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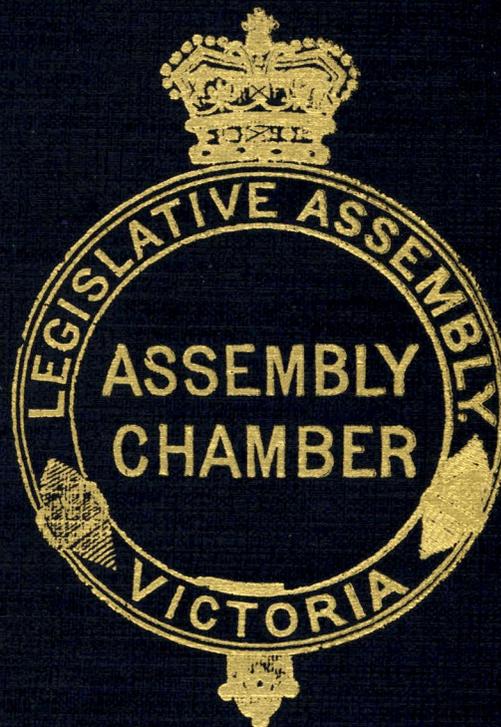


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- 1 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer, in respect of the past financial year, what Commonwealth Government grants have been made to the State for health purposes, specifying the State contribution in each area, whether any moneys remained unspent and the grants agreed to for this financial year.
- 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 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.
- 9 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he or the Health Commission is aware that mentally and physically handicapped young people are to have their work subsidy payments withdrawn by the Commonwealth Government; if so, whether representations have been made to the Commonwealth Government to have payments continued.
- 10 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the completed residential and short-term emergency care hostel in Echuca:
- 1 When it was ready for occupancy.
  - 2 What staff and other recurrent expenditures are required.
  - 3 When it is expected that staff will be made available.
- 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.
- 12 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the Barwon Pilot Project—(a) whether the programme of evaluation has yet been designed; if so, by whom and when it will start; (b) when the research component of the study will be commenced; (c) whether the researcher has been appointed and, if not, why; and (d) where the researcher will be based.
- 13 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of child maltreatment, what research the Health Commission is currently undertaking.
- 14 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the staffing of each hospital in the Mental Health Division:

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- 1 What is the number of patient-care positions and other positions, respectively, specifying the classifications in each category.
  - 2 What is the number of patient-care positions and other positions which have been frozen since May 1978, specifying the type of position.
- 15 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether the Health Commission has yet completed its examination of the confidentiality of the records of the Hospital Benefits Association promised by the then Assistant Minister of Health on 9 December 1976; if so, what were the results of the investigation.
- 16 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Mental Retardation curriculum prepared in 1974 and mentioned on page 11 of the last report of the Mental Health Authority, whether the curriculum has yet been introduced; if not, why and when it will be introduced.
- 17 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received a submission from the Spina Bifida Association of Victoria concerning financial assistance towards travelling costs incurred by parents with children suffering from spina bifida; if so, whether any action is proposed to assist such parents, specifying what action is to be taken.
- 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.
- 20 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the hospital building programme, what works were carried out in the 1978–79 financial year, specifying the hospital, the work carried out, and the total expenditure.
- 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 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.
- 23 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Hospitals Superannuation Board:
- 1 Whether the Board specifies that insurance relevant to mortgages arranged by the Board must be taken out by the Board's insurers, Norwich Winterthur Insurance (Aust.) Ltd; if so, on what basis this company is given a monopoly in relation to such insurances, whether the Board receives any commercial or other considerations from the company in respect of such arrangement and, in that event, what are the details.
  - 2 Whether the Board has investigated if there are other firms which would be prepared to provide insurance, not necessarily on a monopoly basis at rates lower than the above company; if so, which firms have been investigated and with what result.
  - 3 Whether the Board is carrying out Government policy in relation to its arrangements with the company.
- 24 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Portsea site presently occupied by the Officers Training School and the Quarantine Station, whether the Health Commission has considered any plans for applying for the use of any of the facilities; if so, for what purpose.
- 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.
- 1 Who is carrying out the inquiry.
  - 2 What, if any, are the terms of reference.
- 27 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the inquiry into hospital admissions and answered by the Minister on 30 August:

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- 3 When a report is expected.
  - 4 Whether any other action has been taken concerning this matter.
  - 5 Whether he has since studied the agreement between the Commonwealth and the State of Victoria on hospitals financing under which the determination as to which patients will be billed or not billed is set down.
- 28 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Yarrowonga Hospital:
- 1 Whether application has been made by the Hospital Board for the construction of a new outpatients block and theatre remodelling; if so, what was the Government's reply to the request.
  - 2 Whether the Committee was informed that \$50 000 would be available to spend on part of the project; if so, what were the conditions and when the funds will be available.
- 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.
- 32 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the decision to charge insured patients at eight community health centres:
- 1 What is the expected annual income at each centre, and whether the State grant to the centre will be reduced accordingly.
  - 2 What is the estimated cost of the additional clerical work involved in collecting the fee, whether any of the centres require additional staff to carry out this task, specifying which centres and specifying whether they will be given approval to employ additional staff if required or spend additional money on accountancy services or other services which are a consequence of the State's decision.
- 33 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Southern Peninsula Hospital:
- 1 Whether it is expected that funds will be made available this financial year to commence the carrying out of promises to extend and update the hospital; if so, what funds will be made available and for what purpose.
  - 2 When it is expected that building work promised by his predecessors will be finished.

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- 3 Whether funds spent on plans for a new hospital extension will now be of no use; if so, what was the cost of these plans, who paid for the plans, and whether any of those plans will be useable.
- 4 What works the hospital can expect to have carried out in the next five years.
- 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.
- 35 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he or the Health Commission is aware of allegations by Mr Derek Shaw, General Manager of the Hospital Benefits Association that the Association was defrauded of \$2 million a year by doctors, hospitals, and other health professionals abusing their accounts; if so, whether he has taken action against these persons and/or organizations and, if not, why.
- 36 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 When the Health Commission received an application for an increased maintenance subsidy for the Shire of Goulburn in respect of the Nagambie Senior Citizens Club.
  - 2 Whether funds will be made available and what is the reason for the delay in replying.
- 37 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Hospitals Minor Works Programme for the year 1979–80, whether he will provide the Member for Brunswick with a list of works agreed to for this financial year, specifying the total funds involved to complete each job and the amount allocated for 1979–80.
- 38 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the School Medical Service during 1979:
- 1 How many children were examined.
  - 2 In respect of the routine initial medical examination, how many children were—(a) examined; and (b) not examined.
  - 3 What specialist examinations were conducted.
  - 4 How many schools were visited by—(a) medical officers; (b) nursing staff; and (c) medical officers–nursing staff.
  - 5 What was the staffing establishment of the service and how many positions were filled in terms of full-time equivalents as at 1 December 1979.
- 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.
- 40 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 1439 answered by his predecessor on 1 November 1978, whether he can now indicate precisely when action will be taken to carry into effect

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the recommendations of Dr B. P. McCloskey submitted and adopted by the Commission of Public Health in April 1971 concerning the control of the sale and advertising of therapeutic goods and devices, and if no action is being taken, why.

- 41 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 In respect of services for the mentally retarded with particular reference to the outer eastern suburbs of Melbourne and the City of Knox, whether the "Blueprint for Future Development" approved by the Government and mentioned in a letter to the City of Knox, dated 18 January 1979 will be made available to the Member for Brunswick; if not, why.
  - 2 What additional services have been able to be provided through the appointment of a Social Worker in the outer eastern region and when will "an acceleration of development" occur as suggested in a letter to the City of Knox on 11 April 1979 specifying what developments will be accelerated and when.
- 42 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether the Industrial Hygiene Section is currently undertaking a study of lead levels in the blood of Victorian children; if so—(a) when the study was commenced; (b) what is the basis of the study; (c) when it will be completed; and (d) whether a copy of the results will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
- 43 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of each of the following hospitals: Mercy, Royal Children's, Royal Victorian Eye and Ear, Royal Women's, Alfred, Box Hill and District, Dandenong and District, Fairfield, Maroondah, Preston and Northcote Community, Prince Henry's, Queen Victoria, Royal Melbourne, Southern Memorial (Caulfield), St. George's, St. Vincent's, Western General, Williamstown, Caulfield, Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Gippsland, Hamilton, Mildura, Mooroopna, Wangaratta, Warrnambool, Ararat, Central Gippsland, Echuca, Frankston, Kyabram, Latrobe Valley, Stawell and Swan Hill:
- 1 What was the budget in 1978-79 specifying the amount from the Hospitals and Charities Fund.
  - 2 What budget was approved for 1979-80.
- 44 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry, in respect of payments to doctors in public hospitals who charge fees to Motor Accidents Board beneficiaries—(a) what has been the sum charged in each of the past three years; and (b) whether he will lay on the table of the Library the file concerning negotiations with the Hospitals and Charities Commission and Health Commission concerning this matter.
- 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.
- 46 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of Forensic Psychiatric Services, and further to question No. 378 answered on 26 June 1979:

- 1 Whether the Report of the Committee which met during 1978 is now available; if so, whether a copy of the Report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
  - 2 Whether the broader committee established by the Health Commission to look at the broad range of prison health services has finalised its report; if so—(a) when; (b) what is the membership of the committee to inquire into the entire range of prison health services; (c) whether it is still meeting; (d) how many meetings it has had to date; (e) what reports have been made to the Minister; (f) what are its deliberations; and (g) what action has been taken.
- 47 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the Early Childhood Development Programme advisory committees mentioned in the Report of the State Co-ordination Council of June, 1979:
- 1 How many such committees have been set up, specifying in which areas.
  - 2 What is the membership of each committee, indicating the organization, if any, represented by each member.
  - 3 Who is the chairman of each committee.
- 48 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he or the Health Commission estimated the Commonwealth's additional annual contribution under the Commonwealth-State cost-sharing arrangement where acute psychiatric hospitals and the acute area of psychiatric hospitals were included; if not, whether an estimate can be made and the information provided 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.
- 50 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 In respect of the Youth Guarantee Fund announced by him on 11 September 1979, whether the Victorian Employment Committee has completed its investigation; if so, whether a copy of the report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick; if not, when it will be completed and the report made available.
  - 2 When the Government proposes to finalize its attitude to the Youth Guarantee Fund and when he expects the Fund to commence operations.
- 51 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of drug offences:
- 1 How many offences were reported in each of the past three years, specifying the age and sex of persons charged and the type of drug involved.
  - 2 What is the current annual budget of the police unit responsible for dealing with drug offences.
  - 3 Whether there is any breakdown of drug offences in respect of city and country Victoria; if so, what are the details for the past three years.

- 52 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received a submission from the City of Essendon concerning a training course in public pool management and operation; if so—(a) what investigations have been carried out by the Health Commission in this area; (b) what action is being taken; and (c) when a decision will be announced.
- 53 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of kits currently being sold for pregnancy testing in the home:
- 1 Whether he or the Health Commission is aware of criticism by members of the medical profession of at least some of the products on the market.
  - 2 Whether the Commission has as yet analysed the various kits on sale in Victoria; if so, which kits, when and with what result in each case.
  - 3 Whether any action is proposed in relation to such tests; if not, why.
- 54 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation, in respect of public pool management and operation, whether he or the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation, have investigated the development of formal training courses in public pool management and operation; if so, what were the results of those investigations and what action is being taken to ensure that such courses are available.
- 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 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.
- 56 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation, in respect of the report on the teaching of swimming presented by him:
- 1 Whether it is expected that the recommendations will be put into effect; if so, when.
  - 2 Whether he has received representations concerning the training in swimming of children younger than that recommended by the panel; if so, what action is proposed to be taken concerning those submissions.
- 57 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Acquilla Ward area at the Bendigo Psychiatric Hospital:
- 1 Whether he has received reports of the inadequacies at the ward, particularly the lack of eating and toilet facilities.
  - 2 Whether plans have been prepared and works costed; if so, when and why no action was taken.
  - 3 Whether it is now expected that works will not commence until 1981 at the earliest.
- 58 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what is this State's involvement in the drugs of dependence monitoring system and whether the State has considered the extension of the system to include certain barbiturates; if so, whether there has been any approach by the Commonwealth to the State, or by the State to the Commonwealth, on this matter and, in that event, when, and with what result.

- 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.
- 60 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Western Region Health Centre, Footscray:
- 1 Whether the officers of the Health Commission informed reporters from the *Age* newspaper that an investigation was being carried out into the centre; if so—(a) which officer or officers; (b) when the statement was made; and (c) what was the basis of the statement.
  - 2 Whether an investigation was carried out; if so—(a) what were the terms of the investigation; (b) what results were received; (c) who was the officer of the Health Commission carrying out a working study of administrative procedures, and which administrative procedures are being studied; (d) when it is expected that a report of the study will be made available; and (e) whether it 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.
- 62 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 Whether the Minister or the Health Commission is aware of the claim made in the Senate on 2 April 1980 that collections of information which includes statistics on the incidences of birth defects are already in existence in Western Australia and Tasmania and that there are proposals to start similar collections in New South Wales and Queensland, and the fact that Victoria is specifically excluded.
  - 2 Whether he can advise whether such a statistical collection is currently being made in Victoria; if not, why, particularly in view of the various statements on this subject made by the former Health Minister.
- 63 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of accommodation for staff teachers at the Children's School Camp, Somers:
- 1 Whether he is aware that most of the accommodation is seriously inadequate and unfit for use.
  - 2 When it was first proposed that the accommodation be replaced, and why no action was taken.

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- 3 Whether this proposal for replacement has been the reason for the lack of any funds for maintenance services for the past four years.
  - 4 Whether funds can be made available for urgent immediate maintenance services, or whether it is proposed to proceed with the replacement as a matter of urgency and, if so, when it is expected that work will commence.
- 64 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of Glen Andrew Hudyma and his family:
- 1 Whether there had been any contacts with the family in May 1978 or between that date and April 1979 by any hospital or Health Commission agency; if so, what were the contacts and whether any related to injuries or possible danger to Glen.
  - 2 Whether the Minister will consider, together with his colleagues the Assistant Minister of Health and the Minister for Community Welfare Services, an inquiry into the relationship between the various helping agencies and the family up to his death at the Royal Children's Hospital on 6 April 1979; if not, why.
- 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.
- 67 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of hydrotherapy pools for rehabilitation purposes:
- 1 What is the Government's policy in relation to the construction of such pools, including financial assistance.
  - 2 Where hydrotherapy pools are located.
  - 3 What current requests for grants for hydrotherapy pools are before the Health Commission.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 69 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Commonwealth Government's \$15 per week Personal Care Subsidy, whether the Working Party to review the Special Accommodation Houses Regulations, considered this matter; if so, when and with what result.
- 70 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether, in respect of a number of members of the Hospitals Superannuation Fund retiring on ill-health grounds, he is aware that there has been a significant increase in retirements on ill-health grounds; if so—(a) what inquiries the Health Commission or the Hospitals Superannuation Board has carried out, indicating the reason for the increase; and (b) what action it is proposed to take on this matter.
- 71 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of occupational therapy services at the Box Hill and District Hospital:
- 1 Whether a request was submitted to the Hospitals and Charities Commission on 24 February 1977 to establish minimal occupational therapy services at the hospital; if so, what was the response.
  - 2 On what occasions the Health Commission or its predecessor has been approached on the establishment of such services, not necessarily on a minimum basis, and what has been the result of these approaches.
  - 3 Whether there is any other hospital of similar size in the State which does not have an occupational therapy department or services; if so, which hospitals.
- 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.
- 73 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received representations from the Mont Park Student Representative Council concerning the loss of examination papers for certain third year students working in psychiatric hospitals for their final examinations; if so, what were the reasons for the loss and what action is being taken to assist the students.
- 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.

- 76 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the membership of the Hospitals Superannuation Board, whether the Health Commission or he has received representations concerning Victorian Hospitals' Association representation on the Board; if so, what were the responses to the representations and whether he will now accede to the Association's request.
- 77 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware that a grant of \$50 000 a year for three years has been made to the Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Australia by the New South Wales Government; if so, whether the Victorian Government would be prepared to make a similar commitment; if not, why.
- 78 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether, in respect of community houses for the mentally retarded now operating in the Loddon Campaspe area, consideration has been given to the request for home help services; if so, what has been the result of those considerations and, if the proposal has been rejected, whether he will reconsider it.
- 79 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Eaglehawk Senior Citizens' clubrooms:
- 1 Whether the Health Commission has advised the Eaglehawk Council that should the Council proceed with the construction there can be no guarantee that funding would be subsequently provided by the Commonwealth; if so—(a) whether the Commission is aware of the need for the extensions and, in that event, where is the proposal on the Commission's priority list; and (b) whether he will reconsider the advice given to Council.
- 80 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether any first mortgage loans are available from the Home Finance Trust indicating—(a) the number on the waiting list; and (b) the date of the last first mortgage loan, indicating the amount and the interest charge.
- 81 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, with regard to recent and ongoing restructuring of the Ministry of Housing and consideration of further regionalization:
- 1 What reports have been prepared, and whether the reports will be made available.
  - 2 What new arrangements are proposed with regard to regional and district boundaries, functions, staffing levels and structure.
  - 3 What steps are being taken to determine the level and nature of housing needs on a regional basis.
- 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.
- 83 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what amount Victoria will receive this financial year under the current Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement indicating—(a) the amount paid into the Home Builders' Account for allocation to co-operative housing societies; (b) what additional funds have been available for distribution to societies in each of the past two financial years and the current financial year, specifying the source of such funds; (c) the distribution of these funds between the Melbourne and metropolitan area, urban, and country areas; (d) the interest rates at which the funds are provided, the amount, and at what interest rates

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- they are advanced by societies to members, specifying—(i) the existing income level per week; and (ii) the average monthly repayments for both interest and principal.
- 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.
- 85 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 Who are the present members of the advisory council set up under the *Co-operation Act* 1958, indicating the—(a) date of appointment; and (b) term of appointment in each case.
  - 2 What consultation takes place with the credit unions when replacements arise.
  - 3 In each of the past three years, what payments have been made from the Credit Societies Reserve Fund, indicating—(a) the amount in each case; (b) the purpose of the payment; and (c) the steps being taken to remedy any losses.
- 86 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 Why funds allocated last financial year for co-operative housing were unspent, given that the numbers waiting for a loan have increased by 25 per cent in the past year.
  - 2 What amount remained unspent in 1978–79, and what were the estimates of expenditure for co-operative housing, including the Home Finance Trust, for the financial year 1978–79.
- 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.
- 91 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts how many local government and regional library services, respectively, have cut back the level of their services last financial year, indicating in each case—(a) the library; (b) the reduction in the book vote from the previous year; (c) the reduction in staff in comparison with the previous year, indicating whether of a permanent or temporary nature; (d) any other services affected and the nature of these services; (e) the population served; (f) the amount contributed by local government, indicating any additional amount over last year; and (g) the funds allocated for each of the past three financial years, and in this year to date.
- 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

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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.

- 95 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts:
- 1 How many centres for performing arts have been built in Victoria, indicating—(a) where; (b) their capital cost and running expenses (including salaries of staff); and (c) their sources of income, including the Government contribution.
  - 2 How many centres for performing arts are—(a) currently being built; and (b) proposed to be built, indicating—(i) where; (ii) estimated costs; (iii) sources of those funds; (iv) estimated running expenses (including salaries of staff); and (v) the Government contribution in each case.
  - 3 What is the current commitment in Victoria of the Ministry for the Arts in relation to—(a) capital costs; and (b) running costs of all performing arts centres.
- 96 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether any Government bodies, teams or other personnel have investigated or are currently investigating the Teacher Housing Authority; if so, when these investigations were commenced, what is their nature, and whether any particular person or persons are being investigated.
- 97 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 Who is the Registrar for Permanent Building Societies and what are his qualifications.
  - 2 What is the staff establishment of the Registry indicating—(a) the qualifications and date of appointment of each officer; (b) the description of duties; (c) whether any requests for additional staff have been made; if so, when, and what staff was requested.
  - 3 How many Societies there are indicating—(a) the number which are active; and (b) the total amount invested and on loan.
- 98 **MR MATHEWS**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what is the name of each Victorian Government body with—(a) policy; and (b) administrative responsibility in the area of—(i) liquid fuel; and (ii) other energy matters, and what are the responsibilities in each case.
- 99 **MR MATHEWS**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what is the name of each Commonwealth Government body with—(a) policy; and (b) administrative responsibility in the area of—(i) liquid fuel; and (ii) other energy matters, which includes Victorian Government representation and what are the responsibilities in each case.
- 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.
- 102 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer on disadvantaged schools in the electoral district of Oakleigh which his predecessor gave to the Member for Footscray on 25 October 1977 in response to question No. 2583 and reported in *Hansard* at page 10763.
- 103 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what is the total amount at constant prices allocated for each category of major expenditure in each Education Department region in each year since regionalization was introduced, indicating in each year the percentage increase or decrease and any instances where the categories are not comparable from year to year.
- 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.
- 105 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of each Education Department region in the 1979–80 financial year, what was the—(a) additional student place requirement; (b) quality and shortfall aspects of existing school buildings; and (c) initial works plan from the Regional Priorities Review Committee.
- 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.
- 107 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) 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.
- 108 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer on the Commonwealth Government Urban Public Transport Improvement Programme which his predecessor gave the then Leader of the Opposition on 9 December 1976 in answer to question No. 623, reported in *Hansard* at page 5929.

- 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.
- 112 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of—  
(a) medical; (b) teaching; (c) social work; (d) occupational therapy; (e) physiotherapy; and (f) primary care staff at each centre for residential care of mentally handicapped people, what is the—(i) approved; and (ii) actual staff-patient ratio, indicating in each case the date when the approved ratio was established and the criteria which were used.
- 113 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of each proposed new subsidized special hospital or home for frail and aged people, what were or will be the dates for—(a) commencement; and (b) completion of—(i) planning; (ii) letting of tenders; and (iii) construction, indicating in each case the estimated cost of plans and construction and the number of additional beds.
- 114 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what further progress has been made concerning the phasing out of employment of prisoners to handle personal files at Pentridge Prison, since the answer given by his predecessor on 11 October 1977 in answer to question No. 497, reported in *Hansard* at page 10135.
- 115 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer about industries in Pentridge Prison which was given by his predecessor on 15 March 1978 in answer to question No. 9, reported in *Hansard* at page 343.
- 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.

- 117 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer about prisoners in H Division at Pentridge Prison which was given by his predecessor on 15 March 1978 in response to question No. 49, reported in *Hansard* at page 344.
- 118 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer about prison expenditures which was given by his predecessor on 4 April 1978 in answer to question No. 3, reported in *Hansard* at page 859.
- 119 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer on prisoners who have previously served sentences in youth training centres which was given by his predecessor on 17 May 1978 in response to question No. 35 and reported in *Hansard* at page 3208.
- 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 Aboriginals; if so, in what capacity.
- 122 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what point has been reached in negotiations for the purchase of land at the north-east corner of Springvale and Ferntree Gully Roads as the site for a 24 hour police station and when an announcement can be expected.
- 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.
- 125 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry, in respect of the work of the Victorian Standing Committee on Youth Unemployment adopted in principle by the Youth Employment Sub-Committee of the Victorian Employment Committee as a basis for continuing investigations into youth employment issues, what was—(a) the substance of each recommendation made; and (b) the response of the Government in each case.

- 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.
- 127 **MR MATHEWS**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether the Draize Eye Test, which involves placing substances in the eyes of live rabbits to determine the extent of eyeball damage, is used in Victoria; if so, whether cosmetics and shampoos are substances involved.
- 128 **MR MATHEWS**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether the “lethal dose test” which involves forcing substances down the throats of live animals to determine the amount which will kill half of them, is used in Victoria; if so, whether products such as food colourings, household cleaners and toileteries are substances involved.
- 129 **MR MATHEWS**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture whether, in respect of the recent West German High Court decision that the keeping of hens in cages where they cannot fulfil their behavioural instincts is cruel and illegal, and the associated decision of the E.E.C. Council of Ministers to appoint a working party on proposals for phasing out of the battery hen system of egg production, these matters have been studied by the Department of Agriculture; if so, with what result.
- 130 **MR MATHEWS**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, how many experiments involving the use of animals were conducted in Victoria in the most recent year for which information is available, indicating the—(a) number; and (b) proportion carried out in—(i) tertiary education institutions; (ii) other education institutions; (iii) non-profit research institutions; (iv) commercial research institutions; and (v) other places as specified.
- 131 **MR MATHEWS**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, what is the name of each species of animal used for experimental purposes in Victoria in the most recent year for which information is available, indicating in each case the number of animals involved.
- 132 **MR MATHEWS**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the decision to replace the proposed 1000 bed Clayton-Burwood Queen Victoria Medical Centre with a proposed 310 bed centre at Clayton:
- 1 What was the—(a) date; and (b) substance of each consultation held with representatives of the Queen Victoria Medical Centre Committee of Management, indicating the—(i) names; and (ii) positions of the participants in each case.
  - 2 What attitude was taken by representatives of the Committee of Management in each case.
- 133 **MR MATHEWS**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the decision to replace the proposed 1000 bed Clayton-Burwood Queen Victoria Medical Centre with a proposed 310 bed centre at Clayton:
- 1 What was the nature of each survey or study undertaken in connection with the decision, indicating the name of the author, and the date on

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which the study was—(a) commissioned; (b) commenced; and (c) completed in each case.

2 Whether copies of all such surveys will be made available to the Member for Oakleigh.

134 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the decision to replace the proposed 1000 bed Clayton–Burwood Queen Victoria Medical Centre with a proposed 310 bed centre at Clayton:

1 On what dates consultations about the original proposal were held with the former Hospitals and Health Services Commission, and what was the outcome in each case.

2 What was the date of each assessment conducted by the Commission of the original proposal and what was the—(a) date; and (b) substance of each Commission report.

135 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the now proposed 310 bed Queen Victoria Medical Centre at Clayton, on what date it was decided that construction of the project should follow completion of the Austin Hospital, in addition to following the Alfred Hospital (Stage II.) as originally stated in connection with the Monash University proposal.

136 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:

1 In respect of the proposal to erect an American Medical International investor-owned hospital on the Queen Victoria Memorial Medical Centre site in Clayton, what was the—(a) date; and (b) substance of the approach which had been made to American Medical International by the planning committee of the Queen Victoria Memorial Medical Centre, and referred to in answer to a question without notice reported on page 4807 of *Hansard* on 18 October 1978.

2 On what date and by what means the Hospitals and Charities Commission acquired the full knowledge of the committee's actions and when the matter was referred to the Commission by the former Minister of Health.

3 Who was assigned to carry out the Commission's feasibility study and on what date the study commenced.

4 Whether any extensions of time for the study have been approved; if so, what was the reason and the period in each case.

137 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health who commissioned Pearce Thomas Consultants Pty Ltd to conduct a feasibility study of proposals for an American investor-owned private hospital on the Queen Victoria Memorial Medical Centre site at Clayton, indicating—(a) the qualifications and comparable commissions of the firm; (b) whether tenders were called; (c) the final cost and who paid; (d) the date of the contract; and (e) who received the report and on what date.

138 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what were the—(a) dates; (b) names of participants; and (c) matters discussed at each of the meetings between the Queen Victoria Medical Centre Planning Committee and the Monash University Faculty of Medicine to which his predecessor referred on 28 November 1978 in response to question No. 1368 and reported in *Hansard* at page 6518.

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 substance of the claim; (b) the period from lodging of the claim to the *Local Government Act 1958*, indicating in each case—(a) the 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

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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 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.

145 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, whether any complaints against Kenrich Homes Pty Ltd, Kenrich Homes Victoria Pty Ltd, or Howath Pty Ltd have been made to the Police Station at Eltham or the Fraud Squad; if so—(a) by whom; (b) on what dates; and (c) with what results.

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.

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- 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 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

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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 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.
- 157 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Consumer Affairs:
- 1 In respect of each building industry arbitration to which reference was made in the Report of the Consumer Affairs Council for the year 1972–73, what was the—(a) date; (b) arbitrator's name; (c) builder's name; (d) clients name; and (e) view formed by the Council.
- 2 Whether he will provide comparable information for each subsequent year.
- 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:

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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

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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

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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*.

176 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Consumer Affairs:

- 1 Whether a Mr A. Blums of Hughes Street, Upwey has lodged complaints with the Consumer Affairs Council against—(a) a builder trading as D. E. and Y. M. Burridge; (b) the Housing Builders' Association Ltd; or (c) any member of the Victorian Chapter of the Institute of Arbitrators; if so—(i) on what date; (ii) on what terms; and (iii) with what result.
- 2 Whether any arbitrator who is the subject of a complaint by Mr Blums has affiliations with any building industry organization; if so, what was the name of the organization and any official positions he holds or has held, indicating whether the case was one of those to which the Director of Consumer Affairs referred on 21 May 1979 in specifying that they were most unhappy with the way the arbitration had gone.

- 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, 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.
- 178 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry which elements of the major youth employment programme, formulated prior to the establishment of the Victorian Employment Committee by the Standing Committee on Youth Employment, have now been incorporated in Victorian Employment Committee projects.
- 179 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what is the name of each firm which has been engaged to provide intruder detection systems in schools, indicating in each case—(a) the period of the engagement; (b) the respective number, type and cost of the systems provided; and (c) any instances in which the systems provided failed to meet specifications or were otherwise unsatisfactory.
- 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.

187 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Forests:

- 1 What are the procedures and instructions issued pursuant to the *Valuation of Land Act 1960* that the Forests Commission follows in obtaining a valuation from the Valuer-General's Office with regard to purchasing land subject to buy-back in the Dandenong Ranges when acting on behalf of or in conjunction with the Ministry for Conservation.
- 2 How the valuation median and actual price paid median as determined by the Valuer-General each year since 1975 compares with the median for private sales in 1979 as determined by the Valuer-General's yearly statistics for the shires of Sherbrook and Lillydale.
- 3 Where an owner does not wish to sell at the price offered by the Commission, what procedures they are advised to follow to resolve the matter, indicating in how many cases in the shires of Sherbrook and Lillydale this resulted in a substantial increase in price paid and specifying the average increase in the past three years.
- 4 How prices paid for compulsory acquisition in the shires of Sherbrook and Lillydale compare with those for willing sales, and what was the average additional cost incurred by the Commission in recompensing owners for expenses and solatium.
- 5 Whether, in purchasing a one acre allotment identified as Lot 13 and 14 Mast Gully Road, Upwey, in May 1980—(a) the Commission compulsorily acquired the allotment and paid \$25 000 plus \$1000 owners' expenses plus \$1250 solatium; (b) the valuation was in accordance with the *Valuation of Land Act 1960* and, if not, why.
- 6 Whether, in purchasing a ten acre allotment identified at Lot 35 Hughes Street, Upwey—(a) the Commission paid \$2800 per acre and various other sums; (b) the allotment was compulsorily acquired or negotiated; and (c) the valuation was in accordance with the *Valuation of Land Act 1960* and, if not, why.

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

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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.

- 190 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether the report of the Ombudsman on two defective homes built by Daffey and Johnson Pty Ltd at Peters Road and Leslie Road, Gisborne, has been acted upon by the relevant departments; if so, with what results.
- 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.
- 193 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing on what dates since October 1974 the Housing Commission has bought houses from Vanvliet and Gardner (Vic.) Pty Ltd, indicating in each case—(a) the location; (b) the number; (c) the price; and (d) any instances of rectification being required.
- 194 MR SIMMONS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry further to question No. 2209 asked on 2 April 1980 relating to Smorgon Consolidated Industries of Somerville Road, Sunshine:
- 1 Whether a survey has revealed a number of items relating to unguarded machinery and safe working conditions needing attention; if so—(a) how many items were listed for action and what action was indicated as necessary in each case; (b) whether the survey is complete; and (c) which items still require attention.
  - 2 Whether officers of the Department of Labour and Industry have attended plants operated by Smorgon Consolidated Industries since December 1979; if so—(a) which officers; (b) on which days; and (c) for what purposes and with what results.
  - 3 Whether officers of the Department are able to compile lists of fatal accidents, accidents involving serious injuries and lost time, and accidents of a relatively minor nature, respectively; if so, what those lists have

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revealed and what was the cause, machinery involved, the age and length of service of the employee and any other relevant material necessary to give a picture of the type of accident, nature of injury, and type of machinery involved in each case.

- 4 What current activity is taking place in rectifying safety hazards at these plants and when it is expected that remaining safety hazards will be rectified.

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.

196 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture whether it is the intention of the Government to set up a Negotiating Committee or Industry Tribunal to periodically arbitrate on price fixing arrangements for potatoes supplied to the potato processing industry; if so, what type of tribunal will be catering for the industry and what will be the membership of the tribunal.

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.

198 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture whether a Victorian based company, Food Handling Constructions Pty Ltd of Surrey Hills, Victoria, designed and constructed a cold storage complex at Dubai; if so, whether the Government entered into negotiations at Commonwealth level for Victoria/Australia to utilize the cold stores for Australian meat products and, in that event, what were the results of the negotiations and whether it is possible to utilize the design and experience of the Victorian based company to assist promoting frozen meat exports to Middle East countries.

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

- 1 Whether the Minister has received complaints concerning the installation of four radar reflectors in the San Remo channel.

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2 Whether the only equipment causing obstructions in the channel are lights and posts at Sally Reef, Two Starboard Buoys, and Armstrong Beacon, which are subject to vandalism.

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.

202 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether he will make available to the Member for Footscray a copy of the submission prepared by the Technical Schools Division in respect of the staffing needs of technical schools and colleges in 1979.

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.

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- 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.
- 205 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, with regard to Mitcham high school:
- 1 What is the actual number of staff currently appointed to the school.
  - 2 What was the staffing establishment in 1978 and 1979 and what is the establishment this year.
  - 3 What is the effect of the reduced staffing level on the music programme at the school.
  - 4 What subjects were curtailed in 1979 and 1980 as a result of staff reductions.
- 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.
- 208 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 Westernport:
- 1 What is the staffing establishment, and what is the actual number of staff.
  - 2 What is the present enrolment.
  - 3 What is the projected enrolment for each of the next two years.
  - 4 Which schools have portable classrooms, indicating the number at each school.
  - 5 Which schools qualify for an art/craft room and library, and which schools have these facilities.
  - 6 Which schools have specialist art/craft, physical education (male and female), music and remedial teachers, respectively.
- 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.

