received on 2 April 1981

1232 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of urea formaldehyde foam insulation, whether the Health Commission has evaluated an alleged health risk; if so, what are the results of that investigation and whether any action is proposed.

1233 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of proposals to amend the *Hospitals Superannuation Act* 1965 and in particular to allow eligible persons to take part of their pension or all of it by way of a lump sum, whether this proposal has been agreed to by the Hospitals Superannuation Board and sent to a Treasury sponsored committee; if so, when it is expected that a decision will be reached.

1234 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the increase in main line train derailments from 51 in 1978-79 to 82 in 1979-80:

- 1 What is the cause of this sharp increase in derailments.
- 2 Whether he proposes positive action to upgrade those lines most seriously affected, or whether he wishes to avoid such action by line closures.

1235 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of the Government's aim to increase agricultural production by 25 per cent over the next ten years, whether a "small farm" problem exists in this State; if so, in what sectors of the rural economy this is most prevalent.

1236 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Economic Development, in respect of the Government's financial contribution to the Industrial Design Council of Australia and in view of the Government's recent promises to provide financial incentives for industries to develop research and development capacities, whether the Government intends to restore its contributions to the Council in accordance with the established \$1 for \$1 Commonwealth-State funding agreement.

- 1223 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether the proposal for a senior citizens club at Maldon is on the current list; if so, how many clubs are ahead of it in priority and when it is expected that funds will be available.
- 1224 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture:
- 1 Whether Victoria produces almost 90 per cent of Australia's exports in dairy products.
 - 2 Whether the dramatic decline in milk production will reflect upon the viability and cost structure of the Australian Dairy Corporation of which Victoria is major contributor.
 - 3 Whether he will take steps to obtain representation on the Australian Dairy Corporation for Victoria equivalent to its percentage contribution to the export market and to achieve the scaling down of the costs and administration of the Corporation in line with depreciation in quantity of export milk products; if so, what specific steps will be taken.
- 1225 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in respect of the answer to question No. 2045 asked in the previous Session of Parliament in which it was indicated that the Department of Community Welfare Services was undertaking a review of family substitute care and that the result would be announced late in 1980, whether the review has been completed, and if so, why no such announcement has been made in keeping with the commitment.

Notices received on 1 April 1981

- 1227 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for the Arts what is the current estimated date of completion for—(a) the concert hall at the Victorian Arts Centre; and (b) theatres and spire at the north end, indicating the projected costs in each case.
- 1228 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, further to the answer to question No. 1028 given on 31 March 1981, what were the reasons for the Country Roads Board's examinations, other procedures and a reply taking sixteen working days, indicating—(a) the number of officers involved; (b) the estimated number of working hours involved for each officer; (c) the estimated time for which the documents lay unused pending action by each officer; and (d) the estimated time absorbed by the transmission of the documents between officers.
- 1229 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, further to the answer to question No. 1028 given by the Minister of Transport on 31 March 1981, what practices, procedures or other factors prevented him from—(a) advising the Shire of Melton within one week of the proclamation of the *Public Works and Services Act* 1980 that he had approved funding the subject roadworks on condition only that the roadworks met normal Country Roads Board standards and requirements for works of a similar nature and that final contract costs conformed to the Country Roads Board's standard roadworks cost estimates; and (b) referring the subject plans and specifications to the Country Roads Board prior to 10 February 1981.
- 1230 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for the Arts, in view of the answer to question No. 626 given on 11 March 1981 and the transcript of the court case, how he relates the answer of five days delay on the concert hall and a total claimed by the builder of \$47 587 and an agreed claim figure of \$30 664 with the agreed settlement of \$1.9 million.

- 1237 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, in respect of the River Murray Waters Agreement and the proposed amendment to extend the responsibility of the River Murray Commission to include water quality throughout the River Murray System, whether the Government has signed this agreement; if not, when it expects to do so.
- 1238 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the \$30 000 survey being conducted into the attitudes of public transport users to the recommendation to close the St Kilda line contained in the Victorian Transport Study, whether additional surveys are proposed or are presently being conducted into the proposed closure of country rail lines; if so, what is the proposed cost of such surveys.
- 1239 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Regionalization of Health Services Discussion document prepared by the Health Commission, whether he proposes to present to the House a detailed report on the responses from the community and others to the proposals contained in that report; if so, when.
- 1240 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Employment and Training whether he can advise what specific programmes have been planned to provide greater employment opportunities for the disabled in Victoria, particularly in view of 1981 being the Year of the Disabled.
- 1241 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what is the expected completion date for the construction of the trans-shipping stockyards and rail sidings at Bandiana.
- 1242 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 Whether it is the policy of VicRail to scale down its livestock transportation; if so, why.
 - 2 What is the current availability of livestock rolling stock, indicating the condition, age, and type of stock.
 - 3 Whether there are plans to replace and modernize rolling stock for the movement of livestock; if so, when the Government intends—
(a) commencing; and (b) completing the updating programme.
- 1243 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning whether he is aware that the Minister for Economic Development wrote to the Member for Werribee on 5 March 1981 in connection with the approval of expenditure in Melton as part of the Melton-Sunbury project indicating that a reply from the Minister for Planning should be received very shortly thereafter; if so, what are the reasons for the delay in making a reply and when it can be expected.
- 1244 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, further to his statements on the adjournment debate on 1 April 1981 in respect of fruit-fly control:
- 1 What evidence there is of fresh outbreaks of Queensland fruit-fly (*Dacus tryoni*) arising from adults flying 80 km.
 - 2 What distances have been recorded between new *Dacus tryoni* outbreaks arising from flights by adults and pre-existing infestations.
 - 3 Whether there is evidence that *Dacus tryoni* survived in Melbourne and Wangaratta between the summers of—(a) 1978-79 and 1979-80; and (b) 1979-80 and 1980-81.
 - 4 Whether there is evidence that *Dacus tryoni* has regularly survived between summers in parts of Gippsland, and in parts of southern New South Wales having similar climates to parts of Victoria.

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5 Whether papers by experts including A. Meats and M. A. Bateman have drawn attention to the valuable role of quarantine barriers such as road blocks in controlling the spread of fruit-fly including *Dacus tryoni*.

6 Whether any special lures or other means of detecting the presence of Mediterranean fruit-fly (*Ceratitis capitata*) in Victoria originating from the several recent outbreaks in South Australia or other infestations have been used in Victoria; if so, where and when, indicating the dates in each case.

1245 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for the Arts whether he received reports before 31 December 1980 as provided in sections 17 and 18 of the *Victorian Arts Centre Act 1979*; if so, why they have not been tabled as required by section 18 of the Act and when they will be tabled; if not, what steps have been taken to require the production of the report.

Notices received on 7 April 1981

1246 MR BROWN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:

1 How many current purchase and tenancy applications, respectively, are held for public housing in Wonthaggi, indicating the number of applications for—(a) lone person; (b) low rental; (c) childless couples; (d) two-bedroom family; (e) three-bedroom family; and (f) large family categories.

2 What is the current provision of housing for each of these categories in Wonthaggi.

3 What are the current plans for providing additional housing in Wonthaggi.

4 How many spot purchase dwellings are currently planned for purchase in Wonthaggi.

5 Whether the Ministry of Housing has any plans to subsidize the construction of dwellings for elderly persons in Wonthaggi with assets greater than \$9000 but less than \$25 000; if so, what plans.

1247 MR SIMPSON—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Economic Development:

1 Whether he will make available all information regarding discussions between the Government and Alcoa of Australia Ltd about housing itinerant workers at Portland.

2 When discussions were commenced and what arrangements were made.

1248 MR SIMPSON—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Economic Development:

1 In view of \$1.8 million having been spent by the Government on the caravan industry in Ballarat since its inception, how often the companies receiving such subsidies reported to the Government on the state of the industry.

2 Whether he will make details of any such reports available and detail any mechanisms designed to make a subsidized decentralized industry accountable to the Ministry.

1249 MR SIMPSON—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Economic Development whether a \$3.5 million contract has been awarded to a South Australian firm ATCO to supply modular housing to Alcoa at Portland; if so—(a) when negotiations took place; (b) when the contract was signed; (c) what other companies were involved in negotiations; (d) how many jobs will be created at ATCO as a result of the Government contract; and (e) whether any steps were taken by the Government to try to persuade Alcoa to purchase such housing from Victorian companies.

- 1250 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether, as compared to 1978, the State Electricity Commission during 1980 has reduced its non-advertising sales promotion effort for appliances which use off-peak electricity; if so, whether this was done because of the tight supply situation during nights when base-load power is used to recharge pumped storages in the Snowy Mountains.
- 1251 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, further to the answer to question No. 788 given on 10 March 1981, and since 1 July 1980, whether any State Electricity Commission officer has originated an internal memorandum to accounting and financial staff which either defines a “duly authorized officer” for the first time or makes more restrictive some existing definition of “duly authorized officer”.
- 1252 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether he will provide the Leader of the Opposition with a copy of all submissions made by the State Electricity Commission to the Committee of Inquiry into Electricity Generation and the Sharing of Power Resources in South-East Australia chaired by Sir David Zeidler.
- 1253 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, further to the answer to question No. 712 given on 10 March 1981, whether he will now provide a final figure for the adjusting hydrocarbon royalty payment owed by Esso-B.H.P. to the State, indicate when and how this debt will be repaid, release details of any agreement that no interest will be charged, and explain precisely why the adjustment does not greatly exceed the \$15 million estimate made by the then Public Accounts Committee in its Report upon the Auditor-General’s Report for 1975–76.
- 1254 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy:
- 1 How many contracts for the supply of natural gas to power stations have been entered into between the State Electricity Commission and Esso-B.H.P.
 - 2 How many modifications to each such contract, whether by re-negotiation or attachment of appendices, have been made, indicating on which date each event occurred and whether any such modifications are currently under discussion.
- 1255 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether the Council of either the Town or Shire of Portland applied to the State Electricity Commission for supply of electricity to the Alcoa of Australia Ltd aluminium smelter pursuant to section 45 of the *State Electricity Commission Act 1958*; if not, why.
- 1256 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, in respect of State Electricity Commission contractors only, how many industrial disputes in the Latrobe Valley causing loss of working time have occurred during the past five financial years, indicating in each case the date, man-hours lost, duration, contractors involved, trade unions involved, and reasons.
- 1257 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether the State Electricity Commission has made any studies of the feasibility of a Latrobe Valley to Adelaide high voltage transmission line via Portland and Mount Gambier; if so, what is the likely transient stability limit on power flow capacity expressed in megawatts.
- 1258 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to question No. 464 answered on 21 October 1980, what were the terms and conditions of

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an offer recommended to be made to Nabalco on 28 February 1979, and an offer accepted by Alcoa of Australia Ltd on 1 March 1979.

- 1259 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether he will make available an organization chart for the Portland Ministerial Council and supporting bodies, indicating which positions are full-time and part-time and which positions are filled by seconded personnel.
- 1260 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether the Government or the State Electricity Commission will be making submissions to the Senate Standing Committee on National Resources Inquiry into the Bauxite, Alumina and Aluminium Industries chaired by Senator Andrew Thomas; if not, why.
- 1261 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, how many residential properties have been ordered to be sold by the Sheriff in each calendar year from 1970 to 1980, inclusive.
- 1262 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of grants for the 1981-82 financial year from the Commonwealth Government Fishing Industry Research Trust Account to the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology for the projects entitled "Fish Canning—Quality Control on New Product Development" and "The Utilization of Fish Waste as Silage":
- 1 What are the aims and objectives of each project.
 - 2 What is the nature of any involvement in the projects by the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife or any other Victorian Government instrumentality.
- 1263 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture what recent developments have been undertaken in Victoria for the genetic development of salt tolerant plants, indicating—(a) the plant species involved; (b) the location of the research and development; (c) the funds expended from each source; and (d) the results of research and development.
- 1264 MR SIMPSON—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Economic Development, in view of the shortage of temporary housing at Portland for workers of Alcoa of Australia Ltd, whether he will make representations to Alcoa to buy caravans from the Franklin Caravan Plant which may save the jobs of at least some of the 270 workers who are to be retrenched.
- 1265 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of the Government's objectives for agriculture in the 1980s, what increase by—(a) value; and (b) volume or mass is proposed for the production of each industry, indicating how it will be achieved.
- 1266 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, in respect of each grant for the 1981-82 financial year from the Commonwealth Government Fishing Industry Research Trust Account to continuing projects and new projects:
- 1 What is the source of funds contributed to the project from State sources.
 - 2 What will be the location or locations of the project.
 - 3 What is the designation and qualification of each officer involved in the project, indicating the proportion of the officer's time to be devoted to the project.
 - 4 What are the aims and objectives of the project.

- 1267 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, what recent developments have been undertaken in Victoria for research into the most efficient use of irrigation water, indicating—(a) the location and nature of each research project; (b) the criteria by which efficiency has been assessed; and (c) the findings of the research in respect of the costs of irrigation and the control of salinity, respectively.
- 1268 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to question No. 464 answered on 21 October 1980, whether an offer recommended to be made to Nabalco was made; if so, on what date.
- 1269 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what are the lengths and capital costs of the third and fourth 500 kilovolt transmission lines currently being built by the State Electricity Commission from the Latrobe Valley to the Melbourne load centre.
- 1270 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy how, in view of the statement by the State Electricity Commission's Tariff Engineer during a meeting held at Monash House with the Opposition on 17 November 1980 that approximately one-sixth of total costs (over \$100 million) represent losses on briquetting operations and subsidies of various kinds, he reconciles this information with the answer given by his predecessor in answer to question No. 574 given on 21 October 1980 that under Commission tariffs no company receives any subsidy.
- 1271 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer, of the seven projects mentioned in answer to question No. 288 given on 21 October 1980:
- 1 What is the new capital expenditure for each project.
 - 2 How many persons are currently employed in the construction of each project.
 - 3 What is the estimated number of persons who will be employed in each project on completion.
 - 4 Whether any of these projects are not proceeding.

Notices received on 8 April 1981

- 1272 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to the answer to question No. 377 given by the Minister of Educational Services on 7 April 1981:
- 1 What is the name of each organization for the education of deaf children for which funding is provided by the Health Commission.
 - 2 What are the criteria for allocation of funds by the Commission.
- 1273 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 Whether the Japanese research vessel, Hoyo Maru, also acting as a commercial squid venture is operating off the Victorian coast for a four-week period ending 22 April 1981; if so—(a) how many Victorian or Australian observers are on board the ship; and (b) what confirmation is available as to size of catch and when details of research will be relayed to Australian fishermen.
 - 2 Whether the Commonwealth Government made available the sum of \$40 000 to Victoria for the employment of observers and inspectors of foreign fishing ventures in 1980–81; if so, in the absence of a joint fishing venture, how the State Government will spend the \$40 000.

- 1274 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether a serious dispute between Tasmania and Victoria exists within the fishing and allied industries relating to which State effectively controls the waters in Bass Strait as from the parallel of latitude 39° 12' south; if so, what is the Victorian Government doing to resolve the dispute.
- 1275 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to the answer to question No. 376 given on 7 April 1981:
- 1 What is the nature of each joint project being undertaken as part of the Victoria/Jiangsu sister-State relationship, indicating in each case, the respective Government agencies and private bodies participating, the skills, materials, technology, information and other resources contributed by each State, and the duration of the project.
 - 2 What is the nature of each additional joint project now undergoing a feasibility study.
- 1276 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What steps are being taken to eliminate the necessity for some boys at Baltara Reception Centre having to sleep on the floor.
 - 2 Whether alternative arrangements are being planned to accommodate non-offenders in an environment separate from offenders; if not, why.
 - 3 What is the staff/child ratio at the centre, indicating whether this figure is adjusted according to special needs of some residents.
 - 4 How many boys have attended the centre over the past five years, indicating the average duration of stay before placement elsewhere.
 - 5 How Youth Welfare Services and Early Adolescent Support Units will function to assist some of the present problems.
 - 6 Whether all boys attending the centre receive Education Department schooling.
- 1277 MR ERNST—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, what projects in Victoria have been approved in connection with the National Water Resources Programme.
- 1278 MR ERNST—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, in relation to the Geelong Water Works and Sewerage Trust project for the Gellibrand Scheme:
- 1 Whether the scheme is part of the Victorian projects under the National Water Resources Programme.
 - 2 Whether the project has been approved.
 - 3 When funds will be made available.
 - 4 What part of the project will be funded directly by the State Government.
 - 5 What studies are being undertaken and funded by the State Government.
- 1279 MR ERNST—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 When the investigation into the re-classification of roads in the Bellarine Shire will be completed.
 - 2 Whether a copy of this report will be made available to local Members of Parliament.
 - 3 Whether the Geelong-Portarlington road will be re-classified as a highway.

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- 4 What plans there are for the duplication of the Geelong-Portarlington Road.
- 5 When work will commence on the duplication of the Geelong-Portarlington Road.
- 1280 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for the Arts:
- 1 When it is expected that the Committee of Inquiry into the Light Entertainment Industry will complete its report.
 - 2 Whether the report will be made public; if not, why.
- 1281 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer whether, in view of recent financial losses by the clients of failed insurance brokers, it is his intention to introduce legislation requiring insurance brokers to immediately lodge with the appropriate insurance company premiums paid by clients with proposals as negotiated; if not, why.
- 1282 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether the Government intends to introduce an amendment to the *Motor Car Act* 1958 to allow ex-service personnel categorized as 5 (a), 5 (b) and 5 (c) in the Commonwealth Repatriation Act to claim concessions on motor registration fees.

Notices received on 9 April 1981

- 1283 MR KIRKWOOD—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether there are any recognized health risks associated with the practice of children collecting used aluminium cans; if so, what risks and what is the potential for diseases to be contracted by children handling such cans, indicating those diseases.
- 1284 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, further to the answer to question No. 1132 given on 8 April 1981, what was the manner in which he advised the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of the Government decision on funding on 16 March 1981 and, if it was not by letter addressed to the Society, whether advice was later confirmed by letter.

Notices received on 14 April 1981

- 1285 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 Which unused railway stations have been leased to organizations.
 - 2 Whether any unused railway stations have been handed over to other organizations.
- 1286 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 Which VicRail capital works projects, funded in any of the past three years, will not be completed by 30 June 1981 and what is the estimated cost of completion in each case.
 - 2 Whether any of these projects will be completed in 1981-82.
- 1287 MR CRABB—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in each of the past twelve months, what sums of money have been paid by—(a) VicRail; and (b) the Ministry of Transport to contractors operating bus services in lieu of rail services between—(i) Ballarat and Donald; (ii) Ballarat and Geelong; (iii) Lilydale and Healesville; (iv) Ararat and Portland; and (v) Toolamba and Echuca; and in each case how many days bus operation was involved.

- 1288 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, in respect of the decision to locate the sheet-metal facility at Brunswick Technical College:
- 1 Whether the school was informed that the facility was to be located on the Millers Rope Works site and whether meetings were held on site to commence planning.
 - 2 Whether a decision was then made to shift the location to Preston; if so, when that decision was made and by whom.
 - 3 Whether all or some of the following interested parties had approved the construction of the facility at Brunswick—(a) the Brunswick Technical School Council; (b) the Principal of the Preston Technical College; (c) the Planning Committee of the North Regional Council of Technical Education and the committee itself; (d) the Facilities Planning Committee of the State Council for Technical Education; and (e) the State Council for Technical Education; if so, why those approvals were ignored.
 - 4 On what basis the decision to relocate the facility at Preston technical college was made.
- 1289 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware of reports that there are inadequate dialysis treatment facilities in the Melbourne metropolitan area; if so, what proposals the Government has to expand dialysis treatment services.
- 1290 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 What are the current interest rates for each Victorian permanent building society for—(a) deposits; and (b) loans, indicating when the loan rate last rose and what minimum borrowers must have and for what period of time to qualify.
 - 2 What is the lowest, highest, and average interest rate in Victoria, indicating—(a) the society; and (b) the comparison with other States.
 - 3 Whether any building societies have ceased taking applications for housing loans, indicating the society, when the decision was taken, and the reasons.
- 1291 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what is the number of registered private day care childminding centres within the metropolitan area, indicating the name and location of each.
- 1292 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what number of qualified childcare workers have graduated from the college at Watsonia over the past five years, indicating the number of students with—(a) a one-year Certificate; and (b) a two-year Diploma.
- 1293 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether the Government has been involved in any activities of the Australia-China Council, indicating any way in which the Sister-State relationship with Jiangsu Province is related to the activities of the Council.
- 1294 MR REMINGTON—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the Adelaide-Melbourne railway line, between Ararat and Serviceton:
- 1 How many derailments have occurred in the past twelve months.
 - 2 What was the cost of track and vehicle damage respectively.
 - 3 What was the total number of days the derailments closed the line.
 - 4 What was the total period during which speed restrictions were in force after the derailments.

- 1295 MR REMINGTON—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the Ararat–Portland railway line:
- 1 How many derailments have occurred over the past twelve months.
 - 2 What was the cost in terms of track and vehicle damage respectively.
 - 3 What was the total number of days the derailments closed the line.
 - 4 What was the total period during which speed restrictions were in force after the derailments.
 - 5 How many staff are allocated to detecting track defects in the Ararat region.
 - 6 How many staff were allocated to the same duties five and ten years ago, respectively.
- 1296 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what is the designation of each position on the staff of the Knox–Sherbrooke Early Childhood Development Programme, indicating in each case, whether the position is vacant, and, if so—(a) when the vacancy occurred; and (b) when it will be filled.
- 1297 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in respect of the *Community Welfare Services Act 1978*:
- 1 Why sections 21 (3) and (4), 22, 23, 34, 53 and 57 respectively have not been proclaimed.
 - 2 When these respective sections will be proclaimed.
- 1298 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 What is the current shortage of rental stock in—(a) Melbourne; (b) regional cities; and (c) country areas, indicating the extent of available rental stock in each case and the need.
 - 2 What current programmes are adding to this rental stock.
 - 3 What is the current policy towards selling houses, particularly in areas where there is a shortage and existing accommodation is largely flats, indicating the number sold in the past twelve months to date.

Notices received on 15 April 1981

- 1299 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture what average increases in agricultural productivity overall and in each industry expressed as—(a) production per person employed (including self-employed); (b) production per hectare; and (c) production per unit capital invested (expressed at specified constant values)—have been achieved in Victoria in each of the past ten, twenty and thirty years, respectively, indicating the sources of the figures on which the calculations are based.
- 1300 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to the answer to question No. 1081 given on 14 April 1981 concerning the Committee considering the introduction of uniform food standards throughout Australia:
- 1 What is the name, address, qualifications and method of appointment of each member.
 - 2 On what dates the Committee has met, indicating at which location in each instance.
- 1301 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what has been the funding of Co-operative Housing Societies, indicating—(a) ex-Commonwealth; (b) revolving funds; (c) State Government; (d) institutional funds; (e) Home Finance Trust; and (f) other funds for each of the past three financial years and the estimates for 1980–81.
- 1302 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what amount has been spent on—(a) re-painting; (b) renovating; and (c) modernizing, existing Housing Commission homes, flats and units, respectively, for each of the past three financial years, including the estimates for 1980–81, showing the number of staff employed overall in each year.
- 1303 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in respect of the housing programme to be undertaken in 1980–81, how many houses and flats, respectively, the Housing Commission plans to build, indicating—(a) in which municipalities the houses and flats will be built and completed; (b) how many of the houses and flats to be built by the Commission will be available for sale; (c) whether it is proposed to keep any houses built for rental; (d) how many existing houses and flats are being programmed for purchase and, in each case, in which municipalities the purchases will occur and whether the purchases, in each case, will be for longer rental provision or for re-sale.
- 1304 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing how many—(a) houses; (b) flats; and (c) elderly persons units have been built by the Housing Commission in each of the past three financial years, including the estimates for 1980–81, indicating the amount of funds allocated for each category and the number of buildings in each category for sale and rental, respectively.
- 1305 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what has been—(a) the number of tenants on rental rebate; (b) the average weekly rebates per tenant; (c) the rebate value or rent foregone; (d) the percentage of tenants on rebate to total tenants; and (e) the profit or loss on the rental account, for each of the past three financial years, including the estimate for 1980–81.
- 1306 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what has been the surplus or deficit for house sales operations for each of the past three years, including the estimate for 1980–81.

- 1307 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what is the 1980–81 spot-purchase programme, indicating—(a) the number of homes to be purchased and the total allocation; (b) the municipalities involved; and (c) the amount to be spent at Portland and the Latrobe Valley respectively.
- 1308 MR SPYKER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, following the decision not to proceed with the housing project at Graham Road, Highett, what the Housing Commission intends to do with the land now that it is not to be used for housing.
- 1309 MR SPYKER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Forests, with respect to the operations of the Timber Promotion Council for the years 1969–70 to 1979–80 inclusive:
- 1 What were the royalty contributions and Government grants paid to the Council by the Forests Commission.
 - 2 In each of these years, what was the balance carried forward to the next financial year.
 - 3 Pursuant to which section of the *Forests Act* 1958 the royalty collection for the Council is made, and whether an equivalent sum is collected from sawlogs taken from privately owned forests.
 - 4 In view of the balance carried forward in the Annual Report of the Council being \$119 851.56 for the year 1978–79 and in the year 1979–80 the balance brought forward being only \$97 739.30, why the sum of \$22 112.26 was written off.
 - 5 In view of the substantial surpluses recorded by the Council from 1969–70 to 1979–80, why the Government grant was increased by 150 per cent, particularly at a time when funding to other groups in the community deeply concerned with other values of our publicly owned State Forests has not received such consideration.
- 1310 MR SPYKER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply:
- 1 In view of the claim in the Forest Industry Resource Management Group Report on logging in the catchments, that logging mountain ash will increase water runoff, what hydrological pattern has been revealed in studies by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works hydrology research unit to substantiate this claim, whether any increase has been noted and in that event, how long this increase persisted.
 - 2 Whether it has been proved that water quality will be affected by the whole process of timber harvesting operations, which includes actual falling of trees, snagging, log landings, compaction, roading and fire breaks.
- 1311 MR SPYKER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Forests, whether the logging of Melbourne Water Supply catchments could eliminate the Australian timber import bill of \$600 million; if so, on what criteria this estimate is based.
- 1312 MR SPYKER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Forests:
- 1 Whether the Minister will indicate which timber contractors are considered to have the expertise to log a catchment area, and indicate which other areas in the State have been logged by these or other contractors according to the regulations as laid down by the Forests Commission.
 - 2 Which foresters in the Forests Commission have had proven experience in water catchment logging operations in the Melbourne catchments.