- 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.
- 212 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education how many instrumental music teachers were provided at Blackburn high school, the designated special music high school for the Knox region, for each of the years 1977, 1978 and 1979, respectively, and how many are being provided in 1980.
- 213 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in relation to the Leongatha primary school:
- 1 What is the present enrolment.
  - 2 How many classrooms are provided at the school and, of these, how many are designated as temporary.
  - 3 When an art/craft centre will be provided.
  - 4 When a library will be provided.
  - 5 When the new toilet block will be provided.
  - 6 When the administration and staff areas will be upgraded.
- 214 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in relation to the Schools' Work Experience Programme, what funds have been provided by the Education Department to allow the employment of students involved in the programme in Education Department schools and other centres in the years 1977-78, 1978-79 and 1979-80, respectively.
- 215 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what progress has been made in the provision of the co-educational facilities at Leongatha technical school.
- 216 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education when it is expected that the following works will be undertaken at Heathmont East primary school: (a) administration upgrade; (b) storage space extension; (c) withdrawal areas for remedial work; and (a) staff-room upgrading, particularly bearing in mind that the plans for these works were completed in 1977.

- 217 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education when it is expected that the following works will be undertaken at the Bell Post Hill primary school: (a) art/craft centre; (b) multi-purpose room; (c) administration upgrade; (d) canteen; (e) library extensions; and (f) improved staff facilities, particularly bearing in mind that plans for these works were completed in December 1977.
- 218 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether the Minister has received a submission from the Grovedale West primary school regarding the special staffing needs of the school; if so, what has been the response to date.
- 219 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, with regard to the Surrey Hills primary school:
- 1 What is the present student enrolment.
  - 2 How many students at the school are of migrant origin requiring specialist English tuition.
  - 3 How many Migrant English teachers are provided at the school.
- 220 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received a request for financial assistance from the Footscray "Grow" group; if so, what help can be given to assist this organization in its important work.
- 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.
- 222 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what is the reason for the delay in the provision of a covered way between the relocatable classroom units and the main school building and toilets at Greenbrook primary school and when it is expected that this necessary facility will be provided.
- 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 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.
- 226 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what is the reason for the delay in the relocation of the Crib Point primary school from their present inadequate site to Crown land fronting Milne Street, Crib Point.
- 227 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 What was the total outlay of funds by the Education Department in the area of Child Migrant Education in each of the years 1977 to 1979 inclusive.
  - 2 What is the planned allocation of funds in 1980.
  - 3 In respect of the above-mentioned funds what amounts came from Commonwealth sources.
  - 4 For each of the years 1977 to 1979 inclusive, what amount of money was expended on the Child Migrant Education Programme for—  
(a) salaries of staff employed in government schools teaching English as a second language in the classroom; (b) rent of the Myer House offices used by the Child Migrant Education Office; (c) salaries of administrators working within the offices; (d) salaries of—(i) consultants in English as a second language; and (ii) ethnic consultants; and (e) the development of curriculum materials in—(i) English as a second language; and (ii) other areas of education for a multi-cultural society.
- 228 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 What is the increase in funding by the Commonwealth as a result of the Galbally Report on the Child Migrant Education Programme for the years 1979, 1980 and 1981.
  - 2 What is the increase in funding by the Commonwealth in the fields of multi-cultural education for the years 1979, 1980 and 1981.
  - 3 With respect to this increase in expenditure, what amount has been spent in the year 1979, and will be spent in the years 1980 and 1981 for—(a) salaries of staff employed in government schools teaching English as a second language in the classroom; (b) rent of the Myer House Offices used by Child Migrant Education; (c) salaries of administrators working within the Child Migrant Education Office; (d) salaries of consultants in English as a second language and ethnic consultants; (e) the development of curriculum materials in English as a second language; and (f) any other specific area.
  - 4 With respect to the increase for the years 1979, 1980 and 1981, what have been and what will be the specific areas of projects that funds of the Galbally Multi-cultural Education have been or will be expended.
- 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,

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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.

231 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, when it is expected that additional—(a) maths/science; and (b) humanities, teachers will be appointed to Wonthaggi technical school, in order to fill the acknowledged vacancies in these areas and in order to allow the school to maintain and develop a balanced curriculum.

232 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what additional staff will be appointed to the Templestowe technical school in order to allow the school to sustain adequate literacy and numeracy programmes.

233 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 providing a replacement vehicle for the Rosedale Mobile Area Resource Centre and what steps will be taken to ensure that in future a replacement vehicle is available when required.

234 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 providing the promised capital grant for a mobile multi-cultural parent information service.

235 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in relation to the proposed Delacombe primary school:

- 1 When plans were first completed for this school and what was the estimated cost.
- 2 Why these plans have now been dispensed with.
- 3 What funds are now available for this school.
- 4 What facilities included in the original plans will not now be provided.
- 5 When it is now expected that this school will be ready for occupation.

- 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.
- 237 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what progress has been made in the establishment of intensive language centres for each region and what submissions have been received from each of the relevant regional committees on these projects.
- 238 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, why the services of a clerical assistant have been withdrawn from Camp Hill primary school and when it is expected that this essential service will be resumed.
- 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.
- 242 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what is the basis of the decision to allow pupils in the Yallock primary school zone to travel by subsidized bus to the Bayles and the Koo-Wee-Rup primary schools rather than attend the Yallock primary school.
- 243 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, how many teachers applied for and were granted, respectively, full-time and part-time study leave for 1980 in respect of each of the teaching divisions of the Education Department and what were the criteria used in granting applications for such leave.
- 244 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What was the number of primary, secondary and technical studentships and scholarships awarded each year from 1965 to 1980.

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- 2 Of the above total primary, secondary and technical studentships, respectively, what was the number—(a) who have successfully completed their course, indicating the number—(i) who have fulfilled their bond obligations; (ii) who still are fulfilling their bond obligations; (iii) who are currently repaying an agreed amount; (iv) who are currently negotiating the repayment of their bond obligations; (v) whose obligations have been waived or reduced, either for the studentship holder or guarantor only; (vi) in other categories; (b) who are still undertaking their course; (c) who are no longer persisting with their course, indicating the number—(i) who have no obligation to repay; (ii) currently negotiating an agreed repayment; (iii) whose obligations have been waived or reduced, either for the studentship holder or guarantor only; (iv) of others considered to have an obligation to repay; (v) currently suspended, together with other possible categories.
- 245 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 In each year since 1965, how many times legal proceedings have been initiated against studentship holders and guarantors, respectively, indicating in how many instances these proceedings have reached the courts and what was the outcome.
  - 2 What are the normal procedures for following up former teachers and studentship holders who fail to fulfil their obligations.
  - 3 What factors are taken into account in assessing whether financial liability should be waived or reduced.
  - 4 What kinds of service are seen at suitable for fulfilling the terms of the studentship agreement.
  - 5 What is the range of assessed level of obligation at the time of first assessment and what is the range of weekly repayments required.
- 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.
- 247 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 In each of the past three years how many parents received the maintenance allowance.
  - 2 How many applicants were refused the allowance.
- 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.
- 252 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 When the proposed road widening in Bell Street, Coburg will be carried out.
  - 2 Over how many properties in Bell Street, Coburg a reservation is held.
- 253 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What is the estimated cost of establishing automatic signalling on the Upfield railway line.
  - 2 Whether provision of this equipment has been considered; if not, why.
- 254 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What is the estimated cost of establishing automatic signalling on the Lalor railway line.
  - 2 Whether provision of this equipment has been considered; if not, why.
- 255 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What are the terms of reference for the study by Pak-Poy and Associates Pty Ltd for the Metropolitan Transportation Committee.
  - 2 When this study will be completed.
- 256 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What reservations on land in the municipalities of Coburg and Broadmeadows respectively are held by the Country Roads Board, indicating the land in each case.
  - 2 Whether the Board intends to release any of these reservations.
- 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.
- 258 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether there are any procedures available by which the Government or any of its agencies may authorize telephone tapping; if so, how many authorizations were obtained in each year since 1970.
- 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.
- 260 MR WILTON—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What was the final cost of constructing the Altona–Somerton pipeline.
  - 2 What amount of the cost was born by VicRail.
  - 3 Whether a share of the cost by VicRail was provided from loan funds; if so, what rate of interest is being applied.
- 261 MR WILTON—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether a participant's and operating agreement has been executed between VicRail, Esso Australia Ltd, Mobil Oil Australia Ltd and the Shell Company of Australia Ltd for the operations of the Altona–Somerton oil pipeline; if so, whether he will make available a copy of the agreement to the Member for Broadmeadows.

- 262 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what amount has been spent in recent years on the planning and construction of the proposed Melbourne remand centre.
- 263 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What amount was spent on the Youth Accommodation Services Programme during 1979–80.
  - 2 Which projects received funding.
- 264 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 How many staff are employed in the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation.
  - 2 How many staff are employed in the office of Youth Affairs, and when this number was last increased.
  - 3 What is the nature of the staff positions in the Office of Youth Affairs.
- 265 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, who are the members of the Correctional Services Council and what are their occupations.
- 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.
- 267 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works what was the total value of contracts let in each of the past five years.
- 268 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works in each of the past three years, how many contracts were let costing more than \$500 000 and what were the projects.
- 269 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 How many staff were employed in each branch of the Victorian Railways at 30 June 1980.
  - 2 How many staff were employed on track maintenance.
  - 3 What amount was spent on track maintenance in each of the past three years.
- 270 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 Whether survey work on the proposed East Preston tramline has been completed.
  - 2 Whether construction will commence during 1980–81.
- 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.
- 272 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy:
- 1 What research into alternative fuels was undertaken by the Government during the past three years.
  - 2 Whether the Government is aware of any research into alternative fuels undertaken by other bodies in Victoria.
  - 3 Whether the Government keeps informed of developments in alternative fuels undertaken by other States or countries; if so, how.

- 273 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy how many oil drills were operating within Victoria as at 30 June 1980, and where they were located.
- 274 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what known reserves of oil exist in Victoria.
- 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.
- 276 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, what research into solar energy was undertaken by the Government during 1979–80.
- 277 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether the State Electricity Commission or the Gas and Fuel Corporation have been negotiating loans with interest at 18 per cent or more; if so, what is the reason for the high interest rates, and what are the details of the loans.
- 278 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 What ecological research with regard to the 21 endangered species has been undertaken by Government agencies, indicating the funding of this research, during each of the past three years.
  - 2 What financial or practical support has been given by the Government to non-government research in this field, during this period.
- 279 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of raids by the Drug Squad of the Victoria Police Force:
- 1 Whether a record is kept of the number of raids each year; if so, what was the number in each of the past four years.
  - 2 How many raids have been carried out within the Melton, Deer Park, Laverton and Werribee areas in each of the past four years.
  - 3 How many raids were carried out in the Melton, Deer Park, Laverton and Werribee areas, respectively, on 31 May and 1 June 1980, indicating the number of premises raided and the number of premises on which drugs were found.
  - 4 Whether raids carried out in the Melton area on 31 May and 1 June 1980 were carried out on the incorrect premises due to wrong addresses being given to the officers concerned; if so, whether any apology has been provided to the occupants; if not, why.
- 280 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, in respect of each reservoir on the Werribee River and its tributaries:
- 1 When the works were completed.
  - 2 What was the estimated capacity at completion.
  - 3 What is the present estimated capacity.
  - 4 What is the current estimated annual reduction in capacity due to—  
(a) siltation; and (b) any other factors.

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- 5 What was the estimated rate of siltation in each year since completion, indicating the effect on capacity.
- 6 What steps have been taken to reduce the rate of siltation.
- 281 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, in respect of electricity blackouts during the recent industrial dispute involving the State Electricity Commission of Victoria, what was the time and duration of each blackout on each day—(a) in the area of residence of the Chairman of the Commission; (b) in the area of residence of each officer of the State Electricity Commission responsible for deciding areas to be blacked-out; and (c) in each area used for black-out purposes within the electoral district of Werribee, indicating the reason for excluding any area from blackouts.
- 282 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether an insurance fund or similar fund is maintained in relation to the responsibilities of the Titles Office; if so—(a) what is its purpose; (b) who is the insurer; (c) what are the sources of contributions to the fund; and (d) by whose authority payments are made from the fund.
- 283 MR AMOS—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 Latrobe Valley indicating why no houses were purchased in that region when the Minister has acknowledged that it has an acute housing shortage.
  - 2 Whether the Latrobe Valley's housing shortage is very largely influenced by Government sponsored development; if so, whether the Commission will undertake spot purchases in that region during this current financial year.
- 284 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 What amount has been spent by the Youth Fund in each of the past five years.
  - 2 What have been the major projects in each of the past three years.
- 285 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation who are the members of the State Youth Council, and what are their occupations.
- 286 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 How many municipal recreation officers are employed by local government, and subsidized by the Department of Youth Sport and Recreation.
  - 2 Whether there has ever been a review of this scheme; if so, whether the results of the review are available to the public.
- 287 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what are the terms of reference for Professor Beasley's study into railway freight and whether the report has been completed.
- 288 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer, if he will ascertain and inform the House:
- 1 What are the seven major private sector projects involving new capital expenditure of over \$2 billion as mentioned on page 49 of his Budget Speech.

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- 2 What is the new capital expenditure for each project.
  - 3 How many persons are currently employed in the construction of each project.
  - 4 What is the estimated number of persons who will be employed in each project on completion.
  - 5 Whether any of these projects are not proceeding.
- 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.
- 290 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, how many Land Conservation Council final recommendations have been received, indicating in each case—(a) the study area; (b) when the recommendations were received; and (c) whether a decision has been made; if not, when a decision is expected.
- 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.
- 292 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, which technical schools have become co-educational since the publication of the Report of the Victorian Committee on Equal Opportunity in Schools in July 1977.
- 293 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 What total amount has been received from the Commonwealth Government via taxation receipts in each year since 1972–73.
  - 2 What proportion of total taxation receipts has been paid to Victoria in each such year.
- 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.
- 297 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, which technical schools went co-educational in 1980 and which schools are proposed to go co-educational in 1981.
- 298 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 How many technical schools are co-educational and how many are not co-educational.
  - 2 What is the reason for each of these schools not adopting a co-educational status.
- 299 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, with regard to each high school in the electoral district of Coburg, what was the special needs staffing component and migrant English staffing component in 1979, and what are the proposed figures for 1980.
- 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.
- 301 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 Since the age range of students at the Pentridge Prison Education Centre is between 17 and 63 years, why the Centre is deemed to be Primary School No. 4187.
  - 2 Whether the Centre is funded on the same basis as a primary school; if not, on what basis it is funded.
- 302 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 What are the 24 current major public sector projects which are each costing over \$5 million.
  - 2 How many persons are currently employed in the construction of each project.
  - 3 Whether any of these projects are not proceeding.
- 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.

- 304 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, in respect of a question without notice regarding closure of petrol service stations asked on 16 October 1979, whether any further consideration has been given to making adequate regulations to cover the safety and security of underground storage tanks, on the closure of any petrol service station, and providing protection for any councils concerned.
- 305 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether recent analyses of sediment taken from Cherry Lake, Altona, has shown traces of chemical 2, 4-D and 2, 4, 5-T; if so, whether the source of the chemical found has been ascertained and whether prosecutions are to be instigated.
- 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.
- 308 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry, in respect of industrial accidents at Smorgon Consolidated Industries of Somerville Road, Sunshine, whether officers of the Department of Labour and Industry have—(a) visited the plant; (b) made reports; and (c) recommended prosecutions; if so, what reports have been made, giving details of the injuries or fatalities and the circumstances in each case, including the date and the resultant actions.

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**QUESTIONS****Notices received on 10 September 1980**

- 309 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 What premises in Coburg are registered with the Industrial Hygiene Section to handle hazardous substances.
  - 2 When inspections are made of the plant at these premises.
  - 3 What were the results of the inspections made in the past two years, and what action has been necessary.
- 310 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services in each of the years 1970 to 1979 inclusive:
- 1 How many bookings were made for consorting.
  - 2 How many persons were actually charged with consorting.
  - 3 How many persons were convicted of consorting.
  - 4 What were the sentences of those convicted.
- 311 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether there are vacant positions in the Public Solicitor's professional/law clerk staff establishment at present; if so, how many positions are vacant and when they will be filled.
- 312 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing with regard to the 40 homes purchased from Vanvliet and Gardner (Vic.) Pty Ltd and subsequently sold by the Housing Commission:
- 1 Whether purchasers of such homes were in receipt of incomes in excess of the maximum amount stipulated by the Commission; if so, how many.
  - 2 How many of the purchasers had been on Commission waiting lists for periods shorter than one year, two years, and three years, respectively.
  - 3 What portion of the moneys required to finance the contract of sale of these homes for these buyers was provided by the Commonwealth under the provisions of the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement.
- 313 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 What was the total cost of the Board of Inquiry into certain land purchases by the Housing Commission and questions arising therefrom, indicating in particular, the cost in respect of—(a) fees paid to the Board; (b) fees paid to counsel assisting the Board and counsel engaged on behalf of any other person, indicating which person; (c) shorthand writers; (d) seconded secretarial, clerical or other staff; and (e) police or other investigators, indicating which investigators.
  - 2 Whether any calculation has been made of the salaries paid to officers of the Housing Commission, the Valuer-General's Office and any other State employee, respectively during the times spent by those persons

either at the Board of Inquiry or in preparation for the hearing; if so, what total sum was notionally incurred in respect of these wages and salaries.

- 314 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether there has been a reduction in the number of foot warmers provided in winter for the comfort of Geelong–Melbourne train commuters; if so, why.
- 315 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 How many females are licensed in Victoria as professional boxers.
  - 2 Whether a female boxer is permitted to compete against a male boxer.
- 316 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation what is the Totalizator Agency Board policy for providing sufficient operating windows open to overcome complaints of long waiting periods.
- 317 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry how many persons are currently employed by the Government under the Special Youth Employment Training Programme and how many are—  
(a) employed by each Government department or authority; and (b) training for each industry or skill category.
- 318 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of State Development, Decentralization and Tourism:
- 1 What is the mechanism and the regional framework used by the Department to monitor the impact on industry of economic factors such as internal trade flows, migration patterns, transport costs, and employment multipliers, and on what date this monitoring process commenced.
  - 2 Whether he will make available to the Leader of the Opposition any departmental surveys which have been completed in the past two years, assessing the impact of economic factors on Victorian industry.
- 319 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for State Development, Decentralization and Tourism how many industries which have received State Government assistance in the form of decentralization concessions, subsidies or loans in the past five years have—(a) closed down plant operations; (b) reduced employment size; or (c) consolidated in another location.
- 320 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many unemployed persons have used the Government transport concession facility from the time of commencement to date.
- 321 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 How many new homes were built by the Housing Commission during 1979–80.
  - 2 How many homes were bought by the Commission during 1979–80.
- 322 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Whether the proposed Corio police station is classified as an urgent project.
  - 2 What is the proposed police establishment strength for such station.
  - 3 When it is planned that the station will be opened for use.

- 323 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what are the proposed plans and time schedules for updating and duplication of the Melbourne–Geelong rail route.
- 324 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation whether the Totalizator Agency Board is obligated to verify that a telephone account subscriber is registered under his correct name and address; if not, why and whether consideration is being given to amending such situation.
- 325 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 What undeveloped areas of land in the Geelong area are at present held by the Housing Commission for the siting of Commission units.
  - 2 When it is envisaged that each such area will be developed and how many homes will be involved.
- 326 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation whether he will ascertain and advise how many licensed trainers operate and racehorses are trained on each licensed racecourse in Victoria.
- 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.
- 328 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 How many Totalizator Agency Board agencies were subject to holdups in each of the years 1975 to 1979 and in this year to date.
  - 2 What total sum of money was stolen from agencies in each of the above years.
- 329 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services how many police personnel were stationed in the Barwon Police District at June 1970, 1975 and 1980, respectively.
- 330 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What amount is to be spent on the Police Academy at Glen Waverley this financial year and what amounts have been spent to date.
  - 2 What amount is to be spent at the William Street administration complex this financial year and what amounts have been spent to date.
  - 3 What amount is to be spent on maintenance of police buildings this financial year and what amounts have been spent to date.
- 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.
- 332 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Which police stations are at present being renewed, re-built or renovated.
  - 2 Which police stations are planned or listed for renewal, re-building or renovations, giving the order of priority.
  - 3 What areas and location of land are available and reserved for these purposes.

- 333 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, how many paupers' funerals were provided for from departmental grants in the financial years 1975-76 to 1978-79, respectively and what estimated number will be provided for in 1980-81.
- 334 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What investigations are currently being made into expanding the Police Air Wing.
  - 2 What type of aircraft are being considered for purchase for the Air Wing.
  - 3 What recommendations have been made on the future development of the Air Wing by the Committee appointed for this purpose.
  - 4 When a decision will be announced regarding the future of this unit.
- 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.
- 338 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services how many children have been officially warned by an officer of the Victoria Police Force in preference to an appearance before the Children's Court, in the years 1976 to 1979, respectively, and in this year to date.
- 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.
- 341 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services in respect of random breath testing:
- 1 What reports are available to Honourable Members in respect of the success or otherwise of this operation in reducing the number of persons who drive after drinking alcohol.

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- 2 What effect it has had in reducing the number of fatal accidents and what reports are available to Honourable Members on this aspect.
- 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.
- 345 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What is the net growth rate in the actual strength of the Victoria Police Force in this year to date.
  - 2 What are the losses through retirement, ill-health, resignation and dismissal, respectively, and what has been the net gain.
- 346 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Whether arrangements have been finalized for accommodating the Police Mounted Branch as a result of the transfer of the existing premises in St Kilda Road to the Victorian Council of the Arts.
  - 2 Whether a decision has been made as to where the Branch will be located.
  - 3 When it is expected that the move from the present location will take place.
- 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.

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- 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.

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

- 1 How many motor vehicles have been stolen in each of the years from 1970 to date detailing cars, trucks and motor cycles.
- 2 How many vehicles in each category have been recovered in each of the years specified.

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 firearms (hand guns).
- 3 What review is made of the suitability of these agents to continue to be licensed to carry firearms.

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

- 1 How many applications for approval and authorization have been heard and granted under the *Listening Devices Act* 1969 in each of the years 1973 to 1979 inclusive and in this year to date.
- 2 How many approved authorizations for installing a listening device are still in effect, indicating how many devices are installed and in use by any member of the Victoria Police Force.
- 3 How many reports the Chief Commissioner of Police has submitted to the Minister in respect of each authorization of a device for the years 1977 to 1979, respectively and in this year to date.
- 4 Whether he will provide a copy of each report to the Member for Ascot Vale; if not, why.

- 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.
- 354 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What total amount has been spent on police recruitment in each of the past five financial years.
  - 2 What amount is proposed to be spent on police recruitment in this financial year.
- 355 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many police are used on point duties and/or assisting in directing traffic within the City of Melbourne, from Monday to Friday of each week.
  - 2 How many police are required for the same purposes for Saturday and Sunday of each week.
- 356 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What police stations were completed and ready for occupancy in the 1979–80 financial year.
  - 2 What police stations are expected to be completed and ready for occupancy in the 1980–81 financial year.
- 357 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether the Chief Commissioner of Police has made any submissions this year on behalf of the Victoria Police Force and the Victorian Government to the Commonwealth Government, seeking additional funds for police services; if so—(a) what was the basis of the submissions; and (b) what has been the response of the Commonwealth Government.
- 358 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many meetings have been held by the working party set up to inquire into alternative methods of funding of operational expenditure of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board and the Country Fire Authority.
  - 2 What alternative methods of funding are being examined.
  - 3 When recommendations are expected to be made and announced to the House.
- 359 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 What representations have been made to the Commonwealth Government regarding difficulties associated with the fixing of the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday on an "as decreed" basis rather than on a set day.
  - 2 What has been the response from the Commonwealth Government.

- 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.
- 361 **MR KIRKWOOD**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, whether the Minister will be prepared to review the greatly increased charges proposed to be made on Municipal Councils from 1 October 1980 for water supply tapping fees and further permit Councils an opportunity to present arguments for a realistic level of tapping fees.
- 362 **DR COGHILL**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education in respect of each Education Department region, what is the number of special developmental schools, indicating—(a) the number of each grade of such schools; (b) the number of students catered for at such schools; (c) the number of (i) principals; (ii) deputy principals; (iii) teachers; and (iv) assistants at such schools; and (d) any steps being taken to correct any imbalance between regions in the number of students catered for by each region.
- 363 **MR TREZISE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What are the dates for commencement and completion of the proposed North Shore rail overpass.
  - 2 What have been the average daily road and rail traffic figures over such point in the years 1965, 1970, 1975 and 1980, respectively.
  - 3 What are the reasons for the continued delay in the commencement of this overpass.
- 364 **MR TREZISE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing how many Housing Commission units within the jurisdiction of the Geelong areas office were occupied as at June 1978, 1979 and 1980, respectively, indicating the number occupied by tenants on rebate rents.
- 365 **MR TREZISE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation what venues of the three racing industries have lodged applications for approved capital works assistance in excess of \$10 000 for the financial years 1979–80 and 1980–81, indicating—(a) which applications were approved; and (b) what are the details of the respective works.
- 366 **MR TREZISE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What were the monthly totals of vehicle movements across the West Gate Bridge since its opening.
  - 2 What were the toll collections in each such period.
  - 3 How many accidents necessitating vehicles being towed away have occurred on the bridge since its opening.
- 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.

- 368 MR KIRKWOOD—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many vehicles are on the support strength of the Victoria Police Independent Patrol Group.
  - 2 How many police officers are currently working with the Independent Patrol Group.
  - 3 What evidence is available to show that the problem of trail bikes and mini bikes intrusion onto recreational reserves has increased.
  - 4 Whether any records have been kept by police or municipal councils of the cost of damage to surface reserves and young or old trees damaged as a result of trail bike activities.
  - 5 Whether it is proposed to increase staff levels in the Independent Patrol Group.
- 369 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, when sewerage and drainage services will be provided within the Laverton North industrial estate, indicating the reasons for any delay.
- 370 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in respect of the development of the Urban Land Council site at Truganina:
- 1 What progress has been made on proposals to sub-divide, develop and sell land.
  - 2 When an announcement on progress of the sub-division will be made.
- 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.
- 372 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the calculation of is the formula used, indicating the figure or loading for—(a) building maintenance and improvements; (b) grounds maintenance and improvements; (c) school administration; (d) materials and requisites; (e) libraries; (f) home economics; (g) maintenance of relocatable classrooms; (h) electricity costs; (i) pupil numbers; and (j) each other factor.
- 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

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- 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.
- 375 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry, in respect of each metropolitan and country district, what is the number of factories and shops in each category subject to inspection by the Department of Labour and Industry.
- 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.
- 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.
  - 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.
- 385 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether foreign fishing vessels permitted to fish in Australian waters off the Victorian coastline have been guaranteed supplies of distillate or other types of fuel; if so—(a) whether any limits will be placed upon that supply; and (b) what will be the basis of price per litre.
- 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.
- 387 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture whether the Government in close co-operation with the Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation and the Australian Agriculture Council arranged for a pilot carcass classification scheme at Countryside Meats, Donald; if so, what was the Government's financial contribution towards the scheme.
- 388 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what steps have been taken to ensure that books specified for use in association with school curriculums are retained as such for extended periods, thus enabling their use by students in successive years.
- 389 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 How many people are employed in the public relations field in each of the departments, instrumentalities, authorities and divisions under his control.
  - 2 What is the annual budget for public relations staff and programmes in each department, instrumentality, authority and division.
- 390 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for State Development Decentralization and Tourism:
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- 391 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
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- 392 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
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- 397 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
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- 399 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
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- 400 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry:
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- 401 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Consumer Affairs:
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- 402 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works:
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- 403 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Property and Services:
- 1 How many people are employed in the public relations field in each of the departments, instrumentalities, authorities and divisions under his control.
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- 404 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning:
- 1 How many people are employed in the public relations field in each of the departments, instrumentalities, authorities and divisions under his control.
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- 405 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health:
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- 409 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government:
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- 417 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 418 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Premier what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Department of the Premier or by any authority or agency under the control of the Department to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
- 419 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for State Development Decentralization and Tourism what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Department of State Development Decentralization and Tourism or by any authority or agency under the control of the Department to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
- 420 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Treasury or by any authority or agency under the control of the Department to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
- 421 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Ministry for Police and Emergency Services or by any authority or agency under the control of the Ministry to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
- 422 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Department of Minerals and Energy or by any authority or agency under the control of the Department to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
- 423 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Health Commission or by any authority or agency under the control of the Commission to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
- 424 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Ministry of Housing or by any authority or agency under the control of the

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- 427 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Department of Community Welfare Services or by any authority or agency under the control of the Department to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
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- 429 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Consumer Affairs what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs or by any authority or agency under the control of the Ministry to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
- 430 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Public Works Department or by any authority or agency under the control of the Department to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
- 431 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Property and Services what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Department of Property and Services or by any authority or agency under the control of the Department to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
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- 435 MR CAIN To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Education Department or by any authority or agency under the control of the Department to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
- 436 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Local Government Department or by any authority or agency under the control of the Department to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
- 437 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Ministry of Water Resources and Water Supply or by any authority or agency under the control of the Ministry to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
- 438 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Forests, what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Forests Commission or by any authority or agency under the control of the Commission to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
- 439 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Minister for Federal Affairs, what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Ministry for Federal Affairs or by any authority or agency under the control of the Ministry to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.

- 440 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Law Department or by any authority or agency under the control of the Department to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
- 441 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Ministry for Conservation or by any authority or agency under the control of the Ministry to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
- 442 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister of Lands, what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Department of Crown Lands and Survey or by any authority or agency under the control of the Department to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
- 443 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister of Soldier Settlement, what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Rural Finance Commission or by any authority or agency under the control of the Commission to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.

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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

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### QUESTIONS

#### Notices received on 9 September 1980

- 1 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.
- 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 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.
- 9 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he or the Health Commission is aware that mentally and physically handicapped young people are to have their work subsidy payments withdrawn by the Commonwealth Government; if so, whether representations have been made to the Commonwealth Government to have payments continued.
- 10 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the completed residential and short-term emergency care hostel in Echuca:
- 1 When it was ready for occupancy.
  - 2 What staff and other recurrent expenditures are required.
  - 3 When it is expected that staff will be made available.
- 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.
- 12 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the Barwon Pilot Project—(a) whether the programme of evaluation has yet been designed; if so, by whom and when it will start; (b) when the research component of the study will be commenced; (c) whether the researcher has been appointed and, if not, why; and (d) where the researcher will be based.
- 13 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of child maltreatment, what research the Health Commission is currently undertaking.

- 14 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the staffing of each hospital in the Mental Health Division:
- 1 What is the number of patient-care positions and other positions, respectively, specifying the classifications in each category.
  - 2 What is the number of patient-care positions and other positions which have been frozen since May 1978, specifying the type of position.
- 15 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether the Health Commission has yet completed its examination of the confidentiality of the records of the Hospital Benefits Association promised by the then Assistant Minister of Health on 9 December 1976; if so, what were the results of the investigation.
- 16 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Mental Retardation curriculum prepared in 1974 and mentioned on page 11 of the last report of the Mental Health Authority, whether the curriculum has yet been introduced; if not, why and when it will be introduced.
- 17 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received a submission from the Spina Bifida Association of Victoria concerning financial assistance towards travelling costs incurred by parents with children suffering from spina bifida; if so, whether any action is proposed to assist such parents, specifying what action is to be taken.
- 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.
- 20 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the hospital building programme, what works were carried out in the 1978–79 financial year, specifying the hospital, the work carried out, and the total expenditure.
- 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 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.
- 23 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Hospitals Superannuation Board:
- 1 Whether the Board specifies that insurance relevant to mortgages arranged by the Board must be taken out by the Board's insurers, Norwich Winterthur Insurance (Aust.) Ltd; if so, on what basis this company is given a monopoly in relation to such insurances, whether the Board receives any commercial or other considerations from the company in respect of such arrangement and, in that event, what are the details.
  - 2 Whether the Board has investigated if there are other firms which would be prepared to provide insurance, not necessarily on a monopoly basis at rates lower than the above company; if so, which firms have been investigated and with what result.
  - 3 Whether the Board is carrying out Government policy in relation to its arrangements with the company.
- 24 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Portsea site presently occupied by the Officers Training School and the Quarantine Station, whether the Health Commission has considered any plans for applying for the use of any of the facilities; if so, for what purpose.
- 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.
- 27 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the inquiry into hospital admissions and answered by the Minister on 30 August 1979:
- 1 Who is carrying out the inquiry.
  - 2 What, if any, are the terms of reference.

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- 3 When a report is expected.
  - 4 Whether any other action has been taken concerning this matter.
  - 5 Whether he has since studied the agreement between the Commonwealth and the State of Victoria on hospitals financing under which the determination as to which patients will be billed or not billed is set down.
- 28 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Yarrowonga Hospital:
- 1 Whether application has been made by the Hospital Board for the construction of a new outpatients block and theatre remodelling; if so, what was the Government's reply to the request.
  - 2 Whether the Committee was informed that \$50 000 would be available to spend on part of the project; if so, what were the conditions and when the funds will be available.
- 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.
- 32 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the decision to charge insured patients at eight community health centres:
- 1 What is the expected annual income at each centre, and whether the State grant to the centre will be reduced accordingly.
  - 2 What is the estimated cost of the additional clerical work involved in collecting the fee, whether any of the centres require additional staff to carry out this task, specifying which centres and specifying whether they will be given approval to employ additional staff if required or spend additional money on accountancy services or other services which are a consequence of the State's decision.
- 33 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Southern Peninsula Hospital:
- 1 Whether it is expected that funds will be made available this financial year to commence the carrying out of promises to extend and update the hospital; if so, what funds will be made available and for what purpose.
  - 2 When it is expected that building work promised by his predecessors will be finished.

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- 3 Whether funds spent on plans for a new hospital extension will now be of no use; if so, what was the cost of these plans, who paid for the plans, and whether any of those plans will be useable.
- 4 What works the hospital can expect to have carried out in the next five years.
- 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.
- 35 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he or the Health Commission is aware of allegations by Mr Derek Shaw, General Manager of the Hospital Benefits Association that the Association was defrauded of \$2 million a year by doctors, hospitals, and other health professionals abusing their accounts; if so, whether he has taken action against these persons and/or organizations and, if not, why.
- 36 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 When the Health Commission received an application for an increased maintenance subsidy for the Shire of Goulburn in respect of the Nagambie Senior Citizens Club.
  - 2 Whether funds will be made available and what is the reason for the delay in replying.
- 37 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Hospitals Minor Works Programme for the year 1979–80, whether he will provide the Member for Brunswick with a list of works agreed to for this financial year, specifying the total funds involved to complete each job and the amount allocated for 1979–80.
- 38 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the School Medical Service during 1979:
- 1 How many children were examined.
  - 2 In respect of the routine initial medical examination, how many children were—(a) examined; and (b) not examined.
  - 3 What specialist examinations were conducted.
  - 4 How many schools were visited by—(a) medical officers; (b) nursing staff; and (c) medical officers–nursing staff.
  - 5 What was the staffing establishment of the service and how many positions were filled in terms of full-time equivalents as at 1 December 1979.
- 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.
- 40 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 1439 answered by his predecessor on 1 November 1978, whether he can now indicate precisely when action will be taken to carry into effect

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the recommendations of Dr B. P. McCloskey submitted and adopted by the Commission of Public Health in April 1971 concerning the control of the sale and advertising of therapeutic goods and devices, and if no action is being taken, why.

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

- 1 In respect of services for the mentally retarded with particular reference to the outer eastern suburbs of Melbourne and the City of Knox, whether the "Blueprint for Future Development" approved by the Government and mentioned in a letter to the City of Knox, dated 18 January 1979 will be made available to the Member for Brunswick; if not, why.
- 2 What additional services have been able to be provided through the appointment of a Social Worker in the outer eastern region and when will "an acceleration of development" occur as suggested in a letter to the City of Knox on 11 April 1979 specifying what developments will be accelerated and when.

42 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether the Industrial Hygiene Section is currently undertaking a study of lead levels in the blood of Victorian children; if so—(a) when the study was commenced; (b) what is the basis of the study; (c) when it will be completed; and (d) whether a copy of the results will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.

43 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of each of the following hospitals: Mercy, Royal Children's, Royal Victorian Eye and Ear, Royal Women's, Alfred, Box Hill and District, Dandenong and District, Fairfield, Maroondah, Preston and Northcote Community, Prince Henry's, Queen Victoria, Royal Melbourne, Southern Memorial (Caulfield), St. George's, St. Vincent's, Western General, Williamstown, Caulfield, Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Gippsland, Hamilton, Mildura, Mooroopna, Wangaratta, Warrnambool, Ararat, Central Gippsland, Echuca, Frankston, Kyabram, Latrobe Valley, Stawell and Swan Hill:

- 1 What was the budget in 1978–79 specifying the amount from the Hospitals and Charities Fund.
- 2 What budget was approved for 1979–80.

44 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry, in respect of payments to doctors in public hospitals who charge fees to Motor Accidents Board beneficiaries—(a) what has been the sum charged in each of the past three years; and (b) whether he will lay on the table of the Library the file concerning negotiations with the Hospitals and Charities Commission and Health Commission concerning this matter.

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.

46 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of Forensic Psychiatric Services, and further to question No. 378 answered on 26 June 1979:

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- 1 Whether the Report of the Committee which met during 1978 is now available; if so, whether a copy of the Report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
  - 2 Whether the broader committee established by the Health Commission to look at the broad range of prison health services has finalised its report; if so—(a) when; (b) what is the membership of the committee to inquire into the entire range of prison health services; (c) whether it is still meeting; (d) how many meetings it has had to date; (e) what reports have been made to the Minister; (f) what are its deliberations; and (g) what action has been taken.
- 47 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the Early Childhood Development Programme advisory committees mentioned in the Report of the State Co-ordination Council of June, 1979:
- 1 How many such committees have been set up, specifying in which areas.
  - 2 What is the membership of each committee, indicating the organization, if any, represented by each member.
  - 3 Who is the chairman of each committee.
- 48 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he or the Health Commission estimated the Commonwealth's additional annual contribution under the Commonwealth-State cost-sharing arrangement where acute psychiatric hospitals and the acute area of psychiatric hospitals were included; if not, whether an estimate can be made and the information provided 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.
- 50 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 In respect of the Youth Guarantee Fund announced by him on 11 September 1979, whether the Victorian Employment Committee has completed its investigation; if so, whether a copy of the report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick; if not, when it will be completed and the report made available.
  - 2 When the Government proposes to finalize its attitude to the Youth Guarantee Fund and when he expects the Fund to commence operations.
- 51 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of drug offences:
- 1 How many offences were reported in each of the past three years, specifying the age and sex of persons charged and the type of drug involved.
  - 2 What is the current annual budget of the police unit responsible for dealing with drug offences.
  - 3 Whether there is any breakdown of drug offences in respect of city and country Victoria; if so, what are the details for the past three years.

- 52 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received a submission from the City of Essendon concerning a training course in public pool management and operation; if so—(a) what investigations have been carried out by the Health Commission in this area; (b) what action is being taken; and (c) when a decision will be announced.
- 53 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of kits currently being sold for pregnancy testing in the home:
- 1 Whether he or the Health Commission is aware of criticism by members of the medical profession of at least some of the products on the market.
  - 2 Whether the Commission has as yet analysed the various kits on sale in Victoria; if so, which kits, when and with what result in each case.
  - 3 Whether any action is proposed in relation to such tests; if not, why.
- 54 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation, in respect of public pool management and operation, whether he or the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation, have investigated the development of formal training courses in public pool management and operation; if so, what were the results of those investigations and what action is being taken to ensure that such courses are available.
- 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.
- 56 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation, in respect of the report on the teaching of swimming presented by him:
- 1 Whether it is expected that the recommendations will be put into effect; if so, when.
  - 2 Whether he has received representations concerning the training in swimming of children younger than that recommended by the panel; if so, what action is proposed to be taken concerning those submissions.
- 57 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Acquilla Ward area at the Bendigo Psychiatric Hospital:
- 1 Whether he has received reports of the inadequacies at the ward, particularly the lack of eating and toilet facilities.
  - 2 Whether plans have been prepared and works costed; if so, when and why no action was taken.
  - 3 Whether it is now expected that works will not commence until 1981 at the earliest.
- 58 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what is this State's involvement in the drugs of dependence monitoring system and whether the State has considered the extension of the system to include certain barbiturates; if so, whether there has been any approach by the Commonwealth to the State, or by the State to the Commonwealth, on this matter and, in that event, when, and with what result.

- 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.
- 60 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Western Region Health Centre, Footscray:
- 1 Whether the officers of the Health Commission informed reporters from the *Age* newspaper that an investigation was being carried out into the centre; if so—(a) which officer or officers; (b) when the statement was made; and (c) what was the basis of the statement.
  - 2 Whether an investigation was carried out; if so—(a) what were the terms of the investigation; (b) what results were received; (c) who was the officer of the Health Commission carrying out a working study of administrative procedures, and which administrative procedures are being studied; (d) when it is expected that a report of the study will be made available; and (e) whether it 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.
- 62 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, for the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 Whether the Minister or the Health Commission is aware of the claim made in the Senate on 2 April 1980 that collections of information which includes statistics on the incidences of birth defects are already in existence in Western Australia and Tasmania and that there are proposals to start similar collections in New South Wales and Queensland, and the fact that Victoria is specifically excluded.
  - 2 Whether he can advise whether such a statistical collection is currently being made in Victoria; if not, why, particularly in view of the various statements on this subject made by the former Health Minister.
- 63 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of accommodation for staff teachers at the Children's School Camp, Somers:
- 1 Whether he is aware that most of the accommodation is seriously inadequate and unfit for use.
  - 2 When it was first proposed that the accommodation be replaced, and why no action was taken.

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- 3 Whether this proposal for replacement has been the reason for the lack of any funds for maintenance services for the past four years.
  - 4 Whether funds can be made available for urgent immediate maintenance services, or whether it is proposed to proceed with the replacement as a matter of urgency and, if so, when it is expected that work will commence.
- 64 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of Glen Andrew Hudyma and his family:
- 1 Whether there had been any contacts with the family in May 1978 or between that date and April 1979 by any hospital or Health Commission agency; if so, what were the contacts and whether any related to injuries or possible danger to Glen.
  - 2 Whether the Minister will consider, together with his colleagues the Assistant Minister of Health and the Minister for Community Welfare Services, an inquiry into the relationship between the various helping agencies and the family up to his death at the Royal Children's Hospital on 6 April 1979; if not, why.
- 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.
- 67 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of hydrotherapy pools for rehabilitation purposes:
- 1 What is the Government's policy in relation to the construction of such pools, including financial assistance.
  - 2 Where hydrotherapy pools are located.
  - 3 What current requests for grants for hydrotherapy pools are before the Health Commission.
- 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.
- 69 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Commonwealth Government's \$15 per week Personal Care Subsidy, whether the Working Party to review the Special Accommodation Houses Regulations, considered this matter; if so, when and with what result.
- 70 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether, in respect of a number of members of the Hospitals Superannuation Fund retiring on ill-health grounds, he is aware that there has been a significant increase in retirements on ill-health grounds; if so—(a) what inquiries the Health Commission or the Hospitals Superannuation Board has carried out, indicating the reason for the increase; and (b) what action it is proposed to take on this matter.
- 71 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of occupational therapy services at the Box Hill and District Hospital:
- 1 Whether a request was submitted to the Hospitals and Charities Commission on 24 February 1977 to establish minimal occupational therapy services at the hospital; if so, what was the response.
  - 2 On what occasions the Health Commission or its predecessor has been approached on the establishment of such services, not necessarily on a minimum basis, and what has been the result of these approaches.
  - 3 Whether there is any other hospital of similar size in the State which does not have an occupational therapy department or services; if so, which hospitals.
- 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.
- 73 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received representations from the Mont Park Student Representative Council concerning the loss of examination papers for certain third year students working in psychiatric hospitals for their final examinations; if so, what were the reasons for the loss and what action is being taken to assist the students.
- 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.

- 76 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the membership of the Hospitals Superannuation Board, whether the Health Commission or he has received representations concerning Victorian Hospitals' Association representation on the Board; if so, what were the responses to the representations and whether he will now accede to the Association's request.
- 77 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware that a grant of \$50 000 a year for three years has been made to the Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Australia by the New South Wales Government; if so, whether the Victorian Government would be prepared to make a similar commitment; if not, why.
- 78 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether, in respect of community houses for the mentally retarded now operating in the Loddon Campaspe area, consideration has been given to the request for home help services; if so, what has been the result of those considerations and, if the proposal has been rejected, whether he will reconsider it.
- 79 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Eaglehawk Senior Citizens' clubrooms, whether the Health Commission has advised the Eaglehawk Council that should the Council proceed with the construction there can be no guarantee that funding would be subsequently provided by the Commonwealth; if so—(a) whether the Commission is aware of the need for the extensions and, in that event, where is the proposal on the Commission's priority list; and (b) whether he will reconsider the advice given to Council.
- 80 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether any first mortgage loans are available from the Home Finance Trust indicating—(a) the number on the waiting list; and (b) the date of the last first mortgage loan, indicating the amount and the interest charge.
- 81 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, with regard to recent and ongoing restructuring of the Ministry of Housing and consideration of further regionalization:
- 1 What reports have been prepared, and whether the reports will be made available.
  - 2 What new arrangements are proposed with regard to regional and district boundaries, functions, staffing levels and structure.
  - 3 What steps are being taken to determine the level and nature of housing needs on a regional basis.
- 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.
- 83 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what amount Victoria will receive this financial year under the current Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement indicating—(a) the amount paid into the Home Builders' Account for allocation to co-operative housing societies; (b) what additional funds have been available for distribution to societies in each of the past two financial years and the current financial year, specifying the source of such funds; (c) the distribution of these funds between the Melbourne and metropolitan area, urban, and country areas; (d) the interest rates at which the funds are provided, the amount, and at what interest rates

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they are advanced by societies to members, specifying—(i) the existing income level per week; and (ii) the average monthly repayments for both interest and principal.

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.

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

- 1 Who are the present members of the advisory council set up under the *Co-operation Act* 1958, indicating the—(a) date of appointment; and (b) term of appointment in each case.
- 2 What consultation takes place with the credit unions when replacements arise.
- 3 In each of the past three years, what payments have been made from the Credit Societies Reserve Fund, indicating—(a) the amount in each case; (b) the purpose of the payment; and (c) the steps being taken to remedy any losses.

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

- 1 Why funds allocated last financial year for co-operative housing were unspent, given that the numbers waiting for a loan have increased by 25 per cent in the past year.
- 2 What amount remained unspent in 1978–79, and what were the estimates of expenditure for co-operative housing, including the Home Finance Trust, for the financial year 1978–79.

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.
- 91 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts how many local government and regional library services, respectively, have cut back the level of their services last financial year, indicating in each case—(a) the library; (b) the reduction in the book vote from the previous year; (c) the reduction in staff in comparison with the previous year, indicating whether of a permanent or temporary nature; (d) any other services affected and the nature of these services; (e) the population served; (f) the amount contributed by local government, indicating any additional amount over last year; and (g) the funds allocated for each of the past three financial years, and in this year to date.
- 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

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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.

- 95 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts:
- 1 How many centres for performing arts have been built in Victoria, indicating—(a) where; (b) their capital cost and running expenses (including salaries of staff); and (c) their sources of income, including the Government contribution.
  - 2 How many centres for performing arts are—(a) currently being built; and (b) proposed to be built, indicating—(i) where; (ii) estimated costs; (iii) sources of those funds; (iv) estimated running expenses (including salaries of staff); and (v) the Government contribution in each case.
  - 3 What is the current commitment in Victoria of the Ministry for the Arts in relation to—(a) capital costs; and (b) running costs of all performing arts centres.
- 96 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether any Government bodies, teams or other personnel have investigated or are currently investigating the Teacher Housing Authority; if so, when these investigations were commenced, what is their nature, and whether any particular person or persons are being investigated.
- 97 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 Who is the Registrar for Permanent Building Societies and what are his qualifications.
  - 2 What is the staff establishment of the Registry indicating—(a) the qualifications and date of appointment of each officer; (b) the description of duties; (c) whether any requests for additional staff have been made; if so, when, and what staff was requested.
  - 3 How many Societies there are indicating—(a) the number which are active; and (b) the total amount invested and on loan.
- 98 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what is the name of each Victorian Government body with—(a) policy; and (b) administrative responsibility in the area of—(i) liquid fuel; and (ii) other energy matters, and what are the responsibilities in each case.
- 99 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what is the name of each Commonwealth Government body with—(a) policy; and (b) administrative responsibility in the area of—(i) liquid fuel; and (ii) other energy matters, which includes Victorian Government representation and what are the responsibilities in each case.
- 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.
- 102 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer on disadvantaged schools in the electoral district of Oakleigh which his predecessor gave to the Member for Footscray on 25 October 1977 in response to question No. 2583 and reported in *Hansard* at page 10763.
- 103 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what is the total amount at constant prices allocated for each category of major expenditure in each Education Department region in each year since regionalization was introduced, indicating in each year the percentage increase or decrease and any instances where the categories are not comparable from year to year.
- 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.
- 105 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of each Education Department region in the 1979–80 financial year, what was the—(a) additional student place requirement; (b) quality and shortfall aspects of existing school buildings; and (c) initial works plan from the Regional Priorities Review Committee.
- 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.
- 108 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer on the Commonwealth Government Urban Public Transport Improvement Programme which his predecessor gave the then Leader of the Opposition on 9 December 1976 in answer to question No. 623, reported in *Hansard* at page 5929.
- 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.
- 112 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of—  
(a) medical; (b) teaching; (c) social work; (d) occupational therapy; (e) physiotherapy; and (f) primary care staff at each centre for residential care of mentally handicapped people, what is the—(i) approved; and (ii) actual staff–patient ratio, indicating in each case the date when the approved ratio was established and the criteria which were used.
- 113 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of each proposed new subsidized special hospital or home for frail and aged people, what were or will be the dates for—(a) commencement; and (b) completion of—(i) planning; (ii) letting of tenders; and (iii) construction, indicating in each case the estimated cost of plans and construction and the number of additional beds.
- 114 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what further progress has been made concerning the phasing out of employment of prisoners to handle personal files at Pentridge Prison, since the answer given by his predecessor on 11 October 1977 in answer to question No. 497, reported in *Hansard* at page 10135.
- 115 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer about industries in Pentridge Prison which was given by his predecessor on 15 March 1978 in answer to question No. 9, reported in *Hansard* at page 343.
- 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.
- 117 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer about prisoners in H Division at Pentridge Prison which was given by his predecessor on 15 March 1978 in response to question No. 49, reported in *Hansard* at page 344.
- 118 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer about prison expenditures which was given by his predecessor on 4 April 1978 in answer to question No. 3, reported in *Hansard* at page 859.
- 119 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer on prisoners who have previously served sentences in youth training

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- centres which was given by his predecessor on 17 May 1978 in response to question No. 35 and reported in *Hansard* at page 3208.
- 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.
- 122 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what point has been reached in negotiations for the purchase of land at the north-east corner of Springvale and Ferntree Gully Roads as the site for a 24 hour police station and when an announcement can be expected.
- 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.
- 125 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry, in respect of the work of the Victorian Standing Committee on Youth Unemployment adopted in principle by the Youth Employment Sub-Committee of the Victorian Employment Committee as a basis for continuing investigations into youth employment issues, what was—(a) the substance of each recommendation made; and (b) the response of the Government in each case.
- 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.
- 127 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether the Draize Eye Test, which involves placing substances in the eyes of live rabbits to determine the extent of eyeball damage, is used in Victoria; if so, whether cosmetics and shampoos are substances involved.
- 128 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether the "lethal dose test" which involves forcing substances down the throats of live animals to determine the amount which will kill half of them, is used in Victoria; if so, whether products such as food colourings, household cleaners and toileterics are substances involved.

- 129 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture whether, in respect of the recent West German High Court decision that the keeping of hens in cages where they cannot fulfil their behavioural instincts is cruel and illegal, and the associated decision of the E.E.C. Council of Ministers to appoint a working party on proposals for phasing out of the battery hen system of egg production, these matters have been studied by the Department of Agriculture; if so, with what result.
- 130 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, how many experiments involving the use of animals were conducted in Victoria in the most recent year for which information is available, indicating the—  
(a) number; and (b) proportion carried out in—(i) tertiary education institutions; (ii) other education institutions; (iii) non-profit research institutions; (iv) commercial research institutions; and (v) other places as specified.
- 131 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, what is the name of each species of animal used for experimental purposes in Victoria in the most recent year for which information is available, indicating in each case the number of animals involved.
- 132 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the decision to replace the proposed 1000 bed Clayton-Burwood Queen Victoria Medical Centre with a proposed 310 bed centre at Clayton:
- 1 What was the—(a) date; and (b) substance of each consultation held with representatives of the Queen Victoria Medical Centre Committee of Management, indicating the—(i) names; and (ii) positions of the participants in each case.
  - 2 What attitude was taken by representatives of the Committee of Management in each case.
- 133 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the decision to replace the proposed 1000 bed Clayton-Burwood Queen Victoria Medical Centre with a proposed 310 bed centre at Clayton:
- 1 What was the nature of each survey or study undertaken in connection with the decision, indicating the name of the author, and the date on which the study was—(a) commissioned; (b) commenced; and (c) completed in each case.
  - 2 Whether copies of all such surveys will be made available to the Member for Oakleigh.
- 134 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the decision to replace the proposed 1000 bed Clayton-Burwood Queen Victoria Medical Centre with a proposed 310 bed centre at Clayton:
- 1 On what dates consultations about the original proposal were held with the former Hospitals and Health Services Commission, and what was the outcome in each case.
  - 2 What was the date of each assessment conducted by the Commission of the original proposal and what was the—(a) date; and (b) substance of each Commission report.
- 135 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the now proposed 310 bed Queen Victoria Medical Centre at Clayton, on what date it was decided that construction of the project should follow completion of the Austin Hospital, in addition to following the Alfred Hospital (Stage II.) as originally stated in connection with the Monash University proposal.

- 136 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 In respect of the proposal to erect an American Medical International investor-owned hospital on the Queen Victoria Memorial Medical Centre site in Clayton, what was the—(a) date; and (b) substance of the approach which had been made to American Medical International by the planning committee of the Queen Victoria Memorial Medical Centre, and referred to in answer to a question without notice reported on page 4807 of *Hansard* on 18 October 1978.
  - 2 On what date and by what means the Hospitals and Charities Commission acquired the full knowledge of the committee's actions and when the matter was referred to the Commission by the former Minister of Health.
  - 3 Who was assigned to carry out the Commission's feasibility study and on what date the study commenced.
  - 4 Whether any extensions of time for the study have been approved; if so, what was the reason and the period in each case.
- 137 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health who commissioned Pearce Thomas Consultants Pty Ltd to conduct a feasibility study of proposals for an American investor-owned private hospital on the Queen Victoria Memorial Medical Centre site at Clayton, indicating—(a) the qualifications and comparable commissions of the firm; (b) whether tenders were called; (c) the final cost and who paid; (d) the date of the contract; and (e) who received the report and on what date.
- 138 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what were the—(a) dates; (b) names of participants; and (c) matters discussed at each of the meetings between the Queen Victoria Medical Centre Planning Committee and the Monash University Faculty of Medicine to which his predecessor referred on 28 November 1978 in response to question No. 1368 and reported in *Hansard* at page 6518.
- 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

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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 substance of the claim; (b) the period from lodging of the claim to the *Local Government Act 1958*, indicating in each case—(a) the 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

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and whether this requirement was subsequently withdrawn after the owner of the property had sold the property to Howath Pty Ltd which 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.

- 145 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, whether any complaints against Kenrich Homes Pty Ltd, Kenrich Homes Victoria Pty Ltd, or Howath Pty Ltd have been made to the Police Station at Eltham or the Fraud Squad; if so—(a) by whom; (b) on what dates; and (c) with what results.
- 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

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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 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

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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 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.
- 157 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Consumer Affairs:
- 1 In respect of each building industry arbitration to which reference was made in the Report of the Consumer Affairs Council for the year 1972–73, what was the—(a) date; (b) arbitrator's name; (c) builder's name; (d) clients name; and (e) view formed by the Council.
  - 2 Whether he will provide comparable information for each subsequent year.
- 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

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*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.

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- 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*.
- 176 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Consumer Affairs:
- 1 Whether a Mr A. Blums of Hughes Street, Upwey has lodged complaints with the Consumer Affairs Council against—(a) a builder trading as D. E. and Y. M. Burridge; (b) the Housing Builders' Association Ltd; or (c) any member of the Victorian Chapter of the Institute of Arbitrators; if so—(i) on what date; (ii) on what terms; and (iii) with what result.
  - 2 Whether any arbitrator who is the subject of a complaint by Mr Blums has affiliations with any building industry organization; if so, what was the name of the organization and any official positions he holds or has held, indicating whether the case was one of those to which the Director of Consumer Affairs referred on 21 May 1979 in specifying that they were most unhappy with the way the arbitration had gone.
- 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, 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.
- 178 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry which elements of the major youth employment programme, formulated prior to the establishment of the Victorian Employment Committee by the Standing Committee on Youth Employment, have now been incorporated in Victorian Employment Committee projects.

- 179 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what is the name of each firm which has been engaged to provide intruder detection systems in schools, indicating in each case—(a) the period of the engagement; (b) the respective number, type and cost of the systems provided; and (c) any instances in which the systems provided failed to meet specifications or were otherwise unsatisfactory.
- 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

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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.
- 187 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Forests:
- 1 What are the procedures and instructions issued pursuant to the *Valuation of Land Act 1960* that the Forests Commission follows in obtaining a valuation from the Valuer-General's Office with regard to purchasing land subject to buy-back in the Dandenong Ranges when acting on behalf of or in conjunction with the Ministry for Conservation.
  - 2 How the valuation median and actual price paid median as determined by the Valuer-General each year since 1975 compares with the median for private sales in 1979 as determined by the Valuer-General's yearly statistics for the shires of Sherbrooke and Lillydale.
  - 3 Where an owner does not wish to sell at the price offered by the Commission, what procedures they are advised to follow to resolve the matter, indicating in how many cases in the shires of Sherbrooke and Lillydale this resulted in a substantial increase in price paid and specifying the average increase in the past three years.
  - 4 How prices paid for compulsory acquisition in the shires of Sherbrooke and Lillydale compare with those for willing sales, and what was the average additional cost incurred by the Commission in recompensing owners for expenses and solatium.
  - 5 Whether, in purchasing a one acre allotment identified as Lot 13 and 14 Mast Gully Road, Upwey, in May 1980—(a) the Commission compulsorily acquired the allotment and paid \$25 000 plus \$1000 owners' expenses plus \$1250 solatium; (b) the valuation was in accordance with the *Valuation of Land Act 1960* and, if not, why.
  - 6 Whether, in purchasing a ten acre allotment identified at Lot 35 Hughes Street, Upwey—(a) the Commission paid \$2800 per acre and various

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other sums; (b) the allotment was compulsorily acquired or negotiated; and (c) the valuation was in accordance with the *Valuation of Land Act* 1960 and, if not, why.

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.

190 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether the report of the Ombudsman on two defective homes built by Daffey and Johnson Pty Ltd at Peters Road and Leslie Road, Gisborne, has been acted upon by the relevant departments; if so, with what results.

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

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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.

193 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing on what dates since October 1974 the Housing Commission has bought houses from Vanvliet and Gardner (Vic.) Pty Ltd, indicating in each case—(a) the location; (b) the number; (c) the price; and (d) any instances of rectification being required.

194 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry further to question No. 2209 asked on 2 April 1980 relating to Smorgon Consolidated Industries of Somerville Road, Sunshine:

- 1 Whether a survey has revealed a number of items relating to unguarded machinery and unsafe working conditions needing attention; if so—
  - (a) how many items were listed for action and what action was indicated as necessary in each case; (b) whether the survey is complete; and (c) which items still require attention.
- 2 Whether officers of the Department of Labour and Industry have attended plants operated by Smorgon Consolidated Industries since December 1979; if so—(a) which officers; (b) on which days; and (c) for what purposes and with what results.
- 3 Whether officers of the Department are able to compile lists of fatal accidents, accidents involving serious injuries and lost time, and accidents of a relatively minor nature, respectively; if so, what those lists have revealed and what was the cause, machinery involved, the age and length of service of the employee and any other relevant material necessary to give a picture of the type of accident, nature of injury, and type of machinery involved in each case.
- 4 What current activity is taking place in rectifying safety hazards at these plants and when it is expected that remaining safety hazards will be rectified.

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.

196 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture whether it is the intention of the Government to set up a Negotiating Committee or Industry Tribunal to periodically arbitrate on price fixing arrangements for potatoes supplied to the potato processing industry; if so, what type of tribunal will be catering for the industry and what will be the membership of the tribunal.

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

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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.

- 198 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture whether a Victorian based company, Food Handling Constructions Pty Ltd of Surrey Hills, Victoria, designed and constructed a cold storage complex at Dubai; if so, whether the Government entered into negotiations at Commonwealth level for Victoria/Australia to utilize the cold stores for Australian meat products and, in that event, what were the results of the negotiations and whether it is possible to utilize the design and experience of the Victorian based company to assist promoting frozen meat exports to Middle East countries.
- 199 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 Whether the Minister has received complaints concerning the installation of four radar reflectors in the San Remo channel.
  - 2 Whether the only equipment causing obstructions in the channel are lights and posts at Sally Reef, Two Starboard Buoys, and Armstrong Beacon, which are subject to vandalism.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 202 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether he will make available to the Member for Footscray a copy of the submission prepared by the Technical Schools Division in respect of the staffing needs of technical schools and colleges in 1979.
- 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.
- 205 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, with regard to Mitcham high school:
- 1 What is the actual number of staff currently appointed to the school.
  - 2 What was the staffing establishment in 1978 and 1979 and what is the establishment this year.
  - 3 What is the effect of the reduced staffing level on the music programme at the school.
  - 4 What subjects were curtailed in 1979 and 1980 as a result of staff reductions.
- 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

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to specific remedial teaching duties in—(i) reading; (ii) mathematics; and (iii) written expression in each case.

- 208 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 Westernport:
- 1 What is the staffing establishment, and what is the actual number of staff.
  - 2 What is the present enrolment.
  - 3 What is the projected enrolment for each of the next two years.
  - 4 Which schools have portable classrooms, indicating the number at each school.
  - 5 Which schools qualify for an art/craft room and library, and which schools have these facilities.
  - 6 Which schools have specialist art/craft, physical education (male and female), music and remedial teachers, respectively.
- 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.
- 212 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education how many instrumental music teachers were provided at Blackburn high school, the designated special music high school for the Knox region, for each of the years 1977, 1978 and 1979, respectively, and how many are being provided in 1980.
- 213 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in relation to the Leongatha primary school:
- 1 What is the present enrolment.
  - 2 How many classrooms are provided at the school and, of these, how many are designated as temporary.

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- 3 When an art/craft centre will be provided.
  - 4 When a library will be provided.
  - 5 When the new toilet block will be provided.
  - 6 When the administration and staff areas will be upgraded.
- 214 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in relation to the Schools' Work Experience Programme, what funds have been provided by the Education Department to allow the employment of students involved in the programme in Education Department schools and other centres in the years 1977-78, 1978-79 and 1979-80, respectively.
- 215 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what progress has been made in the provision of the co-educational facilities at Leongatha technical school.
- 216 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education when it is expected that the following works will be undertaken at Heathmont East primary school: (a) administration upgrade; (b) storage space extension; (c) withdrawal areas for remedial work; and (d) staff-room upgrading, particularly bearing in mind that the plans for these works were completed in 1977.
- 217 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education when it is expected that the following works will be undertaken at the Bell Post Hill primary school: (a) art/craft centre; (b) multi-purpose room; (c) administration upgrade; (d) canteen; (e) library extensions; and (f) improved staff facilities, particularly bearing in mind that plans for these works were completed in December 1977.
- 218 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether the Minister has received a submission from the Grovedale West primary school regarding the special staffing needs of the school; if so, what has been the response to date.
- 219 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, with regard to the Surrey Hills primary school:
- 1 What is the present student enrolment.
  - 2 How many students at the school are of migrant origin requiring specialist English tuition.
  - 3 How many Migrant English teachers are provided at the school.
- 220 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received a request for financial assistance from the Footscray "Grow" group; if so, what help can be given to assist this organization in its important work.
- 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.
- 222 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what is the reason for the delay in the provision of a covered way between

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the relocatable classroom units and the main school building and toilets at Greenbrook primary school and when it is expected that this necessary facility will be provided.

- 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 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.
- 226 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what is the reason for the delay in the relocation of the Crib Point primary school from their present inadequate site to Crown land fronting Milne Street, Crib Point.
- 227 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 What was the total outlay of funds by the Education Department in the area of Child Migrant Education in each of the years 1977 to 1979 inclusive.
  - 2 What is the planned allocation of funds in 1980.
  - 3 In respect of the above-mentioned funds what amounts came from Commonwealth sources.
  - 4 For each of the years 1977 to 1979 inclusive, what amount of money was expended on the Child Migrant Education Programme for—  
(a) salaries of staff employed in government schools teaching English as a second language in the classroom; (b) rent of the Myer House offices used by the Child Migrant Education Office; (c) salaries of administrators working within the offices; (d) salaries of—(i) consultants in English as a second language; and (ii) ethnic consultants; and (e) the development of curriculum materials in—(i) English as a second language; and (ii) other areas of education for a multi-cultural society.

- 228 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 What is the increase in funding by the Commonwealth as a result of the Galbally Report on the Child Migrant Education Programme for the years 1979, 1980 and 1981.
  - 2 What is the increase in funding by the Commonwealth in the fields of multi-cultural education for the years 1979, 1980 and 1981.
  - 3 With respect to this increase in expenditure, what amount has been spent in the year 1979, and will be spent in the years 1980 and 1981 for—(a) salaries of staff employed in government schools teaching English as a second language in the classroom; (b) rent of the Myer House Offices used by Child Migrant Education; (c) salaries of administrators working within the Child Migrant Education Office; (d) salaries of consultants in English as a second language and ethnic consultants; (e) the development of curriculum materials in English as a second language; and (f) any other specific area.
  - 4 With respect to the increase for the years 1979, 1980 and 1981, what have been and what will be the specific areas of projects that funds of the Galbally Multi-cultural Education have been or will be expended.
- 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.
- 231 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, when it is expected that additional—(a) maths/science; and (b) humanities, teachers will be appointed to Wonthaggi technical school, in order to fill the acknowledged vacancies in these areas and in order to allow the school to maintain and develop a balanced curriculum.

- 232 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what additional staff will be appointed to the Templestowe technical school in order to allow the school to sustain adequate literacy and numeracy programmes.
- 233 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 providing a replacement vehicle for the Rosedale Mobile Area Resource Centre and what steps will be taken to ensure that in future a replacement vehicle is available when required.
- 234 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 providing the promised capital grant for a mobile multi-cultural parent information service.
- 235 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in relation to the proposed Delacombe primary school:
- 1 When plans were first completed for this school and what was the estimated cost.
  - 2 Why these plans have now been dispensed with.
  - 3 What funds are now available for this school.
  - 4 What facilities included in the original plans will not now be provided.
  - 5 When it is now expected that this school will be ready for occupation.
- 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.
- 237 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what progress has been made in the establishment of intensive language centres for each region and what submissions have been received from each of the relevant regional committees on these projects.
- 238 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, why the services of a clerical assistant have been withdrawn from Camp Hill primary school and when it is expected that this essential service will be resumed.
- 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.
- 242 **MR FORDHAM**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what is the basis of the decision to allow pupils in the Yallock primary school zone to travel by subsidized bus to the Bayles and the Koo-Wee-Rup primary schools rather than attend the Yallock primary school.
- 243 **MR FORDHAM**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, how many teachers applied for and were granted, respectively, full-time and part-time study leave for 1980 in respect of each of the teaching divisions of the Education Department and what were the criteria used in granting applications for such leave.
- 244 **MR FORDHAM**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What was the number of primary, secondary and technical studentships and scholarships awarded each year from 1965 to 1980.
  - 2 Of the above total primary, secondary and technical studentships, respectively, what was the number—(a) who have successfully completed their course, indicating the number—(i) who have fulfilled their bond obligations; (ii) who still are fulfilling their bond obligations; (iii) who are currently repaying an agreed amount; (iv) who are currently negotiating the repayment of their bond obligations; (v) whose obligations have been waived or reduced, either for the studentship holder or guarantor only; (vi) in other categories; (b) who are still undertaking their course; (c) who are no longer persisting with their course, indicating the number—(i) who have no obligation to repay; (ii) currently negotiating an agreed repayment; (iii) whose obligations have been waived or reduced, either for the studentship holder or guarantor only; (iv) of others considered to have an obligation to repay; (v) currently suspended, together with other possible categories.
- 245 **MR FORDHAM**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 In each year since 1965, how many times legal proceedings have been initiated against studentship holders and guarantors, respectively, indicating in how many instances these proceedings have reached the courts and what was the outcome.
  - 2 What are the normal procedures for following up former teachers and studentship holders who fail to fulfil their obligations.
  - 3 What factors are taken into account in assessing whether financial liability should be waived or reduced.
  - 4 What kinds of service are seen at suitable for fulfilling the terms of the studentship agreement.
  - 5 What is the range of assessed level of obligation at the time of first assessment and what is the range of weekly repayments required.
- 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.