- 1313 MR SPYKER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture:
- 1 What is the average annual soil loss from—(a) farm lands; and (b) land cleared of native forests for agricultural purposes.
 - 2 Whether this soil loss is increasing, decreasing, or stable, in these land categories, indicating the reasons.
 - 3 Which areas in the State are considered to be affected by—(a) severe; (b) moderate; and (c) slight, salinity with respect to present viable agricultural cropping and whether these areas are increasing, decreasing, or stable.
 - 4 Whether any field trials have indicated that perennial grasses and salt tolerant trees can decrease the effects of salination in Victoria.
 - 5 What changes in patterns of ownership of agricultural and farm lands in Victoria have occurred since 1930.
- 1314 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether he will update the information provided in the answer to question No. 92 given on 14 April 1981, to indicate the figures for February 1981.
- 1315 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, further to the answer to question No. 954 given on 7 April 1981, what are the definitions of “total demonstrated resources” and “economically winnable resources” and whether these definitions have changed since 1977.

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- 1316 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, in view of the projected move of the Port of Melbourne Authority into new premises in the World Trade Centre in Flinders Street Extension, what use will be made of the present architectural award winning building presently occupied by the Authority.
- 1317 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for the Arts whether the contract for the concert hall of the Victorian Arts Centre has been changed in any way; if so—(a) in what way; (b) what is the purpose of the change; and (c) what effect the change will have on—(i) the estimated completion time; (ii) claims for variation orders; and (iii) negotiations over extra costs to builders and sub-contractors.
- 1318 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of dental services provided through the Ballarat Base Hospital, whether there are waiting lists for any categories of treatment; if so, what is the average waiting time for each such category.
- 1319 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of grants for travelling costs incurred by home help services, which municipalities receive reimbursement for travel, specifying the amount received last financial year and the estimated amount this financial year.
- 1320 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, further to the answer given to question No. 1229 on 28 April 1981:
- 1 What jobs included in the detailed works programme for the Melton/Sunbury Project received on 6 August 1980 were adopted on 8 January 1981—(a) without amendment; and (b) with amendment, indicating the nature of the amendment and the actions which led to the adoption of the amendment.
 - 2 What additional jobs or projects were included in the programme finally adopted indicating—(a) the source and date of the initial proposal; and (b) the actions which led to its adoption in each case.
- 1321 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer, further to the answer to question No. 1029 given on 15 April 1981:
- 1 Whether information relating to projects proposed to be funded by Item 161 of the *Public Works and Services Act* 1980 was supplied to him or the Treasury prior to Cabinet approval of the legislation; if so, what details were included.
 - 2 What were the details of the procedures followed in examining each project to ensure co-ordination with the programmes of Government departments and instrumentalities, indicating the purpose and method of each step.

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- 1322 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 What amount was held in the unclaimed dividends section of the George Adams organization as licensee of the Tattslotto operation as at 1 April 1981.
 - 2 Of such amount what amount was for the resultant dividend for the immediate Tattslotto draw.
 - 3 What amount related to unclaimed dividends in excess of—(a) 1 month; and (b) 6 months delay in claims.
- 1323 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation what areas of undeveloped land have been purchased by the Trotting Control Board, indicating in respect of each area—(a) the location of the land; (b) the area of the land; (c) when the land was purchased; (d) the purchase price; (e) the estimated present value; (f) the reason for the purchase; and (g) the present plan for future use.
- 1324 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 How many telephone accounts were registered with the Totalizator Agency Board as at March 1979, 1980 and 1981 respectively.
 - 2 What is the amount of unclaimed Totalizator Agency Board dividends for the years 1978–79; 1979–80; and 1980–81 respectively.
- 1325 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 What was the initial order of the new betting tickets for Totalizator Agency Board agencies and the financial cost to the Board.
 - 2 What is the name of the printing firm that supplied such tickets.
 - 3 What is the approximate number of tickets used per week.
- 1326 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General:
- 1 What are the 10 major bingo operating clubs in the Geelong Region in order of turnover for the present financial year indicating the relative figures.
- 1327 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what was the average daily passenger volume on the Geelong–Melbourne train service in each of the past 5 years.
- 1328 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what new primary and secondary schools, respectively are planned in the Geelong Region in the next 3 years.
- 1329 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What are the comparative traffic volume figures for the Geelong–Melbourne Highway in relation to the Lara to Corio and Corio to Central Geelong sections in each of the past 5 years.

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- 2 What are the comparative traffic volume figures for—(a) Bacchus Marsh Road, Corio; (b) Thompson Road, Norlane; (c) Ballarat Road, North Geelong; and (d) Beach Parade, Drumcondra, in each of those years.
- 1330 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 How many Housing Commission units were constructed and occupied in the Geelong region in the financial years 1977–78 to 1980–81, inclusive.
 - 2 How many such units are planned for the year 1981–82 indicating their locations.
- 1331 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, what is the number of Housing Commission tenants in the Geelong region paying concession rents as at March 1979, 1980 and 1981, respectively.
- 1332 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What was the subsidy amount granted to Geelong area urban bus operators in each of the past three financial years and in 1980–81 to date.
 - 2 What are the details of such subsidies in respect of individual routes.
 - 3 How the amount of such subsidy is determined.
- 1333 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 How many new “Granny flats” have been provided in the Geelong area in each year since the scheme was introduced.
 - 2 What is the present number on the waiting list for a Granny flat in the Geelong region.
 - 3 What is the present delay period between application date and provision.
- 1334 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, what was the annual financial allocation for maintenance of Housing Commission homes within the Geelong region in each of the financial years 1977–78, 1978–79 and 1980–81 indicating the number of homes covered under such maintenance.
- 1335 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What intersections within the Shire of Corio have been approved for future installation of traffic lights.
 - 2 When it is planned for such lights to be installed at each such intersection.
- 1336 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 How many school children within the Geelong Education Region have been granted a special book and uniform allowance in each of the years 1977 to 1980 and in this year to date because of family financial hardship.
 - 2 What were the eligibility provisions for such grants in each year.
- 1337 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, what year the oldest carriage in service this year on the Geelong–Melbourne passenger rail service was constructed.
- 1338 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services:
- 1 What schools in the Geelong area are at present listed for maintenance works.
 - 2 What are the respective details and the stage reached in each case.
 - 3 When it is planned each of these works will be carried out.

- 1339 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 What procedure is carried out to monitor air pollution in the Norlane, Corio and North Shore areas of Geelong.
 - 2 What are the main ingredients measured and what are the relative effects of each such element on humans.
 - 3 What are the major polluting industries in this region.
- 1340 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 What procedure is carried out by the Environment Protection Authority to measure pollutants in Corio Bay.
 - 2 What are the main pollutants concerned.
 - 3 What are the effects of each such element on human and marine life.
 - 4 Whether the waters of Corio Bay have deteriorated in purity over the past five years.
 - 5 What are the major pollutant industries affecting Corio Bay.
- 1341 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, how many final notices, court orders and evictions relating to Housing Commission occupants in the years 1979, 1980, and in this year to date were instituted from the Geelong Regional Office.
- 1342 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many motorists have been subjected to breathalyzer tests by “puff bag” methods in the Geelong region in 1981.
 - 2 How many motorists have been recorded as exceeding the alcohol limit.
- 1343 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many offences have been reported in the Geelong region in 1979, 1980 and 1981 to date for theft, burglary, assault, receiving, drugs and drink related offences.
 - 2 How many of such offenders have been detected.
- 1344 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 What was the total turnover of Totalizator Agency Board agencies in the Geelong region in 1978–79, 1979–80 and in 1980–81 to date.
 - 2 How many telephone accounts are listed with Geelong region Board agencies.
- 1345 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture further to the answer to question No. 1024 given on 28 April 1981, what are the boundaries of the area in East Gippsland now regarded as an endemic area for fruit fly, indicating the names of all towns infested over the past five years.
- 1346 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works whether the Public Works Department, or any Authority under the control of the department, has purchased any land in the proposed Hastings Port Industrial Area in the past three years; if so—(a) which land; (b) from whom the land was purchased; and (c) what was the purchase price and terms of sale.

- 1347 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether the Education Department or any authority under the control of the department, has purchased any land in the proposed Hastings Port Industrial Area in the past three years; if so—(a) which land; (b) from whom the land was purchased; and (c) what was the purchase price and terms of sale.
- 1348 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether the Department or any Authority under the control of the department, has purchased any land in the proposed Hastings Port Industrial Area in the past three years; if so—(a) which land; (b) from whom the land was purchased; and (c) what was the purchase price and terms of sale.
- 1349 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What was the—(a) recommended strength; and (b) actual total strength of the Fraud Squad as at 1 April 1981 and 1 April of each of the preceding three years.
 - 2 For the twelve months prior to 1 April of each of those four years how many members of the Squad—(a) were transferred from the Squad by promotion; (b) were transferred from the Squad other than by promotion; and (c) resigned from the Squad.
- 1350 MR REYNOLDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture:
- 1 What is the nature and extent of the current research work being undertaken by the Department of Agriculture into footrot of sheep, and who are the people carrying out this work.
 - 2 How this work is being financed, and how much has been spent in each of the past five years on this research work.
 - 3 What is the result of this research work and whether the department has established that this disease can be eradicated using existing methods.
 - 4 What is the estimated loss to the sheep industry in Victoria due to footrot and how many sheep are estimated to be affected.
 - 5 Whether the Department has an expert or experts available to advise farmers on the best method of control and eradication.
- 1351 MR HANN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing how many homes are to be built by the Housing Commission in the towns of Echuca, Kyabram, Rochester, Nathalia, Tongala, Cohuna, Pyramid Hill, Bendigo, Eaglehawk, Castlemaine, Maryborough and Leitchville in—(a) the current financial year; and (b) the next financial year, giving details of when tenders are to be called.
- 1352 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health how many appeals have been lodged against refusal of registration by the Chiropractors and Osteopaths Registration Board, indicating in each case—(a) the name of the appellant; (b) the grounds for refusal of registration; (c) the grounds for appeal; (d) the outcome; and (e) the costs incurred, indicating by whom.
- 1353 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 What were the official monthly fall-out figures for air pollution in the Herne Hill/Newtown North areas of Geelong over the past three years.
 - 2 How such measurements are taken and statistics recorded.
 - 3 What are the main pollutant materials.
 - 4 What are the effects of such pollutants upon material and humans.
 - 5 What improvements, if any, are planned to reduce such figures.

- 1354 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What are the planned completion dates for stages of the overpass bridge on Latrobe Terrace at Geelong West.
 - 2 What is the expected effect of traffic on adjacent roadways on completion of the overpass.
- 1355 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation what has been the annual income of the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation since its inception, indicating the respective proportions from—(a) Totalizator Agency Board; (b) Commonwealth Government; and (c) State Government, sources.
- 1356 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister for Water Supply, what are the respective financial allowances paid to the Chairman and Commissioners of the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust.
- 1357 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, what are the respective financial allowances paid to the Chairman and Commissioners of the Geelong Harbor Trust.
- 1358 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what plans there are for the establishment of a secondary school for the Lara area, indicating the proposed completion date and the location.
- 1359 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What are the details of staff shortages of the Bell Park technical school.
 - 2 What action is contemplated to overcome the problem, indicating when this will be achieved.
- 1360 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Economic Development:
- 1 What financial allocation plans are contemplated to develop the “Geelong City by the Bay” project recently announced by him in Geelong.
 - 2 What is the total planned Government allocation.
 - 3 What amounts will be progressively provided by the Government, indicating the respective dates of such provision.
- 1361 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what have been the average daily number of passengers that have used the Ballarat–Geelong rail service in March 1980 and the Ballarat–Geelong bus service in March 1981.
- 1362 MR ERNST—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether he will consider the provision of an overhead walkway to link the Geelong railway station public car park in Latrobe Terrace with the station entrance.
- 1363 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 How many applicants for drivers’ licences have been tested at the Geelong Registration Branch this year between 1 January and the end of April.
 - 2 How many of such persons have been granted a licence after the first test, second test and beyond the second test, respectively.

- 1364 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what is the number of persons qualified in child welfare who have graduated from the College at Watsonia over the past five years including—
(a) students with one year certificate; and (b) students with two year diploma.
- 1365 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Premier what applicants have applied to operate a casino in Victoria.

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- 7 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning whether the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works has written to him concerning the reservation for the F2 freeway, south of Bell Street, and whether the Board has written to the Brunswick City Council concerning the same matter; if so, whether he will make available to the Member for Brunswick, all files, memoranda and plans concerning this matter.
- 11 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of radiology services carried out in public hospitals on the 60/40 fee sharing agreement:
- 1 Which hospitals operate under this arrangement specifying the group practices involved, and the radiologists concerned in all such hospitals, indicating whether on a full or part time basis.
 - 2 In the case of each hospital for the years 1977–78, 1978–79 and 1979–80 and separately for the financial year to date, what income has been received by the hospital to offset the cost of providing the services to private patients.
 - 3 Whether payments have also been made in respect of radiology services for public or hospital patients; if so, what amounts in each case.
- 18 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of an investigation into hospital drug costs in Victoria announced on Friday, 28 October 1977:
- 1 Whether the investigation is completed.
 - 2 Whether a copy of the report will be made available.
 - 3 What action has resulted from the investigation.
- 25 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the proposed Eastern Suburbs Geriatric and Rehabilitation Centre planned for Burwood Highway, East Burwood:
- 1 What progress has been made in planning the Centre.
 - 2 What allocations of funds have been made to the Planning Committee in past financial years and this financial year for developing the Centre.
 - 3 Whether he will lay on the table of the Library all reports and memoranda relating to the development of this Centre.
 - 4 When it is expected that—(a) documentation will be completed; and (b) construction work will commence.
- 29 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the hospital construction and expansion programme in Victoria:
- 1 What would be the cost at current prices of building all those works and renovations which have been approved in principal and which some commitment has been made.
 - 2 Whether a list of such works will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.

- 31 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of payments to non-fulltime medical staff in hospitals during the 1978-79 and 1979-80 financial years:
- 1 What amount was paid to all visiting and sessional medical staff, specifying the categories of payment for sessional staff on call and recall.
 - 2 What is the estimate for 1980-81.
- 45 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the Early Childhood Services Policy Committee, and further to question No. 92 answered on Tuesday, 11 September 1979:
- 1 What progress has been made in the evaluation of the Early Childhood Development Programme.
 - 2 Which aspects of the Programme have been examined.
 - 3 What reports and recommendations have been made by the Committee to the Chairman and/or the Minister.
 - 4 Whether copies of such reports will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 55 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 What is the composition of the advisory committee on units for cardiac surgery mentioned in answer to question No. 1079 given on 12 March 1980 and what are the terms of reference of the committee
 - 2 Whether the report has yet been submitted either to the Health Commission or to him; if so, whether a copy can now be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 59 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the sub-committee of the Consultative Council on Maternal and Child Health established to advise on the evaluation of the Early Childhood Development Programme, and further to question No. 95 answered on 5 July 1979:
- 1 Whether the report was submitted to the Consultative Council in August 1979; if not, when it was submitted.
 - 2 Whether the Consultative Council submitted the report to him; if so, when; if not, why.
 - 3 Whether he has yet decided to release all or part of the report as suggested in his answer of 5 July 1979; if so, to whom the report has been released and whether a copy of the report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 65 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, further to the answer to question No. 1268 given on 11 March 1980 concerning coronial autopsies:
- 1 What conditions are proposed to be laid down by the Law Department in granting permission to conduct post mortem examinations in certain cases where the death is reportable to the Coroner.
 - 2 Whether any teaching hospitals have yet availed themselves of these new arrangements; if so, which and when.
- 66 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of discussions between the Law Department and Health Commission medical officers concerning the conduct of post mortem examinations by teaching hospitals, in certain cases where the death is reportable to the coroner, what has been the result of these discussions, and whether it is expected that new arrangements may soon apply in at least one Melbourne teaching hospital; if so, which teaching hospital and when it is expected that the new arrangements will be introduced.

- 68 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health further to the answer to question No. 1226 given on 11 March 1980 concerning the rebuilding of the Police Hospital:
- 1 On what basis the Committee of Management of Prince Henry's Hospital was asked to participate in the building of the Police Hospital, either by the Hospitals and Charities Commission or the Health Commission.
 - 2 When the first request was made.
 - 3 What were the details of the arrangements.
 - 4 Whether either commission received progress reports from the hospital concerning the project; if so on what dates and whether all files and memoranda relating to this matter will be laid on the table of the Library.
- 72 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Box Hill Hospital:
- 1 How many administrative officers are employed at the Hospital.
 - 2 How many medical registrars are employed at the Hospital and how this compares with the number of accredited positions at the Preston and Northcote Community Hospital and the Western and General Hospital.
- 82 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Premier what reports have been compiled by—(a) the Anti-discrimination Bureau; and (b) the Equal Opportunity Board, in the past twelve months, indicating whether these reports will be laid on the table of the Library.
- 84 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in each of the past three financial years and the current financial year to date:
- 1 What funds have been allocated to co-operative housing societies, indicating—(a) Commonwealth funds and their source; (b) State funds and their source; (c) funds not used and carried over; (d) revolving funds; and (e) any other funds.
 - 2 What was the actual expenditure and what is the estimated expenditure for the remainder of this financial year.
 - 3 What was the proportion of funds as between co-operatives and the Housing Commission.
- 87 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, following the appointment of a Co-ordinator of Urban Land Development:
- 1 What steps have been taken to establish and monitor a data-bank for urban land production.
 - 2 What steps have been taken to extend the Preferred Development Area system to major urban areas in the country.
 - 3 What steps have been taken, or are currently under consideration, to reduce the cost of land servicing.
- 88 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what is the number of Country Roads Board houses being transferred to the Housing Commission, indicating in each case—(a) the location; and (b) whether the house is occupied and, if so, the duration of current tenancy agreement.
- 93 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in relation to the development of the Goonawarra Estate at Sunbury:
- 1 What amount has been spent on the whole project to date, indicating the expected expenditure at completion.

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- 2 What amount has been spent on the golf course to date, and what is the expected expenditure and the completion date, indicating separate items including the club house and greenkeeper's section.
 - 3 Whether the course has reticulated water and sewerage throughout; if so, what is the cost.
 - 4 How many hectares are set aside for the golf course and its surrounds and how many for housing.
 - 5 How many house lots are expected to be yielded from the balance of the land.
 - 6 How many houses have been completed to date, and how many are in the course of construction, indicating the cost to date and the expected selling price.
 - 7 How many houses intended for public use have been completed to date, and how many are in the course of construction, indicating the cost to date and the expected selling price.
 - 8 How many house lots will be made available to—(a) private builders; (b) private persons; and (c) public housing.
 - 9 What is the average price of blocks made available to—(a) private builders; (b) private persons; and (c) public housing.
 - 10 How much the advertising campaign has cost to date, and how much it is expected to cost, indicating the source of the funds.
- 94 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what is the result of further discussions with the State Superannuation Board to determine whether loans could be made available to the general public on a longer term basis to be more acceptable to the average borrower for home loan purposes, indicating whether any money has been lent on this basis, and, in that event, how much and at what rate of interest.
- 104 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what is the migrant English teacher entitlement of each school in the electoral district of Oakleigh, indicating the number of migrant English teachers actually provided in each case.
- 106 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what is the name of each school where building plans have had to be abandoned following adoption of the core-plus policy, indicating in each case—(a) who commissioned the plans, and whether departmental approval was given; (b) whether the plans had been completed; (c) whether tenders had been called; and (d) the costs incurred.
- 111 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health which of the Priority List projects for 1976-77, 1977-78 and 1978-79, pursuant to the Commonwealth *Aged Persons Hostels Act 1972* and *Aged or Disabled Persons Homes Act 1974* which his predecessor itemized in his answer to the Member for Brunswick on 15 March 1978 in response to question No. 20 and reported in *Hansard* at page 422, have not been finished, indicating the reason in each case.
- 123 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether he will now provide the answer on the recommendations of the report on the Victoria Police which the then Chief Secretary was unable to give the then Leader of the Opposition on 4 May 1977 in response to question No. 1461 and reported in *Hansard* at page 8728.
- 124 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what is the name of each senior citizens club for which a Commonwealth Government grant

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is currently being sought, indicating in each case the—(a) number on the priority list; (b) municipality; and (c) date on which application was originally made.

- 197 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning whether there is an appeal before the Town Planning Appeals Tribunal involving the Cities of Sunshine and Altona, against a permit being granted to Protean Holdings to build an abattoir at Derrimut; if so—(a) whether legal representatives acting on behalf of Protean Holdings indicated that it was the intention of that company to rationalize its operations at Derrimut; (b) what action the Government has taken to protect the commitments of Melbourne and Richmond City Councils on matters relating to the abattoirs sited on Crown land within those two municipalities; and (c) what adverse effects the permit granted by the Shire of Werribee and the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works will have on these works in addition to Co-operative Farmers and Graziers Direct Meat Supply Ltd works, Brooklyn at a time of depleting livestock numbers and over-capitalization of the meat industry.
- 201 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What schools have been closed in each of the past ten years.
 - 2 What is the estimated value of each of the properties involved.
 - 3 Which of these properties have been disposed of, indicating at what price and to whom.
 - 4 What use is being made of each of the remaining properties.
- 207 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what is the—(a) student enrolment; and (b) staff allocation, of each Government school in the electoral districts of Doncaster, Ringwood and Mitcham, and how many teachers are allocated to specific remedial teaching duties in—(i) reading; (ii) mathematics; and (iii) written expression in each case.
- 209 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, with regard to the staffing position at Leongatha high school:
- 1 Why there has been a reduction for 1980 of the special needs component within the school's establishment from 1.5 to 1.2 teachers, thus forcing the school to eliminate or seriously curtail programmes designed to assist disadvantaged students.
 - 2 Why finance to provide a part-time teacher aide at the school has been withdrawn for 1980.
 - 3 Why a library assistant has not been provided for the school, despite the school's entitlement on the Education Department's own personnel schedule.
- 224 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in relation to the Wendouree High Technical School:
- 1 What is the present enrolment.
 - 2 What is the expected enrolment in 1981, 1982, and 1983.
 - 3 How many classrooms are at the school and of these how many are temporary.
 - 4 When it is expected that the already long overdue Stage 2 of the school's building programme will be undertaken.

5 What additional ancillary staff are being provided in 1980 to cope with increased enrolments.

6 What grounds development will be undertaken in 1980 and 1981.

229 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:

1 How many individuals who taught English as a second language in the classroom in the Primary, Secondary and the Technical Divisions, respectively, were employed by the Education Department at the—
(a) beginning of the 1979 school year; (b) the end of the 1979 school year; and (c) beginning of the 1980 school year.

2 What are the figures of effective full-time people employed by the Education Department who taught English as a second language in the classroom in the Primary, Secondary and Technical Divisions, respectively, at the—(a) beginning of the 1979 school year; (b) end of the 1979 school year; and (c) beginning of the 1980 school year.

230 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:

1 How many schools lost classroom teachers of English as a second language from the end of the 1979 school year to the beginning of the 1980 school year.

2 What are the schools and how many—(a) effective full-time classroom teachers of English as a second language; and (b) individuals who taught English as a second language in the classroom, were lost to the schools in the above period.

3 How many schools gained classroom teachers of English as a second language from the end of the 1979 school year to the beginning of the 1980 school year.

4 What are the schools and how many—(a) effective full-time classroom teachers of English as a second language; and (b) individuals who taught English as a second language in the classroom, were gained by each of the schools in the above period.

236 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, further to the answer to question No. 711 given on 11 September 1979 listing secondary schools in Victoria with a Commonwealth standard library:

1 Whether he will review the listing of Birchip high school and Brunswick East high school as possessing such facility.

2 Whether he will review the entire list and provide a new list following such review.

239 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, which schools in Victoria currently employ teachers aides, indicating in each case—(a) whether the appointment is full or part time; and (b) whether the appointment is funded by the Commonwealth or the Victorian Government.

241 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the Melbourne College of Printing and Graphic Arts:

1 What progress has been made by the task force established to advise the State Council for Technical Education on the needs of the college.

2 What action is to be taken in response to this investigation.

3 What is the current enrolment at the college.

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- 4 How many applications for apprenticeship were refused due to inadequate facilities at the college.
- 246 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education whether he will provide Members with a copy of the formula for determining teacher staffing for special needs and migrant English.
- 249 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, which schools in the Northern Region have a gymnasium.
- 250 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 How many schools in each region have a gymnasium.
 - 2 What is the percentage of schools in each region with a gymnasium.
- 259 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport on what projects Commonwealth funds to Victoria under the Urban Public Transport Improvement Programme were spent during each of the past five years.
- 271 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works what amount has been spent in converting more than 1000 oil-fired heaters in Government buildings in each of the past three years.
- 275 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, whether the Minister has refused to confirm the compulsory acquisition of the vacant allotment, known as Lot 7 Pleasant Street, by the City of Coburg, when this acquisition is considered desirable to further the establishment of a linear park; if so, why.
- 294 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs:
- 1 How many citizenship certificates were conferred in each municipality in 1979.
 - 2 How many other citizenship certificates were conferred in private ceremonies.
 - 3 How many citizenship certificates were conferred in Victoria in 1979, indicating the nationalities of these new Australian citizens.
- 295 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs how many aliens in Victoria, sixteen years of age and over, are residentially qualified to apply for Australian Citizenship but have not done so, indicating the number of each nationality.
- 296 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning:
- 1 Whether he has received the report of the Road Planning Liaison Committee concerning the F2 reservation, south of Bell Street; if so, when he will make a decision on this matter.
 - 2 Whether he will make this report public.
- 306 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of Ruthven primary school:
- 1 When attention will be given to the lighting of eight rooms as first requested on 8 May 1978.
 - 2 When repair of damaged or subsided asphalt, first requested on 24 February 1975, will be carried out.
 - 3 When lowering of flushometers in the boys' toilets, first requested on 8 May 1978, will be carried out.

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- 4 When attention will be given to blocked drains as first requested on 17 August 1977.
- 5 When up-grading of administrative facilities, first requested on 8 May 1978, will be carried out.
- 6 When cyclic maintenance including external and internal painting, as first requested on 9 June 1976, will take place.
- 7 When repairs to temporary fibro-cement wall, as requested on 4 June 1976, will be carried out.