- 247 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 In each of the past three years how many parents received the maintenance allowance.
  - 2 How many applicants were refused the allowance.
- 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.
- 252 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 When the proposed road widening in Bell Street, Coburg will be carried out.
  - 2 Over how many properties in Bell Street, Coburg a reservation is held.
- 253 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What is the estimated cost of establishing automatic signalling on the Upfield railway line.
  - 2 Whether provision of this equipment has been considered; if not, why.
- 254 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What is the estimated cost of establishing automatic signalling on the Lalor railway line.
  - 2 Whether provision of this equipment has been considered; if not, why.
- 255 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What are the terms of reference for the study by Pak-Poy and Associates Pty Ltd for the Metropolitan Transportation Committee.
  - 2 When this study will be completed.
- 256 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What reservations on land in the municipalities of Coburg and Broadmeadows respectively are held by the Country Roads Board, indicating the land in each case.
  - 2 Whether the Board intends to release any of these reservations.
- 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.

- 258 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether there are any procedures available by which the Government or any of its agencies may authorize telephone tapping; if so, how many authorizations were obtained in each year since 1970.
- 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.
- 260 MR WILTON—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What was the final cost of constructing the Altona–Somerton pipeline.
  - 2 What amount of the cost was born by VicRail.
  - 3 Whether a share of the cost by VicRail was provided from loan funds; if so, what rate of interest is being applied.
- 261 MR WILTON—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether a participant's and operating agreement has been executed between VicRail, Ezzo Australia Ltd, Mobil Oil Australia Ltd and the Shell Company of Australia Ltd for the operations of the Altona–Somerton oil pipeline; if so, whether he will make available a copy of the agreement to the Member for Broadmeadows.
- 262 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what amount has been spent in recent years on the planning and construction of the proposed Melbourne remand centre.
- 263 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What amount was spent on the Youth Accommodation Services Programme during 1979–80.
  - 2 Which projects received funding.
- 264 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 How many staff are employed in the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation.
  - 2 How many staff are employed in the office of Youth Affairs, and when this number was last increased.
  - 3 What is the nature of the staff positions in the office of Youth Affairs.
- 265 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services who are the members of the Correctional Services Council and what are their occupations.
- 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.
- 267 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works what was the total value of contracts let in each of the past five years.
- 268 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works in each of the past three years, how many contracts were let costing more than \$500 000 and what were the projects.
- 269 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 How many staff were employed in each branch of the Victorian Railways at 30 June 1980.

- 2 How many staff were employed on track maintenance.
- 3 What amount was spent on track maintenance in each of the past three years.
- 270 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 Whether survey work on the proposed East Preston tramline has been completed.
  - 2 Whether construction will commence during 1980–81.
- 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.
- 272 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy:
- 1 What research into alternative fuels was undertaken by the Government during the past three years.
  - 2 Whether the Government is aware of any research into alternative fuels undertaken by other bodies in Victoria.
  - 3 Whether the Government keeps informed of developments in alternative fuels undertaken by other States or countries; if so, how.
- 273 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy how many oil drills were operating within Victoria as at 30 June 1980, and where they were located.
- 274 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what known reserves of oil exist in Victoria.
- 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.
- 276 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what research into solar energy was undertaken by the Government during 1979–80.
- 277 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether the State Electricity Commission or the Gas and Fuel Corporation have been negotiating loans with interest at 18 per cent or more; if so, what is the reason for the high interest rates, and what are the details of the loans.
- 278 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 What ecological research with regard to the 21 endangered species has been undertaken by Government agencies, indicating the funding of this research, during each of the past three years.
  - 2 What financial or practical support has been given by the Government to non-government research in this field, during this period.
- 279 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of raids by the Drug Squad of the Victoria Police Force:
- 1 Whether a record is kept of the number of raids each year; if so, what was the number in each of the past four years.
  - 2 How many raids have been carried out within the Melton, Deer Park, Laverton and Werribee areas in each of the past four years.

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- 3 How many raids were carried out in the Melton, Deer Park, Laverton and Werribee areas, respectively, on 31 May and 1 June 1980, indicating the number of premises raided and the number of premises on which drugs were found.
- 4 Whether raids carried out in the Melton area on 31 May and 1 June 1980 were carried out on the incorrect premises due to wrong addresses being given to the officers concerned; if so, whether any apology has been provided to the occupants; if not, why.
- 280 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, in respect of each reservoir on the Werribee River and its tributories:
- 1 When the works were completed.
  - 2 What was the estimated capacity at completion.
  - 3 What is the present estimated capacity.
  - 4 What is the current estimated annual reduction in capacity due to—  
(a) siltation; and (b) any other factors.
  - 5 What was the estimated rate of siltation in each year since completion, indicating the effect on capacity.
  - 6 What steps have been taken to reduce the rate of siltation.
- 281 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy in respect of electricity blackouts during the recent industrial dispute involving the State Electricity Commission of Victoria, what was the time and duration of each blackout on each day—(a) in the area of residence of the Chairman of the Commission; (b) in the area of residence of each officer of the State Electricity Commission responsible for deciding areas to be blacked-out; and (c) in each area used for black-out purposes within the electoral district of Werribee, indicating the reason for excluding any area from blackouts.
- 282 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether an insurance fund or similar fund is maintained in relation to the responsibilities of the Titles Office; if so—(a) what is its purpose; (b) who is the insurer; (c) what are the sources of contributions to the fund; and (d) by whose authority payments are made from the fund.
- 283 MR AMOS—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 Latrobe Valley indicating why no houses were purchased in that region when the Minister has acknowledged that it has an acute housing shortage.
  - 2 Whether the Latrobe Valley's housing shortage is very largely influenced by Government sponsored development; if so, whether the Commission will undertake spot purchases in that region during this current financial year.
- 284 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 What amount has been spent by the Youth Fund in each of the past five years.
  - 2 What have been the major projects in each of the past three years.

- 285 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation who are the members of the State Youth Council, and what are their occupations.
- 286 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 How many municipal recreation officers are employed by local government, and subsidized by the Department of Youth Sport and Recreation.
  - 2 Whether there has ever been a review of this scheme; if so, whether the results of the review are available to the public.
- 287 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what are the terms of reference for Professor Beasley's study into railway freight and whether the report has been completed.
- 288 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer, if he will ascertain and inform the House:
- 1 What are the seven major private sector projects involving new capital expenditure of over \$2 billion as mentioned on page 49 of his Budget Speech.
  - 2 What is the new capital expenditure for each project.
  - 3 How many persons are currently employed in the construction of each project.
  - 4 What is the estimated number of persons who will be employed in each project on completion.
  - 5 Whether any of these projects are not proceeding.
- 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.
- 290 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, how many Land Conservation Council final recommendations have been received, indicating in each case—(a) the study area; (b) when the recommendations were received; and (c) whether a decision has been made; if not, when a decision is expected.
- 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.
- 292 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, which technical schools have become co-educational since the publication of the Report of the Victorian Committee on Equal Opportunity in Schools in July 1977.

- 293 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 What total amount has been received from the Commonwealth Government via taxation receipts in each year since 1972–73.
  - 2 What proportion of total taxation receipts has been paid to Victoria in each such year.
- 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.
- 297 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, which technical schools went co-educational in 1980 and which schools are proposed to go co-educational in 1981.
- 298 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 How many technical schools are co-educational and how many are not co-educational.
  - 2 What is the reason for each of these schools not adopting a co-educational status.
- 299 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, with regard to each high school in the electoral district of Coburg, what was the special needs staffing component and migrant English staffing component in 1979, and what are the proposed figures for 1980.
- 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.
- 301 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 Since the age range of students at the Pentridge Prison Education Centre is between 17 and 63 years, why the Centre is deemed to be Primary School No. 4187.
  - 2 Whether the Centre is funded on the same basis as a primary school; if not, on what basis it is funded.

- 302 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 What are the 24 current major public sector projects which are each costing over \$5 million.
  - 2 How many persons are currently employed in the construction of each project.
  - 3 Whether any of these projects are not proceeding.
- 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.
- 304 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, in respect of a question without notice regarding closure of petrol service stations asked on 16 October 1979, whether any further consideration has been given to making adequate regulations to cover the safety and security of underground storage tanks, on the closure of any petrol service station, and providing protection for any councils concerned.
- 305 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether recent analyses of sediment taken from Cherry Lake, Altona, has shown traces of chemical 2, 4-D and 2, 4, 5-T; if so, whether the source of the chemical found has been ascertained and whether prosecutions are to be instigated.
- 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.

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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.

308 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry, in respect of industrial accidents at Smorgon Consolidated Industries of Somerville Road, Sunshine, whether officers of the Department of Labour and Industry have—(a) visited the plant; (b) made reports; and (c) recommended prosecutions; if so, what reports have been made, giving details of the injuries or fatalities and the circumstances in each case, including the date and the resultant actions.

**Notices received on 10 September 1980**

- 309 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 What premises in Coburg are registered with the Industrial Hygiene Section to handle hazardous substances.
  - 2 When inspections are made of the plant at these premises.
  - 3 What were the results of the inspections made in the past two years, and what action has been necessary.
- 310 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in each of the years 1970 to 1979 inclusive:
- 1 How many bookings were made for consorting.
  - 2 How many persons were actually charged with consorting.
  - 3 How many persons were convicted of consorting.
  - 4 What were the sentences of those convicted.
- 311 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether there are vacant positions in the Public Solicitor's professional/law clerk staff establishment at present; if so, how many positions are vacant and when they will be filled.
- 312 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, with regard to the 40 homes purchased from Vanvliet and Gardner (Vic.) Pty Ltd and subsequently sold by the Housing Commission:
- 1 Whether purchasers of such homes were in receipt of incomes in excess of the maximum amount stipulated by the Commission; if so, how many.
  - 2 How many of the purchasers had been on Commission waiting lists for periods shorter than one year, two years, and three years, respectively.
  - 3 What portion of the moneys required to finance the contract of sale of these homes for these buyers was provided by the Commonwealth under the provisions of the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement.
- 313 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 What was the total cost of the Board of Inquiry into certain land purchases by the Housing Commission and questions arising therefrom, indicating in particular, the cost in respect of—(a) fees paid to the Board; (b) fees paid to counsel assisting the Board and counsel engaged on behalf of any other person, indicating which person; (c) shorthand writers; (d) seconded secretarial, clerical or other staff; and (e) police or other investigators, indicating which investigators.
  - 2 Whether any calculation has been made of the salaries paid to officers of the Housing Commission, the Valuer-General's Office and any other State employee, respectively during the times spent by those persons

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either at the Board of Inquiry or in preparation for the hearing; if so, what total sum was notionally incurred in respect of these wages and salaries.

- 314 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether there has been a reduction in the number of foot warmers provided in winter for the comfort of Geelong–Melbourne train commuters; if so, why.
- 315 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 How many females are licensed in Victoria as professional boxers.
  - 2 Whether a female boxer is permitted to compete against a male boxer.
- 316 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation what is the Totalizator Agency Board policy for providing sufficient operating windows open to overcome complaints of long waiting periods.
- 317 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry how many persons are currently employed by the Government under the Special Youth Employment Training Programme and how many are—  
(a) employed by each Government department or authority; and (b) training for each industry or skill category.
- 318 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of State Development, Decentralization and Tourism:
- 1 What is the mechanism and the regional framework used by the Department to monitor the impact on industry of economic factors such as internal trade flows, migration patterns, transport costs, and employment multipliers, and on what date this monitoring process commenced.
  - 2 Whether he will make available to the Leader of the Opposition any departmental surveys which have been completed in the past two years, assessing the impact of economic factors on Victorian industry.
- 319 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for State Development, Decentralization and Tourism how many industries which have received State Government assistance in the form of decentralization concessions, subsidies or loans in the past five years have—(a) closed down plant operations; (b) reduced employment size; or (c) consolidated in another location.
- 320 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many unemployed persons have used the Government transport concession facility from the time of commencement to date.
- 321 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 How many new homes were built by the Housing Commission during 1979–80.
  - 2 How many homes were bought by the Commission during 1979–80.
- 322 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Whether the proposed Corio police station is classified as an urgent project.
  - 2 What is the proposed police establishment strength for such station.
  - 3 When it is planned that the station will be opened for use.

- 323 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what are the proposed plans and time schedules for updating and duplication of the Melbourne–Geelong rail route.
- 324 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation whether the Totalizator Agency Board is obligated to verify that a telephone account subscriber is registered under his correct name and address; if not, why and whether consideration is being given to amending such situation.
- 325 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 What undeveloped areas of land in the Geelong area are at present held by the Housing Commission for the siting of Commission units.
  - 2 When it is envisaged that each such area will be developed and how many homes will be involved.
- 326 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation whether he will ascertain and advise how many licensed trainers operate and racehorses are trained on each licensed racecourse in Victoria.
- 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.
- 328 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 How many Totalizator Agency Board agencies were subject to holdups in each of the years 1975 to 1979 and in this year to date.
  - 2 What total sum of money was stolen from agencies in each of the above years.
- 329 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services how many police personnel were stationed in the Barwon Police District at June 1970, 1975 and 1980, respectively.
- 330 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What amount is to be spent on the Police Academy at Glen Waverley this financial year and what amounts have been spent to date.
  - 2 What amount is to be spent at the William Street administration complex this financial year and what amounts have been spent to date.
  - 3 What amount is to be spent on maintenance of police buildings this financial year and what amounts have been spent to date.
- 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.
- 332 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Which police stations are at present being renewed, re-built or renovated.
  - 2 Which police stations are planned or listed for renewal, re-building or renovations, giving the order of priority.
  - 3 What areas and location of land are available and reserved for these purposes.

- 333 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, how many paupers' funerals were provided for from departmental grants in the financial years 1975-76 to 1978-79, respectively and what estimated number will be provided for in 1980-81.
- 334 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What investigations are currently being made into expanding the Police Air Wing.
  - 2 What type of aircraft are being considered for purchase for the Air Wing.
  - 3 What recommendations have been made on the future development of the Air Wing by the Committee appointed for this purpose.
  - 4 When a decision will be announced regarding the future of this unit.
- 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.
- 338 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services how many children have been officially warned by an officer of the Victoria Police Force in preference to an appearance before the Children's Court, in the years 1976 to 1979, respectively, and in this year to date.
- 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.
- 341 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services in respect of random breath testing:
- 1 What reports are available to Honourable Members in respect of the success or otherwise of this operation in reducing the number of persons who drive after drinking alcohol.

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- 2 What effect it has had in reducing the number of fatal accidents and what reports are available to Honourable Members on this aspect.
- 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.
- 345 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What is the net growth rate in the actual strength of the Victoria Police Force in this year to date.
  - 2 What are the losses through retirement, ill-health, resignation and dismissal, respectively, and what has been the net gain.
- 346 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Whether arrangements have been finalized for accommodating the Police Mounted Branch as a result of the transfer of the existing premises in St Kilda Road to the Victorian Council of the Arts.
  - 2 Whether a decision has been made as to where the Branch will be located.
  - 3 When it is expected that the move from the present location will take place.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 349 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many motor vehicles have been stolen in each of the years from 1970 to date detailing cars, trucks and motor cycles.
  - 2 How many vehicles in each category have been recovered in each of the years specified.
- 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.
- 352 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many applications for approval and authorization have been heard and granted under the *Listening Devices Act* 1969 in each of the years 1973 to 1979 inclusive and in this year to date.
  - 2 How many approved authorizations for installing a listening device are still in effect, indicating how many devices are installed and in use by any member of the Victoria Police Force.
  - 3 How many reports the Chief Commissioner of Police has submitted to the Minister in respect of each authorization of a device for the years 1977 to 1979, respectively and in this year to date.
  - 4 Whether he will provide a copy of each report to the Member for Ascot Vale; if not, why.
- 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.

- 354 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What total amount has been spent on police recruitment in each of the past five financial years.
  - 2 What amount is proposed to be spent on police recruitment in this financial year.
- 355 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many police are used on point duties and/or assisting in directing traffic within the City of Melbourne, from Monday to Friday of each week.
  - 2 How many police are required for the same purposes for Saturday and Sunday of each week.
- 356 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What police stations were completed and ready for occupancy in the 1979–80 financial year.
  - 2 What police stations are expected to be completed and ready for occupancy in the 1980–81 financial year.
- 357 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether the Chief Commissioner of Police has made any submissions this year on behalf of the Victoria Police Force and the Victorian Government to the Commonwealth Government, seeking additional funds for police services; if so—(a) what was the basis of the submissions; and (b) what has been the response of the Commonwealth Government.
- 358 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many meetings have been held by the working party set up to inquire into alternative methods of funding of operational expenditure of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board and the Country Fire Authority.
  - 2 What alternative methods of funding are being examined.
  - 3 When recommendations are expected to be made and announced to the House.
- 359 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 What representations have been made to the Commonwealth Government regarding difficulties associated with the fixing of the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday on an "as decreed" basis rather than on a set day.
  - 2 What has been the response from the Commonwealth Government.
- 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.
- 361 MR KIRKWOOD—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, whether the Minister will be prepared to review the greatly increased charges proposed to be made on

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Municipal Councils from 1 October 1980 for water supply tapping fees and further permit Councils an opportunity to present arguments for a realistic level of tapping fees.

- 362 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education in respect of each Education Department region, what is the number of special developmental schools, indicating—(a) the number of each grade of such schools; (b) the number of students catered for at such schools; (c) the number of (i) principals; (ii) deputy principals; (iii) teachers; and (iv) assistants at such schools; and (d) any steps being taken to correct any imbalance between regions in the number of students catered for by each region.
- 363 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What are the dates for commencement and completion of the proposed North Shore rail overpass.
  - 2 What have been the average daily road and rail traffic figures over such point in the years 1965, 1970, 1975 and 1980, respectively.
  - 3 What are the reasons for the continued delay in the commencement of this overpass.
- 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.
- 365 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation what venues of the three racing industries have lodged applications for approved capital works assistance in excess of \$10 000 for the financial years 1979–80 and 1980–81, indicating—(a) which applications were approved; and (b) what are the details of the respective works.
- 366 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What were the monthly totals of vehicle movements across the West Gate Bridge since its opening.
  - 2 What were the toll collections in each such period.
  - 3 How many accidents necessitating vehicles being towed away have occurred on the bridge since its opening.
- 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.
- 368 MR KIRKWOOD—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many vehicles are on the support strength of the Victoria Police Independent Patrol Group.
  - 2 How many police officers are currently working with the Independent Patrol Group.
  - 3 What evidence is available to show that the problem of trail bikes and mini bikes intrusion onto recreational reserves has increased.
  - 4 Whether any records have been kept by police or municipal councils of the cost of damage to surface reserves and young or old trees damaged as a result of trail bike activities.
  - 5 Whether it is proposed to increase staff levels in the Independent Patrol Group.

- 369 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, when sewerage and drainage services will be provided within the Laverton North industrial estate, indicating the reasons for any delay.
- 370 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in respect of the development of the Urban Land Council site at Truganina:
- 1 What progress has been made on proposals to sub-divide, develop and sell land.
  - 2 When an announcement on progress of the sub-division will be made.
- 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.
- 372 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in respect of the calculation of direct grants to individual primary and secondary schools, respectively, what is the formula used, indicating the figure or loading for—(a) building maintenance and improvements; (b) grounds maintenance and improvements; (c) school administration; (d) materials and requisites; (e) libraries; (f) home economics; (g) maintenance of relocatable classrooms; (h) electricity costs; (i) pupil numbers; and (j) each other factor.
- 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.
- 375 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry, in respect of each metropolitan and country district, what is the number of factories and shops in each category subject to inspection by the Department of Labour and Industry.
- 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.
- 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.
  - 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.
- 385 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether foreign fishing vessels permitted to fish in Australian waters off the Victorian coastline have been guaranteed supplies of distillate or other types of fuel; if so—(a) whether any limits will be placed upon that supply; and (b) what will be the basis of price per litre.
- 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.
- 387 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture whether the Government in close co-operation with the Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation and the Australian Agriculture Council arranged for a pilot carcass classification scheme at Countryside Meats, Donald; if so, what was the Government's financial contribution towards the scheme.
- 388 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what steps have been taken to ensure that books specified for use in association with school curriculums are retained as such for extended periods, thus enabling their use by students in successive years.

- 389 **MR WILKES**—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 How many people are employed in the public relations field in each of the departments, instrumentalities, authorities and divisions under his control.
  - 2 What is the annual budget for public relations staff and programmes in each department, instrumentality, authority and division.
- 390 **MR WILKES**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for State Development Decentralization and Tourism:
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- 392 **MR WILKES**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
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- 393 **MR WILKES**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy:
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- 397 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
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- 399 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
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- 400 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry:
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- 401 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Consumer Affairs:
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- 402 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works:
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  - 2 What is the annual budget for public relations staff and programmes in each department, instrumentality, authority and division.
- 403 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Property and Services:
- 1 How many people are employed in the public relations field in each of the departments, instrumentalities, authorities and divisions under his control.
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- 404 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning:
- 1 How many people are employed in the public relations field in each of the departments, instrumentalities, authorities and divisions under his control.
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- 405 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health:
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- 408 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
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- 409 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government:
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- 410 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply:
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- 412 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Minister for Federal Affairs:
- 1 How many people are employed in the public relations field in each of the departments, instrumentalities, authorities and divisions under the Minister's control.
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- 414 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
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- 415 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister of Lands:
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- 418 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Premier what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Department of the Premier or by any authority or agency under the control of the Department to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.

- 419 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for State Development Decentralization and Tourism what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Department of State Development Decentralization and Tourism or by any authority or agency under the control of the Department to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
- 420 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Treasury or by any authority or agency under the control of the Department to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
- 421 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Ministry for Police and Emergency Services or by any authority or agency under the control of the Ministry to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
- 422 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Department of Minerals and Energy or by any authority or agency under the control of the Department to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
- 423 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Health Commission or by any authority or agency under the control of the Commission to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
- 424 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Ministry of Housing or by any authority or agency under the control of the Ministry to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
- 425 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation or by any authority or agency under the control of the Department to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
- 426 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Ministry of Transport or by any authority or agency under the control of the Ministry to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.

- 427 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Department of Community Welfare Services or by any authority or agency under the control of the Department to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
- 428 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Department of Labour and Industry or by any authority or agency under the control of the Department to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
- 429 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Consumer Affairs what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs or by any authority or agency under the control of the Ministry to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
- 430 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Public Works Department or by any authority or agency under the control of the Department to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
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- 432 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Planning what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Ministry for Planning or by any authority or agency under the control of the Ministry to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
- 433 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Ministry of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs or by any authority or agency under the control of the Ministry to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
- 434 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Ministry for the Arts or by any authority or agency under the control of the Ministry to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.

- 435 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Education Department or by any authority or agency under the control of the Department to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
- 436 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Local Government Department or by any authority or agency under the control of the Department to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
- 437 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Ministry of Water Resources and Water Supply or by any authority or agency under the control of the Ministry to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
- 438 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Forests, what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Forests Commission or by any authority or agency under the control of the Commission to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
- 439 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Minister for Federal Affairs, what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Ministry for Federal Affairs or by any authority or agency under the control of the Ministry to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
- 440 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Law Department or by any authority or agency under the control of the Department to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
- 441 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Ministry for Conservation or by any authority or agency under the control of the Ministry to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
- 442 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister of Lands, what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the

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Department of Crown Lands and Survey or by any authority or agency under the control of the Department to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.

- 443 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister of Soldier Settlement, what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Rural Finance Commission or by any authority or agency under the control of the Commission to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.

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- 444 MR KIRKWOOD—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What are the financial difficulties affecting the chiropractic education programme at Preston Institute of Technology.
  - 2 Whether the chiropractic programme is accredited within the Australian tertiary system.
  - 3 How many students are dependent upon the Preston course being funded.
  - 4 What are the annual running expenses of the College of Chiropractic at Preston Institute of Technology.
- 445 MR SPYKER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether there have been cases where the residents' interests prevailed in reversing a licence granted by the Environment Protection Authority to major industry to discharge chemicals into the air; if so, what are the details.
- 446 MR SPYKER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 What powers are exercised to ensure that unlicensed emissions of chemicals are not discharged into the atmosphere.
  - 2 Whether environmental impact studies are carried out prior to purchase and installation of major plant by industry.
- 447 MR FORARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture:
- 1 Whether Countryside Meats Pty Ltd, Donald, Victoria has gone into liquidation.
  - 2 Whether the company owes the Victorian State Government and Commonwealth Government substantial sums on account of inspection fees and levies; if so—(a) what is the amount involved; (b) what was the maximum amount owed at any time during the past four years; and (c) what was the reason for allowing the debt to accrue.
  - 3 What other meatworks in Victoria owe the State Government amounts extending over two months.
- 448 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture whether the State Government initiated a pilot carcase classification scheme at Countryside Meats Pty Ltd, Donald; if so—(a) whether the study was completed and if not, why; (b) what was the Government cost for machinery and plant involved; and (c) where is the machinery and plant at this date.
- 449 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether there was a case of illegal trading in native birds at the Sir Colin MacKenzie Fauna Park, Healesville during 1979.
- 450 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether officers of the Fisheries and Wildlife Division charged the Monte Carlo Circus for breaking the regulations in relation to the sizes of cages during February 1980; if so, what was the result of the case.
- 451 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services how many beds under the Youth Accommodation Services Programme were available at 30 June 1980, indicating at which premises.

- 452 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation who are the members of the State Sports Council, indicating their occupations.
- 453 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation who are the members of the State Recreation Council, indicating their occupations.
- 454 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Department of Agriculture or by any authority or agency under the control of the department to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
- 455 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether a petition signed by Ballarat citizens opposing the fluoridation of water supplies and forwarded to Her Majesty the Queen was returned to the Department of the Premier over 12 months ago; if so, whether the Department forwarded the petition to Parliament for the purposes of presentation to the House and, in that event, when.
- 456 MR SPYKER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, what assurances are provided by the Ministry for Conservation that the environment and health of residents near major industry is safeguarded by the Environment Protection Authority, in view of that Authority being unable to objectively check concentrations of chemicals either in the ambient air or even for compliance with its issued licences.
- 457 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Premier further to the answer to question No. 2297 provided to the Member for Bentleigh on 15 July 1980:
- 1 When, where, and how the people of Victoria were advised of the gifts to the Art Foundation of Victoria by Alcoa of Australia.
  - 2 Whether he will provide copies of such announcements to press, radio and television.

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- 458 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts whether the Victorian Arts Centre Trust or any other body is now booking or proposing to book performances for the Victorian Arts Centre; if so, what is the—  
(a) estimated unit seat cost; and (b) level of Government subsidy annually per seat and overall.
- 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.
- 460 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in respect of each of the past three financial years:
- 1 What surplus or deficit resulted from the home sales operations of the Housing Commission, indicating how any surplus was utilized.
  - 2 What surplus or deficit resulted from the rental operations of the Housing Commission, indicating how any surplus was utilized.
- 461 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 How many houses, flats and elderly citizens units, respectively, were built by the Housing Commission in the financial years 1978–79 and 1979–80, indicating the amount of funds allocated for each category and the number of buildings in each category for sale and rental respectively.
  - 2 What are the comparable expectations for this financial year.
- 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.
- 463 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works whether he has prepared a current version of his document “1979–80 Victorian Budget: Effect on the Building and Construction Industry”, released on 11 October last year; if so, when it will be released.

- 464 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 Whether a Cabinet sub-committee reported to him on 28 February 1979 on a recommended offer to be made to Nabalco in response to its submission for the establishment of an aluminium smelter in Victoria.
  - 2 Whether he made a similar offer to Alcoa by telephone on 1 March 1979 and whether the Premier received a letter in response from Alcoa on the same day agreeing to proceed with the construction of a smelter in Victoria.
- 465 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether he is aware that the number of approvals, commencements, completions, and dwellings under construction in Victoria fell by 1.7 per cent, 6.6 per cent, 7.6 per cent and 14.3 per cent, respectively, in the year ended 31 March 1980; if so, what steps he will take to revitalize the Victorian housing industry.
- 466 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer whether he will undertake to provide comparisons with other States when releasing details of Victorian development projects to the media.
- 467 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer whether, in view of concern for the long-term economic future of Victoria expressed by, amongst others, the Master Builders Association, the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce and Mr Ross King of Melbourne University, he will instruct his Long Term Policy Planning Committee to draw up an economic strategy plan to stimulate economic growth and guide the development of our State.
- 468 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether his attention has been drawn to a comprehensive survey of planned mining and manufacturing projects by the Department of Industry and Commerce, which shows that not only will Victoria invest less in mining than four other States, but will also invest less in manufacturing than New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia; if so, what are the Government's plans for countering this threatened shift in the centre of Australia's manufacturing industry away from Victoria.
- 469 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether his attention has been drawn to a comprehensive survey of civil engineering projects by the Australian Federation of Construction Contractors, which shows that over the next five years real annual growth rates of engineering construction will range from plus 2 per cent for New South Wales to plus 37 per cent in Western Australia, but that the industry will contract by 14 per cent each year in Victoria; if so, how he reconciles this position with his own repeated claims that Victoria will participate in the "construction boom" associated with resource development in other States.
- 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.
  - 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.
- 471 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether he will heed the call of the Master Builders Association of Victoria and commission a study of migration to other States, bearing in mind that a net 21 100 Victorians (including one in every hundred of the 25 to 34 age group) left this State during 1978-79.

- 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.
- 473 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether any Government official letters, forms and procedures have been simplified as a result of the Plain English Committee proposals for making public administration simpler and for encouraging the use of clear and direct English; if so, how many, indicating the departments concerned.
- 474 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 How many overseas trips have been made by the Premier and the Deputy Premier, respectively, in the past financial year.
  - 2 What was the date, cost and purpose of each overseas trip.
  - 3 Who accompanied the Premier and the Deputy Premier in each case.
- 475 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works whether a decision has been made to impose a levy upon boat owners in Victoria; if so—(a) what is the amount of the levy; (b) what categories of boats will be levied; and (c) what is the purpose of such levy.
- 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.
- 477 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what was the subsidy per passenger for the private bus industry in 1979–80 for—(a) metropolitan routes; (b) urban routes; and (c) country routes.
- 478 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether VicRail reported on the allocation of the total subsidy provided from Government funds for 1979–80; if so, what was the allocation.
- 479 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what was the revenue and operating expenses of the Victorian Railways in 1979–80.
- 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.
- 481 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many trips the Southern Aurora, the Spirit of Progress and the Daylight Express, respectively, made in the first half of 1980—(a) to Sydney; and (b) from Sydney, indicating on how many occasions each train was late in leaving or arriving at its destination, respectively, and on what dates and at what times these trains were more than one hour late.

- 482 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many staff were employed by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board as at 30 June 1980.
- 483 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 How many by-laws inspectors were employed by VicRail as at 30 June 1980.
  - 2 How many staff were employed by VicRail at that date to police unruly behaviour on trains and stations indicating how many were in the Special Squad.
- 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.
- 485 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many passengers were carried by the private bus industry during 1979–80 on—(a) metropolitan routes; and (b) urban routes.
- 486 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Labour and Industry:
- 1 What are the criteria for funding Victorian Employment Committee projects.
  - 2 What projects have been funded by the Victorian Employment Committee to date.
  - 3 In which electorates each of the projects funded by the Victorian Employment Committee is located.
- 487 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information supplied on 1 November 1979 in relation to welfare housing in response to question No. 934 recorded in *Hansard* at page 4167.
- 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.
- 489 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether, due to the illness of several officers, he is aware that there was one officer available on 2 September 1980 to supervise 74 inmates at Morwell River Prison Farm; if so, whether he will give consideration to the provision of a permanent pool of relieving prison officers to ensure that there is no repetition of such understaffing.
- 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.
- 491 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the second part of the Survey of Children admitted to Care from Lone Father Families (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 Parts 1 and 2 of the survey; (b) whether the

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survey is available to voluntary welfare agencies so that its recommendations can be implemented; and (c) whether he will make this survey (Parts 1 and 2) 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.

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.

495 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer whether Victoria's unemployment rate is below the national average and whether this is due solely to movement interstate of residents who lose their jobs.

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.

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### QUESTIONS

#### Notices received on 17 September 1980

- 498 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, following the Budget and the allocation of funds to be provided under the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement:
- 1 What funds will be received by Victoria in grants.
  - 2 What amount of these grants will be used for—(a) rental housing assistance; and (b) dwellings for pensioners.
  - 3 What amount will be received in loans and what sum will be used for rental housing and home purchase, respectively—(a) by the Housing Commission; (b) by approved lending authorities, indicating their names; and (c) for dwellings for pensioners.
  - 4 In the announced funding arrangements, what proportions, if any, of—(a) grants; and (b) loans, are being provided conditionally on a matching contribution from State Government resources, indicating at what ratio.
  - 5 What additional financial resources have been made available in 1979-80 and 1980-81, showing their source.
- 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.
- 501 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 Whether the Coburg City Council has been informed by him that its proposal for the development of the Harold Stevens Athletic Track will not be funded until eighteen more acceptable projects are funded this financial year.
  - 2 What are the details of these eighteen projects, indicating the cost and the funds to be provided.
  - 3 In each of the municipalities concerned and also in Coburg, what is the total Totalizator Agency Board turnover, the percentage of money allocated from these undertakings to the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation and the amounts returned for projects in these municipalities over the past five years.

- 502 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture whether herbicides are now used in currant production by many growers as a substitute for the practice known as ringbarking; if so—(a) how long before harvesting the herbicide is applied; (b) which herbicide or herbicides are used; (c) whether the herbicides are registered for such use; and (d) whether currants from any vines so treated with 2,4,5-T have been tested for 2,4,5-T or dioxin, and if so, with what results.
- 503 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture what products which included diethyl stilboestrol have been registered in Victoria for use with animals, indicating in each case—(a) the name of the product; (b) the name of the person or company in whose name it was registered; (c) the forms in which it was registered; (d) when registration was first approved; (e) if registration was amended, when and in what way; (f) when registration lapsed if no longer current; and (g) the species and the uses for which it was registered.
- 504 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture whether any products chemically-related to diethyl stilboestrol have been registered in Victoria for use in animals; if so—(a) what are the names of the products; (b) what are the names of the persons or companies in whose name the products were registered; (c) in which forms the products were registered; (d) when registration was first approved; (e) if registration was amended, when and in what way; (f) when registration lapsed if no longer current; (g) what are the species and uses for which the products were registered; and (h) what steps have been taken, including any cited references examined, to investigate the carcinogenicity, the mutagenicity and other possible ill-effects of the products on treated animals and on persons consuming the products of such animals.
- 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.
- 506 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health when products containing diethyl stilboestrol or chemically related substances first became subject to approval for use in Victoria.
- 507 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry:
- 1 What is the cost to the Hairdressers Registration Board to examine students of private hairdressing schools.
  - 2 What fees these schools pay to the Board.
  - 3 Whether these fees cover the cost of examining these students; if not, who is paying the examining costs.
- 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 Darling Roads following the opening of the Mulgrave 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.
- 510 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts:
- 1 When stormwater drainage tenders were opened for the Victorian Arts Centre.
  - 2 How many tenders were received and for what amount in each case.
  - 3 Who was the successful tenderer.
  - 4 Whether any concern was expressed in relation to the lowest tender; if so—(a) by whom; (b) what were the grounds of concern; (c) whether the building committee or Trust was informed; and (d) whether any additional payments had to be made subsequently, and if so, what amount.
- 511 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts:
- 1 When fire curtain tenders were opened for the Victorian Arts Centre.
  - 2 How many tenders were received and for what amount in each case.
  - 3 Who was the successful tenderer.
  - 4 Whether any concern was expressed in relation to the lowest tender; if so—(a) by whom; (b) what were the grounds of concern; (c) whether the building committee or Trust were informed; and (d) whether any additional payments had to be made subsequently, and if so, what amount.
- 512 MR EVANS (*Gippsland East*)—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether, in view of grants to the Conservation Council of Victoria and the Victorian National Parks Association of \$12 000 and \$6000, respectively, the Minister will ascertain and advise how many meetings each organization held during the 1979–80 financial year, how many people attended each meeting and where organizations were represented, the name and address of the organization each such person represented.
- 513 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister for Water Supply:
- 1 What was the estimated cost of the Thomson River Dam at the date of the Government's decision to build it and what were the revised estimates for each of the years since that date.
  - 2 In respect of the dam wall—(a) what was the estimated cost at the start of construction; (b) what design changes have been made to the wall and why these changes were not known before work commenced; and (c) what is the revised estimate for the dam wall.

- 3 What are the terms of access to the Thomson catchment, indicating—
  - (a) why only a very few of the tracks into the catchment were unpadlocked last season; and (b) why the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works rangers assume the authority to demand from visitors the production of documents such as driving licences, shooters permits and fishing licences.
- 4 Whether the Minister will instruct the Board to ensure that employees adhere to the terms of access and desist from harrasing members of the public.

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## QUESTIONS

### Notices received on 9 September 1980

- 1 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.
- 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 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.
- 10 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the completed residential and short-term emergency care hostel in Echuca:
- 1 When it was ready for occupancy.
  - 2 What staff and other recurrent expenditures are required.
  - 3 When it is expected that staff will be made available.
- 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.
- 13 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of child maltreatment, what research the Health Commission is currently undertaking.
- 14 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the staffing of each hospital in the Mental Health Division:
- 1 What is the number of patient-care positions and other positions, respectively, specifying the classifications in each category.
  - 2 What is the number of patient-care positions and other positions which have been frozen since May 1978, specifying the type of position.
- 16 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Mental Retardation curriculum prepared in 1974 and mentioned on page 11 of the last report of the Mental Health Authority, whether the curriculum has yet been introduced; if not, why and when it will be introduced.

- 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 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.
- 37 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Hospitals Minor Works Programme for the year 1979–80, whether he will provide the Member for Brunswick with a list of works agreed to for this financial year, specifying the total funds involved to complete each job and the amount allocated for 1979–80.
- 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.

- 40 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, further to question No. 1439 answered by his predecessor on 1 November 1978, whether he can now indicate precisely when action will be taken to carry into effect the recommendations of Dr B. P. McCloskey submitted and adopted by the Commission of Public Health in April 1971 concerning the control of the sale and advertising of therapeutic goods and devices, and if no action is being taken, why.
- 41 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 In respect of services for the mentally retarded with particular reference to the outer eastern suburbs of Melbourne and the City of Knox, whether the “Blueprint for Future Development” approved by the Government and mentioned in a letter to the City of Knox, dated 18 January 1979 will be made available to the Member for Brunswick; if not, why.
  - 2 What additional services have been able to be provided through the appointment of a Social Worker in the outer eastern region and when will “an acceleration of development” occur as suggested in a letter to the City of Knox on 11 April 1979 specifying what developments will be accelerated and when.
- 43 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of each of the following hospitals: Mercy, Royal Children’s, Royal Victorian Eye and Ear, Royal Women’s, Alfred, Box Hill and District, Dandenong and District, Fairfield, Maroondah, Preston and Northcote Community, Prince Henry’s, Queen Victoria, Royal Melbourne, Southern Memorial (Caulfield), St. George’s, St. Vincent’s, Western General, Williamstown, Caulfield, Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Gippsland, Hamilton, Mildura, Mooropna, Wangaratta, Warrnambool, Ararat, Central Gippsland, Echuca, Frankston, Kyabram, Latrobe Valley, Stawell and Swan Hill:
- 1 What was the budget in 1978–79 specifying the amount from the Hospitals and Charities Fund.
  - 2 What budget was approved for 1979–80.
- 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.
- 46 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of Forensic Psychiatric Services, and further to question No. 378 answered on 26 June 1979:
- 1 Whether the Report of the Committee which met during 1978 is now available; if so, whether a copy of the Report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
  - 2 Whether the broader committee established by the Health Commission to look at the broad range of prison health services has finalised its report; if so—(a) when; (b) what is the membership of the committee to inquire into the entire range of prison health services; (c) whether

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it is still meeting; (d) how many meetings it has had to date; (e) what reports have been made to the Minister; (f) what are its deliberations; and (g) what action has been taken.

- 47 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of the Early Childhood Development Programme advisory committees mentioned in the Report of the State Co-ordination Council of June, 1979:
- 1 How many such committees have been set up, specifying in which areas.
  - 2 What is the membership of each committee, indicating the organization, if any, represented by each member.
  - 3 Who is the chairman of each committee.
- 48 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he or the Health Commission estimated the Commonwealth's additional annual contribution under the Commonwealth-State cost-sharing arrangement where acute psychiatric hospitals and the acute area of psychiatric hospitals were included; if not, whether an estimate can be made and the information provided 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.
- 52 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received a submission from the City of Essendon concerning a training course in public pool management and operation; if so—(a) what investigations have been carried out by the Health Commission in this area; (b) what action is being taken; and (c) when a decision will be announced.
- 53 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of kits currently being sold for pregnancy testing in the home:
- 1 Whether he or the Health Commission is aware of criticism by members of the medical profession of at least some of the products on the market.
  - 2 Whether the Commission has as yet analysed the various kits on sale in Victoria; if so, which kits, when and with what result in each case.
  - 3 Whether any action is proposed in relation to such tests; if not, why.
- 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.
- 58 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what is this State's involvement in the drugs of dependence monitoring system and whether the State has considered the extension of the system to include certain barbiturates; if so, whether there has been any approach by the Commonwealth to the State, or by the State to the Commonwealth, on this matter and, in that event, when, and with what result.

- 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.
- 60 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Western Region Health Centre, Footscray:
- 1 Whether the officers of the Health Commission informed reporters from the *Age* newspaper that an investigation was being carried out into the centre; if so—(a) which officer or officers; (b) when the statement was made; and (c) what was the basis of the statement.
  - 2 Whether an investigation was carried out; if so—(a) what were the terms of the investigation; (b) what results were received; (c) who was the officer of the Health Commission carrying out a working study of administrative procedures, and which administrative procedures are being studied; (d) when it is expected that a report of the study will be made available; and (e) whether it 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.
- 63 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of accommodation for staff teachers at the Children's School Camp, Somers:
- 1 Whether he is aware that most of the accommodation is seriously inadequate and unfit for use.
  - 2 When it was first proposed that the accommodation be replaced, and why no action was taken.
  - 3 Whether this proposal for replacement has been the reason for the lack of any funds for maintenance services for the past four years.
  - 4 Whether funds can be made available for urgent immediate maintenance services, or whether it is proposed to proceed with the replacement as a matter of urgency and, if so, when it is expected that work will commence.
- 64 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of Glen Andrew Hudyma and his family:
- 1 Whether there had been any contacts with the family in May 1978 or between that date and April 1979 by any hospital or Health Commission agency; if so, what were the contacts and whether any related to injuries or possible danger to Glen.

- 2 Whether the Minister will consider, together with his colleagues the Assistant Minister of Health and the Minister for Community Welfare Services, an inquiry into the relationship between the various helping agencies and the family up to his death at the Royal Children's Hospital on 6 April 1979; if not, why.
- 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.
- 67 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of hydrotherapy pools for rehabilitation purposes:
- 1 What is the Government's policy in relation to the construction of such pools, including financial assistance.
  - 2 Where hydrotherapy pools are located.
  - 3 What current requests for grants for hydrotherapy pools are before the Health Commission.
- 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.
- 70 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether, in respect of a number of members of the Hospitals Superannuation Fund retiring on ill-health grounds, he is aware that there has been a significant increase in retirements on ill-health grounds; if so—(a) what inquiries the Health Commission or the Hospitals Superannuation Board has carried out, indicating the reason for the increase; and (b) what action it is proposed to take on this matter.

- 71 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of occupational therapy services at the Box Hill and District Hospital:
- 1 Whether a request was submitted to the Hospitals and Charities Commission on 24 February 1977 to establish minimal occupational therapy services at the hospital; if so, what was the response.
  - 2 On what occasions the Health Commission or its predecessor has been approached on the establishment of such services, not necessarily on a minimum basis, and what has been the result of these approaches.
  - 3 Whether there is any other hospital of similar size in the State which does not have an occupational therapy department or services; if so, which hospitals.
- 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.
- 73 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received representations from the Mont Park Student Representative Council concerning the loss of examination papers for certain third year students working in psychiatric hospitals for their final examinations; if so, what were the reasons for the loss and what action is being taken to assist the students.
- 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.
- 76 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the membership of the Hospitals Superannuation Board, whether the Health Commission or he has received representations concerning Victorian Hospitals' Association representation on the Board; if so, what were the responses to the representations and whether he will now accede to the Association's request.
- 77 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware that a grant of \$50 000 a year for three years has been made to the Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Australia by the New South Wales Government; if so, whether the Victorian Government would be prepared to make a similar commitment; if not, why.
- 78 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether, in respect of community houses for the mentally retarded now operating in the Loddon Campaspe area, consideration has been given to the request for home help services; if so, what has been the result of those considerations and, if the proposal has been rejected, whether he will reconsider it.

- 79 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Eaglehawk Senior Citizens' clubrooms, whether the Health Commission has advised the Eaglehawk Council that should the Council proceed with the construction there can be no guarantee that funding would be subsequently provided by the Commonwealth; if so—(a) whether the Commission is aware of the need for the extensions and, in that event, where is the proposal on the Commission's priority list; and (b) whether he will reconsider the advice given to Council.
- 80 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether any first mortgage loans are available from the Home Finance Trust indicating—(a) the number on the waiting list; and (b) the date of the last first mortgage loan, indicating the amount and the interest charge.
- 81 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, with regard to recent and ongoing restructuring of the Ministry of Housing and consideration of further regionalization:
- 1 What reports have been prepared, and whether the reports will be made available.
  - 2 What new arrangements are proposed with regard to regional and district boundaries, functions, staffing levels and structure.
  - 3 What steps are being taken to determine the level and nature of housing needs on a regional basis.
- 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.
- 83 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what amount Victoria will receive this financial year under the current Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement indicating—(a) the amount paid into the Home Builders' Account for allocation to co-operative housing societies; (b) what additional funds have been available for distribution to societies in each of the past two financial years and the current financial year, specifying the source of such funds; (c) the distribution of these funds between the Melbourne and metropolitan area, urban, and country areas; (d) the interest rates at which the funds are provided, the amount, and at what interest rates they are advanced by societies to members, specifying—(i) the existing income level per week; and (ii) the average monthly repayments for both interest and principal.
- 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.
- 85 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 Who are the present members of the advisory council set up under the *Co-operation Act* 1958, indicating the—(a) date of appointment; and (b) term of appointment in each case.

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- 2 What consultation takes place with the credit unions when replacements arise.
  - 3 In each of the past three years, what payments have been made from the Credit Societies Reserve Fund, indicating—(a) the amount in each case; (b) the purpose of the payment; and (c) the steps being taken to remedy any losses.
- 86 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 Why funds allocated last financial year for co-operative housing were unspent, given that the numbers waiting for a loan have increased by 25 per cent in the past year.
  - 2 What amount remained unspent in 1978–79, and what were the estimates of expenditure for co-operative housing, including the Home Finance Trust, for the financial year 1978–79.
- 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.
- 91 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts how many local government and regional library services, respectively, have cut back the level of their services last financial year, indicating in each case—(a) the library; (b) the reduction in the book vote from the previous year; (c) the reduction in staff in comparison with the previous year, indicating whether of a permanent or temporary nature; (d) any other services affected and the nature of these services; (e) the population served; (f) the amount contributed by local government, indicating any additional amount over last year; and (g) the funds allocated for each of the past three financial years, and in this year to date.
- 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

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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.
- 95 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts:
- 1 How many centres for performing arts have been built in Victoria, indicating—(a) where; (b) their capital cost and running expenses (including salaries of staff); and (c) their sources of income, including the Government contribution.
  - 2 How many centres for performing arts are—(a) currently being built; and (b) proposed to be built, indicating—(i) where; (ii) estimated costs; (iii) sources of those funds; (iv) estimated running expenses (including salaries of staff); and (v) the Government contribution in each case.
  - 3 What is the current commitment in Victoria of the Ministry for the Arts in relation to—(a) capital costs; and (b) running costs of all performing arts centres.
- 96 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether any Government bodies, teams or other personnel have investigated or are currently investigating the Teacher Housing Authority; if so, when these investigations were commenced, what is their nature, and whether any particular person or persons are being investigated.

- 97 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 Who is the Registrar for Permanent Building Societies and what are his qualifications.
  - 2 What is the staff establishment of the Registry indicating—(a) the qualifications and date of appointment of each officer; (b) the description of duties; (c) whether any requests for additional staff have been made; if so, when, and what staff was requested.
  - 3 How many Societies there are indicating—(a) the number which are active; and (b) the total amount invested and on loan.
- 98 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what is the name of each Victorian Government body with—(a) policy; and (b) administrative responsibility in the area of—(i) liquid fuel; and (ii) other energy matters, and what are the responsibilities in each case.
- 99 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what is the name of each Commonwealth Government body with—(a) policy; and (b) administrative responsibility in the area of—(i) liquid fuel; and (ii) other energy matters, which includes Victorian Government representation and what are the responsibilities in each case.
- 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.
- 102 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer on disadvantaged schools in the electoral district of Oakleigh which his predecessor gave to the Member for Footscray on 25 October 1977 in response to question No. 2583 and reported in *Hansard* at page 10763.
- 103 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what is the total amount at constant prices allocated for each category of major expenditure in each Education Department region in each year since regionalization was introduced, indicating in each year the percentage increase or decrease and any instances where the categories are not comparable from year to year.
- 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.
- 108 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer on the Commonwealth Government Urban Public Transport Improvement Programme which his predecessor gave the then Leader of the Opposition on 9 December 1976 in answer to question No. 623, reported in *Hansard* at page 5929.
- 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.
- 113 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of each proposed new subsidized special hospital or home for frail and aged people, what were or will be the dates for—(a) commencement; and (b) completion of—(i) planning; (ii) letting of tenders; and (iii) construction, indicating in each case the estimated cost of plans and construction and the number of additional beds.
- 114 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what further progress has been made concerning the phasing out of employment of prisoners to handle personal files at Pentridge Prison, since the answer given by his predecessor on 11 October 1977 in answer to question No. 497, reported in *Hansard* at page 10135.
- 115 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer about industries in Pentridge Prison which was given by his predecessor on 15 March 1978 in answer to question No. 9, reported in *Hansard* at page 343.

- 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.
- 117 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer about prisoners in H Division at Pentridge Prison which was given by his predecessor on 15 March 1978 in response to question No. 49, reported in *Hansard* at page 344.
- 118 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer about prison expenditures which was given by his predecessor on 4 April 1978 in answer to question No. 3, reported in *Hansard* at page 859.
- 119 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer on prisoners who have previously served sentences in youth training centres which was given by his predecessor on 17 May 1978 in response to question No. 35 and reported in *Hansard* at page 3208.
- 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.
- 122 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what point has been reached in negotiations for the purchase of land at the north-east corner of Springvale and Ferntree Gully Roads as the site for a 24 hour police station and when an announcement can be expected.
- 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.

- 127 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether the Draize Eye Test, which involves placing substances in the eyes of live rabbits to determine the extent of eyeball damage, is used in Victoria; if so, whether cosmetics and shampoos are substances involved.
- 128 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether the “lethal dose test” which involves forcing substances down the throats of live animals to determine the amount which will kill half of them, is used in Victoria; if so, whether products such as food colourings, household cleaners and toileteries are substances involved.
- 129 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture whether, in respect of the recent West German High Court decision that the keeping of hens in cages where they cannot fulfil their behavioural instincts is cruel and illegal, and the associated decision of the E.E.C. Council of Ministers to appoint a working party on proposals for phasing out of the battery hen system of egg production, these matters have been studied by the Department of Agriculture; if so, with what result.
- 130 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, how many experiments involving the use of animals were conducted in Victoria in the most recent year for which information is available, indicating the—  
(a) number; and (b) proportion carried out in—(i) tertiary education institutions; (ii) other education institutions; (iii) non-profit research institutions; (iv) commercial research institutions; and (v) other places as specified.
- 131 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, what is the name of each species of animal used for experimental purposes in Victoria in the most recent year for which information is available, indicating in each case the number of animals involved.
- 133 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the decision to replace the proposed 1000 bed Clayton–Burwood Queen Victoria Medical Centre with a proposed 310 bed centre at Clayton:
- 1 What was the nature of each survey or study undertaken in connection with the decision, indicating the name of the author, and the date on which the study was—(a) commissioned; (b) commenced; and (c) completed in each case.
  - 2 Whether copies of all such surveys will be made available to the Member for Oakleigh.
- 134 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the decision to replace the proposed 1000 bed Clayton–Burwood Queen Victoria Medical Centre with a proposed 310 bed centre at Clayton:
- 1 On what dates consultations about the original proposal were held with the former Hospitals and Health Services Commission, and what was the outcome in each case.
  - 2 What was the date of each assessment conducted by the Commission of the original proposal and what was the—(a) date; and (b) substance of each Commission report.
- 135 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the now proposed 310 bed Queen Victoria Medical Centre at Clayton, on what date it was decided that construction of the project should follow completion

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of the Austin Hospital, in addition to following the Alfred Hospital (Stage II.) as originally stated in connection with the Monash University proposal.

- 136 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 In respect of the proposal to erect an American Medical International investor-owned hospital on the Queen Victoria Memorial Medical Centre site in Clayton, what was the—(a) date; and (b) substance of the approach which had been made to American Medical International by the planning committee of the Queen Victoria Memorial Medical Centre, and referred to in answer to a question without notice reported on page 4807 of *Hansard* on 18 October 1978.
  - 2 On what date and by what means the Hospitals and Charities Commission acquired the full knowledge of the committee's actions and when the matter was referred to the Commission by the former Minister of Health.
  - 3 Who was assigned to carry out the Commission's feasibility study and on what date the study commenced.
  - 4 Whether any extensions of time for the study have been approved; if so, what was the reason and the period in each case.
- 137 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health who commissioned Pearce Thomas Consultants Pty Ltd to conduct a feasibility study of proposals for an American investor-owned private hospital on the Queen Victoria Memorial Medical Centre site at Clayton, indicating—(a) the qualifications and comparable commissions of the firm; (b) whether tenders were called; (c) the final cost and who paid; (d) the date of the contract; and (e) who received the report and on what date.
- 138 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what were the—(a) dates; (b) names of participants; and (c) matters discussed at each of the meetings between the Queen Victoria Medical Centre Planning Committee and the Monash University Faculty of Medicine to which his predecessor referred on 28 November 1978 in response to question No. 1368 and reported in *Hansard* at page 6518.
- 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.

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- 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 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 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 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.

178 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry which elements of the major youth employment programme, formulated prior to the establishment of the Victorian Employment Committee by the Standing Committee on Youth Employment, have now been incorporated in Victorian Employment Committee projects.

179 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what is the name of each firm which has been engaged to provide intruder detection systems in schools, indicating in each case—(a) the period of the engagement; (b) the respective number, type and cost of the systems provided; and (c) any instances in which the systems provided failed to meet specifications or were otherwise unsatisfactory.

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,

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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.

187 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Forests:

1 What are the procedures and instructions issued pursuant to the *Valuation of Land Act* 1960 that the Forests Commission follows in obtaining a valuation from the Valuer-General's Office with regard to purchasing land subject to buy-back in the Dandenong Ranges when acting on behalf of or in conjunction with the Ministry for Conservation.

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- 2 How the valuation median and actual price paid median as determined by the Valuer-General each year since 1975 compares with the median for private sales in 1979 as determined by the Valuer-General's yearly statistics for the shires of Sherbrooke and Lillydale.
  - 3 Where an owner does not wish to sell at the price offered by the Commission, what procedures they are advised to follow to resolve the matter, indicating in how many cases in the shires of Sherbrooke and Lillydale this resulted in a substantial increase in price paid and specifying the average increase in the past three years.
  - 4 How prices paid for compulsory acquisition in the shires of Sherbrooke and Lillydale compare with those for willing sales, and what was the average additional cost incurred by the Commission in recompensing owners for expenses and solatium.
  - 5 Whether, in purchasing a one acre allotment identified as Lot 13 and 14 Mast Gully Road, Upwey, in May 1980—(a) the Commission compulsorily acquired the allotment and paid \$25 000 plus \$1000 owners' expenses plus \$1250 solatium; (b) the valuation was in accordance with the *Valuation of Land Act 1960* and, if not, why.
  - 6 Whether, in purchasing a ten acre allotment identified at Lot 35 Hughes Street, Upwey—(a) the Commission paid \$2800 per acre and various other sums; (b) the allotment was compulsorily acquired or negotiated; and (c) the valuation was in accordance with the *Valuation of Land Act 1960* and, if not, why.
- 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.
- 190 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether the report of the Ombudsman on two defective homes built by Daffey and Johnson Pty Ltd at Peters Road and Leslie Road, Gisborne, has been acted upon by the relevant departments; if so, with what results.

- 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.
- 193 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing on what dates since October 1974 the Housing Commission has bought houses from Vanvliet and Gardner (Vic.) Pty Ltd, indicating in each case—(a) the location; (b) the number; (c) the price; and (d) any instances of of rectification being required.
- 194 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry further to question No. 2209 asked on 2 April 1980 relating to Smorgon Consolidated Industries of Somerville Road, Sunshine:
- 1 Whether a survey has revealed a number of items relating to unguarded machinery and unsafe working conditions needing attention; if so—  
(a) how many items were listed for action and what action was indicated as necessary in each case; (b) whether the survey is complete; and (c) which items still require attention.
  - 2 Whether officers of the Department of Labour and Industry have attended plants operated by Smorgon Consolidated Industries since December 1979; if so—(a) which officers; (b) on which days; and (c) for what purposes and with what results.
  - 3 Whether officers of the Department are able to compile lists of fatal accidents, accidents involving serious injuries and lost time, and accidents of a relatively minor nature, respectively; if so, what those lists have revealed and what was the cause, machinery involved, the age and length of service of the employee and any other relevant material necessary to give a picture of the type of accident, nature of injury, and type of machinery involved in each case.
  - 4 What current activity is taking place in rectifying safety hazards at these plants and when it is expected that remaining safety hazards will be rectified.

- 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.
- 198 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture whether a Victorian based company, Food Handling Constructions Pty Ltd of Surrey Hills, Victoria, designed and constructed a cold storage complex at Dubai; if so, whether the Government entered into negotiations at Commonwealth level for Victoria/Australia to utilize the cold stores for Australian meat products and, in that event, what were the results of the negotiations and whether it is possible to utilize the design and experience of the Victorian based company to assist promoting frozen meat exports to Middle East countries.
- 199 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works:
- 1 Whether the Minister has received complaints concerning the installation of four radar reflectors in the San Remo channel.
  - 2 Whether the only equipment causing obstructions in the channel are lights and posts at Sally Reef, Two Starboard Buoys, and Armstrong Beacon, which are subject to vandalism.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 202 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether he will make available to the Member for Footscray a copy of the submission prepared by the Technical Schools Division in respect of the staffing needs of technical schools and colleges in 1979.
- 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.
- 208 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 Westernport:
- 1 What is the staffing establishment, and what is the actual number of staff.
  - 2 What is the present enrolment.
  - 3 What is the projected enrolment for each of the next two years.
  - 4 Which schools have portable classrooms, indicating the number at each school.
  - 5 Which schools qualify for an art/craft room and library, and which schools have these facilities.
  - 6 Which schools have specialist art/craft, physical education (male and female), music and remedial teachers, respectively.
- 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.
- 214 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in relation to the Schools' Work Experience Programme, what funds have been provided by the Education Department to allow the employment of students involved in the programme in Education Department schools and other centres in the years 1977-78, 1978-79 and 1979-80, respectively.

- 216 **MR FORDHAM**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education when it is expected that the following works will be undertaken at Heathmont East primary school: (a) administration upgrade; (b) storage space extension; (c) withdrawal areas for remedial work; and (d) staff-room upgrading, particularly bearing in mind that the plans for these works were completed in 1977.
- 217 **MR FORDHAM**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education when it is expected that the following works will be undertaken at the Bell Post Hill primary school: (a) art/craft centre; (b) multi-purpose room; (c) administration upgrade; (d) canteen; (e) library extensions; and (f) improved staff facilities, particularly bearing in mind that plans for these works were completed in December 1977.
- 218 **MR FORDHAM**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether the Minister has received a submission from the Grovedale West primary school regarding the special staffing needs of the school; if so, what has been the response to date.
- 220 **MR FORDHAM**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received a request for financial assistance from the Footscray “Grow” group; if so, what help can be given to assist this organization in its important work.
- 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.
- 222 **MR FORDHAM**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what is the reason for the delay in the provision of a covered way between the relocatable classroom units and the main school building and toilets at Greenbrook primary school and when it is expected that this necessary facility will be provided.
- 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 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.
- 226 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what is the reason for the delay in the relocation of the Crib Point primary school from their present inadequate site to Crown land fronting Milne Street, Crib Point.
- 227 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 What was the total outlay of funds by the Education Department in the area of Child Migrant Education in each of the years 1977 to 1979 inclusive.
  - 2 What is the planned allocation of funds in 1980.
  - 3 In respect of the above-mentioned funds what amounts came from Commonwealth sources.
  - 4 For each of the years 1977 to 1979 inclusive, what amount of money was expended on the Child Migrant Education Programme for—  
(a) salaries of staff employed in government schools teaching English as a second language in the classroom; (b) rent of the Myer House offices used by the Child Migrant Education Office; (c) salaries of administrators working within the offices; (d) salaries of—(i) consultants in English as a second language; and (ii) ethnic consultants; and (e) the development of curriculum materials in—(i) English as a second language; and (ii) other areas of education for a multi-cultural society.
- 228 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 What is the increase in funding by the Commonwealth as a result of the Galbally Report on the Child Migrant Education Programme for the years 1979, 1980 and 1981.
  - 2 What is the increase in funding by the Commonwealth in the fields of multi-cultural education for the years 1979, 1980 and 1981.
  - 3 With respect to this increase in expenditure, what amount has been spent in the year 1979, and will be spent in the years 1980 and 1981 for—(a) salaries of staff employed in government schools teaching English as a second language in the classroom; (b) rent of the Myer House Offices used by Child Migrant Education; (c) salaries of administrators working within the Child Migrant Education Office; (d) salaries of consultants in English as a second language and ethnic consultants; (e) the development of curriculum materials in English as a second language; and (f) any other specific area.
  - 4 With respect to the increase for the years 1979, 1980 and 1981, what have been and what will be the specific areas of projects that funds of the Galbally Multi-cultural Education have been or will be expended.
- 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—

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- (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.
- 231 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, when it is expected that additional—(a) maths/science; and (b) humanities, teachers will be appointed to Wonthaggi technical school, in order to fill the acknowledged vacancies in these areas and in order to allow the school to maintain and develop a balanced curriculum.
- 232 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what additional staff will be appointed to the Templestowe technical school in order to allow the school to sustain adequate literacy and numeracy programmes.
- 233 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 providing a replacement vehicle for the Rosedale Mobile Area Resource Centre and what steps will be taken to ensure that in future a replacement vehicle is available when required.
- 234 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 providing the promised capital grant for a mobile multi-cultural parent information service.
- 235 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in relation to the proposed Delacombe primary school:
- 1 When plans were first completed for this school and what was the estimated cost.
  - 2 Why these plans have now been dispensed with.
  - 3 What funds are now available for this school.
  - 4 What facilities included in the original plans will not now be provided.
  - 5 When it is now expected that this school will be ready for occupation.

- 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.
- 237 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what progress has been made in the establishment of intensive language centres for each region and what submissions have been received from each of the relevant regional committees on these projects.
- 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.
- 244 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What was the number of primary, secondary and technical studentships and scholarships awarded each year from 1965 to 1980.
  - 2 Of the above total primary, secondary and technical studentships, respectively, what was the number—(a) who have successfully completed their course, indicating the number—(i) who have fulfilled their bond obligations; (ii) who still are fulfilling their bond obligations; (iii) who are currently repaying an agreed amount; (iv) who are currently negotiating the repayment of their bond obligations; (v) whose obligations have been waived or reduced, either for the studentship holder or guarantor only; (vi) in other categories; (b) who are still undertaking their course; (c) who are no longer persisting with their course, indicating the number—(i) who have no obligation to repay; (ii) currently negotiating an agreed repayment; (iii) whose obligations have been waived or reduced, either for the studentship holder or guarantor only; (iv) of others considered to have an obligation to repay; (v) currently suspended, together with other possible categories.

- 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.
- 247 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 In each of the past three years how many parents received the maintenance allowance.
  - 2 How many applicants were refused the allowance.
- 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.
- 252 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 When the proposed road widening in Bell Street, Coburg will be carried out.
  - 2 Over how many properties in Bell Street, Coburg a reservation is held.
- 253 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What is the estimated cost of establishing automatic signalling on the Upfield railway line.
  - 2 Whether provision of this equipment has been considered; if not, why.
- 254 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What is the estimated cost of establishing automatic signalling on the Lalor railway line.
  - 2 Whether provision of this equipment has been considered; if not, why.
- 255 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What are the terms of reference for the study by Pak-Poy and Associates Pty Ltd for the Metropolitan Transportation Committee.
  - 2 When this study will be completed.
- 256 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What reservations on land in the municipalities of Coburg and Broadmeadows respectively are held by the Country Roads Board, indicating the land in each case.
  - 2 Whether the Board intends to release any of these reservations.

- 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.
- 258 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether there are any procedures available by which the Government or any of its agencies may authorize telephone tapping; if so, how many authorizations were obtained in each year since 1970.
- 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.
- 260 MR WILTON—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What was the final cost of constructing the Altona–Somerton pipeline.
  - 2 What amount of the cost was born by VicRail.
  - 3 Whether a share of the cost by VicRail was provided from loan funds; if so, what rate of interest is being applied.
- 261 MR WILTON—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether a participant's and operating agreement has been executed between VicRail, Esso Australia Ltd, Mobil Oil Australia Ltd and the Shell Company of Australia Ltd for the operations of the Altona–Somerton oil pipeline; if so, whether he will make available a copy of the agreement to the Member for Broadmeadows.
- 262 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what amount has been spent in recent years on the planning and construction of the proposed Melbourne remand centre.
- 263 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What amount was spent on the Youth Accommodation Services Programme during 1979–80.
  - 2 Which projects received funding.
- 264 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 How many staff are employed in the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation.
  - 2 How many staff are employed in the office of Youth Affairs, and when this number was last increased.
  - 3 What is the nature of the staff positions in the office of Youth Affairs.
- 265 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services who are the members of the Correctional Services Council and what are their occupations.
- 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.
- 267 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works what was the total value of contracts let in each of the past five years.
- 268 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works in each of the past three years, how many contracts were let costing more than \$500 000 and what were the projects.

- 269 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 How many staff were employed in each branch of the Victorian Railways at 30 June 1980.
  - 2 How many staff were employed on track maintenance.
  - 3 What amount was spent on track maintenance in each of the past three years.
- 270 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 Whether survey work on the proposed East Preston tramline has been completed.
  - 2 Whether construction will commence during 1980–81.
- 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.
- 272 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy:
- 1 What research into alternative fuels was undertaken by the Government during the past three years.
  - 2 Whether the Government is aware of any research into alternative fuels undertaken by other bodies in Victoria.
  - 3 Whether the Government keeps informed of developments in alternative fuels undertaken by other States or countries; if so, how.
- 273 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy how many oil drills were operating within Victoria as at 30 June 1980, and where they were located.
- 274 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what known reserves of oil exist in Victoria.
- 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.
- 276 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what research into solar energy was undertaken by the Government during 1979–80.
- 277 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether the State Electricity Commission or the Gas and Fuel Corporation have been negotiating loans with interest at 18 per cent or more; if so, what is the reason for the high interest rates, and what are the details of the loans.
- 278 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 What ecological research with regard to the 21 endangered species has been undertaken by Government agencies, indicating the funding of this research, during each of the past three years.
  - 2 What financial or practical support has been given by the Government to non-government research in this field, during this period.
- 279 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of raids by the Drug Squad of the Victoria Police Force:
- 1 Whether a record is kept of the number of raids each year; if so, what was the number in each of the past four years.