Notices received on 10 September 1980

- 348 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many Fraud Squad investigations of corporate crime have been made in each of the years from 1970 to date.
 - 2 How many arrests have been made in each particular investigation.
 - 3 What has been the total sum of money involved in each of the years from 1970 to date.
 - 4 What has been the total sums of money recovered in each of the years from 1970 to date.
- 373 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the committee appointed to examine the problems arising from appointments made by School Councils under the provisions of the *Education (School Councils) Act 1975* mentioned in the report of the Ombudsman in Case Nos. 8102, 8103, 8104, 8105 and 8107:
- 1 When the Committee was appointed.
 - 2 Who are the members of the Committee, indicating their normal positions.
 - 3 What are the terms of reference of the committee and when it is to report.
- 380 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts whether proposals have been made to the Government for the creation of a resources centre for small museums; if so—(a) which body or bodies made the proposal; (b) whether the proposal has been accepted by the Government; (c) what action has been taken to establish such a centre; (d) whether funds have been made available for the establishment of a centre; and (e) whether funds are available to assist small museums, indicating details of any such allocation.
- 381 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of position papers foreshadowed by the Town and Country Planning Board in the State Co-ordination Council Quarterly Progress Report No. 11, December 1978, paragraph 16B.4.3:
- 1 On what date each paper was or will be completed.
 - 2 Whether each paper is or will be made publicly available.
 - 3 Whether the papers, findings and recommendations represent Government policy.
- 386 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government:
- 1 On what date ratepayers residing in the City of Sunshine will be permitted to democratically elect councillors of their own choice to represent them at local government level.

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- 2 On what date the ratepayers last democratically elected councillors for the municipality.
- 3 What is the name of each ward within the municipality and what was the number of voters registered within each ward during the last election.
- 4 Whether residential development within the municipality has since aggravated the numerical differences between each ward.
- 5 What action the Minister has taken to apply the principle one person, one vote, one value, to each ratepayer within each ward for future elections to the City of Sunshine.

Notice received on 16 September 1980

- 494 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether he will bring up to date the information supplied on 18 September 1974 about company investigations in response to question No. 87 recorded in *Hansard* on pages 422 and 426.

Notice received on 17 September 1980

- 505 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what products which include diethyl stilboestrol or chemically related substances have been approved for use in Victoria, indicating in each case—(a) the name of the product; (b) the name of the person or company in whose name it was approved; (c) the names of the active ingredients; (d) the forms in which it was approved; (e) when approval was first granted; (f) if approval was amended, when and in what way; (g) if no longer current, when approval lapsed; and (h) the uses for which it was approved.

Notice received on 18 September 1980

- 517 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in view of question No. 1129 first asked on 18 September 1979 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period:
- 1 What consideration he has given to the representations of the Gippsland Over Coal Land Owners Protection Council on the question of determining applications on hardship created by the Central Gippsland Interim Development Order.
 - 2 In view of the considerable time which has elapsed since the Government first began to examine such hardship cases and hearing applications, what action will be taken to ensure that affected land owners are not disadvantaged by further delay.

Notices received on 23 September 1980

- 569 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Whether the police helicopter has had an engine failure; if so, whether it was necessary to purchase a spare engine.
 - 2 How many accidents the helicopter has been involved in, indicating the time out of service and the cost of repairs in each case.
- 573 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What has been the total cost of the Victoria Police Airwing helicopter and accessories to date.
 - 2 How many hours the helicopter has flown since acquisition, indicating the hours involved in—(a) training; (b) testing; and (c) actual police work.

- 575 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether the personnel winch on the police helicopter developed a fault and fired its cutting knife; if so—(a) whether the hook from the winch fell on a person's head causing injury; and (b) whether the helicopter crew refuse to operate the winch.

Notices received on 24 September 1980

- 585 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What was the cost per flying hour of the police helicopter, taking into account total moneys expended on maintenance, pilot salary and other expenses.
 - 2 What costs were incurred on—(a) scheduled maintenance, including labour; and (b) unscheduled maintenance, including labour.
- 586 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what is the estimated amount to be budgeted for the operation of the police helicopter for the next financial year, including provision in relation to hours of flying and pilot costs.
- 587 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what actual number of arrests can be attributed to the use in detection work of—(a) the police helicopter; and (b) charter helicopters on police work.
- 588 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What were the number of flights made and hours flown in the police helicopter that could not have been flown in a single engine machine, excluding time engaged on instrument flight rules training.
 - 2 Whether aerial work is permitted at night in single engined helicopters.
- 596 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether other helicopters have been chartered for police work when the police helicopter was out of service; if so, what was the cost.

Notice received on 30 September 1980

- 623 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether E.C.A. Centre designs and core plus designs provide adequate access for the handicapped, including to toilet areas; if not, what action will be taken to provide adequate access.

Notices received on 1 October 1980

- 627 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts, in respect of architects and consulting fees relating to the concert hall project of the Victorian Arts Centre:
- 1 What submissions have been made by the architect or any other members concerning such fees.
 - 2 What is the normal level of fees in a major building contract and that accepted by the relevant professional body.
 - 3 What offers were made by the building committee.
 - 4 When agreement was reached, indicating the level agreed on, when the question of fees was placed before the building committee, and the minuted decision.

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- 5 Whether difficulties arose because the fee set was too low to provide an efficient service and staff.
- 6 Whether any letters were received subsequent to the agreement on fees, indicating—(a) from whom and the dates of the letters; (b) the substance of the letters; and (c) the resulting response and decision, including the date of placement before the building committee and the minuted decision and, if not placed before the committee, why.
- 7 Whether any decision was taken that the fees be fully resolved.
- 8 Whether the question of fees has been fully and finally resolved; if so, by whom, when and at what level.

629 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts, in respect of the concert hall project of the Victorian Arts Centre:

- 1 What is the date of completion specified in the contract.
- 2 What is the current estimated date of completion.
- 3 What variation orders there have been as a result of—(a) weather; (b) industrial disputes; (c) lack of information and/or drawings; and (d) altering of information and/or drawings, indicating the amounts claimed in each case, whether the claims were settled and the amounts agreed upon.
- 4 What are the details of those claims not yet settled.
- 5 What amount was claimed in the case of Podgor Constructions, indicating—(a) the reasons; (b) the amount agreed upon, indicating the source of funds used for any payments made; (c) whether any areas of concrete formwork were erected one day and then dismantled, indicating the extra costs involved; and (d) whether these claims have been met in part or in full and, if not, why.

640 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the financial years since the Health Commission came into operation, and the estimate for this financial year:

- 1 What was the number, classification, and cost of staff employed in each Division.
- 2 What is the number of staff on the pay-roll of public hospitals employed in the Health Commission for Commission purposes, specifying the classification and cost.
- 3 What is the recurrent non-salary costs of the Commission, specifying the cost in terms of each Division.

Notices received on 21 October 1980

668 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the proposed hospital to be constructed by the Hospitals Corporation of Australia on the corner of Manningham Road and High Street, Doncaster, whether the Health Commission is aware of the extension of the building permit for the hospital; if so, whether the Commission placed the information before the Council and whether the Commission has taken any attitude towards the construction of such private hospital on that site.

675 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the evaluation of the Barwon Region Child Maltreatment Pilot Project:

- 1 What is the basic design of the evaluation and how it will be carried out.
- 2 Given the long gap between the commencement of research and the original commencement of the project, whether the research effort will be hindered and how it is intended to compensate for the delay.

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- 3 Why the researcher is based in Melbourne when the project is in the Barwon Region and whether this will hinder the research.
 - 4 When it is expected that the first report will be available.
- 681 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of school dental clinics in the electoral district of Brunswick, whether on 13 March 1979, the then Minister of Health, Mr Hunt, together with the then Assistant Minister of Health, Mr Jona, issued a press statement, which promised pre-school dental clinics at the following primary schools: Brunswick, Brunswick North, Coburg West, Moreland, and facilities for mobile dental clinics at the following: Brunswick East, Brunswick South, Brunswick South West, Brunswick West, Merri, Princes Hill and Brunswick North West, as well as funds for the construction of mobile school dental clinics and vehicles and X-ray equipment for these and other clinics; if so, whether any of these clinics have been established, and in that event, where; if not, why they have not been established and what has happened to the funds.
- 682 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the day therapy area underneath the existing nursing home wing at the West Gippsland Hospital:
- 1 When the area was completed.
 - 2 When a request for staff for the area was received, specifying the staff requested.
 - 3 When it is proposed that staff will be available to operate the area.
 - 4 When it is expected that capital funds will be available to complete the interior fitting.
- 683 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what interest was earned from investments of the Trust Fund during the year 1979–80, indicating what rate of interest this represents.
- 689 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, further to the answer to question No. 282 given on 2 October 1980:
- 1 What were the circumstances of the \$310 000 expenditure on building work at the University of Melbourne, indicating the building work concerned.
 - 2 What was the date on which the money was expended, indicating the rate of interest, the sum paid annually to provide the interest and provisions for repayment of the total sum.
- 691 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 When VicRail Investigation Officers were first appointed.
 - 2 How many officers there are at present, indicating the name, address and age of each officer.
 - 3 What are the qualifications required for appointment to this position.
 - 4 Whether officers are instructed to identify themselves when carrying out their responsibilities; if not, why.
 - 5 How many convictions have been obtained by officers in each year since inception, indicating in respect of those convictions, in how many cases it was alleged that the investigating officer had not identified himself to the offender.

Notices received on 22 October 1980

- 696 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General:
- 1 Whether the Minister is aware that no funds have been paid by the Commonwealth of Australia to the State of Victoria under the provisions of section 20 of the *Commonwealth Places (Application of Laws) Act 1970* whereby reimbursement to the State of Victoria of funds paid is required.
 - 2 Whether the Minister can indicate why there has been no attempt by the State of Victoria to recover the moneys due to it, and whether he can give an estimate of the total amounts foregone by the State of Victoria owing to the failure to obtain reimbursement.
 - 3 What steps are being taken after a lapse of almost eight years to effect recovery in accordance with the provisions of the Act.
- 702 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether any applications for funding of construction of the Maroondah hospital were made to the Commonwealth Government between 1972 and 1975, indicating in each case the—(a) date; (b) substance; and (c) response.

Notices received on 28 October 1980

- 711 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health which hospitals currently have renal dialysis units, specifying the size of each unit and what expansion is proposed for such units in each of the next three years.
- 715 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 What is the name of the private firm granted an informal lease over part of the Preston Regional Office premises from June 1978 to May 1980, contrary to the *Audit Act 1958* and the Public Accounts and Stores Regulations.
 - 2 Why the departmental file relating to this lease was not made available to the Auditor-General upon request.
- 719 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 Under what criteria organizations presently qualify for State guarantees on their bank overdrafts without the specific authority of Parliament.
 - 2 Whether the State has been committed to contingent liabilities without proper authority; if so, when the practice will be abandoned.
 - 3 What steps he will take to ensure that complete records are built up and properly maintained so that the Auditor-General can determine what loans have been favoured with State guarantees and the value of the consequent contingent liabilities created.
 - 4 What were the dates of issue, maturity dates, interest rates and other terms and conditions attached to loans guaranteed by the Treasurer under section 95A of the *State Electricity Commission Act 1958*.
- 722 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer, in view of the Auditor-General's statement that the Minister of Public Works entered into \$10.28 million worth of deferred payment contracts despite a limit of \$8 million established by the Treasurer, whether he will advise what ceilings were placed on State Electricity Commission supplier credits during each of the past three financial years and to what extent the Commission has exceeded these limits.

729 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier:

- 1 Why the following trust accounts, listed as part of the Trust Fund in the Treasurer's Finance Statement 1979-80, were never listed as "opened" in any Annual Report of the Auditor-General: Fisheries Research Fund; The Licensing Fund; Fisheries Dartmouth Dam Surveys Trust Account; Greyhound Racing Clubs Fund; Motor Accidents and Insurance Premiums Suspense Account; Railway Salaries and Wages in Suspense Account 1978-79; Treasury Drawings Account No. 1; Agriculture Technical and Further Education Trust Account; Commonwealth Traffic and Road Safety Improvement Programme Trust Account; Commonwealth National Estate Programme Trust Account; Departmental Suspense Accounts (Consumer Affairs, Corporate Affairs Office, and Liquor Control Commission); Mildura Nursery Account; and Local Government (House Builders' Liability) Trust Account.
- 2 What was the purpose of establishing each account, indicating the payments and receipts during the first year of operation and the balance as at 30 June, after the first year of operation.

731 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of school dental services for primary school children in the Colac area:

- 1 What services are currently provided.
- 2 When it is expected that school dental clinic services will be available and in what form.
- 3 What discussions have occurred with the Minister of Health and the Health Commission as to the provision of facilities through the district hospital, and when adequate services will exist either through the hospital or through the school dental programme.

Notice received on 30 October 1980

749 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he or the Health Commission has received a detailed submission from the Shire of Mildura and the City of Mildura concerning the provision of nursing home accommodation in the Mildura area; if so, whether the submission has been examined and whether the Government intends to assist in the provision of needed nursing home accommodation in the Mildura area.

Notices received on 5 November 1980

759 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, whether the Minister has received a submission from concerned residents of the Upper Yarra Shire with regard to mismanagement by the Council; if so—(a) whether the Minister has acknowledged receipt of this submission and, if not, why; and (b) what action the Minister has taken or is proposed with regard to the matters raised.

768 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the Department of Community Welfare Services will provide additional funds to the Springvale Community Aid and Advice Bureau on a dollar-for-dollar basis to match the Springvale City Council 1980-81 contribution; if not, why.

Notices received on 11 November 1980

780 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of the development of school grounds at the Brunswick North primary

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school, whether the Public Works Department compiled a report in the 1978-79 financial year on the need for the development of the grounds and estimated the work to cost \$35 000; if so—(a) whether the work was placed on the Northern Regions work list and in what position, and if not, why; and (b) whether it is proposed that this development work, necessitated when the Education Department purchased and knocked down a series of houses adjacent to the school, will be undertaken.

782 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Community Health Programme, Capital Works Programme administered by the Hospitals Division:

- 1 What works were carried out in 1979-80 and what works are proposed this financial year, specifying the centre concerned, the work involved, and the cost.
- 2 Which centres currently have Capital Works Programmes—(a) approved by the Health Commission; and (b) proposed to the Commission, and when it is expected that these works will commence, if already approved, or will be approved.

783 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of payments for podiatry services in Victorian acute and geriatric hospitals and centres:

- 1 Whether instructions have been issued by the Health Commission in relation to the payment of podiatrists; if so, what instructions.
- 2 Whether the Hospitals Division has developed a position in relation to matters considered or to be considered by the Hospital Medical and Auxiliary Services Wages Board; if so, what is the Government's position.
- 3 Whether the minutes of the meeting of managers, medical superintendents and regional geriatricians of country geriatric centres held on 19 March 1980 indicate that the issue of levels of payment to podiatry in Victoria is very confused; if so, what action is proposed to overcome this confusion.

Notices received on 13 November 1980

803 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what plans there are for the proposed establishment of a secondary school in the Lara district and when it is expected such secondary school will commence operations.

805 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has yet received a report and recommendations concerning "DES" from the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists; if so, when, what action is proposed and whether copies of the report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick; if not, whether he will make the report available when it is received by him.

Notices received on 18 November 1980

820 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:

- 1 How many commercial organizations the Government is currently assisting financially either by way of loans, guarantees, grants or other methods.
- 2 What are the individual totals of these various methods of financial assistance.
- 3 How many of these businesses are in financial difficulties and what amount of Government funds is involved in each case.

- 824 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether representations or reports have been made to the Law Department, or the Minister's attention has been drawn to, the activities of an association purporting to expose religious cults which involves so-called de-programming practices; if so, what investigations have been made into these matters; if not, whether the Minister will cause such inquiries to be made.
- 826 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of the reservation south of Bell Street for the F2 Freeway, when it is intended that the reservation will be removed in view of the announced Government decision not to proceed with the freeway south of Bell Street.
- 828 MR JOLLY—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 What requests have been made by the State Insurance Office for additional staff.
 - 2 Whether the demands for additional staff have been completely satisfied.
 - 3 How many additional staff will be appointed and when these appointments will take place.
 - 4 Whether the State Insurance Commissioner has withdrawn his criticism of staff ceilings imposed on the State Insurance Office.
- 830 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of question No. 7 asked on 9 September 1980 which was also asked on 29 May 1979 in the previous session of Parliament, what is the reason for the delay of 18 months in answering the question and whether an answer will be expedited.
- 835 MR EBERY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, in view of the exemption of all reserves under section 4 of the *Crown Land (Reserves) Act* 1978 and the exception of all lands under section 50 of the *Forests Act* 1958 by Order in Council from occupation for mining purposes under any miners' right:
- 1 Whether the Minister will issue a public statement correcting his earlier public assertions that the claims of the Prospectors' and Miners' Association were wildly extravagant; if not, why.
 - 2 Whether he will also direct the Chairman of the Land Conservation Council to issue a similar public statement; if not, why.
 - 3 Whether the Minister will advise how prospecting and mining under the miner's right could still be legally undertaken in such areas.
- 841 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in respect of Swinborn Lodge, 4 Canning Street, Carlton, whether the Minister or the Department of Community Welfare Services undertook to provide 85 per cent of the costs of the service, a percentage which has diminished over the past five years; if so—(a) whether he is aware that the service may be forced to close; and (b) whether the Government intends to fund the service on the originally agreed basis; and, in that event, when funding will commence.

Notice received on 19 November 1980

- 842 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning whether he has considered the release of the reservations on the houses on the north side of Bell Street, Coburg; if not, why.

Notices received on 20 November 1980

- 853 MR MILLER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in view of the failure to provide information in respect of supplementary grants, initially sought in question No. 1608 asked on 20 November 1979, whether the Minister will indicate as a matter of urgency:
- 1 Whether he will undertake to survey Area Committees and find out whether their roles, procedures, relationships with schools, staffing and administration supports are satisfactory.
 - 2 Whether Area Committees will be asked to indicate where improvements and streamlining could occur.
 - 3 Whether he will consider the proposition that schools should have as much autonomy as possible and that *per capita* funding of disadvantaged schools is more suitable and a much easier method to use.
- 856 MR HANN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General:
- 1 Which government departments are presently represented at the Housing Commission Royal Commission by—(a) legal counsel; (b) departmental personnel; and (c) any other persons and what is the estimated daily cost of this representation.
 - 2 What is the total cost of the Royal Commission to date, including the cost incurred by all government departments which have been in any way associated with the inquiry.

Notices received on 25 November 1980

- 866 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 How many surveys have been commissioned or carried out by the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation or any instrumentalities or statutory corporations under his control during 1977, 1978 and 1979, respectively.
 - 2 In respect of each of the surveys, which companies or private individuals were commissioned, what was the subject matter and the purpose and what was the cost.
- 870 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health in respect of the decision to replace the proposed 1033-bed Clayton-Burwood Queen Victoria Medical Centre with a proposed 310 bed centre at Clayton whether, prior to the decision, meetings took place between—(a) the Minister of Health; (b) the Hospitals and Charities Commission or the Health Commission; or (c) the Queen Victoria Medical Centre Committee of Management and American Medical International Inc. or Community Systems Foundation (Aust.), indicating in each case the—(i) date; (ii) names of those taking part; and (iii) the substance of the discussion.
- 872 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health in respect of—(a) medical officers and related medical positions; and (b) dental officers and related dental positions in the Health Commission, which positions were unfilled as at 30 June and 1 November 1980, respectively.
- 873 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware of the existence of any waiting times at the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital for obtaining appointments for new glasses; if so—(a) what is the delay; (b) whether many cases have to wait for more than six months; and (c) whether there is a waiting period and what action the Government is taking to alleviate individual hardship.

Notices received on 28 November 1980

- 881 **MR GAVIN**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what projects were funded by the Transport Fund in 1979–80 and what was the cost of each project.
- 883 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 28 asked on 16 September 1980, whether funds have been made available for the construction of a new outpatients' block and theatre remodelling at Yarrowonga Hospital this financial year; if so, what amount has been made available and when it is expected that work will be completed.

Notices received on 2 December 1980

- 888 **MR MILLER**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in view of the failure to provide information in respect of music tuition, initially sought in question No. 1607 asked on 20 November 1979, whether the Minister will indicate as a matter of urgency:
- 1 Which Government schools in the electoral district of Prahran—
 - (a) provide music tuition; and (b) have a part-time or full-time music teacher on their staff for this school year.
 - 2 What are the present arrangements for each of the schools for music tuition by the Education Department in terms of the number of hours and sessions taught each week.
- 894 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of payments to non full-time medical staff in hospitals:
- 1 What amount was paid to—(a) all sessional medical staff; and (b) all visiting medical officers during the 1979–80 financial year.
 - 2 What is the estimate for 1980–81 for both categories.
 - 3 What on-call and re-call payments were made in the 1979–80 financial year, and what is the estimate for this financial year.
- 895 **MR GAVIN**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in view of the 1980 Australian Teachers Federation's National Survey of schools which shows that over one-third of the Bendigo region schools surveyed were in need of maintenance, whether the actual funding of capital works allocated to the Bendigo Region has declined in each year since 1976–77; if so, why.
- 896 **MR GAVIN**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, as the Government accepts the principle of meeting the full cost of installing pedestrian operated lights outside schools where they are justified by traffic volumes, why the Government will not accept the same principle of meeting the full cost of traffic wardens on duty outside schools, performing a similar function as the traffic lights.
- 901 **MR MATHEWS**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, further to his refusal on 11 March 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer on sewerage which he gave the then Leader of the Opposition on 20 April 1977 in answer to question No. 1588, reported in *Hansard* at page 7759, whether he will now provide this information.

Notices received on 3 December 1980

- 904 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on residential accommodation for mentally and physically handicapped children which he gave in answer to question No. 894 on 25 March 1980, and recorded in *Hansard* at page 7395, indicating in each case the—(a) number; and (b) percentage of children, who are working regularly with—(i) teachers provided by the Education Department; (ii) physiotherapists; (iii) occupation therapists; and (iv) speech therapists.
- 909 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on central administration and regional centres for mental retardation services which he gave on 25 March 1980 in answer to question No. 900 and recorded in *Hansard* at page 7397.
- 911 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to his answer to question No. 901 on 25 March 1980 and recorded in *Hansard* at page 7397:
- 1 Which recommendations of the Working Party on the Establishment of a Division of Mental Retardation within the Health Commission presented to the Commission on 3 July 1979—(a) have become operative with the formation of the new Division; (b) are still inoperative; and (c) have been rejected.
 - 2 What positions additional to the Director and Secretary of the Division have been authorized, indicating in each case whether or not the position has been filled, and, if not, the likely date for an appointment.
- 912 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, further to the answer to question No. 179 on 11 November 1980 and recorded in *Hansard* at page 2454, what was the cost of upgrading and repairing the 117 faulty security systems installed in Government schools prior to November 1976, indicating in each case the—(a) amount; and (b) percentage, met by the original installation contractor.
- 915 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on the bed state of each residential centre for mentally retarded people which he gave in answer to question No. 895 on 25 March 1980, and recorded in *Hansard* at page 7396, indicating in each case the times at which meals are served.
- 919 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the premises purchased in Justin Avenue for the Broadmeadows Community Health Services Centre, as an alternative for the present centre situated at 3 Hilda Street:
- 1 Whether he will advise what progress has been made regarding planning for the premises and whether funds for renovation will be made available this financial year.
 - 2 Whether he will provide details of all reports prepared in respect of the Justin Avenue premises, including any prepared by the Chief Inspector of Works.

Notice received on 5 December 1980

- 925 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of staffing in each school in the electoral district of Brunswick:
- 1 What was the enrolment by grade or form in 1979 and 1980 and what is the estimate for 1981.

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- 2 What was the number of teachers in 1979, 1980 and how many are proposed for 1981, specifying numbers of special need teachers and other special staffing categories.
- 3 What is the reason for the reduction in staffing in each case.

Notices received on 10 December 1980

- 934 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What is the amount allocated for funding capital works in the Portland Region in 1980-81, indicating the increase or decreases over the amount spent in 1979-80.
 - 2 What were the amounts spent in the three previous years.
- 935 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the identification and examination of persons exposed before birth to diethyl stilboestrol, whether the paper titled "Elevated Serum Cathepsin B1 and Vaginal Pathology After Prenatal DES Exposure" (Peitras, Richard J. et al. *Obstet Gynecol* 1978 Sep; 52 (3) 321-7) has been examined and whether the examination of serum cathepsin B1 levels has been considered as a screening method; if so, what action has been taken as a result.
- 938 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether consideration has been given to remand prisoners entitlements to good conduct remissions for time served in the remand yard; if so, what is the result of such consideration and when such remissions are likely to come into practice.
- 939 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether details of the new remand building on the new site will be the subject of public consultation prior to its erection.

Notices received on 12 December 1980

- 951 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy why the State Electricity Commission altered last year's accounts in comparison with the 1978-79 Annual Report in that Appendix 4 of its 1979-80 Annual Report shows that an amount of \$13 523 000 has been transferred from "Labour and associated charges, materials and other expenses" to "Purchased electricity and fuel" indicating what the \$13 523 000 was spent on.
- 952 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy why the State Electricity Commission has apparently abandoned the following quantified financial targets of—(a) maintaining an adequate level of liquid resources; and (b) achieving at least seven per cent return on investment, and whether he will supply updated versions of the relevant graphs which appeared on page 5 of the 1978-79 Annual Report but have been left out of the 1979-80 Annual Report.
- 955 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what proportions of Victoria's economically winnable brown coal resource, on a field-by-field basis, have been allocated or reserved for—(a) power generation; (b) briquette manufacture; (c) substitute natural gas; (d) solvent refined coal; (e) oil-from-coal; and (f) other named purposes.