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- 2 How many raids have been carried out within the Melton, Deer Park, Laverton and Werribee areas in each of the past four years.
  - 3 How many raids were carried out in the Melton, Deer Park, Laverton and Werribee areas, respectively, on 31 May and 1 June 1980, indicating the number of premises raided and the number of premises on which drugs were found.
  - 4 Whether raids carried out in the Melton area on 31 May and 1 June 1980 were carried out on the incorrect premises due to wrong addresses being given to the officers concerned; if so, whether any apology has been provided to the occupants; if not, why.
- 280 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, in respect of each reservoir on the Werribee River and its tributories:
- 1 When the works were completed.
  - 2 What was the estimated capacity at completion.
  - 3 What is the present estimated capacity.
  - 4 What is the current estimated annual reduction in capacity due to—  
(a) siltation; and (b) any other factors.
  - 5 What was the estimated rate of siltation in each year since completion, indicating the effect on capacity.
  - 6 What steps have been taken to reduce the rate of siltation.
- 281 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy in respect of electricity blackouts during the recent industrial dispute involving the State Electricity Commission of Victoria, what was the time and duration of each blackout on each day—(a) in the area of residence of the Chairman of the Commission; (b) in the area of residence of each officer of the State Electricity Commission responsible for deciding areas to be blacked-out; and (c) in each area used for black-out purposes within the electoral district of Werribee, indicating the reason for excluding any area from blackouts.
- 282 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether an insurance fund or similar fund is maintained in relation to the responsibilities of the Titles Office; if so—(a) what is its purpose; (b) who is the insurer; (c) what are the sources of contributions to the fund; and (d) by whose authority payments are made from the fund.
- 283 MR AMOS—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 Latrobe Valley indicating why no houses were purchased in that region when the Minister has acknowledged that it has an acute housing shortage.
  - 2 Whether the Latrobe Valley's housing shortage is very largely influenced by Government sponsored development; if so, whether the Commission will undertake spot purchases in that region during this current financial year.
- 284 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 What amount has been spent by the Youth Fund in each of the past five years.
  - 2 What have been the major projects in each of the past three years.

- 285 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation who are the members of the State Youth Council, and what are their occupations.
- 286 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 How many municipal recreation officers are employed by local government, and subsidized by the Department of Youth Sport and Recreation.
  - 2 Whether there has ever been a review of this scheme; if so, whether the results of the review are available to the public.
- 287 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what are the terms of reference for Professor Beasley's study into railway freight and whether the report has been completed.
- 288 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer, if he will ascertain and inform the House:
- 1 What are the seven major private sector projects involving new capital expenditure of over \$2 billion as mentioned on page 49 of his Budget Speech.
  - 2 What is the new capital expenditure for each project.
  - 3 How many persons are currently employed in the construction of each project.
  - 4 What is the estimated number of persons who will be employed in each project on completion.
  - 5 Whether any of these projects are not proceeding.
- 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.
- 290 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, how many Land Conservation Council final recommendations have been received, indicating in each case—(a) the study area; (b) when the recommendations were received; and (c) whether a decision has been made; if not, when a decision is expected.
- 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.
- 293 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 What total amount has been received from the Commonwealth Government via taxation receipts in each year since 1972–73.
  - 2 What proportion of total taxation receipts has been paid to Victoria in each such year.

- 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.
- 299 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, with regard to each high school in the electoral district of Coburg, what was the special needs staffing component and migrant English staffing component in 1979, and what are the proposed figures for 1980.
- 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.
- 301 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 Since the age range of students at the Pentridge Prison Education Centre is between 17 and 63 years, why the Centre is deemed to be Primary School No. 4187.
  - 2 Whether the Centre is funded on the same basis as a primary school; if not, on what basis it is funded.
- 302 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 What are the 24 current major public sector projects which are each costing over \$5 million.
  - 2 How many persons are currently employed in the construction of each project.
  - 3 Whether any of these projects are not proceeding.
- 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.
- 304 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, in respect of a question without notice regarding closure of petrol service stations asked on 16 October 1979, whether any further consideration has been given to making adequate regulations to cover the safety and security of underground storage tanks, on the closure of any petrol service station, and providing protection for any councils concerned.

- 305 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether recent analyses of sediment taken from Cherry Lake, Altona, has shown traces of chemical 2, 4-D and 2, 4, 5-T; if so, whether the source of the chemical found has been ascertained and whether prosecutions are to be instigated.
- 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

- 309 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 What premises in Coburg are registered with the Industrial Hygiene Section to handle hazardous substances.
  - 2 When inspections are made of the plant at these premises.
  - 3 What were the results of the inspections made in the past two years, and what action has been necessary.
- 310 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in each of the years 1970 to 1979 inclusive:
- 1 How many bookings were made for consorting.
  - 2 How many persons were actually charged with consorting.
  - 3 How many persons were convicted of consorting.
  - 4 What were the sentences of those convicted.

- 311 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether there are vacant positions in the Public Solicitor's professional/law clerk staff establishment at present; if so, how many positions are vacant and when they will be filled.
- 312 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, with regard to the 40 homes purchased from Vanvliet and Gardner (Vic.) Pty Ltd and subsequently sold by the Housing Commission:
- 1 Whether purchasers of such homes were in receipt of incomes in excess of the maximum amount stipulated by the Commission; if so, how many.
  - 2 How many of the purchasers had been on Commission waiting lists for periods shorter than one year, two years, and three years, respectively.
  - 3 What portion of the moneys required to finance the contract of sale of these homes for these buyers was provided by the Commonwealth under the provisions of the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement.
- 313 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 What was the total cost of the Board of Inquiry into certain land purchases by the Housing Commission and questions arising therefrom, indicating in particular, the cost in respect of—(a) fees paid to the Board; (b) fees paid to counsel assisting the Board and counsel engaged on behalf of any other person, indicating which person; (c) shorthand writers; (d) seconded secretarial, clerical or other staff; and (e) police or other investigators, indicating which investigators.
  - 2 Whether any calculation has been made of the salaries paid to officers of the Housing Commission, the Valuer-General's Office and any other State employee, respectively during the times spent by those persons either at the Board of Inquiry or in preparation for the hearing; if so, what total sum was notionally incurred in respect of these wages and salaries.
- 314 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether there has been a reduction in the number of foot warmers provided in winter for the comfort of Geelong-Melbourne train commuters; if so, why.
- 316 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation what is the Totalizator Agency Board policy for providing sufficient operating windows open to overcome complaints of long waiting periods.
- 317 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry how many persons are currently employed by the Government under the Special Youth Employment Training Programme and how many are—(a) employed by each Government department or authority; and (b) training for each industry or skill category.
- 318 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of State Development, Decentralization and Tourism:
- 1 What is the mechanism and the regional framework used by the Department to monitor the impact on industry of economic factors such as internal trade flows, migration patterns, transport costs, and employment multipliers, and on what date this monitoring process commenced.
  - 2 Whether he will make available to the Leader of the Opposition any departmental surveys which have been completed in the past two years, assessing the impact of economic factors on Victorian industry.

- 319 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for State Development, Decentralization and Tourism how many industries which have received State Government assistance in the form of decentralization concessions, subsidies or loans in the past five years have—(a) closed down plant operations; (b) reduced employment size; or (c) consolidated in another location.
- 320 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many unemployed persons have used the Government transport concession facility from the time of commencement to date.
- 321 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 How many new homes were built by the Housing Commission during 1979–80.
  - 2 How many homes were bought by the Commission during 1979–80.
- 322 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Whether the proposed Corio police station is classified as an urgent project.
  - 2 What is the proposed police establishment strength for such station.
  - 3 When it is planned that the station will be opened for use.
- 323 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what are the proposed plans and time schedules for updating and duplication of the Melbourne–Geelong rail route.
- 324 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation whether the Totalizator Agency Board is obligated to verify that a telephone account subscriber is registered under his correct name and address; if not, why and whether consideration is being given to amending such situation.
- 325 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 What undeveloped areas of land in the Geelong area are at present held by the Housing Commission for the siting of Commission units.
  - 2 When it is envisaged that each such area will be developed and how many homes will be involved.
- 326 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation whether he will ascertain and advise how many licensed trainers operate and racehorses are trained on each licensed racecourse in Victoria.
- 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.
- 328 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 How many Totalizator Agency Board agencies were subject to holdups in each of the years 1975 to 1979 and in this year to date.
  - 2 What total sum of money was stolen from agencies in each of the above years.
- 329 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services how many police personnel were stationed in the Barwon Police District at June 1970, 1975 and 1980, respectively.

- 330 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What amount is to be spent on the Police Academy at Glen Waverley this financial year and what amounts have been spent to date.
  - 2 What amount is to be spent at the William Street administration complex this financial year and what amounts have been spent to date.
  - 3 What amount is to be spent on maintenance of police buildings this financial year and what amounts have been spent to date.
- 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.
- 332 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Which police stations are at present being renewed, re-built or renovated.
  - 2 Which police stations are planned or listed for renewal, re-building or renovations, giving the order of priority.
  - 3 What areas and location of land are available and reserved for these purposes.
- 333 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, how many paupers' funerals were provided for from departmental grants in the financial years 1975-76 to 1978-79, respectively and what estimated number will be provided for in 1980-81.
- 334 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What investigations are currently being made into expanding the Police Air Wing.
  - 2 What type of aircraft are being considered for purchase for the Air Wing.
  - 3 What recommendations have been made on the future development of the Air Wing by the Committee appointed for this purpose.
  - 4 When a decision will be announced regarding the future of this unit.
- 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.

- 338 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services how many children have been officially warned by an officer of the Victoria Police Force in preference to an appearance before the Children's Court, in the years 1976 to 1979, respectively, and in this year to date.
- 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.
- 341 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services in respect of random breath testing:
- 1 What reports are available to Honourable Members in respect of the success or otherwise of this operation in reducing the number of persons who drive after drinking alcohol.
  - 2 What effect it has had in reducing the number of fatal accidents and what reports are available to Honourable Members on this aspect.
- 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.

- 345 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What is the net growth rate in the actual strength of the Victoria Police Force in this year to date.
  - 2 What are the losses through retirement, ill-health, resignation and dismissal, respectively, and what has been the net gain.
- 346 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Whether arrangements have been finalized for accommodating the Police Mounted Branch as a result of the transfer of the existing premises in St Kilda Road to the Victorian Council of the Arts.
  - 2 Whether a decision has been made as to where the Branch will be located.
  - 3 When it is expected that the move from the present location will take place.
- 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.
- 349 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many motor vehicles have been stolen in each of the years from 1970 to date detailing cars, trucks and motor cycles.
  - 2 How many vehicles in each category have been recovered in each of the years specified.
- 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.

- 352 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many applications for approval and authorization have been heard and granted under the *Listening Devices Act* 1969 in each of the years 1973 to 1979 inclusive and in this year to date.
  - 2 How many approved authorizations for installing a listening device are still in effect, indicating how many devices are installed and in use by any member of the Victoria Police Force.
  - 3 How many reports the Chief Commissioner of Police has submitted to the Minister in respect of each authorization of a device for the years 1977 to 1979, respectively and in this year to date.
  - 4 Whether he will provide a copy of each report to the Member for Ascot Vale; if not, why.
- 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.
- 354 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What total amount has been spent on police recruitment in each of the past five financial years.
  - 2 What amount is proposed to be spent on police recruitment in this financial year.
- 355 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many police are used on point duties and/or assisting in directing traffic within the City of Melbourne, from Monday to Friday of each week.
  - 2 How many police are required for the same purposes for Saturday and Sunday of each week.
- 356 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What police stations were completed and ready for occupancy in the 1979-80 financial year.
  - 2 What police stations are expected to be completed and ready for occupancy in the 1980-81 financial year.
- 357 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether the Chief Commissioner of Police has made any submissions this year on behalf of the Victoria Police Force and the Victorian Government to the Commonwealth Government, seeking additional funds for police services; if so—(a) what was the basis of the submissions; and (b) what has been the response of the Commonwealth Government.

- 358 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many meetings have been held by the working party set up to inquire into alternative methods of funding of operational expenditure of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board and the Country Fire Authority.
  - 2 What alternative methods of funding are being examined.
  - 3 When recommendations are expected to be made and announced to the House.
- 359 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 What representations have been made to the Commonwealth Government regarding difficulties associated with the fixing of the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday on an "as decreed" basis rather than on a set day.
  - 2 What has been the response from the Commonwealth Government.
- 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.
- 362 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education in respect of each Education Department region, what is the number of special developmental schools, indicating—(a) the number of each grade of such schools; (b) the number of students catered for at such schools; (c) the number of (i) principals; (ii) deputy principals; (iii) teachers; and (iv) assistants at such schools; and (d) any steps being taken to correct any imbalance between regions in the number of students catered for by each region.
- 363 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What are the dates for commencement and completion of the proposed North Shore rail overpass.
  - 2 What have been the average daily road and rail traffic figures over such point in the years 1965, 1970, 1975 and 1980, respectively.
  - 3 What are the reasons for the continued delay in the commencement of this overpass.
- 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.
- 365 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation what venues of the three racing industries have lodged applications for approved capital works assistance in excess of \$10 000 for the financial years 1979–80 and 1980–81, indicating—(a) which applications were approved; and (b) what are the details of the respective works.
- 366 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What were the monthly totals of vehicle movements across the West Gate Bridge since its opening.

- 2 What were the toll collections in each such period.
  - 3 How many accidents necessitating vehicles being towed away have occurred on the bridge since its opening.
- 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.
- 368 MR KIRKWOOD—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many vehicles are on the support strength of the Victoria Police Independent Patrol Group.
  - 2 How many police officers are currently working with the Independent Patrol Group.
  - 3 What evidence is available to show that the problem of trail bikes and mini bikes intrusion onto recreational reserves has increased.
  - 4 Whether any records have been kept by police or municipal councils of the cost of damage to surface reserves and young or old trees damaged as a result of trail bike activities.
  - 5 Whether it is proposed to increase staff levels in the Independent Patrol Group.
- 370 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in respect of the development of the Urban Land Council site at Truganina:
- 1 What progress has been made on proposals to sub-divide, develop and sell land.
  - 2 When an announcement on progress of the sub-division will be made.
- 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.
  - 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.
  - 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.
- 385 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether foreign fishing vessels permitted to fish in Australian waters off the Victorian coastline have been guaranteed supplies of distillate or other types of fuel; if so—(a) whether any limits will be placed upon that supply; and (b) what will be the basis of price per litre.
- 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.
- 387 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture whether the Government in close co-operation with the Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation and the Australian Agriculture Council arranged for a pilot

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carcass classification scheme at Countryside Meats, Donald; if so, what was the Government's financial contribution towards the scheme.

- 388 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what steps have been taken to ensure that books specified for use in association with school curriculums are retained as such for extended periods, thus enabling their use by students in successive years.

**Notices received on 11 September 1980**

- 444 MR KIRKWOOD—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What are the financial difficulties affecting the chiropractic education programme at Preston Institute of Technology.
  - 2 Whether the chiropractic programme is accredited within the Australian tertiary system.
  - 3 How many students are dependent upon the Preston course being funded.
  - 4 What are the annual running expenses of the College of Chiropractic at Preston Institute of Technology.
- 445 MR SPYKER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether there have been cases where the residents' interests prevailed in reversing a licence granted by the Environment Protection Authority to major industry to discharge chemicals into the air; if so, what are the details.
- 446 MR SPYKER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 What powers are exercised to ensure that unlicensed emissions of chemicals are not discharged into the atmosphere.
  - 2 Whether environmental impact studies are carried out prior to purchase and installation of major plant by industry.
- 447 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture:
- 1 Whether Countryside Meats Pty Ltd, Donald, Victoria has gone into liquidation.
  - 2 Whether the company owes the Victorian State Government and Commonwealth Government substantial sums on account of inspection fees and levies; if so—(a) what is the amount involved; (b) what was the maximum amount owed at any time during the past four years; and (c) what was the reason for allowing the debt to accrue.
  - 3 What other meatworks in Victoria owe the State Government amounts extending over two months.
- 448 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture whether the State Government initiated a pilot carcass classification scheme at Countryside Meats Pty Ltd, Donald; if so—(a) whether the study was completed and if not, why; (b) what was the Government cost for machinery and plant involved; and (c) where is the machinery and plant at this date.
- 449 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether there was a case of illegal trading in native birds at the Sir Colin MacKenzie Fauna Park, Healesville during 1979.

- 450 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether officers of the Fisheries and Wildlife Division charged the Monte Carlo Circus for breaking the regulations in relation to the sizes of cages during February 1980; if so, what was the result of the case.
- 451 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services how many beds under the Youth Accommodation Services Programme were available at 30 June 1980, indicating at which premises.
- 452 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation who are the members of the State Sports Council, indicating their occupations.
- 453 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation who are the members of the State Recreation Council, indicating their occupations.
- 454 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Department of Agriculture or by any authority or agency under the control of the department to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
- 455 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether a petition signed by Ballarat citizens opposing the fluoridation of water supplies and forwarded to Her Majesty the Queen was returned to the Department of the Premier over 12 months ago; if so, whether the Department forwarded the petition to Parliament for the purposes of presentation to the House and, in that event, when.
- 456 MR SPYKER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, what assurances are provided by the Ministry for Conservation that the environment and health of residents near major industry is safeguarded by the Environment Protection Authority, in view of that Authority being unable to objectively check concentrations of chemicals either in the ambient air or even for compliance with its issued licences.
- 457 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Premier further to the answer to question No. 2297 provided to the Member for Bentleigh on 15 July 1980:
- 1 When, where, and how the people of Victoria were advised of the gifts to the Art Foundation of Victoria by Alcoa of Australia.
  - 2 Whether he will provide copies of such announcements to press, radio and television.

**Notices received on 16 September 1980**

- 458 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts whether the Victorian Arts Centre Trust or any other body is now booking or proposing to book performances for the Victorian Arts Centre; if so, what is the—  
(a) estimated unit seat cost; and (b) level of Government subsidy annually per seat and overall.
- 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.

- 460 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in respect of each of the past three financial years:
- 1 What surplus or deficit resulted from the home sales operations of the Housing Commission, indicating how any surplus was utilized.
  - 2 What surplus or deficit resulted from the rental operations of the Housing Commission, indicating how any surplus was utilized.
- 461 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 How many houses, flats and elderly citizens units, respectively, were built by the Housing Commission in the financial years 1978–79 and 1979–80, indicating the amount of funds allocated for each category and the number of buildings in each category for sale and rental respectively.
  - 2 What are the comparable expectations for this financial year.
- 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.
- 463 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works whether he has prepared a current version of his document “1979–80 Victorian Budget: Effect on the Building and Construction Industry”, released on 11 October last year; if so, when it will be released.
- 464 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 Whether a Cabinet sub-committee reported to him on 28 February 1979 on a recommended offer to be made to Nabalco in response to its submission for the establishment of an aluminium smelter in Victoria.
  - 2 Whether he made a similar offer to Alcoa by telephone on 1 March 1979 and whether the Premier received a letter in response from Alcoa on the same day agreeing to proceed with the construction of a smelter in Victoria.
- 465 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether he is aware that the number of approvals, commencements, completions, and dwellings under construction in Victoria fell by 1.7 per cent, 6.6 per cent, 7.6 per cent and 14.3 per cent, respectively, in the year ended 31 March 1980; if so, what steps he will take to revitalize the Victorian housing industry.
- 466 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer whether he will undertake to provide comparisons with other States when releasing details of Victorian development projects to the media.
- 467 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer whether, in view of concern for the long-term economic future of Victoria expressed by, amongst others, the Master Builders Association, the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce and Mr Ross King of Melbourne University, he will instruct his Long Term Policy Planning Committee to draw up an economic strategy plan to stimulate economic growth and guide the development of our State.

- 468 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether his attention has been drawn to a comprehensive survey of planned mining and manufacturing projects by the Department of Industry and Commerce, which shows that not only will Victoria invest less in mining than four other States, but will also invest less in manufacturing than New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia; if so, what are the Government's plans for countering this threatened shift in the centre of Australia's manufacturing industry away from Victoria.
- 469 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether his attention has been drawn to a comprehensive survey of civil engineering projects by the Australian Federation of Construction Contractors, which shows that over the next five years real annual growth rates of engineering construction will range from plus 2 per cent for New South Wales to plus 37 per cent in Western Australia, but that the industry will contract by 14 per cent each year in Victoria; if so, how he reconciles this position with his own repeated claims that Victoria will participate in the "construction boom" associated with resource development in other States.
- 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.
  - 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.
- 471 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether he will heed the call of the Master Builders Association of Victoria and commission a study of migration to other States, bearing in mind that a net 21 100 Victorians (including one in every hundred of the 25 to 34 age group) left this State during 1978–79.
- 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.
- 473 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether any Government official letters, forms and procedures have been simplified as a result of the Plain English Committee proposals for making public administration simpler and for encouraging the use of clear and direct English; if so, how many, indicating the departments concerned.
- 474 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 How many overseas trips have been made by the Premier and the Deputy Premier, respectively, in the past financial year.
  - 2 What was the date, cost and purpose of each overseas trip.
  - 3 Who accompanied the Premier and the Deputy Premier in each case.
- 475 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works whether a decision has been made to impose a levy upon boat owners in Victoria; if so—(a) what is the amount of the levy; (b) what categories of boats will be levied; and (c) what is the purpose of such levy.
- 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.

- 477 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what was the subsidy per passenger for the private bus industry in 1979–80 for—  
(a) metropolitan routes; (b) urban routes; and (c) country routes.
- 478 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether VicRail reported on the allocation of the total subsidy provided from Government funds for 1979–80; if so, what was the allocation.
- 479 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what was the revenue and operating expenses of the Victorian Railways in 1979–80.
- 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.
- 481 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many trips the Southern Aurora, the Spirit of Progress and the Daylight Express, respectively, made in the first half of 1980—(a) to Sydney; and (b) from Sydney, indicating on how many occasions each train was late in leaving or arriving at its destination, respectively, and on what dates and at what times these trains were more than one hour late.
- 482 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many staff were employed by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board as at 30 June 1980.
- 483 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 How many by-laws inspectors were employed by VicRail as at 30 June 1980.
  - 2 How many staff were employed by VicRail at that date to police unruly behaviour on trains and stations indicating how many were in the Special Squad.
- 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.
- 485 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many passengers were carried by the private bus industry during 1979–80 on—  
(a) metropolitan routes; and (b) urban routes.
- 486 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Labour and Industry:
- 1 What are the criteria for funding Victorian Employment Committee projects.
  - 2 What projects have been funded by the Victorian Employment Committee to date.
  - 3 In which electorates each of the projects funded by the Victorian Employment Committee is located.
- 487 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information supplied on 1 November 1979 in relation to welfare housing in response to question No. 934 recorded in *Hansard* at page 4167.

- 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.
- 489 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether, due to the illness of several officers, he is aware that there was one officer available on 2 September 1980 to supervise 74 inmates at Morwell River Prison Farm; if so, whether he will give consideration to the provision of a permanent pool of relieving prison officers to ensure that there is no repetition of such understaffing.
- 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.
- 491 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the second part of the Survey of Children admitted to Care from Lone Father Families (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 Parts 1 and 2 of the survey; (b) whether the survey is available to voluntary welfare agencies so that its recommendations can be implemented; and (c) whether he will make this survey (Parts 1 and 2) 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.
- 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.
- 495 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer whether Victoria's unemployment rate is below the national average and whether this is due solely to movement interstate of residents who lose their jobs.
- 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.

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498 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, following the Budget and the allocation of funds to be provided under the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement:

- 1 What funds will be received by Victoria in grants.
- 2 What amount of these grants will be used for—(a) rental housing assistance; and (b) dwellings for pensioners.
- 3 What amount will be received in loans and what sum will be used for rental housing and home purchase, respectively—(a) by the Housing Commission; (b) by approved lending authorities, indicating their names; and (c) for dwellings for pensioners.
- 4 In the announced funding arrangements, what proportions, if any, of—(a) grants; and (b) loans, are being provided conditionally on a matching contribution from State Government resources, indicating at what ratio.
- 5 What additional financial resources have been made available in 1979–80 and 1980–81, showing their source.

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.

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

- 1 Whether the Coburg City Council has been informed by him that its proposal for the development of the Harold Stevens Athletic Track will not be funded until eighteen more acceptable projects are funded this financial year.

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- 2 What are the details of these eighteen projects, indicating the cost and the funds to be provided.
  - 3 In each of the municipalities concerned and also in Coburg, what is the total Totalizator Agency Board turnover, the percentage of money allocated from these undertakings to the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation and the amounts returned for projects in these municipalities over the past five years.
- 502 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture whether herbicides are now used in currant production by many growers as a substitute for the practice known as ringbarking; if so—(a) how long before harvesting the herbicide is applied; (b) which herbicide or herbicides are used; (c) whether the herbicides are registered for such use; and (d) whether currants from any vines so treated with 2,4,5-T have been tested for 2,4,5-T or dioxin, and if so, with what results.
- 503 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture what products which included diethyl stilboestrol have been registered in Victoria for use with animals, indicating in each case—(a) the name of the product; (b) the name of the person or company in whose name it was registered; (c) the forms in which it was registered; (d) when registration was first approved; (e) if registration was amended, when and in what way; (f) when registration lapsed if no longer current; and (g) the species and the uses for which it was registered.
- 504 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture whether any products chemically-related to diethyl stilboestrol have been registered in Victoria for use in animals; if so—(a) what are the names of the products; (b) what are the names of the persons or companies in whose name the products were registered; (c) in which forms the products were registered; (d) when registration was first approved; (e) if registration was amended, when and in what way; (f) when registration lapsed if no longer current; (g) what are the species and uses for which the products were registered; and (h) what steps have been taken, including any cited references examined, to investigate the carcinogenicity, the mutagenicity and other possible ill-effects of the products on treated animals and on persons consuming the products of such animals.
- 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.
- 506 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health when products containing diethyl stilboestrol or chemically related substances first became subject to approval for use in Victoria.
- 507 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry:
- 1 What is the cost to the Hairdressers Registration Board to examine students of private hairdressing schools.
  - 2 What fees these schools pay to the Board.
  - 3 Whether these fees cover the cost of examining these students; if not, who is paying the examining costs.

- 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 Darling Roads following the opening of the Mulgrave 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.
- 510 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts:
- 1 When stormwater drainage tenders were opened for the Victorian Arts Centre.
  - 2 How many tenders were received and for what amount in each case.
  - 3 Who was the successful tenderer.
  - 4 Whether any concern was expressed in relation to the lowest tender; if so—(a) by whom; (b) what were the grounds of concern; (c) whether the building committee or Trust was informed; and (d) whether any additional payments had to be made subsequently, and if so, what amount.
- 511 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts:
- 1 When fire curtain tenders were opened for the Victorian Arts Centre.
  - 2 How many tenders were received and for what amount in each case.
  - 3 Who was the successful tenderer.
  - 4 Whether any concern was expressed in relation to the lowest tender; if so—(a) by whom; (b) what were the grounds of concern; (c) whether the building committee or Trust were informed; and (d) whether any additional payments had to be made subsequently, and if so, what amount.
- 512 MR EVANS (*Gippsland East*)—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether, in view of grants to the Conservation Council of Victoria and the Victorian National Parks Association of \$12 000 and \$6000, respectively, the Minister will ascertain and advise how many meetings each organization held during the 1979–80 financial year, how many people attended each meeting and where organizations were represented, the name and address of the organization each such person represented.
- 513 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister for Water Supply:
- 1 What was the estimated cost of the Thomson River Dam at the date of the Government's decision to build it and what were the revised estimates for each of the years since that date.

- 2 In respect of the dam wall—(a) what was the estimated cost at the start of construction; (b) what design changes have been made to the wall and why these changes were not known before work commenced; and (c) what is the revised estimate for the dam wall.
- 3 What are the terms of access to the Thomson catchment, indicating—  
(a) why only a very few of the tracks into the catchment were unpadlocked last season; and (b) why the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works rangers assume the authority to demand from visitors the production of documents such as driving licences, shooters permits and fishing licences.
- 4 Whether the Minister will instruct the Board to ensure that employees adhere to the terms of access and desist from harrasing members of the public.

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- 514 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What was the tonnage and revenue, respectively represented by the cartage of briquettes from the Latrobe Valley on the Gippsland line in each of the past 10 years.
  - 2 What was the tonnage of briquettes transported by road from the Latrobe Valley in each of those years as identified by Transport Regulation Board road permits.
  - 3 In respect of road haulage permits sought in each of the past 3 years, on how many occasions VicRail has objected to the granting of such permits.
  - 4 Whether VicRail pursued every opportunity to object to the issue of permits; if not, why, and what cases were not pursued.
  - 5 Whether he will make available to the Member for Morwell all Transport Regulation Board records detailing their consideration of road permit applications in respect to briquette or coal related product movements.
- 515 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 How many submissions the Land Conservation Council has received in respect of its proposed recommendations on the North Central Study Area.
  - 2 Why the Council prepared a draft final report on this area when the period of receiving submissions had not passed.
  - 3 What assurances the Government will give concerned people who have taken the trouble of preparing and providing submissions, that their views will be given every consideration by the Council.
  - 4 What steps have been taken to acquaint the Council with the meaning of exempted and/or excepted Crown Land as defined by the *Mines Act 1958*, indicating whether legal opinion has been sought and, if so, what opinion.
  - 5 Whether the Minister is aware of any legal opinion on these terms sought by any other Ministry or Department as a result of the Council's proposed recommendations and reference to them.
  - 6 In view of the controversy over the Council's proposed recommendations, why the Minister did not agree to the request by the Member for Morwell to extend the period for the receipt of public submissions.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 518 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, in view of question No. 1194 first asked on 25 September 1979 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period in respect to a recent municipal poll of ratepayers of Loch Sport under section 693 of the *Local Government Act* 1958 for the purpose of determining an electrification scheme for the town:
- 1 Whether this poll was the first since the recent amendment to that section; if not, what other polls have been conducted.
  - 2 What percentage of eligible ratepayers participated in the poll and what percentage of ratepayers voted in favour of the proposal.
  - 3 Whether certain ratepayers who were advised that they would be exempt from a financial obligation toward the scheme were permitted to vote for the scheme; if so—(a) whether the occurrence of such advice tendered to ratepayers before a poll under the section, which could unfairly influence the outcome, was considered at all by the Government when the amendment to the section was proposed; and (b) whether, in view of many complaints that have arisen because of this alleged anomaly, the Government will consider a further amendment designed to overcome the problem.
- 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.
  - 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

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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.

521 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in view of question No. 1986 first asked on 13 March 1980 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period relating to the answer to question No. 1257 given on 12 March 1980:

- 1 When officers of the Health Commission and the State Electricity Commission first began to examine ways in which the proposed health study on Latrobe Valley residents could be carried out.
- 2 When it is expected that this preliminary examination will be completed.
- 3 Whether he will ask the Health Commission to commence the proposed health study as soon as possible.

522 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in view of question No. 2061 first asked on 19 March 1980 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period:

- 1 How many total fire ban days have been declared in each of the past five years including this year to 1 March 1980, indicating summer period peaks.
- 2 Whether, in view of the many total fire ban days declared this past summer period which included days which did not reach the fire danger potential expected, he will review the procedures for declaring such days; if so, whether the review will take into consideration relaxing the ban on fixed gas fired barbecues in the urban areas.

523 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in view of question No. 2129 first asked on 25 March 1980 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period:

- 1 Whether the Minister's attention has been drawn to an article in the *Latrobe Valley Express* of 19 February 1980, which states that the Regional Director of Education had provided assurances that he favoured the retention of the name of Robertson for a school located in the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works town of Rawson.
- 2 Whether the Regional Director has made any representations about the matter which favour the name of Robertson; if so, why, when the Place Names Committee and the Government had firmly rejected the Board's proposal to name the town where the school is located, Robertson, favouring instead the pioneering name of Rawson.

524 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in view of question No. 2158 first asked on 26 March 1980 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period, relating to the campaign designed to reduce the road toll:

- 1 Whether the available evidence indicates that inexperienced probationary motor drivers have a greater potential to involve more persons in accidents than do probationary motor cyclists.

- 2 Whether the Government will give consideration to prohibiting probationary motor car drivers from driving high powered vehicles, similar to the prohibition now imposed on probationary motor cyclists.
  - 3 How many driving schools in Victoria offer motor cycle instruction.
  - 4 Whether, in view of motor cycle training not being accessible to learner riders as is the case for drivers at motor car driving courses, the Government will give consideration to encouraging such training courses to provide safer riding skills.
- 525 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, in view of question No. 2260 first asked on 16 April 1980 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period, whether the State Electricity Commission has undertaken investigations and forward planning in respect of open cut and/or power station development after the completion of Loy Lang power station; if so—(a) what are the details; (b) whether the Commission will produce a report on the matter, and in that event, when; and (c) whether other Government agencies or departments have been consulted by the Commission during such forward investigations and planning and, if not, why.
- 526 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, in view of question No. 2393 first asked on 6 May 1980 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period, relating to representatives of the Kominic consortium visiting Melbourne on 28–29 April 1980:
- 1 Whether the Government or any statutory bodies had discussions with these representatives concerning the building of a solvent refined coal plant in the Latrobe Valley; if so, as a result of such discussions—(a) when and where the plant will be built; (b) what is the size and cost of the plant; and (c) what financial contribution the State Government will make to the establishment of the plant.
  - 2 Whether he is aware of a document from the consortium which is being used to obtain quotations for the construction of a SRC plant; if so, whether he will make a copy available.

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### QUESTIONS

Notices received on 23 September 1980

- 527 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, what studies are being conducted of pesticide levels in irrigation drainage channels, the Werribee River and areas of Port Phillip Bay adjacent to the Werribee South irrigation area and the discharges of the associated drainage channels, indicating the terms of reference of each study and the date by which a report is expected.
- 528 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, in respect of the Environmental Studies Programme Report on P.C.B.'s in the Port Phillip region, whether sampling station location Nos. 23, 24, and 25 were related to the discharge from Little River, whether the P.C.B.'s detected at the sampling stations were likely to have been included in discharges from the Little River into Port Phillip Bay and if so, whether the metropolitan Sewerage Farm is likely to have been the immediate source for the P.C.B.'s.
- 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.
- 530 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether the *Psychological Practices Act 1965* as it affects the Church of Scientology is currently under review; if so, when the review is expected to be completed.
- 531 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the beef industry carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
  - 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.
- 532 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the sheep meat industry carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
  - 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.

- 533 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the wool industry carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
  - 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.
- 534 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to irrigation carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
  - 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.
- 535 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the deer industry carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
  - 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.
- 536 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the pig industry carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
  - 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.
- 537 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the barley industry carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
  - 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.
- 538 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the oil seeds industry carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
  - 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project

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- commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.
- 539 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the wheat industry carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
  - 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.
- 540 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the potato industry carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
  - 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.
- 541 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the dried fruits industry carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
  - 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.
- 542 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the dairy industry carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
  - 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.
- 543 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the wine industry carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
  - 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.
- 544 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the citrus industry carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.