- 960 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the head lice programme, which municipalities have employed nurses specifically to deal with the problem of head lice, specifying the cost in 1979–80 to each municipality, its reimbursement from the Health Commission and whether any municipalities have withdrawn or been added to the scheme this financial year.
- 962 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of nursing services for—(a) the mentally retarded; and (b) patients in Mental Health Division institutions and services:
- 1 What is the present number of qualified nurses employed in direct nursing care of—(a) residents; and (b) patients.
 - 2 What is the present number of vacancies existing for qualified nurses to be employed in direct nursing care of—(a) residents; and (b) patients.
- 965 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, since 31 August 1978, in respect of hospital and nursing home beds registered under the Private Hospital Regulations:
- 1 How many beds have been registered, specifying the number in each category and the name, address and owner of each hospital in respect of which new or additional beds have been registered.
 - 2 How many beds have ceased to be registered, specifying the number in each category and the name, address and owner of each hospital so affected.
- 969 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Education, in relation to Stream 6 programmes being undertaken within Technical and Further Education in this State:
- 1 How many—(a) technical schools and colleges; and (b) other centres, are undertaking programmes.
 - 2 How many students are involved.
 - 3 Whether the Government has directed that schools and colleges delete all staff required for Stream 6 classes from their staffing establishment requests for 1981, if so—(a) why; (b) how many teachers are involved; and (c) what steps will be taken to assist students who will be seriously disadvantaged.
- 971 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 How many dentists, advanced dental technicians, dental technicians and dental therapists, respectively, are—(a) registered in Victoria; and (b) practising in Victoria.
 - 2 What is the present dentist to population ratio in—(a) country Victoria; and (b) the metropolitan area and whether ratios are available by regions; if so, what are the ratios.
 - 3 What areas are currently assisted by Government assisted dental services in respect of—(a) hospitals with public dental clinics; (b) pre-school dental clinics; (c) school dental clinics, specifying category of service; and (d) community health centres.
 - 4 At what stage are plans for each metropolitan regional clinic.
- 974 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware that the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust annual report has claimed that the fluoridation of Geelong's water supply is at a halt due to lack of government funding; if so, what action he or the Health Commission intends to take; if not, whether he will have urgent inquiries made and action taken.

- 975 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether he has requested the Commonwealth Minister of Education to allow funds earlier allocated for the Transition Education Advisory Committee programme for 1980 to be in fact spent on approved programmes in 1981, without affecting funds already planned to be spent in 1981; if so, what is the result of such a request; if not, whether he will make such a request.
- 976 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of funds supplied by the Commonwealth Government for the school building programme for each of the years 1978-79, 1979-80 and 1980-81, how those funds were spent, indicating the categories.
- 977 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What funds for the school building programme were retained in central accounts for disbursement, as against regional accounts, for each of the years 1977-78 to 1980-81, respectively.
 - 2 What is the rationale for such retention in each category of central accounts.
- 986 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the proposal that the Bright District Bush Nursing Hospital become a public hospital:
- 1 What progress has been made over the past six months in ensuring that it does become a public hospital.
 - 2 When it is expected that negotiations will be completed and funds become available, and if there is a delay, what is the reason for the delay.
- 991 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he or the Health Commission has received a detailed submission from the Stawell District Hospital concerning the inadequacies of the nursing staff establishment at the hospital; if so, what action he proposes to remedy the situation.
- 992 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of each fee charged by, or paid to, the Health Commission what was the fee income in 1978-79, 1979-80 and what is the estimate for 1980-81.
- 994 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the school and pre-school medical service during 1980, indicating the respective schools and pre-school numbers separately:
- 1 How many children were examined.
 - 2 How many children—(a) received their routine initial medical examination; (b) did not receive such examination; and (c) received specialized examinations.
 - 3 How many schools and pre-schools were not visited by—(a) medical officers; (b) nursing staff; (c) medical officers; and (d) nursing staff.
 - 4 What is the establishment of the service and how many positions were filled in terms of full-time equivalents as at—(a) 1 January 1980; and (b) 1 January 1981.
- 995 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of—
- (a) medical officers and related medical positions (apart from the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Divisions); and
 - (b) dental officers and related dental positions in the Health Commission:
- 1 How many positions exist, specifying their designation, whether permanent or temporary or exempt and whether currently filled.

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- 2 Whether applications have been made to—(a) the Public Service Board; and (b) the Treasury for additional positions; if so, what applications and with what result.
- 1000 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, further to the answer to question No. 1821 given on 13 March 1980, when he proposes to carry out his undertaking that the tramway passenger statistics would be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 1002 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, regarding his document “The Victorian Building and Construction Industry: An Assessment”, dated November 1980:
- 1 Why Alcoa’s Portland Transmission Line does not appear in Statement 4 (list of major semi-government authority projects in progress or planned to commence in 1980–81).
 - 2 Why the Loy Yang and Driffield power stations and coalfield developments appear in the list of private sector projects and why Loy Yang is referred to as proposed rather than committed.
 - 3 Why the cost of the so-called proposed and private Loy Yang project is reported at \$2800 million in Statement 5 (which elsewhere is accurate to the nearest \$250 000) when Statement 4 has it costed at \$3043 million.
 - 4 Which oil companies and private interests are joining with the Victorian Government to build the proposed \$1 billion commercial coal liquefaction plant.
 - 5 Whether the Mitsui and Imhausen proposals for utilization of brown coal reserves are included in Statement 5; if so, where.
 - 6 Whether the American consortium mentioned by the Premier on 26 June 1980 as showing interest in coal liquefaction is included in Statement 5; if so, where.
 - 7 What is the ownership structure of the company proposing to develop the Gelliondale brown coal deposits and referred to as International Oil in Statement 5.
 - 8 Why the Appendix on data sources and interpretation, which mentions surveys of future construction activity undertaken by the Department of Housing and Construction, the Master Builders Federation of Australia and the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors, ignores the surveys carried out by the Australian Federation of Construction Contractors, whose members account for 80 to 90 per cent of construction industry turnover.
 - 9 Why in his Foreword he speaks of the confidence which should be engendered by the considerable number of major projects committed or proposed by the private sector in Victoria, when the latest quarterly survey by the Australian Federation of Construction Contractors estimates that Victoria will be the only State in which building and construction activity is likely to decline over the next five years, by 14 per cent annually in the case of engineering construction.
 - 10 Whether he can quantify the continuing trend for activity to swing away from more traditional building and construction projects into heavy engineering, especially resource-based projects referred to in his Foreword and reveal how much of the swing is due to unusual growth in heavy engineering and how much to unusual decline in traditional building and construction.
 - 11 Why this document does not show comparable detail to that contained in last year’s version dated 11 October 1979 namely, the estimated capital

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works programmes of all departments, authorities and municipalities classified into—(a) Works and Services account; (b) Commonwealth special purpose funds; (c) Loan Council borrowings; (d) Trust Funds; (e) internal funds; and (f) other sources of capital funds for the latest two years.

- 12 What is the reason for the following discrepancies between Statement 5 of this document and Appendix "B" of the Annual Report of the Department of State Development, Decentralization and Tourism—GMH (Fishermen's Bend) \$210 million compared with \$300 million; JLA (Westernport) unknown compared with \$25 million; GCL (Bacchus Marsh) \$20 million compared with \$2 million; Alcoa (Portland) \$350 million compared with \$400 million; Kominic (Latrobe Valley) \$40–50 million compared with \$100 million; and Loy Yang \$2800 million compared with \$3000 million; and whether he will indicate which figures are correct.

Notices received on 10 March 1981

- 1007 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 In each of the years 1977 to 1980, in what trades apprentices have been employed by the Department of Health and Mental Health Authority and subsequently by the Health Commission.
 - 2 What was the total number of—(a) apprentices employed; and (b) first year apprentices engaged by each of the branches.
 - 3 How many apprentices it is estimated will be employed this year, specifying the number beginning their apprenticeships.
- 1009 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health why the limpet asbestos was removed at the Glenhuntly Rehabilitation Centre and whether any other buildings which are the responsibility of the Health Commission have similar problems; if so, which buildings and what action is proposed.
- 1010 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the electoral district of Monbulk:
- 1 What access school children have to school dental services and how many children were examined by the School Dental Service in—(a) 1979; and (b) 1980.
 - 2 What plans exist for the construction of dental clinics within the electoral district of Monbulk and when it is expected that dental clinics and pads for mobile dental clinics will be constructed.
- 1011 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of staff positions in the Community Health Programme for each of the past three years, specifying separately in respect of—(i) the Hospitals Division; (ii) the Mental Health Division; (iii) Mental Retardation Services; (iv) Early Childhood Services; and (v) other services:
- 1 What were the number of positions agreed to.
 - 2 How many of the approved positions have been filled.
 - 3 What is the number of approved positions which have not been able to be filled because of financial constraints.
- 1012 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether the recommendation by the National Health and Medical Research Council that children should be no longer excluded from school if suffering from head lice or nits will be adopted; if so, what arrangements will be made to supervise continuing treatment.

- 1013 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the past financial year, what Commonwealth Government grants have been made to the State for health purposes, specifying the State contribution in each area, whether any moneys remained unspent and the grants agreed to for this financial year.
- 1014 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, in respect of Tender E.19349 concerning the Glenhuntly Rehabilitation Centre:
- 1 Whether he will provide information on other public buildings where limpet asbestos has been removed or where it has to be removed.
 - 2 What are the details of the Public Works Department's policy and practice on the removal of asbestos.
- 1015 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of drug offences, how many offences were reported in 1979 and 1980, respectively, specifying the age and sex of the person charged and the type of drug involved.
- 1017 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 How many aged persons flats the Housing Commission has for rent, indicating the number of—(a) high rise; and (b) other flats, and whether in metropolitan or non-metropolitan areas.
 - 2 How many aged persons are presently on the waiting list for aged persons flats and what is the current waiting time for—(a) high rise; and (b) other flats, specifying whether in metropolitan or non-metropolitan areas.
 - 3 How many additional units have been constructed in each of the past three years and what number of units will be completed this financial year, specifying whether in metropolitan or non-metropolitan areas.
 - 4 What increase in the number of aged persons flats is proposed under present building programmes.
 - 5 What is the current waiting time in the cities of—(a) Brunswick; and (b) Coburg.
- 1019 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Premier, in respect of the employment of physically and mentally handicapped persons, whether there have been any additional directions relating to the employment of such persons by the Public Service Board and other public instrumentalities since his answer on 11 April 1978 and whether the information on the number of such persons recruited and employed will be provided for the past three years.
- 1020 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Ballarat Base and District Hospital and further to the answer is question No. 1242 given on 12 March 1980:
- 1 Whether the hospital has now been told that the replacement of the Queen Victoria block's medical wards is on the "5 year plan"; if so, what is its position on the plan.
 - 2 Whether architects have yet been employed; if not, when the Hospital Board will be given approval to employ them.
 - 3 When it is expected that documentation will be completed and approved.
 - 4 When it is expected that building works will actually commence.
- 1021 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Southern Peninsula Hospital at Rosebud:
- 1 What was the cost of planning fees paid to architects and quantity surveyors for the major extension, including the additional 30 nursing home beds and whether any of the drawings or work done will be used in respect of new plans for the hospital.

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- 2 Whether plans have been agreed on for upgrading of the casualty department and other areas of the hospital; if so, when it is expected that work will be commenced and what contribution there will be from the State Government.
 - 3 When the application was made to the Health Commission to construct a private hospital on land next door to the Southern Peninsula Hospital and when the details of the application were made known to the joint working party.
 - 4 What effect the construction of the private hospital will have on the development of the Southern Peninsula Hospital, and on the Frankston Hospital.
 - 5 What are the details of the agreed application for the private hospital.
- 1023 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Educational Services, further to the answer to question No. 672 given on 10 March 1980 concerning cyclic maintenance at Brunswick High School, whether he will indicate in which financial year cyclic maintenance will be carried out.
- 1027 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, in respect of the approval of the expenditure of funds appropriated to Melton's development by item 161 of the *Public Works and Services Act* 1980:
- 1 When advice of projects proposed by the Shire of Melton was first received.
 - 2 What steps he took in response to that advice before Cabinet approval of the 1980 Public Works and Services Bill.
 - 3 When he became aware of Cabinet approval of the Bill.
 - 4 When he became aware of the amount to be appropriated to Melton and Sunbury development as approved by Cabinet.
 - 5 What steps he took prior to passage of the Bill through Parliament toward the later approval of projects to be funded.
 - 6 What procedures were followed in the approval of projects, indicating the origin and reason for each procedure.
 - 7 Which proposed projects were referred to other departments, statutory authorities or other instrumentalities, indicating in each case the instrumentality, the date and purpose of the original referral and the date of the final reply.
 - 8 What were the dates on which approval was given to proceed with projects to be funded.

Notices received on 11 March 1981

- 1032 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health how many new Community Centres are being constructed during the 1980-81 financial year, indicating the locations.
- 1033 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what was the number and nature of crimes reported in 1980 at the Fawkner, Pascoe Vale South and Coburg police stations, respectively.
- 1035 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs:
- 1 How many citizenship certificates were conferred in each municipality in 1980.
 - 2 How many other citizenship certificates were conferred in private ceremonies.
 - 3 How many citizenship certificates were conferred in Victoria in 1980, indicating the former nationalities of these new Australian citizens.

- 1036 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer which statutory authorities other than the State Electricity Commission negotiated loans with interest rates of 18 per cent or more during 1980.
- 1038 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services how many schools were converted from oil-fired heaters during 1979 and 1980, indicating such schools within the electoral district of Coburg.
- 1040 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what is the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board estimate of the number of passengers carried on the—(a) East Coburg; (b) North Coburg; and (c) West Coburg tram routes.
- 1041 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 Which schools in Victoria were entitled as at 1 March 1981 in terms of their enrolment to additional clerical assistance, teacher aides, and other support staff, respectively, but had not received such appointments due to the Government staff ceiling.
 - 2 When it is now expected, that these vacancies in the school establishment will be filled in each case.
- 1043 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 and 10 December 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information relating to those departments and statutory authorities not required to table their reports in Parliament which he supplied directly to the then Leader of the Opposition in response to question No. 1642 of April 1977, whether he will now make available this information for incorporation, together with any subsequent changes.
- 1044 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 and 10 December 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on the right of nomination to public bodies which he supplied directly to the then Member for Melbourne in response to question No. 1180 of 8 December 1976, whether he will now make available this information for incorporation, together with any subsequent changes.
- 1045 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 and 10 December 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on Government inquiries, Royal Commissions and Parliamentary committee investigations which he supplied directly to the then Member for Melbourne in response to question No. 639 of 15 October 1976, whether he will now make available this information for incorporation, together with any subsequent changes.
- 1046 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 and 10 December 1980 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on administrative and advisory boards and committees which he supplied directly to the then Member for Melbourne in response to question No. 1401 of 8 December 1976, whether he will now make available this information for incorporation, together with any subsequent changes.
- 1047 MR KIRKWOOD—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 In each of the past three years, how many students attending East Preston, Thornbury, Newlands and Preston Girls High Schools, respectively, left school before sitting for the Higher School Certificate.
 - 2 What was the percentage pass rate for the Higher School Certificate at each school in each of the past three years.

- 1048 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been undertaken to ensure that a wider variety of residential facilities with stronger after-care supports are developed under the guidance of the Department for Community Welfare Services to meet the assessed needs of those offending and misbehaving children who require residential care and treatment, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1049 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What progress has been made in expanding the Mental Health Authority facilities to enable severely and profoundly retarded children who require full-time nursing care or highly specialized supervision to be transferred from children's homes and reception centres to specialist accommodation so that the development of other children is not disadvantaged by the staff's disproportionate involvement with handicapped children, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 How many children are resident at Allambie Reception Centre who are severely and profoundly retarded and require full-time nursing care or highly specialized supervision.
- 1050 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps have been taken to ensure that the Education Department provides educational assessment services for children who come into residential care, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1051 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that increased attention is given to teaching Wards social competence and social survival skills, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1052 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in ensuring that specialist services for Wards and other children in residential care is expanded and that specialists providing these services are involved in programme development and in acting as consultants to other staff as well as providing treatment for individual children, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1053 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken by the Department of Community Welfare Services to improve the register of its Wards with special needs and to ensure that staff are available to keep children's progress under review and ensure that all appropriate facilities and services are marshalled to meet their needs; and that the same staff are to be responsible for ensuring that children who must be cared for in specialist facilities have as much access as possible to normal community activities, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1054 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in ensuring that the whole range of residential child care facilities is made more flexible and staff strengthened to enable children with special needs to be included in normal programmes unless full-time nursing care or highly specialized supervision is required, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

- 1055 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether a review has been carried out of the existing staff establishments of all Community Welfare Services Children's Homes and Reception Centres as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 What are the present staff establishments of all Community Welfare Services Children's Homes and Reception Centres.
- 1056 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what efforts have been made to encourage parents to maintain contact with children in children's homes and foster care, and whether realistic reimbursements of expenses have been implemented as an integral part of this programme, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1057 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that children are not placed with holiday hosts as a matter of routine during school holidays in order to allow children's homes staff to take holiday leave, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1058 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps have been taken to ensure that brothers and sisters are not separated by age and sex on admission to reception facilities and children's homes, save in exceptional circumstances, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1059 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that as a condition of appointment as superintendent of a children's home, applicants be required to have successfully completed a recognized child care training course or possess another appropriate qualification as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1060 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in ensuring that the composition and competence of the Boards of Management of children's homes and other voluntary welfare agencies are included in the criteria when licences or contracts are being negotiated; and, further, what stipulations have been placed on Boards to ensure that a significant proportion of each Board's members be required to have some expertise or experience in the welfare or child care field, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1061 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what is the position in each Region in respect of the recommendation that the Department of Community Welfare Services should be responsible for ensuring that a wider variety of accommodation options be made available for adolescents who leave residential care and are unable to live with relatives or board with private families, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1062 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken in ensuring that congregate children's homes accommodate not more than 40 children and that remaining large congregate homes are phased out, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

- 1063 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in developing reception and on-going residential facilities in all Regions without the establishment of any more large congregate Reception Centres or homes, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1064 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to remodel the Family Welfare Advisory Council, giving it wider scope, strengthening it and renaming it "The Family Welfare Council", making it responsible to the Minister for Community Welfare Services, with appropriate sub-committees, which will submit a report annually to the Minister, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1065 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in not deferring recommendations in the Report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976 which can be implemented with only minor legislative change while the legislation is under more rigorous review.
- 1067 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in instituting formal Children's Court proceedings against alleged offenders only when the facts of innocence or guilt are in dispute, when alleged offences are serious, or when the child's pattern of behaviour or his family's situation indicates that something more than a warning may be appropriate, as recommended in the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1068 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether evaluation has taken place of the effectiveness of the warning system so that consideration can be given to the introduction of juvenile aid panels as recommended in the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1069 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that the police warning system is embodied in legislation and implemented statewide as a means of dealing with minor offenders, as recommended in the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1070 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in respect of the re-examination of provisions for defining and initiating action in respect of children who misbehave and offend, such examination having been part of a legislative review recommended in the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1071 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made by the Department of Community Welfare Services in respect of each of the aspects of the recommendation contained in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976 that the *Community Welfare Services Act 1970* and the *Children's Court Act 1973* be reviewed by a committee comprising both legal and welfare specialists, having regard to the guidelines set out elsewhere in the report that there should also be a continuing body with responsibility for on-going review and that consideration be given to including the *Adoption of Children Act 1964* in this legislative review.
- 1072 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in the interest of efficiency and coherence in the State welfare

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field, what consideration has been given to appointing all social workers in State Government employment to the Department of Community Welfare Services as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.

- 1073 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 To what extent each Regional Centre has been delegated a high degree of autonomy as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.
 - 2 To what extent an even level of services is provided at each Regional Centre and to what extent reasonably uniform decision-making is achieved throughout the State, as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.
- 1074 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in respect of the assumption of responsibility for the immediate and long-term development of preventive programmes by the Department of Community Welfare Services, as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.
- 1075 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in respect of the systematic implementation by the Department of Community Welfare Services of the provisions under sections 5 and 13 of the *Community Welfare Services Act 1970*, as recommended in the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, July 1976.
- 1076 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether the Government has received the recommendations contained in the report by the National Women's Advisory Council entitled "My Child Was Born Disabled"; if so—(a) to which Ministers the recommendations have been referred; (b) whether the recommendations have been considered by Cabinet; and (c) what decisions have been taken.
- 1077 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Forests, further to the answer to question No. 692 given on 9 December 1980, what grass and bush fires were suspected by the Forests Commission of Victoria to have been deliberately lit, spread from fires allegedly lit in breach of the regulations or other fire restrictions and spreading from fires allegedly lit in prohibited periods and on days of acute fire danger notified under the *Forests Act 1958* in the 1979–80 and 1980–81 seasons, indicating in each case the date and place the fire was detected.
- 1078 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Further to the answer to question No. 692 given on 9 December 1980, what grass and bush fires were suspected by the Country Fire Authority to have been deliberately lit, spread from fires allegedly lit in breach of the regulations or other fire restrictions and spreading from fires allegedly lit in breach of total fire bans proclaimed under the *Country Fire Authority Act 1958* in the 1979–80 and 1980–81 seasons, indicating in each case the date and place the fire was detected.
 - 2 What fires have been investigated by the police since 25 November 1980, indicating in each case—(a) what charges have been laid; (b) what convictions have been obtained, indicating the penalty imposed in respect

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of each charge proven; and (c) what charges have been withdrawn and what charges have been dismissed.

- 1079 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether the Government has accepted the recommendations contained in the report by the National Women's Advisory Council entitled "My Child Was Born Disabled" to—(a) cause modification to all public transport to ensure that disabled persons and their families can carry essential equipment; (b) remove physical barriers to the travel of disabled persons to enable them to travel as freely as non-disabled persons; (c) provide such facilities as—(i) entrances without steps in all public buildings; (ii) kerbless parking areas with sufficient space beside the vehicle to allow movement into and out of a wheelchair; (iii) a contributable transport scheme either as a taxi co-operative system or government-subsidized taxi service for disabled persons; and (iv) unisex toilets for disabled adults for those disabled people who cannot use toilets without assistance; if not, why.
- 1082 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many train derailments have occurred in the first six months of this financial year, and where they have occurred.
- 1084 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what amount has been collected in oil royalties in each of the past five years.

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- 1085 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in respect of the Premier's 1976 election policy speech indicating that Urban Land Authority funds should be used to bring down the initial cost of land by about two-thirds, by permitting the cost of the services to be paid over a period:
- 1 What steps have been taken to implement the policy, indicating the date of each such step.
 - 2 What further action will be taken to implement the policy, indicating the date by which it will be completely put into effect.
- 1087 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps have been taken to ensure that ethnic groups are represented on important committees and advisory councils in the child and family welfare field, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1088 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure the greater use of carefully selected and trained volunteers, especially in implementing Supervision Orders and other activities requiring direct contact with families and children, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1089 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the Department of Community Welfare Services has adopted the general principle that the State should retain final responsibility for children in its care even if the actual services are carried out by the voluntary agencies, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1090 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what attempts have been made to ensure that voluntary agencies play an integral part in policy development and service delivery especially through consultative and other councils and committees established by State authorities, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

- 1091 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether negotiations have begun with the Commonwealth Government to ensure that all Commonwealth funding for child and family welfare organizations are channelled through the State Government even if the general areas in which funds are to be expended are determined at Federal level, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1092 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that improved interpreter services are made available when non-English-speaking clients are dealing with welfare organizations, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1093 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in ensuring that aboriginal and other ethnic groups are given a voice when major decisions are made about children of their own group, and that any special, relevant, cultural factors be considered when decisions are made, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1094 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether compulsory maintenance payments by parents of children in the care of the Department of Community Welfare Services have been abolished, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1095 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What progress has been made by the Department of Community Welfare Services in making available temporary emergency care facilities for children as a form of positive assistance, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 Whether he accepts the principles that such temporary care should be provided as part of an overall assistance programme for the family, that it should be provided with adequate safeguards to avoid abuse and that it should not involve the State in accepting a guardianship role.
 - 3 Whether consideration has been given to contracting out such a temporary care serve as recommended in the report of the Committee.
 - 4 Whether minor legislative changes will be introduced to allow Reception Centres to be used for this purpose, as recommended in the report of the Committee.
- 1096 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What action has been taken by the Department of Community Welfare Services to promote the development of a series of community-based remedial facilities for children who offend or misbehave, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 Whether consideration has been given to making attendance at such centres an option specifically stated in legislation, as recommended in the report of the Committee.
- 1097 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What measures have been taken to encourage magistrates to use supervision orders more frequently and to ensure that appropriate

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staffing and support resources are made available to enable orders to be implemented adequately, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

- 2 Whether magistrates are being kept up to date on the resources available in the child and family field, as recommended in the report of the Committee.

1098 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in using temporary foster homes as a component of decentralized pre-Court and reception facilities for children where severe problems of management or security are not likely to be encountered, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1099 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that foster care programmes operated by voluntary agencies are subject to licensing requirements and contractual arrangements in line with those which apply to voluntary children's homes, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1100 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 Whether the services required of individual agencies have been clearly formulated and arranged on a contractual basis where agencies carry out functions which are the Department of Community Welfare Services responsibility, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 2 Whether attempts have been made to draw up the contracts directly between the Department and the agencies; if not, why.

1101 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 Whether the system of open-ended approval of children's homes has been replaced with a system of fixed-term licensing, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 2 Whether licensing requirements now apply to all residential child care agencies and other family welfare agencies which have a component of providing care for children apart from their families, as recommended by the Committee; if not, why.

1102 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the composition of the Adoption Conference has been expanded to include representatives of those professions involved in the adoption field and adopting parents and people who have themselves been adopted, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.

1103 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken by the Department of Community Welfare Services to ensure that where dispensation of parents' consent to adoption is being sought, judicial decisions do not result in children being deprived of the opportunity for a permanent family home, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1104 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether consideration has been given by the Department of

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- Community Welfare Services to establishing a more adequate system of subsidies for approved adoption agencies, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1105 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the Government intends to implement the recommendation that a system of adoption subsidies be developed to enable more lower income families to adopt children and that subsidies be available to all families who adopt children with special needs, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if so, when.
- 1106 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What progress has been made in implementing the twelve-monthly mandatory reviews of Wards and other children in substitute care as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
 - 2 Whether machinery has been set up to ensure that the reviews are carried out; if not, why; if so, whether they are being carried out by a joint committee of the Department of Community Welfare Services and voluntary agencies' representatives, and the inclusion of one representative of the agency caring for the child, where applicable, and on a regional level, as recommended in the report of the Committee.
 - 3 Whether administrative procedures have been devised to ensure that children and families who require closer attention are the subject of more frequent review, as recommended in the report of the Committee.
- 1107 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the Government has developed training schemes for foster parents and ensured that experienced staff are available at all times for supervision and support, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1108 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to implement the recommendation that, as a matter of principle, only the Court and the Director-General of the Department of Community Welfare Services should continue to have power to alter a child's legal status, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1109 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the Government intends that foster parents be more realistically reimbursed for their services, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1110 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether appeal provisions have been made available for children admitted by the decision of the Director-General of Community Welfare Services under section 35 (1) of the *Community Welfare Services Act 1970*, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria; if not, why.
- 1111 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether a wider range of options, including short-term admission to State residential care without change of guardianship or power to require children to attend non-residential remedial programmes has been made available to the Children's Court and appropriate supporting facilities

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developed, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.

1112 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 What action has been taken to ensure that in the first instance and irrespective of the mode of admission, Community Welfare Services guardianship should not be for a period exceeding twelve months, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 2 What action is intended in implementing the recommendation that following the initial twelve-month period, longer-term guardianship be entered into only as a last resort if a careful assessment of children and their families indicates that this is the least harmful option for the child or is necessary to protect society, as stated in the report of the Committee.

1113 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 Whether children are now being legally represented in their own right when the Court considers making a decision which would alter the child's legal status, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 2 Whether the recommendation that legal aid be made available if, for any reason, it appears to the Court that it is in the child's interest, has been adopted.
- 3 Whether the Department of Community Welfare Services working in conjunction with the Public Solicitor's Office of the Law Department provides legal representation, as recommended in the report of the Committee.

1114 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to ensure that human dignity is maintained by recommending a number of changes both in Children's Court proceedings and in the physical surroundings in which they take place, as set out in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1115 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what procedures have been adopted to ensure that the respective roles of police and staff of the Department of Community Welfare Services in respect of children are clarified at inter-departmental level, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1116 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services when—(a) he intends to use his powers under section 32 of the *Community Welfare Services Act 1970* to authorize the Department's officers to intervene where children are alleged to be improperly treated and to enter premises under warrant as a last resort after other actions have failed; and (b) police involvement in child protection proceedings will be phased down, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

1117 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what steps have been taken to ensure that the teaching on human relationships is expanded in tertiary education establishments as well as in primary and secondary schools, as

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- recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1118 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what attempts have been made by the Department of Community Welfare Services to implement the recommendation to maintain an on-going public education and information campaign to make the community aware of the stresses which modern life imposes on individuals and families and to the means through which help may be obtained, as outlined in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1119 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps have been taken in collaboration with the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation and the Education Department to expand the use of school premises after school hours, at weekends and in holidays, to provide recreation programmes for children and parents, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1120 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether any progress has been made in developing and progressively implementing throughout the State, a comprehensive family welfare programme which will marshal all resources of statutory, voluntary and local government agencies to provide a full range of family developmental services, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976; if not, why.
- 1121 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in developing preventive programmes in a metropolitan and a country region to provide a range of basic supportive services, as set out in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976, indicating whether the effectiveness of these programmes have been fully evaluated as a guide for future development in other regions, as recommended in the report of the Committee.
- 1122 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what attempts have been made to ensure that research and data collection in the Department of Community Welfare Services and in other parts of the welfare field are improved, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.
- 1123 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what progress has been made in implementing the recommendation that contracts with residential care organizations stipulate all aspects of service required, not only accommodation and provision of physical care, and that the system of licensing and contracting with voluntary agencies involve close consultation with the Department of Community Welfare Services to enable the voluntary agencies to improve and refine the services and facilities they provide, as recommended in the report of the Committee of Enquiry into Child Care Services in Victoria, 1976.

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- 1124 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what proportion of total pay-roll tax receipts was paid by rural industry in the last financial year, indicating the proportion paid by the fruit industry.
- 1128 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what amount the Government has spent during each of the past five years on metropolitan

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roads and country roads, respectively, indicating the proportion spent on—
(a) construction; (b) maintenance; (c) wages and salaries; (d) traffic management; and (e) protection of future options.

- 1130 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what revenue was collected at each station on the Upfield railway line during each of the months of September to December 1980.
- 1134 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the White Paper on Strategies and Structures for Education in Victorian Government Schools as related to Technical Schools:
- 1 How they will be administered.
 - 2 Whether staff will remain at a ratio of 1 to 14.
 - 3 Whether schools will be equipped to present standards.
 - 4 How corporate management groups will operate.
- 1135 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the White Paper on Strategies and Structures for Education in Victorian Government Schools:
- 1 Whether the curriculum of technical schools will remain different from high schools.
 - 2 Whether there will be a core curriculum for all post-secondary schools.
 - 3 What changes will be made to methods of transfer between technical and high schools.
 - 4 What is the situation in relation to trade teachers whose present qualifications may not allow them to have secondary registration.
 - 5 What is the present situation in the northern region in relation to the 2000 apprentices who were turned away and whether the situation is likely to improve.
 - 6 What is the situation regarding the Coburg School of Textiles and the proposed forced transfer to Warrnambool.
- 1136 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the White Paper on Strategies and Structures for Education in Victorian Government Schools as related to current Education Department policy, what is the position concerning upgrading of programmes in the special needs component which have been cut back at the Glenroy Technical School.
- 1137 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the White Paper on Strategies and Structures for Education in Victorian Government schools as related to the concept of school based autonomy, how the northern region will be involved in view of the fact that basic decisions will be made at Head Office on such matters as funding large expenditure items, staffing and building.
- 1139 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the electrification of the Werribee railway line:
- 1 In what year funds were first allocated, indicating the purposes for which they were to be used and the year in which it was then proposed that electrification would be completed.
 - 2 What funds were allocated in each year to date, indicating the amount expended and purpose for which they were to be used.

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- 3 When it was decided that the commencement of electrified services would coincide with the northern loop of the Melbourne underground rail loop coming into service, indicating what immediate effect that decision had on the date for the introduction of such services.
- 4 When it is now expected that electrified services will be introduced.
- 5 What are the reasons for the announced deferral of the commencement of electrified services until late 1982, indicating in relation to each reason, the facts used to substantiate the reason.

Notices received on 18 March 1981

- 1146 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received correspondence and a submission from the Town Clerk, City of Fitzroy, concerning the redirection of funds from the de Paul Centre to the Fitzroy Community Health Association; if so, what action he proposes taking in relation to the correspondence and submission.
- 1147 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health which State Institutions are using the contraceptive “Depo-Provera” indicating on what basis and whether he will make a statement on its safety or otherwise and, if not, why.
- 1149 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 In respect of district nursing services at the Kyneton District Hospital, what has been the increase in the last three years, and what is the expected requirement for this year.
 - 2 How many nurses are employed, and what allowance is made for the size of the area to be covered.
 - 3 What is the Kyneton Hospital’s priority rating for the appointment of an additional nurse or nurses, and when it is expected that such an appointment will be made.
- 1150 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, in respect of the studies by British consultants engaged to investigate certain aspects of a nuclear project:
- 1 What is the name of the firm of consultants.
 - 2 What was the date on which the consultants were—(a) engaged; and (b) commenced their investigation.
 - 3 What were the terms of reference specified to the consultants.
 - 4 What fee has been or is to be paid to the consultants and how was the fee determined.
 - 5 What source or sources of nuclear fuel have been considered.
 - 6 What type or types of nuclear power station have been considered.
 - 7 What manner or manners of treatment, disposal and/or reprocessing of spent fuel and other radioactive wastes have been considered.
 - 8 What capital and operational costs other than the on-site cost of nuclear power stations have been considered.
 - 9 What environmental implications have been considered.
 - 10 What changes to Victorian and Commonwealth legislation which would affect a nuclear power station have been considered.
 - 11 On what date or dates the consultants—(a) were required to report; and (b) have reported or are expected to report.

1151 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 What was the content of his submissions to the Treasurer for funding of private adoption agencies, operated by the Catholic Family Welfare Bureau, the Anglican Church through the Mission of St James and St John, the Uniting Church Child Care Services, the Lutheran Church and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.
- 2 What was the response of the Treasurer to his submissions.
- 3 What is the Government's continuing commitment to these agencies.
- 4 Whether he will provide comparative costs for the Adoption Section of the Department of Community Welfare Services and for private adoption agencies.
- 5 Whether he is aware of the enormous discrepancies between the present offer for funding to each of the three first-mentioned agencies in part one and the funds provided for departmental agencies.

1152 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 What action has been taken to ensure the continuance of employment of hospital officers at Pentridge Prison Hospital.
- 2 Whether he intends to direct the Correctional Services Division to advertise vacant positions for hospital officers in prisons; if so, when.
- 3 What action he intends taking to ensure that acting hospital officers have the opportunity to participate in familiarization programmes, thus giving them the opportunity to seek secure permanent employment.
- 4 Whether he has decided to disregard the memorandum of 23 February 1979 from Dr John Wolstenholme to the Director of Correctional Services in respect of prison hospital officer requirements for Pentridge Hospital and the Jika Jika High Security Unit; if so, why, and what effects staffing cutbacks will have on the functioning of the hospital and the high security unit.
- 5 What changes to prescribed insignia have recently been required for various ranks of hospital attendants and whether this change represents any change of rank for hospital attendants; if so, what are the reasons for such insignia changes, and for changes in rank.

1154 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Employment and Training, further to the answer to question No. 50 given on 16 September 1980 concerning the Youth Guarantee Fund, whether he will make available to the Member for Brunswick the letter that was forwarded to the Secretary of the Department of Employment and Youth Affairs, together with subsequent correspondence and whether he will provide details on the current situation of the Fund.

1155 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the proposed closure of the Upfield railway line, what studies of—(a) necessary economic and social issues; and (b) cost benefit analysis have been carried out, or are being carried out, specifying the researches involved and whether the result of such studies will be made available to the public.

Notices received on 19 March 1981

1156 MR SKEGGS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether there has been a departmental assessment of the effect on the environment, traffic density and rail freight arising from proposed deregulation of trucks; if so, what are the details.

1157 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of public dental services:

- 1 What is the Health Commission's basis for allocating public dental services to non-metropolitan areas specifying the number of public dentists required for particular population groups.
- 2 What public dental services are available in the Geelong area, and what steps are proposed to increase the availability of such services to Geelong residents.

1158 **MR FORDHAM**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:

- 1 What was the actual staff ceiling in each of the Primary, Technical and Secondary teaching divisions at 1 March 1981, excluding teachers on leave.
- 2 What was the staff establishment in each of the Primary, Technical and Secondary teaching divisions at 1 March 1981, excluding teachers on leave.
- 3 When the Government plans to bring about equality between the staff ceiling and the staff establishment in each of the Primary, Technical and Secondary teaching divisions.

1160 **MR ERNST**—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what funds or guarantee of funds the Government is providing for the development of the Geelong central business district indicating for what projects.

1161 **MR ERNST**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in relation to parking facilities at the Geelong railway station:

- 1 Whether there are any plans to extend the railway car park to overcome the limited car parking spaces available at present; if so, when construction will commence.
- 2 Whether he will give consideration to drawing up plans and constructing an overpass or an underpass from the parking area to the railway station.

Notices received on 24 March 1981

1164 **MR KIRKWOOD**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:

- 1 Whether he will ascertain and advise how many other States in Australia apply the rule for vehicles turning left to give way, as in Victoria.
- 2 What steps will be taken to have uniform road laws in Australia.

1169 **MR GAVIN**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what are the statistics for the various categories of armed hold-ups reported in 1980.

1175 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in relation to Housing Commission land at Melton:

- 1 When the land was bought, indicating the total price, the price per hectare and the area.
- 2 What are the holding and interest charges to date, including this financial year, indicating the amounts in each case.
- 3 Whether any land has been sold; if so, what is the area concerned and the price paid for such land.
- 4 What are the current plans for the development of this land, indicating the expected starting date and timetable.

1176 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 Whether persons sentenced between 1961 and 1974 are disadvantaged compared with persons sentenced before or after that period.
- 2 What action is proposed to provide justice to those prisoners sentenced between 1961 and 1975 who are serving long and very long sentences with minimum terms of twenty years or more, even with remissions allowable.
- 3 How many prisoners are serving long commuted sentences of 25 to 30 years minimum terms.
- 4 How many of such prisoners are considered suitable for release.
- 5 Whether the length of their sentences will be brought into line with other life sentences; if not, why.

1177 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 How many women serving a court sentence at Fairlea Female Prison have children, indicating the number of children involved.
- 2 How many hours women are allowed to spend with their children each week.
- 3 What special arrangements are made for those women who have children and are serving a court sentence at the prison.

1178 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 What rights prisoners at Fairlea Female Prison have to see a visiting doctor when refused access by the supervising sister.
- 2 What documented evidence is available to show the number of requests by prisoners at the prison to consult a doctor which have been refused.

1179 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 Whether medical care is provided on a twenty-four hour basis, seven days a week, at Fairlea Female Prison.
- 2 Whether prisoners at the prison have the right to choose their own medical practitioner, psychologist or psychiatrist.
- 3 Whether prescribed medical drugs are at all times supervised and administered by trained medical personnel at the prison.

1180 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 Whether the hospital facilities at Fairlea Female Prison meet with the minimum requirements of the Health Commission.
- 2 When the hospital at the prison was last inspected by the Health Commission.
- 3 When—(a) the kitchen; (b) the laundry; and (c) the dormitories, at the prison were last inspected by the Health Commission and whether they met with the minimum requirements.

1182 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:

- 1 What are the figures relating to staff turnover at Fairlea Female Prison over the past five years.
- 2 What is the current staffing complement at the prison, indicating whether this complement is considered to be full strength.

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- 3 What is the current salary relating to the various grades of prison officers employed at the prison.
 - 4 What was the average number of overtime hours worked by each prison officer at the prison for the years 1978-79 and 1979-80.
 - 5 What overtime rates are paid to prison officers.
 - 6 Whether prison officers employed at the prison are given first aid instruction during any part of their training.
- 1183 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What evidence is available to show that the work undertaken by the prisoners at Fairlea Female Prison prepares them for further employment.
 - 2 What provisions are made for pre-release leave, day leave and weekend leave at the prison in order to prepare women for their eventual release.
 - 3 How many women were released from the prison during the period 1978-79 and 1979-80, indicating how many have had work arranged for them by the Commonwealth Employment Service or other agencies on their release.
 - 4 What procedures are adopted at the prison to evaluate the effectiveness of the educational and vocational programmes, indicating whether these results are available for public scrutiny.
- 1184 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether women in Fairlea Female Prison are accommodated according to age and nature of offence.
 - 2 What is the breakdown of age and offence of each woman serving in Wing 1, Wing 2A, Wing 2B and the Cottages, respectively.
- 1185 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What is the purpose in restricting prisoners' outward mail at Fairlea Female Prison to three letters per week.
 - 2 Whether he could ascertain and inform how many letters per week are permitted to be written by prisoners detained in women's prisons in New South Wales and South Australia.
 - 3 Whether it is necessary for women detained at Fairlea Female Prison to write their personal letters on Fairlea stationery; if so, why.
- 1186 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What is the maximum wage a prisoner can earn at Fairlea Female Prison.
 - 2 Whether he could ascertain and inform how this figure compares with the earnings of those women in similar institutions in New South Wales and South Australia.
- 1187 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What kind of activities, care and supervision is involved in the Fairlea Female Prison Drug Rehabilitation Programme.
 - 2 What evidence is available to show that this programme is effective.

- 1190 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What is the cost per week for the Government to detain a woman at Fairlea Female Prison.
 - 2 What has been the total number of prisoners detained at the prison since 1975 and of this number how many are recidivists.
 - 3 What is the maximum and minimum time respectively served by a woman serving a sentence at the Governor's pleasure at the prison.

- 1191 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether the Government has made application to the Commonwealth Government for an allocation of money from the Fishing Industry Research Trust Account during the past five years; if so, what was the nature of the application and what grant was made from the Trust in each of the past five years.

Notices received on 25 March 1981

- 1192 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer whether he will lay on the table of the library all relevant files concerning the proposed major legal action being contested by a vending machine company and George Adams and the Treasurer or Premier; if not, why.
- 1198 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, how many prosecutions have been launched under section 3 of the *Litter Act* 1964.
- 1199 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the hospital building programme for the financial year 1980-81:
- 1 Which works were to be carried out or planned in Victorian hospitals, specifying in each case—(a) the hospital and the proposed work; (b) the stage this work is expected to reach by the end of the financial year; and (c) the expected expenditure this financial year.
 - 2 Which works were paid for from 1980-81 loan funds and which works are being constructed using bank loans or overdrafts to be repaid in future financial years.
- 1200 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, concerning the implementation of the *Health (Fluoridation) Act* 1973:
- 1 What supplies have now been fluoridated, indicating the date fluoridation commenced and the number of people served by the particular supply.
 - 2 Which water supply authorities have still not implemented the Act and what steps are being taken by the Government and the Health Commission in respect of each one of these Trusts.
- 1201 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of personnel working at 555 Collins Street, what arrangements exist for people not directly on the Health Commission's payroll, namely hospital and community health centre staff, to work at the Commission and how many such people are currently engaged in such exchange.
- 1202 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the review of the Early Childhood Development Programme announced by the Assistant Minister of Health in 1978:
- 1 What were the terms of reference of the review.
 - 2 Who conducted the review.
 - 3 When the review was completed and when copies of the report will be made public.

1203 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in relation to the Goonawarra Estate at Sunbury:

- 1 What is the number of lots pre-selected by builders as part of a builders purchase agreement, indicating the nature and terms of the agreement and whether the agreement legally contracts a sale.
- 2 What is the current estimated profit or loss on each block of land sold.
- 3 How many people are permanently employed, indicating their job, both at Sunbury and in the City or elsewhere, and the costs involved.
- 4 What is the total cost of the television advertising campaign this year, and the total cost to date of all advertising.

1204 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:

- 1 On what information he based his advice to Mr Max Dowsey of Werribee that all children from Werribee and surrounding districts for whom pre-school education was sought during 1981 have been accommodated.
- 2 Whether in 1979, sixteen children and in 1980, twenty children wanting pre-school education could not be allotted places.
- 3 What reasons there are for one child in every twenty-seven in the Werribee district receiving referred enrolment whereas the Victorian average is one child in every 136.
- 4 When a capital grant will be made for the proposed Kookaburra Avenue pre-school and infant welfare centre.

Notices received on 26 March 1981

1205 MR CRABB—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services how many—(a) injuries; and (b) deaths resulted from road accidents involving—(i) semi-trailers; and (ii) trucks over four tonne capacity, in each of the past ten years and how many of these accidents occurred during school holiday periods.

1206 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Property and Services, concerning the operation of the *Public Records Act 1973*:

- 1 How often the Public Records Advisory Council has met.
- 2 Which departments or authorities have furnished records to the Keeper of Public Records.
- 3 On how many occasions a declaration has been made by the Minister under section 10.

1207 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken in respect of the recommendations contained within the Report "Community Services for the Portland District" prepared by the Portland and District Community Services Task Group, June 1980.

1208 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of the recommendation contained in the Report "Community Services for the Portland District" prepared by the Portland and District Community Services Task Group, June 1980, what action has been taken to appoint a policewoman to be stationed permanently in Portland.

1210 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken in respect of the request from the Portland and District Community Services Task Group for an extraordinary input of Family and Community Services funding to develop new programmes in Victoria.

- 1211 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Premier what action has been taken to honour his commitment of 7 January 1981 to provide an immediate grant of \$7000 for emergency relief in the Portland District, indicating when the grant will be forwarded to the appropriate relief agencies.

Notices received on 31 March 1981

- 1212 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What is the status of the document "Social Effects of the Portland Smelter" commissioned by the Glenelg Regional Centre of the Department of Community Welfare Services for the information of the Portland and District Community Services Task Group.
 - 2 Whether this document is a substitute for the Social Impact Study which was to have been handled by the urban geographer of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, Dr Peter Newtown, but which has now been abandoned by decision of the Ministerial Council.
- 1213 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware that persons dependent on heart pacemakers are in danger when in the vicinity of micro-wave ovens; if so, whether he will take steps to ensure that warning signs are displayed at such locations; if not, whether he will acquaint himself with the position and take appropriate action.
- 1214 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 What assistance is currently being given by the State Government towards research into diabetes.
 - 2 What proposals are being considered to increase this assistance.
- 1219 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, of the projects currently being funded by the Transport Fund, if he will indicate in respect of each such project the amount of money required for completion of the project.
- 1220 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Property and Services what was the enrolment of each Legislative Assembly electoral district and each Legislative Council electoral province as at 31 March 1981.
- 1221 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what projects received finance from the Transport Fund in 1979–80, indicating in respect of such projects the ten highest priced projects.
- 1223 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether the proposal for a senior citizens club at Maldon is on the current list; if so, how many clubs are ahead of it in priority and when it is expected that funds will be available.
- 1224 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture:
- 1 Whether Victoria produces almost 90 per cent of Australia's exports in dairy products.
 - 2 Whether the dramatic decline in milk production will reflect upon the viability and cost structure of the Australian Dairy Corporation of which Victoria is major contributor.
 - 3 Whether he will take steps to obtain representation on the Australian Dairy Corporation for Victoria equivalent to its percentage contribution to the export market and to achieve the scaling down of the costs and administration of the Corporation in line with depreciation in quantity of export milk products; if so, what specific steps will be taken.

Notices received on 1 April 1981

- 1227 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for the Arts what is the current estimated date of completion for—(a) the concert hall at the Victorian Arts Centre; and (b) theatres and spire at the north end, indicating the projected costs in each case.
- 1228 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, further to the answer to question No. 1028 given on 31 March 1981, what were the reasons for the Country Roads Board's examinations, other procedures and a reply taking sixteen working days, indicating—(a) the number of officers involved; (b) the estimated number of working hours involved for each officer; (c) the estimated time for which the documents lay unused pending action by each officer; and (d) the estimated time absorbed by the transmission of the documents between officers.
- 1229 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, further to the answer to question No. 1028 given by the Minister of Transport on 31 March 1981, what practices, procedures or other factors prevented him from—(a) advising the Shire of Melton within one week of the proclamation of the *Public Works and Services Act* 1980 that he had approved funding the subject roadworks on condition only that the roadworks met normal Country Roads Board standards and requirements for works of a similar nature and that final contract costs conformed to the Country Roads Board's standard roadworks cost estimates; and (b) referring the subject plans and specifications to the Country Roads Board prior to 10 February 1981.
- 1230 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for the Arts, in view of the answer to question No. 626 given on 11 March 1981 and the transcript of the court case, how he relates the answer of five days delay on the concert hall and a total claimed by the builder of \$47 587 and an agreed claim figure of \$30 664 with the agreed settlement of \$1.9 million.
- 1231 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 When the Department of Community Welfare Services intends to reply to the letter dated 31 March 1980 from the Department of Social Security seeking agreement in principle for a cost-sharing arrangement for the North-West One Stop Welfare Centre, Coburg, as agreed to at a meeting between officers of the Department on 5 March 1980.
 - 2 When the Department intends to reply to the letter from the Department of Social Security of 16 July 1980 which indicated that the Department of Social Security was leaving the Centre.
 - 3 When the Department intends to reply to the letter dated 27 October 1980, from the Policy Committee of the Centre seeking information regarding the Department's commitment to the Centre.
 - 4 When the Department intends to reply to the letters dated 12 November 1980, 26 November 1980 and 2 December 1980, respectively, from the Policy Committee of the Centre seeking a reply to earlier correspondence.
 - 5 What action he intends to take to ensure continuity of the N.O.W. Programme, in view of the fact that the lease option expires on 6 April.

Notices received on 2 April 1981

- 1232 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of urea formaldehyde foam insulation, whether the Health Commission has evaluated an alleged health risk; if so, what are the results of that investigation and whether any action is proposed.

- 1233 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of proposals to amend the *Hospitals Superannuation Act 1965* and in particular to allow eligible persons to take part of their pension or all of it by way of a lump sum, whether this proposal has been agreed to by the Hospitals Superannuation Board and sent to a Treasury sponsored committee; if so, when it is expected that a decision will be reached.
- 1234 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the increase in main line train derailments from 51 in 1978-79 to 82 in 1979-80:
- 1 What is the cause of this sharp increase in derailments.
 - 2 Whether he proposes positive action to upgrade those lines most seriously affected, or whether he wishes to avoid such action by line closures.
- 1236 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Economic Development, in respect of the Government's financial contribution to the Industrial Design Council of Australia and in view of the Government's recent promises to provide financial incentives for industries to develop research and development capacities, whether the Government intends to restore its contributions to the Council in accordance with the established \$1 for \$1 Commonwealth-State funding agreement.
- 1238 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the \$30 000 survey being conducted into the attitudes of public transport users to the recommendation to close the St Kilda line contained in the Victorian Transport Study, whether additional surveys are proposed or are presently being conducted into the proposed closure of country rail lines; if so, what is the proposed cost of such surveys.
- 1239 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Regionalization of Health Services Discussion document prepared by the Health Commission, whether he proposes to present to the House a detailed report on the responses from the community and others to the proposals contained in that report; if so, when.
- 1240 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Employment and Training whether he can advise what specific programmes have been planned to provide greater employment opportunities for the disabled in Victoria, particularly in view of 1981 being the Year of the Disabled.
- 1241 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what is the expected completion date for the construction of the trans-shipping stockyards and rail sidings at Bandiana.
- 1242 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 Whether it is the policy of VicRail to scale down its livestock transportation; if so, why.
 - 2 What is the current availability of livestock rolling stock, indicating the condition, age, and type of stock.
 - 3 Whether there are plans to replace and modernize rolling stock for the movement of livestock; if so, when the Government intends—
(a) commencing; and (b) completing the updating programme.
- 1243 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning whether he is aware that the Minister for Economic Development wrote to the Member for Werribee on 5 March 1981 in connection with the approval of expenditure in Melton as part of the Melton-Sunbury project indicating that a reply from the Minister for Planning should be received very shortly

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1248. MR SIMPSON—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Economic Development:
- 1 In view of \$1.8 million having been spent by the Government on the caravan industry in Ballarat since its inception, how often the companies receiving such subsidies reported to the Government on the state of the industry.
 - 2 Whether he will make details of any such reports available and detail any mechanisms designed to make a subsidized decentralized industry accountable to the Ministry.
- 1249 MR SIMPSON—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Economic Development whether a \$3.5 million contract has been awarded to a South Australian firm ATCO to supply modular housing to Alcoa at Portland; if so—(a) when negotiations took place; (b) when the contract was signed; (c) what other companies were involved in negotiations; (d) how many jobs will be created at ATCO as a result of the Government contract; and (e) whether any steps were taken by the Government to try to persuade Alcoa to purchase such housing from Victorian companies.
- 1250 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether, as compared to 1978, the State Electricity Commission during 1980 has reduced its non-advertising sales promotion effort for appliances which use off-peak electricity; if so, whether this was done because of the tight supply situation during nights when base-load power is used to recharge pumped storages in the Snowy Mountains.
- 1251 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, further to the answer to question No. 788 given on 10 March 1981, and since 1 July 1980, whether any State Electricity Commission officer has originated an internal memorandum to accounting and financial staff which either defines a “duly authorized officer” for the first time or makes more restrictive some existing definition of “duly authorized officer”.
- 1252 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether he will provide the Leader of the Opposition with a copy of all submissions made by the State Electricity Commission to the Committee of Inquiry into Electricity Generation and the Sharing of Power Resources in South-East Australia chaired by Sir David Zeidler.
- 1253 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, further to the answer to question No. 712 given on 10 March 1981, whether he will now provide a final figure for the adjusting hydrocarbon royalty payment owed by Esso-B.H.P. to the State, indicate when and how this debt will be repaid, release details of any agreement that no interest will be charged, and explain precisely why the adjustment does not greatly exceed the \$15 million estimate made by the then Public Accounts Committee in its Report upon the Auditor-General’s Report for 1975–76.
- 1254 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy:
- 1 How many contracts for the supply of natural gas to power stations have been entered into between the State Electricity Commission and Esso-B.H.P.
 - 2 How many modifications to each such contract, whether by re-negotiation or attachment of appendices, have been made, indicating on which date each event occurred and whether any such modifications are currently under discussion.
- 1255 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether the Council of either the Town or Shire of Portland applied to

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thereafter; if so, what are the reasons for the delay in making a reply and when it can be expected.