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- 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.
- 545 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the apple and pear industries carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
  - 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.
- 546 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many train controllers are being transferred from country towns to Melbourne, indicating the dates of transfer and the towns concerned in each case.
- 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.
- 548 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 What is the priority list for primary school development in the Northern Metropolitan Region, in particular the Broadmeadows district.
  - 2 When the Education Department expects to build the “Core-Plus” at Westmeadows Heights primary school.
  - 3 Whether any other Government Department has allocated funds for Primary School development in the Broadmeadows district; if so, why and which Department made the allocation and what is the amount.
- 549 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the vegetable industry carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
  - 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.
- 550 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the apiary industry carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
  - 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.

- 551 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the stoned fruits industry carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
  - 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.
- 552 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to pastures carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
  - 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.
- 553 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the tobacco industry carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
  - 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.
- 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.
- 556 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in respect of the financial years 1978–79, 1979–80, and the estimates for 1980–81:
- 1 What proportion and numbers of tenants received some form of rebate assistance.
  - 2 What is the level of rebate subsidy.
  - 3 What is the range of rebate subsidy.
  - 4 What is the source of these funds.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 558 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts:
- 1 Whether any budget allocations have been made to the Community Arts Co-operative; if so—(a) what was the year involved and the amounts; and (b) whether an application was received for part funding of a secretary; if so, when and with what results.
  - 2 Whether a decision has been made on Co-operative representation on the Victoria Council for the Arts; if so, what decision.
  - 3 Whether an allocation has been made for the Co-operative at the Meat Market building.
- 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.
- 560 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether the Crown Solicitor's advice has been sought as to whether the General Reserve Fund of building societies can be used to repay shareholders in the collapsed Twentieth Century Building and Investment Society; if so—(a) when the advice was sought; and (b) whether a reply has been received and, if not—(i) what is causing the delay; and (ii) when a decision is expected.
- 561 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts, in respect of the committee formed to examine security aspects of regional art galleries, what are the details as to—(a) the date of the Committee's appointment; (b) the members; (c) the dates of meetings; (d) any recommendations made by the Committee; (e) the date on which a consultant was appointed, indicating on whose advice the appointment was made and the estimated and actual costs, respectively; (f) the date at which the report was completed; (g) the reason for the delay in completing the report; (h) whether the report will be laid on the Table of the Library; and (j) what additional funds have been made available to improve security at each regional gallery in respect of additional staff and additional equipment, respectively.
- 562 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture how many calves, cows, bullocks and steers and bulls, respectively, were slaughtered in Victoria for the most recent twelve months period for which figures are available.
- 563 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what amount of cattle compensation stamp duty was collected in each month in the period 1 July 1978 to 30 June 1980.
- 564 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether radioactive materials are used in the Shell Refinery at Corio, indicating in respect of each such material—(a) its name; (b) the quantity used each year; (c) the manner of disposal after use; (d) the steps taken to recover it after use; (e) the amount lost in use in each of the past five years to date; and (f) the steps taken to prevent human exposure to radioactivity from the material.

- 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.
- 566 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what is the average daily cost of maintaining a prisoner in Pentridge Prison or a similar institution.
- 567 MR WILTON—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister of Lands:
- 1 When that part of Yarra Park taken as a temporary measure to allow the Melbourne Underground Rail Loop Authority to construct a tunnel to service the Caulfield and Burnley lines will be returned to Yarra Park.
  - 2 What authority will be responsible for the cost of restoring the area of land as part of the above Park.
- 568 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture how many cattle of each category of weight, sex and age were sold in saleyards in Victoria for the most recent twelve month period for which figures are available.
- 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.
- 570 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry, in respect of private colleges of hairdressing:
- 1 What action the Government is taking to close down or phase out these colleges.
  - 2 Whether teacher ratio per student and student enrolments are inspected regularly and action taken where breaches have occurred.
  - 3 Whether the numbers of students entering through the college system has been checked over the last five years.
  - 4 Whether the availability of employment in the hairdressing industry for college students has been looked into.
  - 5 Whether the colleges are required to contribute toward the upkeep of the Hairdressers’ Registration Board administration.
  - 6 Whether the Government has given consideration to declaring a one class certificate for hairdressing; if so, what.
- 571 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry whether the hairdressing industry will be given the opportunity to view any pending draft regulations to make sure that they have been brought up to date in accordance with the needs of the industry.
- 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

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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.
- 574 MR WHITING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy:
- 1 Whether any consumers of electric power are in receipt of a subsidized rate for power used; if so, which companies are in receipt of subsidies and what amounts are involved in each case.
  - 2 In relation to the proposed supply of electric power to Alcoa at Portland, where this power will be generated and what method will be used to convey it to its destination.
- 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.
  - 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.

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## QUESTIONS

Notices received on 9 September 1980

- 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 the Board has written to the Brunswick City Council concerning the same

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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.
- 13 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of child maltreatment, what research the Health Commission is currently undertaking.
- 14 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the staffing of each hospital in the Mental Health Division:
- 1 What is the number of patient-care positions and other positions, respectively, specifying the classifications in each category.
  - 2 What is the number of patient-care positions and other positions which have been frozen since May 1978, specifying the type of position.
- 16 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Mental Retardation curriculum prepared in 1974 and mentioned on page 11 of the last report of the Mental Health Authority, whether the curriculum has yet been introduced; if not, why and when it will be introduced.
- 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

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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 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.
- 37 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Hospitals Minor Works Programme for the year 1979-80, whether he will provide the Member for Brunswick with a list of works agreed to for this financial year, specifying the total funds involved to complete each job and the amount allocated for 1979-80.
- 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.
- 41 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 In respect of services for the mentally retarded with particular reference to the outer eastern suburbs of Melbourne and the City of Knox, whether the "Blueprint for Future Development" approved by the Government and mentioned in a letter to the City of Knox, dated 18 January 1979 will be made available to the Member for Brunswick; if not, why.
  - 2 What additional services have been able to be provided through the appointment of a Social Worker in the outer eastern region and when will "an acceleration of development" occur as suggested in a letter to the City of Knox on 11 April 1979 specifying what developments will be accelerated and when.
- 43 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of each of the following hospitals: Mercy, Royal Children's, Royal Victorian Eye and Ear, Royal Women's, Alfred, Box Hill and District, Dandenong and District, Fairfield, Maroondah, Preston and Northcote Community, Prince Henry's, Queen Victoria, Royal Melbourne, Southern Memorial (Caulfield), St. George's, St. Vincent's, Western General, Williamstown, Caulfield, Ballarat,

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Bendigo, Geelong, Gippsland, Hamilton, Mildura, Mooroopna, Wangaratta, Warrnambool, Ararat, Central Gippsland, Echuca, Frankston, Kyabram, Latrobe Valley, Stawell and Swan Hill:

- 1 What was the budget in 1978-79 specifying the amount from the Hospitals and Charities Fund.
  - 2 What budget was approved for 1979-80.
- 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.
- 46 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of Forensic Psychiatric Services, and further to question No. 378 answered on 26 June 1979:
- 1 Whether the Report of the Committee which met during 1978 is now available; if so, whether a copy of the Report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
  - 2 Whether the broader committee established by the Health Commission to look at the broad range of prison health services has finalised its report; if so—(a) when; (b) what is the membership of the committee to inquire into the entire range of prison health services; (c) whether it is still meeting; (d) how many meetings it has had to date; (e) what reports have been made to the Minister; (f) what are its deliberations; and (g) what action has been taken.
- 48 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he or the Health Commission estimated the Commonwealth's additional annual contribution under the Commonwealth-State cost-sharing arrangement where acute psychiatric hospitals and the acute area of psychiatric hospitals were included; if not, whether an estimate can be made and the information provided 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.
- 52 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received a submission from the City of Essendon concerning a training course in public pool management and operation; if so—(a) what investigations have been carried out by the Health Commission in this area; (b) what action is being taken; and (c) when a decision will be announced.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 58 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what is this State's involvement in the drugs of dependence monitoring system and whether the State has considered the extension of the system to include certain barbiturates; if so, whether there has been any approach by the Commonwealth to the State, or by the State to the Commonwealth, on this matter and, in that event, when, and with what result.
- 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.
- 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.
- 63 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of accommodation for staff teachers at the Children's School Camp, Somers:
- 1 Whether he is aware that most of the accommodation is seriously inadequate and unfit for use.
  - 2 When it was first proposed that the accommodation be replaced, and why no action was taken.
  - 3 Whether this proposal for replacement has been the reason for the lack of any funds for maintenance services for the past four years.
  - 4 Whether funds can be made available for urgent immediate maintenance services, or whether it is proposed to proceed with the replacement as a matter of urgency and, if so, when it is expected that work will commence.
- 64 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of Glen Andrew Hudyma and his family:
- 1 Whether there had been any contacts with the family in May 1978 or between that date and April 1979 by any hospital or Health Commission agency; if so, what were the contacts and whether any related to injuries or possible danger to Glen.
  - 2 Whether the Minister will consider, together with his colleagues the Assistant Minister of Health and the Minister for Community Welfare

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Services, an inquiry into the relationship between the various helping agencies and the family up to his death at the Royal Children's Hospital on 6 April 1979; if not, why.

- 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.
- 70 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether, in respect of a number of members of the Hospitals Superannuation Fund retiring on ill-health grounds, he is aware that there has been a significant increase in retirements on ill-health grounds; if so—(a) what inquiries the Health Commission or the Hospitals Superannuation Board has carried out, indicating the reason for the increase; and (b) what action it is proposed to take on this matter.
- 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.
- 76 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the membership of the Hospitals Superannuation Board, whether the Health Commission or he has received representations concerning Victorian Hospitals' Association representation on the Board; if so, what were the responses to the representations and whether he will now accede to the Association's request.
- 77 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware that a grant of \$50 000 a year for three years has been made to the Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Australia by the New South Wales Government; if so, whether the Victorian Government would be prepared to make a similar commitment; if not, why.
- 80 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether any first mortgage loans are available from the Home Finance Trust indicating—(a) the number on the waiting list; and (b) the date of the last first mortgage loan, indicating the amount and the interest charge.
- 81 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, with regard to recent and ongoing restructuring of the Ministry of Housing and consideration of further regionalization:
- 1 What reports have been prepared, and whether the reports will be made available.
  - 2 What new arrangements are proposed with regard to regional and district boundaries, functions, staffing levels and structure.
  - 3 What steps are being taken to determine the level and nature of housing needs on a regional basis.
- 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.
- 83 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what amount Victoria will receive this financial year under the current Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement indicating—(a) the amount paid into the Home Builders' Account for allocation to co-operative housing societies; (b) what additional funds have been available for distribution to societies in each of the past two financial years and the current financial year, specifying the source of such funds; (c) the distribution of these funds between the Melbourne and metropolitan area, urban, and country areas; (d) the interest rates at which the funds are provided, the amount, and at what interest rates they are advanced by societies to members, specifying—(i) the existing income level per week; and (ii) the average monthly repayments for both interest and principal.
- 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

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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.

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

- 1 Who are the present members of the advisory council set up under the *Co-operation Act* 1958, indicating the—(a) date of appointment; and (b) term of appointment in each case.
- 2 What consultation takes place with the credit unions when replacements arise.
- 3 In each of the past three years, what payments have been made from the Credit Societies Reserve Fund, indicating—(a) the amount in each case; (b) the purpose of the payment; and (c) the steps being taken to remedy any losses.

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

- 1 Why funds allocated last financial year for co-operative housing were unspent, given that the numbers waiting for a loan have increased by 25 per cent in the past year.
- 2 What amount remained unspent in 1978–79, and what were the estimates of expenditure for co-operative housing, including the Home Finance Trust, for the financial year 1978–79.

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.

91 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts how many local government and regional library services, respectively, have cut back the level of their services last financial year, indicating in each case—(a) the library; (b) the reduction in the book vote from the previous year; (c) the

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reduction in staff in comparison with the previous year, indicating whether of a permanent or temporary nature; (d) any other services affected and the nature of these services; (e) the population served; (f) the amount contributed by local government, indicating any additional amount over last year; and (g) the funds allocated for each of the past three financial years, and in this year to date.

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.

95 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts:

- 1 How many centres for performing arts have been built in Victoria, indicating—(a) where; (b) their capital cost and running expenses (including salaries of staff); and (c) their sources of income, including the Government contribution.

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- 2 How many centres for performing arts are—(a) currently being built; and (b) proposed to be built, indicating—(i) where; (ii) estimated costs; (iii) sources of those funds; (iv) estimated running expenses (including salaries of staff); and (v) the Government contribution in each case.
- 3 What is the current commitment in Victoria of the Ministry for the Arts in relation to—(a) capital costs; and (b) running costs of all performing arts centres.
- 96 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether any Government bodies, teams or other personnel have investigated or are currently investigating the Teacher Housing Authority; if so, when these investigations were commenced, what is their nature, and whether any particular person or persons are being investigated.
- 97 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 Who is the Registrar for Permanent Building Societies and what are his qualifications.
  - 2 What is the staff establishment of the Registry indicating—(a) the qualifications and date of appointment of each officer; (b) the description of duties; (c) whether any requests for additional staff have been made; if so, when, and what staff was requested.
  - 3 How many Societies there are indicating—(a) the number which are active; and (b) the total amount invested and on loan.
- 98 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what is the name of each Victorian Government body with—(a) policy; and (b) administrative responsibility in the area of—(i) liquid fuel; and (ii) other energy matters, and what are the responsibilities in each case.
- 99 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what is the name of each Commonwealth Government body with—(a) policy; and (b) administrative responsibility in the area of—(i) liquid fuel; and (ii) other energy matters, which includes Victorian Government representation and what are the responsibilities in each case.
- 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.
- 102 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer on disadvantaged schools in the

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electoral district of Oakleigh which his predecessor gave to the Member for Footscray on 25 October 1977 in response to question No. 2583 and reported in *Hansard* at page 10763.

- 103 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what is the total amount at constant prices allocated for each category of major expenditure in each Education Department region in each year since regionalization was introduced, indicating in each year the percentage increase or decrease and any instances where the categories are not comparable from year to year.
- 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.
- 108 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer on the Commonwealth Government Urban Public Transport Improvement Programme which his predecessor gave the then Leader of the Opposition on 9 December 1976 in answer to question No. 623, reported in *Hansard* at page 5929.
- 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.

- 114 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what further progress has been made concerning the phasing out of employment of prisoners to handle personal files at Pentridge Prison, since the answer given by his predecessor on 11 October 1977 in answer to question No. 497, reported in *Hansard* at page 10135.
- 115 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer about industries in Pentridge Prison which was given by his predecessor on 15 March 1978 in answer to question No. 9, reported in *Hansard* at page 343.
- 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.
- 117 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer about prisoners in H Division at Pentridge Prison which was given by his predecessor on 15 March 1978 in response to question No. 49, reported in *Hansard* at page 344.
- 118 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer about prison expenditures which was given by his predecessor on 4 April 1978 in answer to question No. 3, reported in *Hansard* at page 859.
- 119 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer on prisoners who have previously served sentences in youth training centres which was given by his predecessor on 17 May 1978 in response to question No. 35 and reported in *Hansard* at page 3208.
- 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 Aboriginals; if so, in what capacity.
- 122 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what point has been reached in negotiations for the purchase of land at the north-east corner of Springvale and Ferntree Gully Roads as the site for a 24 hour police station and when an announcement can be expected.
- 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.
- 129 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture whether, in respect of the recent West German High Court decision that the keeping of hens in cages where they cannot fulfil their behavioural instincts is cruel and illegal, and the associated decision of the E.E.C. Council of Ministers to appoint a working party on proposals for phasing out of the battery hen system of egg production, these matters have been studied by the Department of Agriculture; if so, with what result.
- 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

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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 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,

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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 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

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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 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

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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

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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*,

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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

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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, 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*

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*Act 1958* or an approved guarantor's rules absolve the approved guarantor from enforcing any or all of its rules against a builder.

- 178 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry which elements of the major youth employment programme, formulated prior to the establishment of the Victorian Employment Committee by the Standing Committee on Youth Employment, have now been incorporated in Victorian Employment Committee projects.
- 179 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what is the name of each firm which has been engaged to provide intruder detection systems in schools, indicating in each case—(a) the period of the engagement; (b) the respective number, type and cost of the systems provided; and (c) any instances in which the systems provided failed to meet specifications or were otherwise unsatisfactory.
- 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.
- 187 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Forests:
- 1 What are the procedures and instructions issued pursuant to the *Valuation of Land Act 1960* that the Forests Commission follows in obtaining a valuation from the Valuer-General's Office with regard to purchasing land subject to buy-back in the Dandenong Ranges when acting on behalf of or in conjunction with the Ministry for Conservation.
  - 2 How the valuation median and actual price paid median as determined by the Valuer-General each year since 1975 compares with the median for private sales in 1979 as determined by the Valuer-General's yearly statistics for the shires of Sherbrooke and Lillydale.
  - 3 Where an owner does not wish to sell at the price offered by the Commission, what procedures they are advised to follow to resolve the matter, indicating in how many cases in the shires of Sherbrooke and Lillydale this resulted in a substantial increase in price paid and specifying the average increase in the past three years.
  - 4 How prices paid for compulsory acquisition in the shires of Sherbrooke and Lillydale compare with those for willing sales, and what was the average additional cost incurred by the Commission in recompensing owners for expenses and solatium.

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- 5 Whether, in purchasing a one acre allotment identified as Lot 13 and 14 Mast Gully Road, Upwey, in May 1980—(a) the Commission compulsorily acquired the allotment and paid \$25 000 plus \$1000 owners' expenses plus \$1250 solatium; (b) the valuation was in accordance with the *Valuation of Land Act 1960* and, if not, why.
- 6 Whether, in purchasing a ten acre allotment identified at Lot 35 Hughes Street, Upwey—(a) the Commission paid \$2800 per acre and various other sums; (b) the allotment was compulsorily acquired or negotiated; and (c) the valuation was in accordance with the *Valuation of Land Act 1960* and, if not, why.
- 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.
- 190 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether the report of the Ombudsman on two defective homes built by Daffey and Johnson Pty Ltd at Peters Road and Leslie Road, Gisborne, has been acted upon by the relevant departments; if so, with what results.
- 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

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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.

193 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing on what dates since October 1974 the Housing Commission has bought houses from Vanvliet and Gardner (Vic.) Pty Ltd, indicating in each case—(a) the location; (b) the number; (c) the price; and (d) any instances of of rectification being required.

194 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry further to question No. 2209 asked on 2 April 1980 relating to Smorgon Consolidated Industries of Somerville Road, Sunshine:

1 Whether a survey has revealed a number of items relating to unguarded machinery and unsafe working conditions needing attention; if so—  
(a) how many items were listed for action and what action was indicated as necessary in each case; (b) whether the survey is complete; and (c) which items still require attention.

2 Whether officers of the Department of Labour and Industry have attended plants operated by Smorgon Consolidated Industries since December 1979; if so—(a) which officers; (b) on which days; and (c) for what purposes and with what results.

3 Whether officers of the Department are able to compile lists of fatal accidents, accidents involving serious injuries and lost time, and accidents of a relatively minor nature, respectively; if so, what those lists have revealed and what was the cause, machinery involved, the age and length of service of the employee and any other relevant material necessary to give a picture of the type of accident, nature of injury, and type of machinery involved in each case.

4 What current activity is taking place in rectifying safety hazards at these plants and when it is expected that remaining safety hazards will be rectified.

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

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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.

- 198 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture whether a Victorian based company, Food Handling Constructions Pty Ltd of Surrey Hills, Victoria, designed and constructed a cold storage complex at Dubai; if so, whether the Government entered into negotiations at Commonwealth level for Victoria/Australia to utilize the cold stores for Australian meat products and, in that event, what were the results of the negotiations and whether it is possible to utilize the design and experience of the Victorian based company to assist promoting frozen meat exports to Middle East countries.
- 199 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works:
- 1 Whether the Minister has received complaints concerning the installation of four radar reflectors in the San Remo channel.
  - 2 Whether the only equipment causing obstructions in the channel are lights and posts at Sally Reef, Two Starboard Buoys, and Armstrong Beacon, which are subject to vandalism.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 202 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether he will make available to the Member for Footscray a copy of the submission prepared by the Technical Schools Division in respect of the staffing needs of technical schools and colleges in 1979.
- 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.
- 208 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 Westernport:
- 1 What is the staffing establishment, and what is the actual number of staff.
  - 2 What is the present enrolment.
  - 3 What is the projected enrolment for each of the next two years.

- 4 Which schools have portable classrooms, indicating the number at each school.
  - 5 Which schools qualify for an art/craft room and library, and which schools have these facilities.
  - 6 Which schools have specialist art/craft, physical education (male and female), music and remedial teachers, respectively.
- 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.
- 214 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in relation to the Schools' Work Experience Programme, what funds have been provided by the Education Department to allow the employment of students involved in the programme in Education Department schools and other centres in the years 1977-78, 1978-79 and 1979-80, respectively.
- 216 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education when it is expected that the following works will be undertaken at Heathmont East primary school: (a) administration upgrade; (b) storage space extension; (c) withdrawal areas for remedial work; and (d) staff-room upgrading, particularly bearing in mind that the plans for these works were completed in 1977.
- 217 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education when it is expected that the following works will be undertaken at the Bell Post Hill primary school: (a) art/craft centre; (b) multi-purpose room; (c) administration upgrade; (d) canteen; (e) library extensions; and (f) improved staff facilities, particularly bearing in mind that plans for these works were completed in December 1977.

- 218 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether the Minister has received a submission from the Grovedale West primary school regarding the special staffing needs of the school; if so, what has been the response to date.
- 220 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received a request for financial assistance from the Footscray “Grow” group; if so, what help can be given to assist this organization in its important work.
- 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.
- 222 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what is the reason for the delay in the provision of a covered way between the relocatable classroom units and the main school building and toilets at Greenbrook primary school and when it is expected that this necessary facility will be provided.
- 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 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.
- 226 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what is the reason for the delay in the relocation of the Crib Point primary school from their present inadequate site to Crown land fronting Milne Street, Crib Point.

- 227 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 What was the total outlay of funds by the Education Department in the area of Child Migrant Education in each of the years 1977 to 1979 inclusive.
  - 2 What is the planned allocation of funds in 1980.
  - 3 In respect of the above-mentioned funds what amounts came from Commonwealth sources.
  - 4 For each of the years 1977 to 1979 inclusive, what amount of money was expended on the Child Migrant Education Programme for—  
(a) salaries of staff employed in government schools teaching English as a second language in the classroom; (b) rent of the Myer House offices used by the Child Migrant Education Office; (c) salaries of administrators working within the offices; (d) salaries of—(i) consultants in English as a second language; and (ii) ethnic consultants; and (e) the development of curriculum materials in—(i) English as a second language; and (ii) other areas of education for a multi-cultural society.
- 228 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 What is the increase in funding by the Commonwealth as a result of the Galbally Report on the Child Migrant Education Programme for the years 1979, 1980 and 1981.
  - 2 What is the increase in funding by the Commonwealth in the fields of multi-cultural education for the years 1979, 1980 and 1981.
  - 3 With respect to this increase in expenditure, what amount has been spent in the year 1979, and will be spent in the years 1980 and 1981 for—(a) salaries of staff employed in government schools teaching English as a second language in the classroom; (b) rent of the Myer House Offices used by Child Migrant Education; (c) salaries of administrators working within the Child Migrant Education Office; (d) salaries of consultants in English as a second language and ethnic consultants; (e) the development of curriculum materials in English as a second language; and (f) any other specific area.
  - 4 With respect to the increase for the years 1979, 1980 and 1981, what have been and what will be the specific areas of projects that funds of the Galbally Multi-cultural Education have been or will be expended.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 231 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, when it is expected that additional—(a) maths/science; and (b) humanities, teachers will be appointed to Wonthaggi technical school, in order to fill the acknowledged vacancies in these areas and in order to allow the school to maintain and develop a balanced curriculum.
- 232 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what additional staff will be appointed to the Templestowe technical school in order to allow the school to sustain adequate literacy and numeracy programmes.
- 233 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 providing a replacement vehicle for the Rosedale Mobile Area Resource Centre and what steps will be taken to ensure that in future a replacement vehicle is available when required.
- 234 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 providing the promised capital grant for a mobile multi-cultural parent information service.
- 235 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in relation to the proposed Delacombe primary school:
- 1 When plans were first completed for this school and what was the estimated cost.
  - 2 Why these plans have now been dispensed with.
  - 3 What funds are now available for this school.
  - 4 What facilities included in the original plans will not now be provided.
  - 5 When it is now expected that this school will be ready for occupation.
- 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.
- 237 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what progress has been made in the establishment of intensive language centres for each region and what submissions have been received from each of the relevant regional committees on these projects.

- 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.
- 244 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What was the number of primary, secondary and technical studentships and scholarships awarded each year from 1965 to 1980.
  - 2 Of the above total primary, secondary and technical studentships, respectively, what was the number—(a) who have successfully completed their course, indicating the number—(i) who have fulfilled their bond obligations; (ii) who still are fulfilling their bond obligations; (iii) who are currently repaying an agreed amount; (iv) who are currently negotiating the repayment of their bond obligations; (v) whose obligations have been waived or reduced, either for the studentship holder or guarantor only; (vi) in other categories; (b) who are still undertaking their course; (c) who are no longer persisting with their course, indicating the number—(i) who have no obligation to repay; (ii) currently negotiating an agreed repayment; (iii) whose obligations have been waived or reduced, either for the studentship holder or guarantor only; (iv) of others considered to have an obligation to repay; (v) currently suspended, together with other possible categories.
- 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.
- 247 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 In each of the past three years how many parents received the maintenance allowance.
  - 2 How many applicants were refused the allowance.

- 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.
- 252 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 When the proposed road widening in Bell Street, Coburg will be carried out.
  - 2 Over how many properties in Bell Street, Coburg a reservation is held.
- 253 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What is the estimated cost of establishing automatic signalling on the Upfield railway line.
  - 2 Whether provision of this equipment has been considered; if not, why.
- 254 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What is the estimated cost of establishing automatic signalling on the Lalor railway line.
  - 2 Whether provision of this equipment has been considered; if not, why.
- 255 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What are the terms of reference for the study by Pak-Poy and Associates Pty Ltd for the Metropolitan Transportation Committee.
  - 2 When this study will be completed.
- 256 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What reservations on land in the municipalities of Coburg and Broadmeadows respectively are held by the Country Roads Board, indicating the land in each case.
  - 2 Whether the Board intends to release any of these reservations.
- 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.
- 258 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether there are any procedures available by which the Government or any of its agencies may authorize telephone tapping; if so, how many authorizations were obtained in each year since 1970.
- 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.

- 260 MR WILTON—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What was the final cost of constructing the Altona–Somerton pipeline.
  - 2 What amount of the cost was born by VicRail.
  - 3 Whether a share of the cost by VicRail was provided from loan funds; if so, what rate of interest is being applied.
- 261 MR WILTON—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether a participant's and operating agreement has been executed between VicRail, Esso Australia Ltd, Mobil Oil Australia Ltd and the Shell Company of Australia Ltd for the operations of the Altona–Somerton oil pipeline; if so, whether he will make available a copy of the agreement to the Member for Broadmeadows.
- 262 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what amount has been spent in recent years on the planning and construction of the proposed Melbourne remand centre.
- 263 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What amount was spent on the Youth Accommodation Services Programme during 1979–80.
  - 2 Which projects received funding.
- 264 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 How many staff are employed in the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation.
  - 2 How many staff are employed in the office of Youth Affairs, and when this number was last increased.
  - 3 What is the nature of the staff positions in the office of Youth Affairs.
- 265 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services who are the members of the Correctional Services Council and what are their occupations.
- 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.
- 267 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works what was the total value of contracts let in each of the past five years.
- 268 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works in each of the past three years, how many contracts were let costing more than \$500 000 and what were the projects.
- 269 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 How many staff were employed in each branch of the Victorian Railways at 30 June 1980.
  - 2 How many staff were employed on track maintenance.
  - 3 What amount was spent on track maintenance in each of the past three years.
- 270 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 Whether survey work on the proposed East Preston tramline has been completed.
  - 2 Whether construction will commence during 1980–81.

- 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.
- 272 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy:
- 1 What research into alternative fuels was undertaken by the Government during the past three years.
  - 2 Whether the Government is aware of any research into alternative fuels undertaken by other bodies in Victoria.
  - 3 Whether the Government keeps informed of developments in alternative fuels undertaken by other States or countries; if so, how.
- 273 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy how many oil drills were operating within Victoria as at 30 June 1980, and where they were located.
- 274 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what known reserves of oil exist in Victoria.
- 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.
- 276 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what research into solar energy was undertaken by the Government during 1979–80.
- 277 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether the State Electricity Commission or the Gas and Fuel Corporation have been negotiating loans with interest at 18 per cent or more; if so, what is the reason for the high interest rates, and what are the details of the loans.
- 278 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 What ecological research with regard to the 21 endangered species has been undertaken by Government agencies, indicating the funding of this research, during each of the past three years.
  - 2 What financial or practical support has been given by the Government to non-government research in this field, during this period.
- 279 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of raids by the Drug Squad of the Victoria Police Force:
- 1 Whether a record is kept of the number of raids each year; if so, what was the number in each of the past four years.
  - 2 How many raids have been carried out within the Melton, Deer Park, Laverton and Werribee areas in each of the past four years.
  - 3 How many raids were carried out in the Melton, Deer Park, Laverton and Werribee areas, respectively, on 31 May and 1 June 1980, indicating the number of premises raided and the number of premises on which drugs were found.
  - 4 Whether raids carried out in the Melton area on 31 May and 1 June 1980 were carried out on the incorrect premises due to wrong addresses being given to the officers concerned; if so, whether any apology has been provided to the occupants; if not, why.

- 280 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, in respect of each reservoir on the Werribee River and its tributories:
- 1 When the works were completed.
  - 2 What was the estimated capacity at completion.
  - 3 What is the present estimated capacity.
  - 4 What is the current estimated annual reduction in capacity due to—  
(a) siltation; and (b) any other factors.
  - 5 What was the estimated rate of siltation in each year since completion, indicating the effect on capacity.
  - 6 What steps have been taken to reduce the rate of siltation.
- 281 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy in respect of electricity blackouts during the recent industrial dispute involving the State Electricity Commission of Victoria, what was the time and duration of each blackout on each day—(a) in the area of residence of the Chairman of the Commission; (b) in the area of residence of each officer of the State Electricity Commission responsible for deciding areas to be blacked-out; and (c) in each area used for black-out purposes within the electoral district of Werribee, indicating the reason for excluding any area from blackouts.
- 282 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether an insurance fund or similar fund is maintained in relation to the responsibilities of the Titles Office; if so—(a) what is its purpose; (b) who is the insurer; (c) what are the sources of contributions to the fund; and (d) by whose authority payments are made from the fund.
- 283 MR AMOS—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 Latrobe Valley indicating why no houses were purchased in that region when the Minister has acknowledged that it has an acute housing shortage.
  - 2 Whether the Latrobe Valley's housing shortage is very largely influenced by Government sponsored development; if so, whether the Commission will undertake spot purchases in that region during this current financial year.
- 284 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 What amount has been spent by the Youth Fund in each of the past five years.
  - 2 What have been the major projects in each of the past three years.
- 285 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation who are the members of the State Youth Council, and what are their occupations.
- 286 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 How many municipal recreation officers are employed by local government, and subsidized by the Department of Youth Sport and Recreation.
  - 2 Whether there has ever been a review of this scheme; if so, whether the results of the review are available to the public.

- 287 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what are the terms of reference for Professor Beasley's study into railway freight and whether the report has been completed.
- 288 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer, if he will ascertain and inform the House:
- 1 What are the seven major private sector projects involving new capital expenditure of over \$2 billion as mentioned on page 49 of his Budget Speech.
  - 2 What is the new capital expenditure for each project.
  - 3 How many persons are currently employed in the construction of each project.
  - 4 What is the estimated number of persons who will be employed in each project on completion.
  - 5 Whether any of these projects are not proceeding.
- 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.
- 290 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, how many Land Conservation Council final recommendations have been received, indicating in each case—(a) the study area; (b) when the recommendations were received; and (c) whether a decision has been made; if not, when a decision is expected.
- 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.
- 293 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 What total amount has been received from the Commonwealth Government via taxation receipts in each year since 1972–73.
  - 2 What proportion of total taxation receipts has been paid to Victoria in each such year.
- 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.
- 299 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, with regard to each high school in the electoral district of Coburg, what was the special needs staffing component and migrant English staffing component in 1979, and what are the proposed figures for 1980.
- 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.
- 301 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 Since the age range of students at the Pentridge Prison Education Centre is between 17 and 63 years, why the Centre is deemed to be Primary School No. 4187.
  - 2 Whether the Centre is funded on the same basis as a primary school; if not, on what basis it is funded.
- 302 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 What are the 24 current major public sector projects which are each costing over \$5 million.
  - 2 How many persons are currently employed in the construction of each project.
  - 3 Whether any of these projects are not proceeding.
- 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.
- 304 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, in respect of a question without notice regarding closure of petrol service stations asked on 16 October 1979, whether any further consideration has been given to making adequate regulations to cover the safety and security of underground storage tanks, on the closure of any petrol service station, and providing protection for any councils concerned.
- 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.

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**

- 309 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 What premises in Coburg are registered with the Industrial Hygiene Section to handle hazardous substances.
  - 2 When inspections are made of the plant at these premises.
  - 3 What were the results of the inspections made in the past two years, and what action has been necessary.
- 310 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in each of the years 1970 to 1979 inclusive:
- 1 How many bookings were made for consorting.
  - 2 How many persons were actually charged with consorting.
  - 3 How many persons were convicted of consorting.
  - 4 What were the sentences of those convicted.
- 311 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether there are vacant positions in the Public Solicitor's professional/law clerk staff establishment at present; if so, how many positions are vacant and when they will be filled.
- 312 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, with regard to the 40 homes purchased from Vanvliet and Gardner (Vic.) Pty Ltd and subsequently sold by the Housing Commission:
- 1 Whether purchasers of such homes were in receipt of incomes in excess of the maximum amount stipulated by the Commission; if so, how many.
  - 2 How many of the purchasers had been on Commission waiting lists for periods shorter than one year, two years, and three years, respectively.
  - 3 What portion of the moneys required to finance the contract of sale of these homes for these buyers was provided by the Commonwealth under the provisions of the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement.