1244 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, further to his statements on the adjournment debate on 1 April 1981 in respect of fruit-fly control:

- 1 What evidence there is of fresh outbreaks of Queensland fruit-fly (*Dacus tryoni*) arising from adults flying 80 km.
- 2 What distances have been recorded between new *Dacus tryoni* outbreaks arising from flights by adults and pre-existing infestations.
- 3 Whether there is evidence that *Dacus tryoni* survived in Melbourne and Wangaratta between the summers of—(a) 1978–79 and 1979–80; and (b) 1979–80 and 1980–81.
- 4 Whether there is evidence that *Dacus tryoni* has regularly survived between summers in parts of Gippsland, and in parts of southern New South Wales having similar climates to parts of Victoria.
- 5 Whether papers by experts including A. Meats and M. A. Bateman have drawn attention to the valuable role of quarantine barriers such as road blocks in controlling the spread of fruit-fly including *Dacus tryoni*.
- 6 Whether any special lures or other means of detecting the presence of Mediterranean fruit-fly (*Ceratitis capitata*) in Victoria originating from the several recent outbreaks in South Australia or other infestations have been used in Victoria; if so, where and when, indicating the dates in each case.

1245 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for the Arts whether he received reports before 31 December 1980 as provided in sections 17 and 18 of the *Victorian Arts Centre Act 1979*; if so, why they have not been tabled as required by section 18 of the Act and when they will be tabled; if not, what steps have been taken to require the production of the report.

Notices received on 7 April 1981

1246 MR BROWN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:

- 1 How many current purchase and tenancy applications, respectively, are held for public housing in Wonthaggi, indicating the number of applications for—(a) lone person; (b) low rental; (c) childless couples; (d) two-bedroom family; (e) three-bedroom family; and (f) large family categories.
- 2 What is the current provision of housing for each of these categories in Wonthaggi.
- 3 What are the current plans for providing additional housing in Wonthaggi.
- 4 How many spot purchase dwellings are currently planned for purchase in Wonthaggi.
- 5 Whether the Ministry of Housing has any plans to subsidize the construction of dwellings for elderly persons in Wonthaggi with assets greater than \$9000 but less than \$25 000; if so, what plans.

1247 MR SIMPSON—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Economic Development:

- 1 Whether he will make available all information regarding discussions between the Government and Alcoa of Australia Ltd about housing itinerant workers at Portland.
- 2 When discussions were commenced and what arrangements were made.

- by—(a) value; and (b) volume or mass is proposed for the production of each industry, indicating how it will be achieved.
- 1266 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, in respect of each grant for the 1981-82 financial year from the Commonwealth Government Fishing Industry Research Trust Account to continuing projects and new projects:
- 1 What is the source of funds contributed to the project from State sources.
 - 2 What will be the location or locations of the project.
 - 3 What is the designation and qualification of each officer involved in the project, indicating the proportion of the officer's time to be devoted to the project.
 - 4 What are the aims and objectives of the project.
- 1267 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, what recent developments have been undertaken in Victoria for research into the most efficient use of irrigation water, indicating—(a) the location and nature of each research project; (b) the criteria by which efficiency has been assessed; and (c) the findings of the research in respect of the costs of irrigation and the control of salinity, respectively.
- 1268 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to question No. 464 answered on 21 October 1980, whether an offer recommended to be made to Nabalco was made; if so, on what date.
- 1269 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what are the lengths and capital costs of the third and fourth 500 kilovolt transmission lines currently being built by the State Electricity Commission from the Latrobe Valley to the Melbourne load centre.
- 1270 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy how, in view of the statement by the State Electricity Commission's Tariff Engineer during a meeting held at Monash House with the Opposition on 17 November 1980 that approximately one-sixth of total costs (over \$100 million) represent losses on briquetting operations and subsidies of various kinds, he reconciles this information with the answer given by his predecessor in answer to question No. 574 given on 21 October 1980 that under Commission tariffs no company receives any subsidy.
- 1271 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer, of the seven projects mentioned in answer to question No. 288 given on 21 October 1980:
- 1 What is the new capital expenditure for each project.
 - 2 How many persons are currently employed in the construction of each project.
 - 3 What is the estimated number of persons who will be employed in each project on completion.
 - 4 Whether any of these projects are not proceeding.

Notices received on 8 April 1981

- 1272 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to the answer to question No. 377 given by the Minister of Educational Services on 7 April 1981:
- 1 What is the name of each organization for the education of deaf children for which funding is provided by the Health Commission.
 - 2 What are the criteria for allocation of funds by the Commission.

- the State Electricity Commission for supply of electricity to the Alcoa of Australia Ltd aluminium smelter pursuant to section 45 of the *State Electricity Commission Act 1958*; if not, why.
- 1256 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, in respect of State Electricity Commission contractors only, how many industrial disputes in the Latrobe Valley causing loss of working time have occurred during the past five financial years, indicating in each case the date, man-hours lost, duration, contractors involved, trade unions involved, and reasons.
- 1257 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether the State Electricity Commission has made any studies of the feasibility of a Latrobe Valley to Adelaide high voltage transmission line via Portland and Mount Gambier; if so, what is the likely transient stability limit on power flow capacity expressed in megawatts.
- 1258 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to question No. 464 answered on 21 October 1980, what were the terms and conditions of an offer recommended to be made to Nabalco on 28 February 1979, and an offer accepted by Alcoa of Australia Ltd on 1 March 1979.
- 1259 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether he will make available an organization chart for the Portland Ministerial Council and supporting bodies, indicating which positions are full-time and part-time and which positions are filled by seconded personnel.
- 1260 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether the Government or the State Electricity Commission will be making submissions to the Senate Standing Committee on National Resources Inquiry into the Bauxite, Alumina and Aluminium Industries chaired by Senator Andrew Thomas; if not, why.
- 1261 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, how many residential properties have been ordered to be sold by the Sheriff in each calendar year from 1970 to 1980, inclusive.
- 1262 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of grants for the 1981–82 financial year from the Commonwealth Government Fishing Industry Research Trust Account to the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology for the projects entitled “Fish Canning—Quality Control on New Product Development” and “The Utilization of Fish Waste as Silage”:
- 1 What are the aims and objectives of each project.
 - 2 What is the nature of any involvement in the projects by the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife or any other Victorian Government instrumentality.
- 1263 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture what recent developments have been undertaken in Victoria for the genetic development of salt tolerant plants, indicating—(a) the plant species involved; (b) the location of the research and development; (c) the funds expended from each source; and (d) the results of research and development.
- 1264 MR SIMPSON—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Economic Development, in view of the shortage of temporary housing at Portland for workers of Alcoa of Australia Ltd, whether he will make representations to Alcoa to buy caravans from the Franklin Caravan Plant which may save the jobs of at least some of the 270 workers who are to be retrenched.
- 1265 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of the Government’s objectives for agriculture in the 1980s, what increase

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- 1273 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 Whether the Japanese research vessel, Hoyo Maru, also acting as a commercial squid venture is operating off the Victorian coast for a four-week period ending 22 April 1981; if so—(a) how many Victorian or Australian observers are on board the ship; and (b) what confirmation is available as to size of catch and when details of research will be relayed to Australian fishermen.
 - 2 Whether the Commonwealth Government made available the sum of \$40 000 to Victoria for the employment of observers and inspectors of foreign fishing ventures in 1980–81; if so, in the absence of a joint fishing venture, how the State Government will spend the \$40 000.
- 1274 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether a serious dispute between Tasmania and Victoria exists within the fishing and allied industries relating to which State effectively controls the waters in Bass Strait as from the parallel of latitude 39° 12' south; if so, what is the Victorian Government doing to resolve the dispute.
- 1275 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to the answer to question No. 376 given on 7 April 1981:
- 1 What is the nature of each joint project being undertaken as part of the Victoria/Jiangsu sister-State relationship, indicating in each case, the respective Government agencies and private bodies participating, the skills, materials, technology, information and other resources contributed by each State, and the duration of the project.
 - 2 What is the nature of each additional joint project now undergoing a feasibility study.
- 1276 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What steps are being taken to eliminate the necessity for some boys at Baltara Reception Centre having to sleep on the floor.
 - 2 Whether alternative arrangements are being planned to accommodate non-offenders in an environment separate from offenders; if not, why.
 - 3 What is the staff/child ratio at the centre, indicating whether this figure is adjusted according to special needs of some residents.
 - 4 How many boys have attended the centre over the past five years, indicating the average duration of stay before placement elsewhere.
 - 5 How Youth Welfare Services and Early Adolescent Support Units will function to assist some of the present problems.
 - 6 Whether all boys attending the centre receive Education Department schooling.
- 1279 MR ERNST—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 When the investigation into the re-classification of roads in the Bellarine Shire will be completed.
 - 2 Whether a copy of this report will be made available to local Members of Parliament.
 - 3 Whether the Geelong–Portarlington road will be re-classified as a highway.
 - 4 What plans there are for the duplication of the Geelong–Portarlington Road.
 - 5 When work will commence on the duplication of the Geelong–Portarlington Road.

- 1280 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for the Arts:
- 1 When it is expected that the Committee of Inquiry into the Light Entertainment Industry will complete its report.
 - 2 Whether the report will be made public; if not, why.
- 1281 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer whether, in view of recent financial losses by the clients of failed insurance brokers, it is his intention to introduce legislation requiring insurance brokers to immediately lodge with the appropriate insurance company premiums paid by clients with proposals as negotiated; if not, why.
- 1282 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether the Government intends to introduce an amendment to the *Motor Car Act 1958* to allow ex-service personnel categorized as 5 (a), 5 (b) and 5 (c) in the Commonwealth Repatriation Act to claim concessions on motor registration fees.

Notices received on 14 April 1981

- 1285 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 Which unused railway stations have been leased to organizations.
 - 2 Whether any unused railway stations have been handed over to other organizations.
- 1286 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 Which VicRail capital works projects, funded in any of the past three years, will not be completed by 30 June 1981 and what is the estimated cost of completion in each case.
 - 2 Whether any of these projects will be completed in 1981–82.
- 1287 MR CRABB—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in each of the past twelve months, what sums of money have been paid by—(a) VicRail; and (b) the Ministry of Transport to contractors operating bus services in lieu of rail services between—(i) Ballarat and Donald; (ii) Ballarat and Geelong; (iii) Lilydale and Healesville; (iv) Ararat and Portland; and (v) Toolamba and Echuca; and in each case how many days bus operation was involved.
- 1288 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, in respect of the decision to locate the sheet-metal facility at Brunswick Technical College:
- 1 Whether the school was informed that the facility was to be located on the Millers Rope Works site and whether meetings were held on site to commence planning.
 - 2 Whether a decision was then made to shift the location to Preston; if so, when that decision was made and by whom.
 - 3 Whether all or some of the following interested parties had approved the construction of the facility at Brunswick—(a) the Brunswick Technical School Council; (b) the Principal of the Preston Technical College; (c) the Planning Committee of the North Regional Council of Technical Education and the committee itself; (d) the Facilities Planning Committee of the State Council for Technical Education; and (e) the State Council for Technical Education; if so, why those approvals were ignored.
 - 4 On what basis the decision to relocate the facility at Preston technical college was made.

- 1289 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware of reports that there are inadequate dialysis treatment facilities in the Melbourne metropolitan area; if so, what proposals the Government has to expand dialysis treatment services.
- 1290 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 What are the current interest rates for each Victorian permanent building society for—(a) deposits; and (b) loans, indicating when the loan rate last rose and what minimum borrowers must have and for what period of time to qualify.
 - 2 What is the lowest, highest, and average interest rate in Victoria, indicating—(a) the society; and (b) the comparison with other States.
 - 3 Whether any building societies have ceased taking applications for housing loans, indicating the society, when the decision was taken, and the reasons.
- 1292 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what number of qualified childcare workers have graduated from the college at Watsonia over the past five years, indicating the number of students with—(a) a one-year Certificate; and (b) a two-year Diploma.
- 1293 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether the Government has been involved in any activities of the Australia–China Council, indicating any way in which the Sister-State relationship with Jiangsu Province is related to the activities of the Council.
- 1294 MR REMINGTON—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the Adelaide–Melbourne railway line, between Ararat and Serviceton:
- 1 How many derailments have occurred in the past twelve months.
 - 2 What was the cost of track and vehicle damage respectively.
 - 3 What was the total number of days the derailments closed the line.
 - 4 What was the total period during which speed restrictions were in force after the derailments.
- 1295 MR REMINGTON—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in respect of the Ararat–Portland railway line:
- 1 How many derailments have occurred over the past twelve months.
 - 2 What was the cost in terms of track and vehicle damage respectively.
 - 3 What was the total number of days the derailments closed the line.
 - 4 What was the total period during which speed restrictions were in force after the derailments.
 - 5 How many staff are allocated to detecting track defects in the Ararat region.
 - 6 How many staff were allocated to the same duties five and ten years ago, respectively.
- 1296 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what is the designation of each position on the staff of the Knox–Sherbrooke Early Childhood Development Programme, indicating in each case, whether the position is vacant, and, if so—(a) when the vacancy occurred; and (b) when it will be filled.
- 1297 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in respect of the *Community Welfare Services Act 1978*:
- 1 Why sections 21, 22, 23, 34, 53 and 57 respectively have not been proclaimed.
 - 2 When these respective sections will be proclaimed.

- 1298 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 What is the current shortage of rental stock in—(a) Melbourne; (b) regional cities; and (c) country areas, indicating the extent of available rental stock in each case and the need.
 - 2 What current programmes are adding to this rental stock.
 - 3 What is the current policy towards selling houses, particularly in areas where there is a shortage and existing accommodation is largely flats, indicating the number sold in the past twelve months to date.

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- 1299 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture what average increases in agricultural productivity overall and in each industry expressed as—(a) production per person employed (including self-employed); (b) production per hectare; and (c) production per unit capital invested (expressed at specified constant values)—have been achieved in Victoria in each of the past ten, twenty and thirty years, respectively, indicating the sources of the figures on which the calculations are based.
- 1300 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to the answer to question No. 1081 given on 14 April 1981 concerning the Committee considering the introduction of uniform food standards throughout Australia:
- 1 What is the name, address, qualifications and method of appointment of each member.
 - 2 On what dates the Committee has met, indicating at which location in each instance.
- 1301 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what has been the funding of co-operative housing societies, indicating—(a) ex-Commonwealth; (b) revolving funds; (c) State Government; (d) institutional funds; (e) Home Finance Trust; and (f) other funds for each of the past three financial years and the estimates for 1980-81.
- 1302 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what amount has been spent on—(a) re-painting; (b) renovating; and (c) modernizing, existing Housing Commission homes, flats and units, respectively, for each of the past three financial years, including the estimates for 1980-81, showing the number of staff employed overall in each year.
- 1303 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in respect of the housing programme to be undertaken in 1980-81, how many houses and flats, respectively, the Housing Commission plans to build, indicating—(a) in which municipalities the houses and flats will be built and completed; (b) how many of the houses and flats to be built by the Commission will be available for sale; (c) whether it is proposed to keep any houses built for rental; (d) how many existing houses and flats are being programmed for purchase and, in each case, in which municipalities the purchases will occur and whether the purchases, in each case, will be for longer rental provision or for re-sale.
- 1304 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing how many—(a) houses; (b) flats; and (c) elderly persons units have been built by the Housing Commission in each of the past three financial years, including the estimates for 1980-81, indicating the amount of funds allocated for each category and the number of buildings in each category for sale and rental, respectively.

- 1305 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what has been—
(a) the number of tenants on rental rebate; (b) the average weekly rebates per tenant; (c) the rebate value or rent foregone; (d) the percentage of tenants on rebate to total tenants; and (e) the profit or loss on the rental account, for each of the past three financial years, including the estimate for 1980–81.
- 1306 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what has been the surplus or deficit for house sales operations for each of the past three years, including the estimate for 1980–81.
- 1307 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what is the 1980–81 spot-purchase programme, indicating—(a) the number of homes to be purchased and the total allocation; (b) the municipalities involved; and (c) the amount to be spent at Portland and the Latrobe Valley respectively.
- 1308 MR SPYKER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, following the decision not to proceed with the housing project at Graham Road, Highett, what the Housing Commission intends to do with the land now that it is not to be used for housing.
- 1309 MR SPYKER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Forests, with respect to the operations of the Timber Promotion Council for the years 1969–70 to 1979–80 inclusive:
- 1 What were the royalty contributions and Government grants paid to the Council by the Forests Commission.
 - 2 In each of these years, what was the balance carried forward to the next financial year.
 - 3 Pursuant to which section of the *Forests Act* 1958 the royalty collection for the Council is made, and whether an equivalent sum is collected from sawlogs taken from privately owned forests.
 - 4 In view of the balance carried forward in the Annual Report of the Council being \$119 851.56 for the year 1978–79 and in the year 1979–80 the balance brought forward being only \$97 739.30, why the sum of \$22 112.26 was written off.
 - 5 In view of the substantial surpluses recorded by the Council from 1969–70 to 1979–80, why the Government grant was increased by 150 per cent, particularly at a time when funding to other groups in the community deeply concerned with other values of our publicly owned State Forests has not received such consideration.
- 1311 MR SPYKER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Forests, whether the logging of Melbourne Water Supply catchments could eliminate the Australian timber import bill of \$600 million; if so, on what criteria this estimate is based.
- 1312 MR SPYKER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Forests:
- 1 Whether the Minister will indicate which timber contractors are considered to have the expertise to log a catchment area, and indicate which other areas in the State have been logged by these or other contractors according to the regulations as laid down by the Forests Commission.
 - 2 Which foresters in the Forests Commission have had proven experience in water catchment logging operations in the Melbourne catchments.
- 1313 MR SPYKER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture:
- 1 What is the average annual soil loss from—(a) farm lands; and (b) land cleared of native forests for agricultural purposes.

- 2 Whether this soil loss is increasing, decreasing, or stable, in these land categories, indicating the reasons.
 - 3 Which areas in the State are considered to be affected by—(a) severe; (b) moderate; and (c) slight, salinity with respect to present viable agricultural cropping and whether these areas are increasing, decreasing, or stable.
 - 4 Whether any field trials have indicated that perennial grasses and salt tolerant trees can decrease the effects of salination in Victoria.
 - 5 What changes in patterns of ownership of agricultural and farm lands in Victoria have occurred since 1930.
- 1314 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether he will update the information provided in the answer to question No. 92 given on 14 April 1981, to indicate the figures for February 1981.
- 1315 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, further to the answer to question No. 954 given on 7 April 1981, what are the definitions of “total demonstrated resources” and “economically winnable resources” and whether these definitions have changed since 1977.

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- 1316 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, in view of the projected move of the Port of Melbourne Authority into new premises in the World Trade Centre in Flinders Street Extension, what use will be made of the architectural award winning building presently occupied by the Authority.
- 1317 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for the Arts whether the contract for the concert hall of the Victorian Arts Centre has been changed in any way; if so—(a) in what way; (b) what is the purpose of the change; and (c) what affect the change will have on—(i) the estimated completion time; (ii) claims for variation orders; and (iii) negotiations over extra costs to builders and sub-contractors.
- 1318 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of dental services provided through the Ballarat Base Hospital, whether there are waiting lists for any categories of treatment; if so, what is the average waiting time for each such category.
- 1319 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of grants for travelling costs incurred by home help services, which municipalities receive reimbursement for travel, specifying the amount received last financial year and the estimated amount this financial year.
- 1320 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning, further to the answer given to question No. 1229 on 28 April 1981:
- 1 What jobs included in the detailed works programme for the Melton/Sunbury Project received on 6 August 1980 were adopted on 8 January 1981—(a) without amendment; and (b) with amendment, indicating the nature of the amendment and the actions which led to the adoption of the amendment.
 - 2 What additional jobs or projects were included in the programme finally adopted indicating—(a) the source and date of the initial proposal; and (b) the actions which led to its adoption in each case.
- 1321 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer, further to the answer to question No. 1029 given on 15 April 1981:
- 1 Whether information relating to projects proposed to be funded by Item 161 of the *Public Works and Services Act* 1980 was supplied to him or

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the Treasury prior to Cabinet approval of the legislation; if so, what details were included.

- 2 What were the details of the procedures followed in examining each project to ensure co-ordination with the programmes of Government departments and instrumentalities, indicating the purpose and method of each step.

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1322 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:

- 1 What amount was held in the unclaimed dividends section of the George Adams organization as licensee of the Tattslotto operation as at 1 April 1981.
- 2 Of such amount what amount was for the resultant dividend for the immediate Tattslotto draw.
- 3 What amount related to unclaimed dividends in excess of—(a) 1 month; and (b) 6 months delay in claims.

1323 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation what areas of undeveloped land have been purchased by the Trotting Control Board, indicating in respect of each area—(a) the location; (b) the area of the land; (c) when the land was purchased; (d) the purchase price; (e) the estimated present value; (f) the reason for the purchase; and (g) the present plan for future use.

1324 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:

- 1 How many telephone accounts were registered with the Totalizator Agency Board as at March 1979, 1980 and 1981 respectively.
- 2 What is the amount of unclaimed Totalizator Agency Board dividends for the years 1978–79; 1979–80; and 1980–81 respectively.

1325 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:

- 1 What was the initial order of the new betting tickets for Totalizator Agency Board agencies and the financial cost to the Board.
- 2 What is the name of the printing firm that supplied such tickets.
- 3 What is the approximate number of tickets used per week.

1326 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, what are the ten major bingo operating clubs in the Geelong Region in order of turnover for the present financial year indicating the relative figures.

1327 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what was the average daily passenger volume on the Geelong–Melbourne train service in each of the past 5 years.

1328 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what new primary and secondary schools, respectively are planned in the Geelong Region in the next 3 years.

1329 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:

- 1 What are the comparative traffic volume figures for the Geelong–Melbourne Highway in relation to the Lara to Corio and Corio to Central Geelong sections in each of the past 5 years.
- 2 What are the comparative traffic volume figures for—(a) Bacchus Marsh Road, Corio; (b) Thompson Road, Norlane; (c) Ballarat Road, North Geelong; and (d) Beach Parade, Drumcondra, in each of those years.

- 1330 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 How many Housing Commission units were constructed and occupied in the Geelong region in the financial years 1977–78 to 1980–81, inclusive.
 - 2 How many such units are planned for the year 1981–82 indicating their locations.
- 1331 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, what is the number of Housing Commission tenants in the Geelong region paying concession rents as at March 1979, 1980 and 1981, respectively.
- 1332 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What was the subsidy amount granted to Geelong area urban bus operators in each of the past three financial years and in 1980–81 to date.
 - 2 What are the details of such subsidies in respect of individual routes.
 - 3 How the amount of such subsidy is determined.
- 1333 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 How many new “Granny flats” have been provided in the Geelong area in each year since the scheme was introduced.
 - 2 What is the present number on the waiting list for a Granny flat in the Geelong region.
 - 3 What is the present delay period between application date and provision.
- 1334 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, what was the annual financial allocation for maintenance of Housing Commission homes within the Geelong region in each of the financial years 1977–78, 1978–79 and 1980–81 indicating the number of homes covered under such maintenance.
- 1335 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What intersections within the Shire of Corio have been approved for future installation of traffic lights.
 - 2 When it is planned for such lights to be installed at each such intersection.
- 1336 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 How many school children within the Geelong Education Region have been granted a special book and uniform allowance in each of the years 1977 to 1980 and in this year to date because of family financial hardship.
 - 2 What were the eligibility provisions for such grants in each year.
- 1337 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, what year the oldest carriage in service this year on the Geelong–Melbourne passenger rail service was constructed.
- 1338 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services:
- 1 What schools in the Geelong area are at present listed for maintenance works.
 - 2 What are the respective details and the stage reached in each case.
 - 3 When it is planned each of these works will be carried out.
- 1339 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 What procedure is carried out to monitor air pollution in the Norlane, Corio and North Shore areas of Geelong.

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- 2 What are the main ingredients measured and what are the relative effects of each such element on humans.
 - 3 What are the major polluting industries in this region.
- 1340 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 What procedure is carried out by the Environment Protection Authority to measure pollutants in Corio Bay.
 - 2 What are the main pollutants concerned.
 - 3 What are the effects of each such element on human and marine life.
 - 4 Whether the waters of Corio Bay have deteriorated in purity over the past five years.
 - 5 What are the major pollutant industries affecting Corio Bay.
- 1341 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing how many final notices, court orders and evictions relating to Housing Commission occupants in the years 1979, 1980, and in this year to date were instituted from the Geelong Regional Office.
- 1342 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many motorists have been subjected to breathalyzer tests by “puff bag” methods in the Geelong region in 1981.
 - 2 How many motorists have been recorded as exceeding the alcohol limit.
- 1343 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many offences have been reported in the Geelong region in 1979, 1980 and 1981 to date for theft, burglary, assault, receiving, drugs and drink related offences.
 - 2 How many of such offenders have been detected.
- 1344 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 What was the total turnover of Totalizator Agency Board agencies in the Geelong region in 1978–79, 1979–80 and in 1980–81 to date.
 - 2 How many telephone accounts are listed with Geelong region Board agencies.
- 1345 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, further to the answer to question No. 1024 given on 28 April 1981, what are the boundaries of the area in East Gippsland now regarded as an endemic area for fruit fly, indicating the names of all towns infested over the past five years.
- 1346 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works whether the Public Works Department, or any Authority under the control of the department, has purchased any land in the proposed Hastings Port Industrial Area in the past three years; if so—(a) which land; (b) from whom the land was purchased; and (c) what was the purchase price and terms of sale.
- 1347 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether the Education Department or any authority under the control of the department, has purchased any land in the proposed Hastings Port Industrial Area in the past three years;

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if so—(a) which land; (b) from whom the land was purchased; and (c) what was the purchase price and terms of sale.

1348 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether the Department or any Authority under the control of the department, has purchased any land in the proposed Hastings Port Industrial Area in the past three years; if so—(a) which land; (b) from whom the land was purchased; and (c) what was the purchase price and terms of sale.

1349 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:

- 1 What was the—(a) recommended strength; and (b) actual total strength of the Fraud Squad as at 1 April 1981 and 1 April of each of the preceding three years.
- 2 For the twelve months prior to 1 April of each of those four years how many members of the Squad—(a) were transferred from the Squad by promotion; (b) were transferred from the Squad other than by promotion; and (c) resigned from the Squad.

1350 MR REYNOLDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture:

- 1 What is the nature and extent of the current research work being undertaken by the Department of Agriculture into footrot of sheep, and who are the people carrying out this work.
- 2 How this work is being financed, and how much has been spent in each of the past five years on this research work.
- 3 What is the result of this research work and whether the department has established that this disease can be eradicated using existing methods.
- 4 What is the estimated loss to the sheep industry in Victoria due to footrot and how many sheep are estimated to be affected.
- 5 Whether the Department has an expert or experts available to advise farmers on the best method of control and eradication.

1351 MR HANN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing how many homes are to be built by the Housing Commission in the towns of Echuca, Kyabram, Rochester, Nathalia, Tongala, Cohuna, Pyramid Hill, Bendigo, Eaglehawk, Castlemaine, Maryborough and Leitchville in—(a) the current financial year; and (b) the next financial year, giving details of when tenders are to be called.

1352 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health how many appeals have been lodged against refusal of registration by the Chiropractors and Osteopaths Registration Board, indicating in each case—(a) the name of the appellant; (b) the grounds for refusal of registration; (c) the grounds for appeal; (d) the outcome; and (e) the costs incurred, indicating by whom.

1353 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:

- 1 What were the official monthly fall-out figures for air pollution in the Herne Hill/Newtown North areas of Geelong over the past three years.
- 2 How such measurements are taken and statistics recorded.
- 3 What are the main pollutant materials.
- 4 What are the effects of such pollutants upon material and humans.
- 5 What improvements, if any, are planned to reduce such figures.

1354 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:

- 1 What are the planned completion dates for stages of the overpass bridge on Latrobe Terrace at Geelong West.

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- 2 What is the expected effect of traffic on adjacent roadways on completion of the overpass.
- 1355 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation what has been the annual income of the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation since its inception, indicating the respective proportions from—(a) Totalizator Agency Board; (b) Commonwealth Government; and (c) State Government, sources.
- 1356 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, what are the respective financial allowances paid to the Chairman and Commissioners of the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust.
- 1357 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works what are the respective financial allowances paid to the Chairman and Commissioners of the Geelong Harbor Trust.
- 1358 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what plans there are for the establishment of a secondary school for the Lara area, indicating the proposed completion date and the location.
- 1359 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What are the details of staff shortages of the Bell Park technical school.
 - 2 What action is contemplated to overcome the problem, indicating when this will be achieved.
- 1360 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Economic Development:
- 1 What financial allocation plans are contemplated to develop the “Geelong City by the Bay” project recently announced by him in Geelong.
 - 2 What is the total planned Government allocation.
 - 3 What amounts will be progressively provided by the Government, indicating the respective dates of such provision.
- 1361 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what have been the average daily number of passengers that have used the Ballarat–Geelong rail service in March 1980 and the Ballarat–Geelong bus service in March 1981.
- 1362 MR ERNST—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether he will consider the provision of an overhead walkway to link the Geelong railway station public car park in Latrobe Terrace with the station entrance.
- 1363 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 How many applicants for drivers’ licences have been tested at the Geelong Registration Branch this year between 1 January and the end of April.
 - 2 How many of such persons have been granted a licence after the first test, second test and beyond the second test, respectively.
- 1364 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what is the number of persons qualified in child welfare who have graduated from the College at Watsonia over the past five years including—(a) students with one year certificate; and (b) students with two year diploma.
- 1365 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Premier what applicants have applied to operate a casino in Victoria.

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- 1366 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer whether figures are available on payroll tax revenue from each region within Victoria; if so, what total sum was collected from each region in 1979–80, and what are the estimated receipts for 1980–81.
- 1367 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services when he expects that the Final Report of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee will be completed and available for public perusal.
- 1368 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action has been taken to initiate discussion by interested groups of the recommendations contained within the Working Papers of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee.
- 1369 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he intends to take cognizance of Recommendation 78 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that, in placing the child, the agency should be required to consider and endeavour to carry out, any expressed wishes of the natural parent, particularly concerning the religion, race and cultural background of the adoptive parents, but that such conditions should not be incorporated as conditions to the consent.
- 1370 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends taking in respect of the recommendation of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that all adoptions should be arranged through and supervised by a registered agency.
- 1371 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends taking in respect of the recommendation of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that the general procedure relating to adoption by relatives should no longer be distinguished from that of non-relative adoption.
- 1372 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What action he intends taking in respect of the recommendation of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that in all cases where adoption is desired, a natural parent should sign a general consent.
 - 2 Whether he intends to abolish the present option of the natural parent to consent to the making of an adoption order in favour of a specific relative.
- 1373 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends taking in respect of the recommendation of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that an agency must give first consideration to a relative's application to adopt a child and that if an alternative placement is considered to be in the best interests of the child, that the agency shall arrange this.
- 1374 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends taking in respect of the recommendation of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that adoption orders only be made to relatives in exceptional circumstances.

- 1375 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends taking in respect of the recommendation of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that consideration be given in the case of an adoption application by a relative as to whether guardianship is more appropriate in the particular circumstances, with final consideration being given to the long-term welfare of the child.
- 1376 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends taking in respect of the recommendation of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that the general procedure relating to adoption by parent and spouse should no longer be distinguishable from that of non-relative adoption.
- 1377 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends taking in respect of the recommendation of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that in the current parent and spouse situation, guardianship should be granted to the spouse and that in very special circumstances adoption by parent and spouse could be available as an alternative.
- 1378 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends taking in respect of the recommendation of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980, that when applying for registration, an adoption agency must submit a detailed description of services planned, including facilities and linkages to other services.
- 1379 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends taking in respect of the recommendation of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that an Adoption Services Registration Board be established to register both Government and non-Government agencies and to assume responsibility for setting and monitoring of their standards of operation.
- 1380 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends taking in respect of the recommendation of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that community comment be invited particularly on the Committee's alternative proposals in relation to the composition of the Adoption Services Registration Board (viz. seven member Board/five member Board).
- 1381 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends taking in respect of Recommendation 17 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that an adoption service should not be isolated from other related services.
- 1382 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends taking in respect of Recommendation 18 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980, that an adoption service provided by an agency should be

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independent actually and inferentially from inappropriate pressures which may come from clergy, Boards of Managements, medical staff, politicians, etc.

- 1383 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends taking in respect of Recommendation 19 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 to ensure that an adoption service should not be located within or in conjunction with another service which could adversely affect the orientation of the adoption agency in relation to the paramountcy of the interests of the child.
- 1384 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends taking to ensure that the current definition of the type of organization which may be approved as a private adoption agency is replaced by some alternative such as “a welfare organization” defined as “a voluntary not-for-profit organization formed or carried on for the purposes of community welfare” as recommended in Recommendation 20 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980.
- 1385 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends taking to ensure that adoption agencies are required to employ sufficient staff to enable them to adequately carry out their functions under the Acts and Regulations as outlined in Recommendation 21 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980.
- 1386 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends taking to ensure that agencies have or have access to, case committees to deal with the major adoption decisions as outlined in Recommendation 22 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980.
- 1387 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends taking to ensure that Principal Officers or Assistant Principal Officers be required to possess a social work qualification meeting the standards of the Australian Association of Social Workers as well as experience relevant to adoption and participation in a course of in-service training approved by the Adoption Services Registration Board (Recommendation 23) as contained in the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980.
- 1388 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends taking to ensure that agency staff are required to undertake in-service training as specified by the Adoption Services Registration Board as outlined in Recommendation 24 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980.
- 1389 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he intends to introduce legislation to ensure that for an agency to be eligible for registration, the Adoption Services Registration Board must be satisfied that an agency has access to a range of appropriate consultative services including medical, welfare and legal as outlined in Recommendation 25 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980.

- 1390 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends taking to ensure that the functions of a registered agency include—(a) counselling of natural parents who are considering adoption as a possible future plan for their children and provision of a continuing counselling service for parents who have relinquished their children for adoption; (b) the working with and approval of applicants to adopt children; (c) supporting and supervising the placement of children with approved applicants up to the making of the adoption order and providing a counselling service to adoptive parents and adopted persons; (d) provision of care for children prior to placement with prospective adoptive parents; and (e) keeping of adequate records to enable exchange of information between the parties to an adoption, as contained in Recommendation 26 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980.
- 1391 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he intends to act on Recommendation 27 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 which would require adoption agencies to retain their records for eighty years and to transfer them as directed by the Adoption Services Registration Board if they cease to be registered.
- 1392 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he intends to implement Recommendation 28 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that with certain exceptions spelt out by law, the individual should have access to any personal information stored which concerns himself/herself, where such information on access is found to be false, out of date, incomplete or otherwise unfair, and that procedures should be readily available to permit the correction, deletion or annotation of the record.
- 1393 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends taking to ensure that non-identifying information from agency files should be available to specified parties at any time as outlined in Recommendation 29 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980.
- 1394 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he intends to implement Recommendation 30 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that there should be a three-year registration period and at the end of this period the onus be placed on the agency to apply for renewal of registration.
- 1395 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends taking to implement Recommendation 31 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that consideration of the granting or renewal of an agency's licence by the Adoption Services Registration Board be undertaken within an informal non-adversarial setting.
- 1396 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends taking to implement Recommendation 33 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that a preliminary indication of the attitude of the Adoption Services Registration Board to an agency's application for registration should be available to the agency.
- 1397 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he intends to implement Recommendation 34 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 which

will require that an agency whose application has been unsuccessful will make that agency ineligible to reapply for registration until the expiration of a time specified by the Board, after the hearing of the application.

- 1398 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends taking in respect of Recommendation 35 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that the registration function of the Adoption Services Registration Board include the monitoring of agency performances and resources on a continuing basis.
- 1399 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends taking to implement Recommendation 36 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980, that whenever the Adoption Services Registration Board finds that any agency is not providing the services required by Act or Regulations, it shall notify the agency of the lack of compliance and provide the agency with a reasonable opportunity to achieve compliance.
- 1400 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends to take to implement Recommendation 71 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that the same procedure would apply for lodging this “non-placement” revocation as applied to the revocation of consent (4.12, Recommendation 68).
- 1401 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends taking to implement Recommendation 72 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that the former guardian (the Director-General of the Department of Community Welfare Services, or principal officer of a private agency) should have the option of appealing against the non-placement revocation to the Court, which shall decide on the appeal.
- 1402 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he intends to give cognizance to Recommendation 73 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that whenever placement has ended it is desirable that the agency should give consideration to the possibility of reinvolving the natural family.
- 1403 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps he intends taking to implement Recommendation 74 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980, that the natural parents be routinely notified when—(a) the revocation period has ended; (b) the child has been placed with a family; (c) the Court was granted the Adoption Order; or (d) it has been necessary to place the child with another family.
- 1404 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he intends to implement Recommendation 75 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that where the agency becomes aware of the death of the child the natural parents always should be informed of the death unless the natural parent has specifically requested otherwise.
- 1405 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he intends to give cognizance to Recommendation 76 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that in considering an application for dispensation of consent

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to an adoption, the interests of the child shall be regarded as the paramount consideration, and the Court shall make a decision consistent with the goals of providing permanent, legal, and nurturing parenting for the child.

- 1406 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he intends to introduce legislation regarding dispensation of consent to adopt in line with Recommendation 77 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 which states that the Court may dispense with the consent of a person to an adoption where the Court is satisfied that the integration or reintegration of the child into the family by the natural parents is unlikely in that one or more of the following grounds apply—(a) the person cannot be found after a reasonable inquiry; (b) the person is in such physical or mental condition as not to be capable of properly considering the question whether he/she should give his/her consent; (c) the person is withholding consent unreasonably; (d) the person has deserted or persistently neglected the child; (e) the person has persistently ill-treated the child; (f) the person has seriously ill-treated the child to the extent that the integration or reintegration of the child in the family is unlikely; (g) the person has persistently failed without reasonable cause for a period of not less than six months to discharge parental duties in relation to the child; or (h) that there are other special circumstances by reason of which the consent may properly be dispensed with.
- 1407 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services when he intends to give legislative recognition to Recommendation 79 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that an adult adopted person should be entitled to a copy of his or her original birth certificate; this entitlement to be a natural flow on from an adopted person's right to grow up with the knowledge of his/her adoptive status and that entitlement to original birth certificate should be available without restriction, and should be given in a situation where appropriate counselling is available but not compulsory.
- 1408 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he intends to implement Recommendation 80 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that any adopted person should have the right to his or her original birth certificate when he or she is aged eighteen years or more and that the natural or adoptive parents' permission should not be required for access to information by an adoptee.
- 1409 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he will take to ensure that the revocation of an agency's registration may take place only after a hearing pursuant to the rules of the Adoption Services Registration Board as outlined in Recommendation 37 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980.
- 1410 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends taking to implement Recommendation 38 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 with respect to where the agency is unable to carry out its functions, either temporarily or permanently because of—(a) deregistration; (b) suspension; (c) lack of appropriate staff; or (d) ceasing operations that the Board should have the power, in consultation with the agencies concerned, to appoint other agencies to carry out the work of the first agency.
- 1411 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends taking to implement Recommendation 39

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of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that the only grounds of appeal from the decision of the Adoption Services Registration Board to the Supreme Court should be—
(a) that the Board did not consider all factors relevant to the application;
(b) that the Board did not give due weight to all factors; and (c) that the decision of the Board involved an error of law.

- 1412 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends taking to implement Recommendation 40 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that the courses open to the Supreme Court in hearing an appeal from the decision of the Adoption Services Registration Board should be—(a) to dismiss appeal; and (b) to refer the matter to the Board for reconsideration.
- 1413 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps he intends taking to ensure that there is a distinction between the witnessing and the “taking” of consent as outlined in Recommendation 41 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980.
- 1414 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he intends to implement Recommendation 42 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that only the Registrars and Assistant Registrars of the County Court be authorized to take consent within the County Court and that where the parent is prevented from attending the County Court, the Registrar should travel with the witness to the parent.
- 1415 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps he intends taking to ensure that in each adoption case the witness should be a person authorized by the Director-General of the Department of Community Welfare Services or the principal officer of a registered agency as outlined in Recommendation 43 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980.
- 1416 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps he intends taking to ensure that the Registrar of the County Court be required to take a seminar course in adoption as outlined in Recommendation 44 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980.
- 1417 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will implement Recommendation 45 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that the parent should be allowed to have other persons present at the consent taking.
- 1418 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps he intends taking to implement Recommendation 46 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that the parent's consent should only be taken after—
(a) the parent has had adequate counselling and access to written information concerning the implications of adoption for parent and child; (b) the parent has been informed in writing of community support services which may enable the parent to keep the child or of other alternatives to adopt; and (c) the procedure for revocation has been given to the natural parent in writing and explained verbally during counselling and at the witnessing and taking of consent.

- 1419 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will ensure that written information concerning implications of adoption are given to the parent at least 24 hours before a consent is signed as outlined in Recommendation 47 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980.
- 1420 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps he intends taking to implement Recommendation 49 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that where it is known that an adoption of a child whose parent is interstate is to be arranged in Victoria, consent should be taken under Victorian Legislation at the request of the Director-General or the principal officer.
- 1421 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he intends to implement Recommendation 50 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that where consent is obtained in another State or Territory at the request of the Director-General or principal officer, the procedure followed should be equivalent to the proposed Victorian procedure.
- 1422 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps he intends taking to implement Recommendation 51 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that a new consent form should be drafted; that this should be written in concise, non-legal language and should make it clear that signing the form is consenting to three aspects of the adoption process; namely—(a) consent to give up all parental rights to the child upon eventual approval by the Court of an adoption order; (b) consent to give the agency guardianship of the child in the interim period between the consent and the adoption order; and (c) consent to allow the agency to begin the adoption order.
- 1423 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps he intends taking to implement Recommendation 52 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that the consent form should be signed by the parent, the witness, and the Registrar and that deletion of, and/or failure to complete, any part of the form will render it invalid.
- 1424 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps he intends taking to implement Recommendation 52 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that a consent to adoption should not be signed less than ten full calendar days after the birth of the child.
- 1425 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will implement Recommendation 54 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that the Regulations should require that those involved in the witnessing and “taking” of consent should have an extra obligation to ensure that the very young mother understands the implications of her consent.
- 1426 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he intends to implement Recommendation 55 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that printed information pamphlets directed specially to the very young mother on the implications of parenthood, on support services and on adoption be distributed as an essential aspect of the appropriate counselling services.

- 1427 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he intends to implement Recommendation 56 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that the requirement of the consent of a child over twelve to his/her own adoption should be abolished.
- 1428 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps he intends taking to ensure that Recommendation 57 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 is carried out, so that in arranging the adoption, the adoption worker must involve the child in discussion to determine the child's wishes and that the child must be given an opportunity to express his/her own views of adoption in a way appropriate for a child.
- 1429 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he intends to implement Recommendation 58 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that the Judge must ensure that the child has been consulted where appropriate in terms of age and take his/her wishes into account along with other factors.
- 1430 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he intends to implement Recommendation 59 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that where paternity is established, the consent of both mother and father should be required.
- 1431 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends taking to implement Recommendation 60 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that a man should be recognized as the father of a child in the circumstances where he—(a) was married to the mother during the possible period of conception; (b) was living with the mother (i.e. cohabitation) during the possible period of conception; (c) has signed the registration of birth form; (d) has signed an acknowledgement of paternity in accordance with the *Status of Children Act 1974*; or (e) has been named in a Court order as the father.
- 1432 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends taking to implement Recommendation 61 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 which states that where paternity has not already been established under any of the groups specified in recommendation 2 of 4.10 but the putative father has commenced an action to establish his paternity, no adoption order shall be made pending the outcome of the paternity proceedings which will determine whether his consent is required.
- 1433 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends taking to implement Recommendation 62 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 which states that where paternity has not already been established by any of the grounds specified in recommendation 2 of 4.10, and no paternity action has been initiated, the agency should be required to make reasonable efforts to ascertain the identity of the father prior to the signing of consent by the mother.
- 1434 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends taking to implement Recommendation 63 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 which states that the agency must notify the father who

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has been identified of the proposed adoption within two working days of the signing of consent by the mother by means of certified mail to his last known address.

- 1435 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends taking to implement Recommendation 64 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 which states that unless the father has taken action to establish paternity within the revocation period of the mother's consent, his right to do so shall be forfeited at the expiry of the period and his consent to an adoption order shall not be required.
- 1436 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends taking to ensure that any procedures established to carry out recommendations 59–64 should protect the rights of the natural father while not disadvantaging the child by unduly delaying placement as outlined in Recommendation 65 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980.
- 1437 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he is prepared to give recognition to Recommendation 66 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that in relation to a custody dispute which has arisen from a situation where paternity is established, the mother has consented to adoption but the father refuses to sign the consent, the mother's consent to adoption is not necessarily an indication that she is not concerned for the child, nor is the father's refusal of consent necessarily an indication that he intends or is able to take over permanent care of the child.
- 1438 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he intends to ensure that a revocation of consent to adoption period be retained and that it should become 25 full calendar days after the signing of a consent as outlined in Recommendation 67 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980.
- 1439 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends taking to implement Recommendation 68 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that a natural parent wishing to revoke consent must complete the revocation section of the consent form and return it to the County Court, Melbourne dated or postdated within 25 full calendar days of the date consent was taken.
- 1440 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends taking to ensure that the date on which the revocation period ends should be specified and written on the consent form at the time the consent is signed as outlined in Recommendation 69 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980.
- 1441 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what action he intends taking to implement Recommendation 70 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that the person(s) signing the consent, having received notification that the child has not been placed, should have the right to revoke that consent within a reasonable period.
- 1442 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he intends to implement Recommendation 81 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980, that

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access to information by the adoptee or adoptive parent, where the adoptee is under the age of eighteen years, should be available in special circumstances as determined by a Judge in Chambers.

- 1443 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he intends to amend the *Adoption of Children Act 1964* in line with Recommendation 82 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 which recommends that any change to adoption law allowing access to information by adopted persons should be retrospective.
- 1444 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he intends to implement Recommendation 83 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980 that natural parents should be able to register their wish to meet, or not to meet their relinquished child when he or she is eighteen years of age or more, and that this information should be given to adult adoptees seeking copies of their birth certificate or at any time they request the information.
- 1445 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps he intends taking to allow natural parents to be given any identifying or non-identifying information about their children which the adoptive parents are willing to supply at any stage as outlined in Recommendation 84 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980.
- 1446 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 When he intends to establish an Adoption Information Service within the Department of Community Welfare Services which will liaise and consult with and make referrals to adoption agencies, provide an information service for persons and organizations involved in adoption as well as fulfil a community education function as outlined in Recommendation 85 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980.
 - 2 What are the reasons for delays in establishing such a service.
- 1447 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, upon the establishment of an Adoption Information Service within the Department of Community Welfare Services, whether he will ensure that an optional counselling service is provided for adopted persons who seek copies of their original birth certificate and background information about their origins and to natural parents whose children have been placed as outlined in Recommendation 86 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980.
- 1448 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, upon the establishment of an Adoption Information Service within the Department of Community Welfare Services, whether the Department will supply in special circumstances identifying information to adopted minors or to the adoptive parents of minors subject to authorization by a Court as outlined in Recommendation 92 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980.
- 1449 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, upon the establishment of an Adoption Information Service within the Department of Community Welfare Services, whether it will be allowed to establish links with other information sources for persons seeking information but whose case records are not available as recommended in

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Recommendation 93 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980.

- 1450 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether, upon the establishment of an Adoption Information Service, he will ensure that all information is released in a situation where applicants are aware that a specialized counselling service is available for those who wish to discuss the implications of this information as outlined in Recommendation 94 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980.
- 1451 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what steps he intends taking to ensure that non-identifying information should generally be released to parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts and uncles and that any other person should be required to establish a valid interest as outlined in Recommendation 95 of the Adoption Legislation Review Committee Working Paper, Part I, December 1980.
- 1452 MR SPYKER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in view of the large housing developments presently under construction in the Clayton South area, when the Clarinda South primary school will be built on the land owned by the Education Department in Bourke Road, Clayton South.
- 1453 MR TREWIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 How many teachers in Government schools have been charged with sexual offences in the past twelve months.
 - 2 In how many of these cases a conviction has been recorded.
 - 3 What action has been taken by the Teachers Tribunal in relation to these teachers.
 - 4 How many of the teachers charged were involved with health and human relations or some form of sex education courses in schools.
 - 5 How many of the charges laid related to homosexual offences.
- 1454 MR CATHE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what was the budget allocation for the financial year 1980–81 for a spot purchase programme, indicating—(a) the number of dwellings expected to be bought; and (b) the number of dwellings actually purchased to—(i) 20 April; and (ii) to the date of the answer to this question.
- 1455 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What action is being taken to provide counselling and family support services in the Portland township.
 - 2 Why the Community Development Officer appointment is a departmental appointment accountable to the Regional Office at Warrnambool, contrary to the views of Local Government and the Portland District Task Force.
 - 3 Whether the development officer position will be made a Local Government appointment, funded by the Department of Community Welfare Services, as recommended by the Glenelg Regional Officer and the Portland District Task Group.
 - 4 Whether the Ministerial Council will give special consideration to a special provision of Family and Community Services funding from the Portland Development Funding, as recommended by the Portland District Task Group.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

QUESTIONS

Notices received on 5 May 1981

- 1456 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of decisions taken to commence Infant Welfare Centres, or increase the number of sessions at an existing Centre, what criteria are used by the Health Commission in making that decision, and specifically what weight is placed on increases in birth notices and increases in new enrolments.
- 1457 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health in respect of school dental services for the Bendigo area:
- 1 What services currently exist and how many children were examined and/or treated last year.
 - 2 What plans exist for the expansion of services in each of the next three years.
- 1458 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 What current contracts exist for Holmesglen Constructions, indicating their location and value.
 - 2 What contracts have yet to be started.
 - 3 Whether there are some contracts or jobs which will not be finished by 17 December 1981; if so, whether the work-force or part of it will be retained, indicating for how long.
- 1459 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what is the current criteria for spot purchase, including location, price and all other matters.
- 1460 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 Whether a lease has been signed with the Shire of Bulla over the Goonawarra Golf Course, indicating the date of signing the commencement date and the main details of the lease.
 - 2 What meetings took place between him and the Shire and/or its officers concerning problems with the lease and the golf course, indicating the areas of concern.
 - 3 Whether there was faulty construction of the course; if so, whether this was admitted by Development Management Services Pty Ltd, indicating the nature of the faults, and the estimated costs of rectification, including labour.
 - 4 What agreements were made by him and what assurances were given for the reconstruction of the course, indicating—(a) whether the Department of Agriculture submitted a report and recommendations; (b) details of the recommendations; and (c) the cost of the report and who paid.
 - 5 Whether the developer is paying for the rectification of the faults; if not—(a) why; and (b) who is paying.
 - 6 What are the estimated costs involved in the rectification.

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- 7 What is the total amount spent on the golf course and club rooms to date, indicating the proposed purchase amount in the lease agreement.
 - 8 Whether the public has access to the course at all hours during weekends; if not, during what hours they will be excluded.
- 1461 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 What plans have been accepted to provide additional pensioner Housing Commission flats in the Geelong Region.
 - 2 When it is expected such flats will be constructed.
 - 3 How many pensioner applicants are now on the waiting list at Geelong for such accommodation.
- 1462 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether approaches have been made by private firms to establish a helicopter and/or passenger ferry service between Geelong and Melbourne; if so, what are the names of such organizations and what was the basis of their proposals.
- 1463 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What plans are contemplated to develop a permanent road or car ferry link across Port Phillip Bay from the Queenscliff Region to the Portsea region.
 - 2 What approaches have been made by private enterprise in recent years in regard to such a project.
 - 3 What are the names of the firms concerned and what was the basis of their proposals.
- 1464 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what organizations have intimated that they will submit tenders to operate Lotto in Victoria when the present licence expires.
- 1465 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, when it is expected that a site will be finally approved for the establishment of a toxic waste dump in Victoria.
- 1466 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 What plans are finalized to provide future cemetery and/or crematorium needs in the Geelong area.
 - 2 When it is expected that the Eastern and Western Cemeteries at Geelong will become closed for burials.
- 1467 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation what plans have been accepted or considered to update facilities at Lake Wendouree, Ballarat, to make the lake more acceptable as an intrastate, interstate and international rowing and water sport venue.
- 1468 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services when it is expected that urgently required maintenance works will be undertaken at the Corio South primary school.
- 1469 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what length of rail duplication work has been completed in each year since 1955.
- 1470 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer whether he will ascertain and advise what—(a) amount; and (b) percentage of Commonwealth Development Bank lendings in each of the past five years have been placed in each State and Territory, indicating any formula which is used to determine the distributions.

- 1471 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Consumer Affairs whether he is aware of the possible dangers from Urea Formaldehyde Foam Insulation being used in ceilings and walls of homes and the possibility of “Formula Reversion” causing the insulation to give off toxic Formaldehyde gas; if so, whether any standards have been laid down for the installation, use and formula of Urea Formaldehyde foam.
- 1472 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport concerning the various railway routes currently linked to the Melbourne Underground Rail Loop, what was the outward passenger journeys for each station in each of the months of January to April 1981 compared with the same period in 1980.
- 1473 MR MCGRATH—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture:
- 1 What amount of capital was borrowed by the Geelong Grain Handling Authority, the Portland Grain Handling Authority and the Country Grain Handling Improvement Authority respectively established under the Grain Elevators Board.
 - 2 What are the planned building and extension programmes that will be undertaken and completed by each authority by the end of 1981.
 - 3 What arrangements have been made to service repayment of capital and interest on the borrowed money.
- 1474 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health in respect of the Delacombe Infant Welfare Centre, whether he or the Health Commission received a submission from the Shire of Grenville pointing out the increased demand for sessions at the Centre; if so, whether a decision will be speedily made to provide the additional sessions required; if not, why.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

QUESTIONS**Notices received on 6 May 1981**

- 1475 MR SIMPSON—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether he gave the Member for Bendigo Province an assurance that he would ask the Prime Minister at the Premiers' conference not to sell the Bendigo Ordnance factory, or to transfer sections of this factory to Maribyrnong, but to sell Maribyrnong Ordnance to private enterprise and to transfer sections of it to the Bendigo Ordnance factory; if so—(a) whether he discussed the Commonwealth Government's plans to sell the factory with the Prime Minister at the Premiers' conference; and (b) what specific requests he made to the Prime Minister and what answers he received to these requests; if not, what assurance was given to the Member for Bendigo Province.
- 1476 MR SPYKER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what rehabilitation programmes are available for persons discharged from State prisons and in which locations these programmes are conducted.
- 1477 MR SPYKER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy in view of the ever-increasing heating costs borne by pensioners and elderly people during the winter months, whether he will implement a 50 per cent subsidy on gas and electricity charges for pensioners and elderly citizens in Victoria.
- 1478 MR SPYKER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health in respect of the present funding arrangement with the Commonwealth Government, whether funds are available for—(a) the construction of the third stage of Moorabbin hospital; (b) the transfer of the Queen Victoria hospital to Clayton; and (c) the permanent building of the East Bentleigh community health centre.
- 1479 MR SPYKER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what plans the Ministry of Transport has for improving bus services along Westall Road, Clayton Road, from Clayton South, and to the Moorabbin area, particularly after hours and on weekends.
- 1480 MR SPYKER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, when the Cheltenham court house at Nepean Highway, Cheltenham, will be replaced to meet the expanded needs of the Moorabbin area.
- 1481 DR VAUGHAN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy with reference to part 1 of the answer to question No. 886 given on 10 March 1981, whether he will now confirm that—(a) the third and fourth 500 kV transmission lines from the Latrobe Valley to Melbourne are now under construction; and (b) in the absence of the Alcoa Portland load of up to 900 megawatts, approximately nine-fourteenths of the capacity of line three (directly) and line four (as back-up) could be allocated to other loads.
- 1482 DR VAUGHAN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy with reference to part 3 of the answer to question No. 886 given on 10 March 1981, whether he will now confirm that relocation and upgrading to 500kV of the existing 220 kV system is being carried out between the terminal stations of Rowville and Templestowe, Rowville and Ringwood, and Rowville and Thomastown—2 lines.

- 1483 DR VAUGHAN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether the State Electricity Commission has any contingency plans to counter prolonged failure of both 500 kV circuits carrying power to Alcoa's Portland smelter, such that irreversible freezing of pots occurs; if so, what financial penalty is estimated by the Commission from such failures.
- 1484 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning when a reply can be expected to the letter dated 1 July 1980 from the Member for Werribee concerning matters relating to the planning and future development of the Laverton North industrial area, previously raised with the Minister by a deputation including representatives of the Shire of Werribee and the Werribee Industrial Liaison Development Committee, and what are the reasons for the delay.
- 1485 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport when a reply can be expected to the letter dated 6 March 1981 from the Member for Werribee seeking a deputation involving representatives of the Shire of Werribee to discuss the construction of the Forsyth Road overpass and the duplication of the Princes Highway between Hoppers Crossing and Werribee, and what are the reasons for the delay in forwarding a reply.
- 1486 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning when a further reply can be expected following the Minister's letter dated 28 January 1981 concerning the Derrimut Saleyards Reservation, proposed land exchange and associated zonings, previously considered by Cabinet and referred to a special Sub-committee of Cabinet, and what are the reasons for the delay.
- 1487 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health when a further reply can be expected following the letter from the Minister's personal assistant, Mr Rob McQuillen, dated 7 January 1981, concerning planning funding and the construction programme for the new Wodonga Hospital, and what are the reasons for the delay.
- 1488 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health in respect of the proposed new Wodonga Hospital:
- 1 What planning has been carried out in each year to date, indicating the respective expenditure and source of funds.
 - 2 What construction will be carried out in the financial year 1982-83 and in each succeeding year, indicating the expected cost and source of funds in each year.
- 1489 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether the Government is studying a proposal for the construction of a bridge at the end of Thompson's Road, Templestowe; if so, whether he will give an assurance that prior to any decision being made on the location of the bridge an Environmental Effects statement will be prepared.
- 1490 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, in view of his statement that there will be no reservation for the outer ring road:
- 1 What traffic studies are being carried out for road improvements.
 - 2 Which alternatives for new river crossings are being considered in the Middle Yarra, Eltham and Heidelberg areas.
- 1491 MR WHITING—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 How many suicides have occurred at each of the psychiatric units, in each of the past two financial years and to the end of April 1981.
 - 2 What steps are being taken by the Mental Health Division to recruit additional nursing staff, so as to prevent further suicides.

- 1492 MR WHITING—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 How many vacant positions currently exist in technical schools in Victoria, in the areas of mathematics/science and business studies.
 - 2 How many trainee teachers in each of these categories are at present in training at the State College of Victoria, Hawthorn, giving details of the present number at first year level and each higher level.
- 1493 MR SIDIROPOULOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of the financial year 1979–80:
- 1 What was the estimated cost to the community of road accidents in Victoria.
 - 2 What was the expenditure on traffic police.
 - 3 How many—(a) road deaths; and (b) road injuries, occurred in Victoria.
- 1494 MR SIDIROPOULOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what was the expenditure on building and maintenance of roads, including freeways, for the year 1979–80.
- 1495 MR SIDIROPOULOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what revenue the Government received from roads in the financial year 1979–80, indicating the sectors such as road taxes, motor registration fees and traffic fines, from which the revenue was derived and the respective amounts.
- 1496 MR SIDIROPOULOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what was the deficit of—(a) VicRail; and (b) the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board in the financial year 1979–80.
- 1497 MR SIDIROPOULOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what reduction of public transport is planned by the Government and when such reduction is proposed to be implemented.
- 1498 MR SIDIROPOULOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, what costs were incurred by the Government in respect of traffic pollution in the financial year 1979–80.
- 1499 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of experiments performed on animals for the purpose of scientific investigation or diagnostic procedure:
- 1 How many persons are registered under the *Protection of Animals Act* 1966, indicating the number registered in each category.
 - 2 How many scientific investigations and diagnostic procedures—(a) were conducted in the most recent period for which figures are available; and (b) are estimated to be conducted in the current year.
 - 3 What is the number of each category of—(a) scientific investigation; and (b) diagnostic procedure conducted in the most recent period for which figures are available.
- 1500 MR SPYKER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Forests:
- 1 What grants are made by the State Government to the Timber Promotion Council.
 - 2 How many persons are employed by the Council.
- 1501 MR SIMPSON—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, with reference to the question without notice asked on 19 June 1979, concerning a fire safety inquiry and the answer of the Minister that

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he would make inquiries about how that investigation was conducted, and whether or not transcript writers were provided and who paid for them, whether he can now advise the result of those inquiries.

- 1502 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, when it is expected that a full-time clerical assistant will be made available at Wembley Primary School, particularly bearing in mind the additional clerical work associated with the school's involvement in the Supplementary Grants Programme, Special Assistance Programmes and school-based policy development.
- 1503 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in view of the concern expressed by School Councils across Victoria at the negative impact on educational programmes of the decision of the Minister to restrict the employment of emergency teachers, whether the Minister will now agree to lift this restriction and to consult with relevant bodies on a more appropriate means of administering the use of emergency teachers.
- 1504 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, when it is expected that a full-time clerical assistant will be provided at Wendouree Primary School.
- 1505 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, why the services of a part-time special assistance teacher were withdrawn from Stratford Primary School.
- 1506 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what steps are being taken to enable the Country Education Project to ensure that it has access to the proposed communications satellite and what persons will be involved in making these arrangements.
- 1507 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Premier, in respect of the recent re-classification by the Public Service Board of Department of Agriculture extension director positions:
- 1 What was the date on which the first submission was received by the Board.
 - 2 What investigations were made by—(a) the Board; and (b) each other body, indicating the findings and recommendations in each case.
 - 3 What re-classification was approved, indicating the date on which it was approved, and the reasons for any variation from the recommendations of the final report.
- 1508 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Premier in respect of officers of the Public Service Board, what were the number of positions of each designation as at 1 January 1980 and 1 January 1981 respectively, indicating the salary currently applying to each designation.
- 1509 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what steps will be taken to ensure that there is adequate parent representation within the proposed new structure of the Country Education Project.
- 1510 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in relation to the Schools Computer Centre located at Ardoch Education Village:
- 1 When the Centre was established.
 - 2 What equipment was provided and at what cost.

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- 3 How many teachers and other staff were based at the Centre.
 - 4 Why the Centre was closed and what alternative services have been provided to meet the needs of schools.
- 1511 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, which metropolitan High Schools over each of the past five years have had Higher School Certificate students undertaking their studies by correspondence, indicating in each case the subject involved.
- 1512 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, when it is expected that Primary School 404, Maryborough, will be provided with a multi-purpose room and what is the reason for the delay in the provision of this important facility.
- 1513 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services what progress has been made in the implementation of the new physical education policy announced by the Assistant Minister of Education on 20 January 1981.
- 1514 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 How many vacancies there are at present for each category of trade teacher in Victoria's technical schools and colleges.
 - 2 What steps are being taken to overcome this shortage.
- 1515 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, in relation to Hamilton High School:
- 1 When it is expected that the long overdue renovations will be undertaken on the original 1921 building.
 - 2 When it is expected that the eight bristol units provided to the school in 1946 as temporary accommodation will be replaced with permanent buildings.
 - 3 What is the reason for the delay in undertaking these essential works.
- 1516 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services in relation to Monbulk High School:
- 1 Why there has been a reduction of special needs staff from 2.6 in 1980 to 1.7 in 1981.
 - 2 Why there has been a reduction in instrumental music teaching staff from 0.6 in 1980 to 0.4 in 1981.
 - 3 When it is expected that long overdue building conversion works will be undertaken in respect of staff, library and home economics facilities.
 - 4 When it is expected that the requested new music upgrade will be undertaken and an art relocatable classroom provided.
 - 5 Why, despite an increasing enrolment, there has been a reduction in the school's equipment and furniture budget from \$7480 in 1979 to \$5330 in 1981.
- 1517 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what was the basis of the decision to withdraw the services of a clerical assistant from Syndal Primary School and in view of the obvious need for continuing clerical assistance at the school, whether the Minister is prepared to reconsider his decision.

- 1518 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what was the basis of the decision requiring trade teachers in technical schools and colleges to undertake academic, rather than trade studies, for the upgrading of their qualifications for promotion purposes.
- 1519 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in relation to Morwell High School:
- 1 What are the current unfilled vacancies for staff in specified teaching areas and when it is expected that these needs will be met.
 - 2 What is the reason for the protracted delay in filling these vacancies.
- 1520 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in relation to the Bright Higher Elementary School:
- 1 Whether the school is entitled to the appointment of a part-time library assistant and a full-time laboratory assistant; if so, whether this entitlement dates from 1977.
 - 2 When it is expected that these appointments will proceed.
 - 3 What is the reason for the protracted delay in meeting these needs.
- 1521 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, when it is expected that an Ecacentre will be provided at Bright Higher Elementary School.
- 1522 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what was the basis of the decision to withdraw the services of a sheet metal teacher and a teacher for engineering workshop practice from Mansfield High School this year, abrogating an earlier arrangement which commenced in 1979 to provide these services, and when it is expected that these services will be resumed.
- 1523 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what was the basis of the decision earlier this term to withdraw a teacher from Hampton Primary School.
- 1524 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in relation to the Wonthaggi Technical School, when it is expected that—(a) the old buildings at the school will be replaced with new modern facilities; (b) permanent buildings will replace existing portable classrooms; and (c) property adjacent to the school will be purchased and upgraded as an Ecacentre.
- 1525 MR WHITING—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Consumer Affairs:
- 1 Whether he is aware of the implications entailed in the reference to the takeover of the North Shore Gas Company Limited by the Australian Gaslight Company Limited recorded in *Hansard*, 1 April 1981, at pages 6717–18, and the specific mention of section 13 of the *Consumer Affairs Act 1972* relating to false or misleading advertising.
 - 2 Whether the Ministry of Consumer Affairs has been acquainted with the details of the takeover of North Shore Gas Company Limited by Australian Gaslight Company Limited; if so, when.
 - 3 Whether at the time of the takeover, a significant number of North Shore Gas Company Limited shares were registered in the name of

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Victorians, including at least 25 000 shares held by the Gas and Fuel Corporation Employees Superannuation Fund.

- 4 Whether he will ascertain and advise whether action against certain participants has been called for by a Member of the New South Wales Parliament.
- 5 Whether he will implement the necessary action, either in the courts or through Consumer Affairs own judicial chambers, in order to prevent others from pursuing deceptive practices in the takeover of utilities; if not, why.

1526 MR SIDIROPOULOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:

- 1 What is the current situation in regard to the plans for a railway to Doncaster.
- 2 Whether the Government plans any more extensions to tram lines.
- 3 If he will ascertain and advise which public transport services in other countries operate at a profit or at least break even.
- 4 If he will ascertain and advise whether severe cutbacks to any public transport system in other countries have led to a break even situation.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

QUESTIONS

Notices received on 7 May 1981

- 1527 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Stawell District Hospital:
- 1 Whether he has received a further submission from the hospital pointing to the growing needs, particularly in the nursing area of the hospital; if so, what response will be made to the submissions.
 - 2 Whether a detailed study has been made of that hospital by the Health Management Services Group which at least on an interim basis, suggests that additional staff are needed in nursing, administration, catering and domestic services.
 - 3 Whether a copy of the interim study will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
 - 4 When it is expected that the final report will be completed and whether a copy of the final report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 1528 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on implementation of the Reports of the Board of Inquiry into the Public Service, given in reply to question No. 861 on 23 April 1980.
- 1529 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on pay-roll tax, given in reply to question No. 870 on 11 March 1980.
- 1530 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works what public works projects will be carried out in the electoral district of Oakleigh in the 1980–81 financial year, indicating full details in each case where the cost exceeds \$10 000.
- 1531 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works what was the—(a) commencement; and (b) completion date of the contract for upgrading of the Chadstone Park Primary School, indicating—(i) the date and substance of any variation to the contract date; (ii) the dates on which work was actually commenced and completed; and (iii) the amount of any penalty paid for late completion.
- 1532 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information about traffic collisions involving police vehicles, given in answer to question No. 714 on 11 September 1979.
- 1533 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information about crime in the Electoral District of Oakleigh given in answer to question No. 950 on 23 October 1979.
- 1534 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard*

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- the information on Vietnamese refugees received by Victoria, given by his predecessor in answer to question No. 171 on 26 June 1979.
- 1535 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on nursing care and services for Victorians born overseas, given by his predecessor in answer to question No. 169 on 26 June 1979.
- 1536 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on staff-patient ratios at centres for care of mentally retarded people, given in answer to question No. 112 on 16 September 1980.
- 1537 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on mentally retarded people currently on waiting lists for residential care and classified as urgent, given in answer to question No. 898 on 25 March 1980.
- 1538 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on group houses for mentally retarded people, given in answer to question No. 896 on 25 March 1980.
- 1539 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on hospitals and homes for frail and aged people, given in answer to question No. 113 on 28 September 1980.
- 1540 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on health inspector visits to schools in the electoral district of Oakleigh given in answer to question No. 133 on 3 July 1979.
- 1541 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on East Oakleigh Pre-School Centre given by the then Assistant Minister of Health in answer to question No. 132 on 28 June 1979.
- 1542 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on early childhood services given by the then Assistant Minister of Health, in answer to question No. 906 on 6 May 1980.
- 1543 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on psychiatric care facilities in the Inner Southern Region, given in answer to question No. 129 on 6 May 1980.
- 1544 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on the proposed eastern suburbs geriatric centre, given in answer to questions No. 892 on 15 April 1980.
- 1545 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on aboriginal health care grants, given in answer to question No. 1770 on 13 March 1980.
- 1546 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on pre-school centres in the electoral district of Oakleigh given by the then Assistant Minister of Health, in answer to question No. 909 on 12 March 1980.

- 1547 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on child care centres in the electoral district of Oakleigh given by the then Assistant Minister of Health, in answer to question No. 908 on 12 March 1980.
- 1548 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on the former Queen Victoria Memorial Medical Centre site in Warrigal Road, Burwood, given in answer to question No. 173 on 13 December 1979.
- 1549 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on school medical visits to schools in the electoral district of Oakleigh, given in answer to question No. 907 on 30 October 1979.
- 1550 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information about emergency accommodation from the Housing Commission given by his predecessor to the Member for Coburg in answer to question No. 545 on 16 October 1979.
- 1551 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information about welfare housing, given by his predecessor in answer to question No. 934 on 1 November 1979.
- 1552 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information about urban renewal authorities, given by his predecessor in answer to question No. 866 on 13 November 1979.
- 1553 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on funding for each Education Department region, given in answer to question No. 103 on 2 December 1980.
- 1554 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on disadvantaged schools in the electoral district of Oakleigh, given in answer to question No. 102 on 29 October 1980.
- 1555 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on periods of service at schools, given in answer to question No. 918 on 16 April 1980.
- 1556 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on education costs in Government and non-Government schools given by the then Assistant Minister of Education in answer to question No. 917 on 11 March 1980.
- 1557 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on schools within the electoral district of Oakleigh approved for funding in each category of regional works and maintenance given by the then Assistant Minister of Education in answer to question No. 910 on 11 March 1980.

- 1558 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on students of Vietnamese origin and Vietnamese-speaking teachers given by the then Assistant Minister of Education in answer to question No. 172 on 11 March 1980.
- 1559 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on notifications pursuant to section 64K (1) of the *Education Act* 1958, given by the then Assistant Minister of Education in answer to question No. 930 on 11 December 1979.
- 1560 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on speech therapy services in the electoral district of Oakleigh, given by the then Assistant Minister of Education in answer to question No. 920 on 27 November 1979.
- 1561 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on admission to training centres and special developmental schools, given by the then Assistant Minister of Education in answer to question No. 931 on 21 November 1979.
- 1562 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on special services pursuant to section 64B of the *Education Act* 1958, given by the then Assistant Minister of Education in answer to question No. 928 on 21 November 1979.
- 1563 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on special schools, given by the then Assistant Minister of Education in answer to question No. 926 on 21 November 1979.
- 1564 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on notifications pursuant to section 64E of the *Education Act* 1958, given by the then Assistant Minister of Education in answer to question No. 929 on 17 October 1979.
- 1565 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information about meetings of the State Council for Special Education, given by the then Assistant Minister of Education in answer to question No. 924 on 1 November 1979.
- 1566 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information about Special Education Authorities, given by the then Assistant Minister of Education in answer to question No. 925 on 1 November 1979.
- 1567 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information about special developmental schools, given by the then Assistant Minister of Education in answer to question No. 927 on 1 March 1979.
- 1568 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information about exclusions from special schools, given by the then Assistant Minister of Education in answer to question No. 932 on 1 March 1979.

- 1569 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information about enforcement of sections 64E and 64J of the *Education Act 1958*, given by the then Assistant Minister of Education in answer to question No. 933 on 1 November 1979.
- 1570 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on migrant children attending special schools, given in answer to question No. 921 on 22 April 1980.
- 1571 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on purchase of properties in connection with the South-eastern Freeway—Mulgrave Freeway link given in answer to question No. 145 on 11 September 1979.
- 1572 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on the Australian Government Urban Public Transport Improvement programme, given in answer to question No. 108 on 18 November 1980.
- 1573 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on prisoners who have previously served sentences in youth training centres, given in answer to question No. 119 on 11 November 1980.
- 1574 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on prison expenditures, given in answer to question No. 118 on 11 November 1980.
- 1575 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on industries in Pentridge Prison given in answer to question No. 115 on 4 November 1980.
- 1576 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on prisoners in H Division at Pentridge Prison, given in answer to question No. 117 on 28 October 1980.
- 1577 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on prior imprisonment of sentenced prisoners, given in answer to question No. 884 on 24 April 1980.
- 1578 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on daily average prison populations, given in answer to question No. 883 on 24 April 1980.
- 1579 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on imprisonment rates per 100 000 of population, given in answer to question No. 877 on 24 April 1980.
- 1580 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on average daily prison population, given in answer to question No. 876 on 24 April 1980.

- 1581 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on heating at Pentridge Prison, given in answer to question No. 875 on 18 March 1980.
- 1582 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on the Prisons Advisory Council, given in answer to question No. 886 on 11 March 1980.
- 1583 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on parole and probation services, given in answer to question No. 531 on 13 November 1979.
- 1584 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on prison officer resignations and retirements, given in answer to question No. 880 on 13 November 1979.
- 1585 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on product tests involving the use of live animals, given in answer to question No. 127 on 24 September 1980.
- 1586 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on animal welfare organizations, given by the then Chief Secretary in answer to question No. 136 on 26 June 1979.
- 1587 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information about inspections pursuant to the *Protection of Animals Act 1966* given by the then Chief Secretary in answer to question No. 138 on 11 September 1979.
- 1588 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information about complaints and prosecutions pursuant to the *Protection of Animals Act 1966*, given by the then Chief Secretary in answer to question No. 139 on 4 September 1979.
- 1589 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on animals kept for experimental purposes, given by the then Minister of Health in answer to question No. 946 on 16 October 1979.
- 1590 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on statistics pursuant to the *Protection of Animals Act 1966*, given by the Minister for Police and Emergency Services in answer to question No. 949 on 11 March 1980.
- 1591 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on school retention rates, given in answer to question No. 916 on 16 April 1980.

- 1592 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on student-teacher ratios and class sizes, given in answer to question No. 914 on 16 April 1980.
- 1593 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on night classes at schools in the electoral district of Oakleigh, given in answer to question No. 912 on 16 April 1980.
- 1594 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Educational Services, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on fire protection measures at schools in the electoral district of Oakleigh, given in answer to question No. 168 on 16 April 1980.
- 1595 MR KIRKWOOD—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether it is possible to develop school sores from the handling of aluminium cans previously used by children with school sores.
- 1596 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for the Arts:
- 1 What are the yearly operating costs, indicating the specific details, for each regional performing arts centre, and what are the sources of funds to cover these costs in each case.
 - 2 What are the current levels of staffing of each centre, indicating the source of funds.
 - 3 What is the current ceiling to the Government's financial contribution.
 - 4 What educational facilities are being adapted to community arts usages, indicating the costs and the source of funds.
- 1597 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health on what dates since 6 March 1980 the Casualty Services Consultative Council has held meetings, indicating in each case the substance of any—(a) decisions, or (b) recommendations, and the Government's response.
- 1598 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government:
- 1 Whether Mr Warner Bastain is still a director of the Master Builders' Housing Fund Ltd.
 - 2 What are the names of the insurers he has represented while a director, and whether he has held any shares or other beneficial interest in any of the insurance companies he has so represented.