- 314 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether there has been a reduction in the number of foot warmers provided in winter for the comfort of Geelong–Melbourne train commuters; if so, why.
- 316 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation what is the Totalizator Agency Board policy for providing sufficient operating windows open to overcome complaints of long waiting periods.
- 317 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer how many persons are currently employed by the Government under the Special Youth Employment Training Programme and how many are—(a) employed by each Government department or authority; and (b) training for each industry or skill category.
- 318 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of State Development, Decentralization and Tourism:
- 1 What is the mechanism and the regional framework used by the Department to monitor the impact on industry of economic factors such as internal trade flows, migration patterns, transport costs, and employment multipliers, and on what date this monitoring process commenced.
  - 2 Whether he will make available to the Leader of the Opposition any departmental surveys which have been completed in the past two years, assessing the impact of economic factors on Victorian industry.
- 319 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for State Development, Decentralization and Tourism how many industries which have received State Government assistance in the form of decentralization concessions, subsidies or loans in the past five years have—(a) closed down plant operations; (b) reduced employment size; or (c) consolidated in another location.
- 320 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many unemployed persons have used the Government transport concession facility from the time of commencement to date.
- 321 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 How many new homes were built by the Housing Commission during 1979–80.
  - 2 How many homes were bought by the Commission during 1979–80.
- 322 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Whether the proposed Corio police station is classified as an urgent project.
  - 2 What is the proposed police establishment strength for such station.
  - 3 When it is planned that the station will be opened for use.
- 323 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what are the proposed plans and time schedules for updating and duplication of the Melbourne–Geelong rail route.
- 324 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation whether the Totalizator Agency Board is obligated to verify that a telephone account subscriber is registered under his correct name and address; if not, why and whether consideration is being given to amending such situation.

- 325 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 What undeveloped areas of land in the Geelong area are at present held by the Housing Commission for the siting of Commission units.
  - 2 When it is envisaged that each such area will be developed and how many homes will be involved.
- 326 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation whether he will ascertain and advise how many licensed trainers operate and racehorses are trained on each licensed racecourse in Victoria.
- 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.
- 328 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 How many Totalizator Agency Board agencies were subject to holdups in each of the years 1975 to 1979 and in this year to date.
  - 2 What total sum of money was stolen from agencies in each of the above years.
- 329 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services how many police personnel were stationed in the Barwon Police District at June 1970, 1975 and 1980, respectively.
- 330 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What amount is to be spent on the Police Academy at Glen Waverley this financial year and what amounts have been spent to date.
  - 2 What amount is to be spent at the William Street administration complex this financial year and what amounts have been spent to date.
  - 3 What amount is to be spent on maintenance of police buildings this financial year and what amounts have been spent to date.
- 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.
- 332 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Which police stations are at present being renewed, re-built or renovated.
  - 2 Which police stations are planned or listed for renewal, re-building or renovations, giving the order of priority.
  - 3 What areas and location of land are available and reserved for these purposes.
- 333 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, how many paupers' funerals were provided for from departmental grants in the financial years 1975-76 to 1978-79, respectively and what estimated number will be provided for in 1980-81.
- 334 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What investigations are currently being made into expanding the Police Air Wing.

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- 2 What type of aircraft are being considered for purchase for the Air Wing.
  - 3 What recommendations have been made on the future development of the Air Wing by the Committee appointed for this purpose.
  - 4 When a decision will be announced regarding the future of this unit.
- 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.
- 338 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services how many children have been officially warned by an officer of the Victoria Police Force in preference to an appearance before the Children's Court, in the years 1976 to 1979, respectively, and in this year to date.
- 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.
- 341 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services in respect of random breath testing:
- 1 What reports are available to Honourable Members in respect of the success or otherwise of this operation in reducing the number of persons who drive after drinking alcohol.
  - 2 What effect it has had in reducing the number of fatal accidents and what reports are available to Honourable Members on this aspect.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 345 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What is the net growth rate in the actual strength of the Victoria Police Force in this year to date.
  - 2 What are the losses through retirement, ill-health, resignation and dismissal, respectively, and what has been the net gain.
- 346 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Whether arrangements have been finalized for accommodating the Police Mounted Branch as a result of the transfer of the existing premises in St Kilda Road to the Victorian Council of the Arts.
  - 2 Whether a decision has been made as to where the Branch will be located.
  - 3 When it is expected that the move from the present location will take place.
- 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.

- 349 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many motor vehicles have been stolen in each of the years from 1970 to date detailing cars, trucks and motor cycles.
  - 2 How many vehicles in each category have been recovered in each of the years specified.
- 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.
- 352 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many applications for approval and authorization have been heard and granted under the *Listening Devices Act* 1969 in each of the years 1973 to 1979 inclusive and in this year to date.
  - 2 How many approved authorizations for installing a listening device are still in effect, indicating how many devices are installed and in use by any member of the Victoria Police Force.
  - 3 How many reports the Chief Commissioner of Police has submitted to the Minister in respect of each authorization of a device for the years 1977 to 1979, respectively and in this year to date.
  - 4 Whether he will provide a copy of each report to the Member for Ascot Vale; if not, why.
- 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.
- 354 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What total amount has been spent on police recruitment in each of the past five financial years.
  - 2 What amount is proposed to be spent on police recruitment in this financial year.

- 355 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many police are used on point duties and/or assisting in directing traffic within the City of Melbourne, from Monday to Friday of each week.
  - 2 How many police are required for the same purposes for Saturday and Sunday of each week.
- 356 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What police stations were completed and ready for occupancy in the 1979–80 financial year.
  - 2 What police stations are expected to be completed and ready for occupancy in the 1980–81 financial year.
- 357 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether the Chief Commissioner of Police has made any submissions this year on behalf of the Victoria Police Force and the Victorian Government to the Commonwealth Government, seeking additional funds for police services; if so—(a) what was the basis of the submissions; and (b) what has been the response of the Commonwealth Government.
- 358 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many meetings have been held by the working party set up to inquire into alternative methods of funding of operational expenditure of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board and the Country Fire Authority.
  - 2 What alternative methods of funding are being examined.
  - 3 When recommendations are expected to be made and announced to the House.
- 359 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 What representations have been made to the Commonwealth Government regarding difficulties associated with the fixing of the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday on an "as decreed" basis rather than on a set day.
  - 2 What has been the response from the Commonwealth Government.
- 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.
- 362 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education in respect of each Education Department region, what is the number of special developmental schools, indicating—(a) the number of each grade of such schools; (b) the number of students catered for at such schools; (c) the number of (i) principals; (ii) deputy principals; (iii) teachers; and (iv) assistants at such schools; and (d) any steps being taken to correct any imbalance between regions in the number of students catered for by each region.

- 363 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What are the dates for commencement and completion of the proposed North Shore rail overpass.
  - 2 What have been the average daily road and rail traffic figures over such point in the years 1965, 1970, 1975 and 1980, respectively.
  - 3 What are the reasons for the continued delay in the commencement of this overpass.
- 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.
- 365 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation what venues of the three racing industries have lodged applications for approved capital works assistance in excess of \$10 000 for the financial years 1979–80 and 1980–81, indicating—(a) which applications were approved; and (b) what are the details of the respective works.
- 366 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What were the monthly totals of vehicle movements across the West Gate Bridge since its opening.
  - 2 What were the toll collections in each such period.
  - 3 How many accidents necessitating vehicles being towed away have occurred on the bridge since its opening.
- 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.
- 368 MR KIRKWOOD—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many vehicles are on the support strength of the Victoria Police Independent Patrol Group.
  - 2 How many police officers are currently working with the Independent Patrol Group.
  - 3 What evidence is available to show that the problem of trail bikes and mini bikes intrusion onto recreational reserves has increased.
  - 4 Whether any records have been kept by police or municipal councils of the cost of damage to surface reserves and young or old trees damaged as a result of trail bike activities.
  - 5 Whether it is proposed to increase staff levels in the Independent Patrol Group.
- 370 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in respect of the development of the Urban Land Council site at Truganina:
- 1 What progress has been made on proposals to sub-divide, develop and sell land.
  - 2 When an announcement on progress of the sub-division will be made.
- 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.
  - 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

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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.
  - 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.
- 385 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether foreign fishing vessels permitted to fish in Australian waters off the Victorian coastline have been guaranteed supplies of distillate or other types of fuel; if so—(a) whether any limits will be placed upon that supply; and (b) what will be the basis of price per litre.

- 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.
- 387 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture whether the Government in close co-operation with the Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation and the Australian Agriculture Council arranged for a pilot carcass classification scheme at Countryside Meats, Donald; if so, what was the Government's financial contribution towards the scheme.
- 388 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what steps have been taken to ensure that books specified for use in association with school curriculums are retained as such for extended periods, thus enabling their use by students in successive years.

**Notices received on 11 September 1980**

- 444 MR KIRKWOOD—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What are the financial difficulties affecting the chiropractic education programme at Preston Institute of Technology.
  - 2 Whether the chiropractic programme is accredited within the Australian tertiary system.
  - 3 How many students are dependent upon the Preston course being funded.
  - 4 What are the annual running expenses of the College of Chiropractic at Preston Institute of Technology.
- 445 MR SPYKER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether there have been cases where the residents' interests prevailed in reversing a licence granted by the Environment Protection Authority to major industry to discharge chemicals into the air; if so, what are the details.
- 446 MR SPYKER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 What powers are exercised to ensure that unlicensed emissions of chemicals are not discharged into the atmosphere.
  - 2 Whether environmental impact studies are carried out prior to purchase and installation of major plant by industry.
- 447 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture:
- 1 Whether Countryside Meats Pty Ltd, Donald, Victoria has gone into liquidation.

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- 2 Whether the company owes the Victorian State Government and Commonwealth Government substantial sums on account of inspection fees and levies; if so—(a) what is the amount involved; (b) what was the maximum amount owed at any time during the past four years; and (c) what was the reason for allowing the debt to accrue.
- 3 What other meatworks in Victoria owe the State Government amounts extending over two months.
- 448 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture whether the State Government initiated a pilot carcass classification scheme at Countryside Meats Pty Ltd, Donald; if so—(a) whether the study was completed and if not, why; (b) what was the Government cost for machinery and plant involved; and (c) where is the machinery and plant at this date.
- 449 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether there was a case of illegal trading in native birds at the Sir Colin MacKenzie Fauna Park, Healesville during 1979.
- 450 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether officers of the Fisheries and Wildlife Division charged the Monte Carlo Circus for breaking the regulations in relation to the sizes of cages during February 1980; if so, what was the result of the case.
- 451 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services how many beds under the Youth Accommodation Services Programme were available at 30 June 1980, indicating at which premises.
- 453 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation who are the members of the State Recreation Council, indicating their occupations.
- 454 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Department of Agriculture or by any authority or agency under the control of the department to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.
- 455 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether a petition signed by Ballarat citizens opposing the fluoridation of water supplies and forwarded to Her Majesty the Queen was returned to the Department of the Premier over 12 months ago; if so, whether the Department forwarded the petition to Parliament for the purposes of presentation to the House and, in that event, when.
- 456 MR SPYKER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, what assurances are provided by the Ministry for Conservation that the environment and health of residents near major industry is safeguarded by the Environment Protection Authority, in view of that Authority being unable to objectively check concentrations of chemicals either in the ambient air or even for compliance with its issued licences.
- 457 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Premier further to the answer to question No. 2297 provided to the Member for Bentleigh on 15 July 1980:
- 1 When, where, and how the people of Victoria were advised of the gifts to the Art Foundation of Victoria by Alcoa of Australia.

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- 2 Whether he will provide copies of such announcements to press, radio and television.

**Notices received on 16 September 1980**

- 458 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts whether the Victorian Arts Centre Trust or any other body is now booking or proposing to book performances for the Victorian Arts Centre; if so, what is the—  
(a) estimated unit seat cost; and (b) level of Government subsidy annually per seat and overall.
- 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.
- 460 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in respect of each of the past three financial years:
- 1 What surplus or deficit resulted from the home sales operations of the Housing Commission, indicating how any surplus was utilized.
  - 2 What surplus or deficit resulted from the rental operations of the Housing Commission, indicating how any surplus was utilized.
- 461 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 How many houses, flats and elderly citizens units, respectively, were built by the Housing Commission in the financial years 1978–79 and 1979–80, indicating the amount of funds allocated for each category and the number of buildings in each category for sale and rental respectively.
  - 2 What are the comparable expectations for this financial year.
- 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.
- 463 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works whether he has prepared a current version of his document “1979–80 Victorian Budget: Effect on the Building and Construction Industry”, released on 11 October last year; if so, when it will be released.
- 464 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 Whether a Cabinet sub-committee reported to him on 28 February 1979 on a recommended offer to be made to Nabalco in response to its submission for the establishment of an aluminium smelter in Victoria.
  - 2 Whether he made a similar offer to Alcoa by telephone on 1 March 1979 and whether the Premier received a letter in response from Alcoa on the same day agreeing to proceed with the construction of a smelter in Victoria.

- 465 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether he is aware that the number of approvals, commencements, completions, and dwellings under construction in Victoria fell by 1.7 per cent, 6.6 per cent, 7.6 per cent and 14.3 per cent, respectively, in the year ended 31 March 1980; if so, what steps he will take to revitalize the Victorian housing industry.
- 467 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer whether, in view of concern for the long-term economic future of Victoria expressed by, amongst others, the Master Builders Association, the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce and Mr Ross King of Melbourne University, he will instruct his Long Term Policy Planning Committee to draw up an economic strategy plan to stimulate economic growth and guide the development of our State.
- 468 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether his attention has been drawn to a comprehensive survey of planned mining and manufacturing projects by the Department of Industry and Commerce, which shows that not only will Victoria invest less in mining than four other States, but will also invest less in manufacturing than New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia; if so, what are the Government's plans for countering this threatened shift in the centre of Australia's manufacturing industry away from Victoria.
- 469 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether his attention has been drawn to a comprehensive survey of civil engineering projects by the Australian Federation of Construction Contractors, which shows that over the next five years real annual growth rates of engineering construction will range from plus 2 per cent for New South Wales to plus 37 per cent in Western Australia, but that the industry will contract by 14 per cent each year in Victoria; if so, how he reconciles this position with his own repeated claims that Victoria will participate in the "construction boom" associated with resource development in other States.
- 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.
  - 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.
- 471 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether he will heed the call of the Master Builders Association of Victoria and commission a study of migration to other States, bearing in mind that a net 21 100 Victorians (including one in every hundred of the 25 to 34 age group) left this State during 1978-79.
- 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.
- 473 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether any Government official letters, forms and procedures have been simplified as a result of the Plain English Committee proposals for making public administration simpler and for encouraging the use of clear and direct English; if so, how many, indicating the departments concerned.

- 474 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 How many overseas trips have been made by the Premier and the Deputy Premier, respectively, in the past financial year.
  - 2 What was the date, cost and purpose of each overseas trip.
  - 3 Who accompanied the Premier and the Deputy Premier in each case.
- 475 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works whether a decision has been made to impose a levy upon boat owners in Victoria; if so—(a) what is the amount of the levy; (b) what categories of boats will be levied; and (c) what is the purpose of such levy.
- 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.
- 477 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what was the subsidy per passenger for the private bus industry in 1979–80 for—(a) metropolitan routes; (b) urban routes; and (c) country routes.
- 478 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether VicRail reported on the allocation of the total subsidy provided from Government funds for 1979–80; if so, what was the allocation.
- 479 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what was the revenue and operating expenses of the Victorian Railways in 1979–80.
- 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.
- 481 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many trips the Southern Aurora, the Spirit of Progress and the Daylight Express, respectively, made in the first half of 1980—(a) to Sydney; and (b) from Sydney, indicating on how many occasions each train was late in leaving or arriving at its destination, respectively, and on what dates and at what times these trains were more than one hour late.
- 482 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many staff were employed by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board as at 30 June 1980.
- 483 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 How many by-laws inspectors were employed by VicRail as at 30 June 1980.
  - 2 How many staff were employed by VicRail at that date to police unruly behaviour on trains and stations indicating how many were in the Special Squad.
- 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.

- 485 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many passengers were carried by the private bus industry during 1979–80 on—  
(a) metropolitan routes; and (b) urban routes.
- 486 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Labour and Industry:  
1 What are the criteria for funding Victorian Employment Committee projects.  
2 What projects have been funded by the Victorian Employment Committee to date.  
3 In which electorates each of the projects funded by the Victorian Employment Committee is located.
- 487 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information supplied on 1 November 1979 in relation to welfare housing in response to question No. 934 recorded in *Hansard* at page 4167.
- 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.
- 489 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether, due to the illness of several officers, he is aware that there was one officer available on 2 September 1980 to supervise 74 inmates at Morwell River Prison Farm; if so, whether he will give consideration to the provision of a permanent pool of relieving prison officers to ensure that there is no repetition of such understaffing.
- 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.
- 491 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the second part of the Survey of Children admitted to Care from Lone Father Families (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 Parts 1 and 2 of the survey; (b) whether the survey is available to voluntary welfare agencies so that its recommendations can be implemented; and (c) whether he will make this survey (Parts 1 and 2) 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.

- 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.
- 495 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer whether Victoria's unemployment rate is below the national average and whether this is due solely to movement interstate of residents who lose their jobs.
- 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.

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- 498 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, following the Budget and the allocation of funds to be provided under the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement:
- 1 What funds will be received by Victoria in grants.
  - 2 What amount of these grants will be used for—(a) rental housing assistance; and (b) dwellings for pensioners.
  - 3 What amount will be received in loans and what sum will be used for rental housing and home purchase, respectively—(a) by the Housing Commission; (b) by approved lending authorities, indicating their names; and (c) for dwellings for pensioners.
  - 4 In the announced funding arrangements, what proportions, if any, of—(a) grants; and (b) loans, are being provided conditionally on a matching contribution from State Government resources, indicating at what ratio.
  - 5 What additional financial resources have been made available in 1979-80 and 1980-81, showing their source.
- 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.
- 501 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 Whether the Coburg City Council has been informed by him that its proposal for the development of the Harold Stevens Athletic Track will not be funded until eighteen more acceptable projects are funded this financial year.
  - 2 What are the details of these eighteen projects, indicating the cost and the funds to be provided.
  - 3 In each of the municipalities concerned and also in Coburg, what is the total Totalizator Agency Board turnover, the percentage of money allocated from these undertakings to the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation and the amounts returned for projects in these municipalities over the past five years.
- 502 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture whether herbicides are now used in currant production by many growers as a substitute for the practice known as ringbarking; if so—(a) how long before harvesting the herbicide is applied; (b) which herbicide or herbicides are used; (c) whether the herbicides are registered for such use; and (d) whether currants from any vines so treated with 2,4,5-T have been tested for 2,4,5-T or dioxin, and if so, with what results.
- 503 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture what products which included diethyl stilboestrol have been registered in Victoria for use with animals, indicating in each case—(a) the name of the product; (b) the name of the person or company in whose name it was registered; (c) the forms in which it was registered; (d) when registration was first approved; (e) if registration was amended, when and in what way; (f) when registration lapsed if no longer current; and (g) the species and the uses for which it was registered.
- 504 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture whether any products chemically-related to diethyl stilboestrol have been registered in Victoria for use in animals; if so—(a) what are the names of the products; (b) what are the names of the persons or companies in whose name the products were registered; (c) in which forms the products were registered; (d) when registration was first approved; (e) if registration was amended, when and in what way; (f) when registration lapsed if no longer current; (g) what are the species and uses for which the products were registered; and (h) what steps have been taken, including any cited references examined, to investigate the carcinogenicity, the mutagenicity and other possible ill-effects of the products on treated animals and on persons consuming the products of such animals.
- 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.

- 506 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health when products containing diethyl stilboestrol or chemically related substances first became subject to approval for use in Victoria.
- 507 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry:
- 1 What is the cost to the Hairdressers Registration Board to examine students of private hairdressing schools.
  - 2 What fees these schools pay to the Board.
  - 3 Whether these fees cover the cost of examining these students; if not, who is paying the examining costs.
- 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 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.
- 510 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts:
- 1 When stormwater drainage tenders were opened for the Victorian Arts Centre.
  - 2 How many tenders were received and for what amount in each case.
  - 3 Who was the successful tenderer.
  - 4 Whether any concern was expressed in relation to the lowest tender; if so—(a) by whom; (b) what were the grounds of concern; (c) whether the building committee or Trust was informed; and (d) whether any additional payments had to be made subsequently, and if so, what amount.
- 511 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts:
- 1 When fire curtain tenders were opened for the Victorian Arts Centre.
  - 2 How many tenders were received and for what amount in each case.
  - 3 Who was the successful tenderer.
  - 4 Whether any concern was expressed in relation to the lowest tender; if so—(a) by whom; (b) what were the grounds of concern; (c) whether the building committee or Trust were informed; and (d) whether any additional payments had to be made subsequently, and if so, what amount.

- 512 MR EVANS (*Gippsland East*)—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether, in view of grants to the Conservation Council of Victoria and the Victorian National Parks Association of \$12 000 and \$6000, respectively, the Minister will ascertain and advise how many meetings each organization held during the 1979–80 financial year, how many people attended each meeting and where organizations were represented, the name and address of the organization each such person represented.
- 513 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply:
- 1 What was the estimated cost of the Thomson River Dam at the date of the Government's decision to build it and what were the revised estimates for each of the years since that date.
  - 2 In respect of the dam wall—(a) what was the estimated cost at the start of construction; (b) what design changes have been made to the wall and why these changes were not known before work commenced; and (c) what is the revised estimate for the dam wall.
  - 3 What are the terms of access to the Thomson catchment, indicating—(a) why only a very few of the tracks into the catchment were unpadlocked last season; and (b) why the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works rangers assume the authority to demand from visitors the production of documents such as driving licences, shooters permits and fishing licences.
  - 4 Whether the Minister will instruct the Board to ensure that employees adhere to the terms of access and desist from harrasing members of the public.

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- 514 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What was the tonnage and revenue, respectively, represented by the cartage of briquettes from the Latrobe Valley on the Gippsland line in each of the past 10 years.
  - 2 What was the tonnage of briquettes transported by road from the Latrobe Valley in each of those years as identified by Transport Regulation Board road permits.
  - 3 In respect of road haulage permits sought in each of the past 3 years, on how many occasions VicRail has objected to the granting of such permits.
  - 4 Whether VicRail pursued every opportunity to object to the issue of permits; if not, why, and what cases were not pursued.
  - 5 Whether he will make available to the Member for Morwell all Transport Regulation Board records detailing their consideration of road permit applications in respect to briquette or coal related product movements.
- 515 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 How many submissions the Land Conservation Council has received in respect of its proposed recommendations on the North Central Study Area.
  - 2 Why the Council prepared a draft final report on this area when the period of receiving submissions had not passed.

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- 3 What assurances the Government will give concerned people who have taken the trouble of preparing and providing submissions, that their views will be given every consideration by the Council.
- 4 What steps have been taken to acquaint the Council with the meaning of exempted and/or excepted Crown Land as defined by the *Mines Act 1958*, indicating whether legal opinion has been sought and, if so, what opinion.
- 5 Whether the Minister is aware of any legal opinion on these terms sought by any other Ministry or Department as a result of the Council's proposed recommendations and reference to them.
- 6 In view of the controversy over the Council's proposed recommendations, why the Minister did not agree to the request by the Member for Morwell to extend the period for the receipt of public submissions.

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.

518 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, in view of question No. 1194 first asked on 25 September 1979 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period in respect to a recent municipal poll of ratepayers of Loch Sport under section 693 of the *Local Government Act 1958* for the purpose of determining an electrification scheme for the town:

- 1 Whether this poll was the first since the recent amendment to that section; if not, what other polls have been conducted.
- 2 What percentage of eligible ratepayers participated in the poll and what percentage of ratepayers voted in favour of the proposal.

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- 3 Whether certain ratepayers who were advised that they would be exempt from a financial obligation toward the scheme were permitted to vote for the scheme; if so—(a) whether the occurrence of such advice tendered to ratepayers before a poll under the section, which could unfairly influence the outcome, was considered at all by the Government when the amendment to the section was proposed; and (b) whether, in view of many complaints that have arisen because of this alleged anomaly, the Government will consider a further amendment designed to overcome the problem.
- 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.
  - 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.
- 521 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in view of question No. 1986 first asked on 13 March 1980 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period relating to the answer to question No. 1257 given on 12 March 1980:
- 1 When officers of the Health Commission and the State Electricity Commission first began to examine ways in which the proposed health study on Latrobe Valley residents could be carried out.
  - 2 When it is expected that this preliminary examination will be completed.
  - 3 Whether he will ask the Health Commission to commence the proposed health study as soon as possible.
- 522 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in view of question No. 2061 first asked on 19 March 1980 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period:
- 1 How many total fire ban days have been declared in each of the past five years including this year to 1 March 1980, indicating summer period peaks.
  - 2 Whether, in view of the many total fire ban days declared this past summer period which included days which did not reach the fire danger

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potential expected, he will review the procedures for declaring such days; if so, whether the review will take into consideration relaxing the ban on fixed gas fired barbecues in the urban areas.

523 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in view of question No. 2129 first asked on 25 March 1980 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period:

- 1 Whether the Minister's attention has been drawn to an article in the *Latrobe Valley Express* of 19 February 1980, which states that the Regional Director of Education had provided assurances that he favoured the retention of the name of Robertson for a school located in the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works town of Rawson.
- 2 Whether the Regional Director has made any representations about the matter which favour the name of Robertson; if so, why, when the Place Names Committee and the Government had firmly rejected the Board's proposal to name the town where the school is located, Robertson, favouring instead the pioneering name of Rawson.

524 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in view of question No. 2158 first asked on 26 March 1980 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period, relating to the campaign designed to reduce the road toll:

- 1 Whether the available evidence indicates that inexperienced probationary motor drivers have a greater potential to involve more persons in accidents than do probationary motor cyclists.
- 2 Whether the Government will give consideration to prohibiting probationary motor car drivers from driving high powered vehicles, similar to the prohibition now imposed on probationary motor cyclists.
- 3 How many driving schools in Victoria offer motor cycle instruction.
- 4 Whether, in view of motor cycle training not being accessible to learner riders as is the case for drivers at motor car driving courses, the Government will give consideration to encouraging such training courses to provide safer riding skills.

525 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, in view of question No. 2260 first asked on 16 April 1980 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period, whether the State Electricity Commission has undertaken investigations and forward planning in respect of open cut and/or power station development after the completion of Loy Lang power station; if so—(a) what are the details; (b) whether the Commission will produce a report on the matter, and in that event, when; and (c) whether other Government agencies or departments have been consulted by the Commission during such forward investigations and planning and, if not, why.

526 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, in view of question No. 2393 first asked on 6 May 1980 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period, relating to representatives of the Kominic consortium visiting Melbourne on 28–29 April 1980:

- 1 Whether the Government or any statutory bodies had discussions with these representatives concerning the building of a solvent refined coal plant in the Latrobe Valley; if so, as a result of such discussions—(a) when and where the plant will be built; (b) what is the size and cost of the plant; and (c) what financial contribution the State Government will make to the establishment of the plant.

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- 2 Whether he is aware of a document from the consortium which is being used to obtain quotations for the construction of a SRC plant; if so, whether he will make a copy available.

**Notices received on 23 September 1980**

- 527 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, what studies are being conducted of pesticide levels in irrigation drainage channels, the Werribee River and areas of Port Phillip Bay adjacent to the Werribee South irrigation area, and the discharges of the associated drainage channels, indicating the terms of reference of each study and the date by which a report is expected.
- 528 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, in respect of the Environmental Studies Programme Report on P.C.B.'s in the Port Phillip region, whether sampling station location Nos. 23, 24, and 25 were related to the discharge from Little River, whether the P.C.B.'s detected at the sampling stations were likely to have been included in discharges from the Little River into Port Phillip Bay and if so, whether the Metropolitan Sewerage Farm is likely to have been the immediate source for the P.C.B.'s.
- 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.
- 530 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether the *Psychological Practices Act* 1965 as it affects the Church of Scientology is currently under review; if so, when the review is expected to be completed.
- 531 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the beef industry carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
  - 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.
- 532 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the sheep meat industry carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
  - 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.
- 533 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the wool industry carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
  - 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project

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commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.

- 534 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to irrigation carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
  - 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.
- 535 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the deer industry carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
  - 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.
- 536 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the pig industry carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
  - 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.
- 537 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the barley industry carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
  - 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.
- 538 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the oil seeds industry carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
  - 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.
- 539 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the wheat industry carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.

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- 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.
- 540 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the potato industry carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
  - 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.
- 541 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the dried fruits industry carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
  - 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.
- 542 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the dairy industry carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
  - 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.
- 543 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the wine industry carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
  - 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.
- 544 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the citrus industry carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
  - 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.

- 545 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the apple and pear industries carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
  - 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.
- 546 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many train controllers are being transferred from country towns to Melbourne, indicating the dates of transfer and the towns concerned in each case.
- 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.
- 548 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 What is the priority list for primary school development in the Northern Metropolitan Region, in particular the Broadmeadows district.
  - 2 When the Education Department expects to build the “Core-Plus” at Westmeadows Heights primary school.
  - 3 Whether any other Government Department has allocated funds for Primary School development in the Broadmeadows district; if so, why and which Department made the allocation and what is the amount.
- 549 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the vegetable industry carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
  - 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.
- 550 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the apiary industry carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
  - 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.
- 551 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the stoned fruits industry carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:
- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
  - 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project

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commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.

552 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to pastures carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:

- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
- 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.

553 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the tobacco industry carried out at Department of Agriculture institutions:

- 1 What objectives have been assessed for research.
- 2 What projects are currently underway, indicating in each case—(a) the objectives to which it relates; (b) the date on which the project commenced; (c) the date on which the project is expected to be completed; (d) the locations of the project; and (e) the amount of funds allocated from each source for the project.

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.

556 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in respect of the financial years 1978–79, 1979–80, and the estimates for 1980–81:

- 1 What proportion and numbers of tenants received some form of rebate assistance.
- 2 What is the level of rebate subsidy.
- 3 What is the range of rebate subsidy.
- 4 What is the source of these funds.

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.

- 558 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts:
- 1 Whether any budget allocations have been made to the Community Arts Co-operative; if so—(a) what was the year involved and the amounts; and (b) whether an application was received for part funding of a secretary; if so, when and with what results.
  - 2 Whether a decision has been made on Co-operative representation on the Victoria Council for the Arts; if so, what decision.
  - 3 Whether an allocation has been made for the Co-operative at the Meat Market building.
- 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.
- 560 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether the Crown Solicitor's advice has been sought as to whether the General Reserve Fund of building societies can be used to repay shareholders in the collapsed Twentieth Century Building and Investment Society; if so—(a) when the advice was sought; and (b) whether a reply has been received and, if not—(i) what is causing the delay; and (ii) when a decision is expected.
- 561 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts, in respect of the committee formed to examine security aspects of regional art galleries, what are the details as to—(a) the date of the Committee's appointment; (b) the members; (c) the dates of meetings; (d) any recommendations made by the Committee; (e) the date on which a consultant was appointed, indicating on whose advice the appointment was made and the estimated and actual costs, respectively; (f) the date at which the report was completed; (g) the reason for the delay in completing the report; (h) whether the report will be laid on the Table of the Library; and (j) what additional funds have been made available to improve security at each regional gallery in respect of additional staff and additional equipment, respectively.
- 562 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture how many calves, cows, bullocks and steers and bulls, respectively, were slaughtered in Victoria for the most recent twelve months period for which figures are available.
- 563 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what amount of cattle compensation stamp duty was collected in each month in the period 1 July 1978 to 30 June 1980.
- 564 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether radioactive materials are used in the Shell Refinery at Corio, indicating in respect of each such material—(a) its name; (b) the quantity used each year; (c) the manner of disposal after use; (d) the steps taken to recover it after use; (e) the amount lost in use in each of the past five years to date; and (f) the steps taken to prevent human exposure to radioactivity from the material.
- 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.

- 566 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what is the average daily cost of maintaining a prisoner in Pentridge Prison or a similar institution.
- 567 MR WILTON—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister of Lands:
- 1 When that part of Yarra Park taken as a temporary measure to allow the Melbourne Underground Rail Loop Authority to construct a tunnel to service the Caulfield and Burnley lines will be returned to Yarra Park.
  - 2 What authority will be responsible for the cost of restoring the area of land as part of the above park.
- 568 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture how many cattle of each category of weight, sex and age were sold in saleyards in Victoria for the most recent twelve month period for which figures are available.
- 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.
- 570 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry, in respect of private colleges of hairdressing:
- 1 What action the Government is taking to close down or phase out these colleges.
  - 2 Whether teacher ratio per student and student enrolments are inspected regularly and action taken where breaches have occurred.
  - 3 Whether the numbers of students entering through the college system has been checked over the last five years.
  - 4 Whether the availability of employment in the hairdressing industry for college students has been looked into.
  - 5 Whether the colleges are required to contribute toward the upkeep of the Hairdressers Registration Board administration.
  - 6 Whether the Government has given consideration to declaring a one class certificate for hairdressing; if so, what.
- 571 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry whether the hairdressing industry will be given the opportunity to view any pending draft regulations to make sure that they have been brought up to date in accordance with the needs of the industry.
- 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.

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- 2 How many hours the helicopter has flown since acquisition, indicating the hours involved in—(a) training; (b) testing; and (c) actual police work.
- 574 MR WHITING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy:
- 1 Whether any consumers of electric power are in receipt of a subsidized rate for power used; if so, which companies are in receipt of subsidies and what amounts are involved in each case.
  - 2 In relation to the proposed supply of electric power to Alcoa at Portland, where this power will be generated and what method will be used to convey it to its destination.
- 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.
  - 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**

- 578 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he or the Health Commission has received a submission from the Occupational Health Special Interest Group (Victorian Branch) of the Royal Australian Nursing Federation, requesting two appointments in the field of occupational health; if so, what has been his decision and that of the Commission in this matter.
- 579 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of a change in laundry services at the Maryborough Hospital, whether he will assure those people working in laundry services at the hospital that they will not be stood down and that the hospital will obtain funds required to absorb them into other work if necessary.
- 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.
- 583 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for State Development Decentralization and Tourism, in respect of the official tourist map of Melbourne produced by or on behalf of the Victorian Government Tourist Authority:
- 1 Where the map was printed, at what cost, and in what volume.
  - 2 Whether any Victorian firms tendered for the job; if so, why a Victorian firm was not chosen.
- 584 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether a representative of the Government was asked to attend a seminar "Nursing Education in the 80's" held on Monday, 1 September 1980 at the Caulfield Institute of Technology; if so, whether the Minister can explain why no spokesperson attended.
- 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.
- 589 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of domiciliary nursing services provided by the Geelong District Nursing Society:
- 1 How many patients received visits, indicating the number of visits, in the 1979–80 financial year.
  - 2 What was the staff establishment of the service and whether any request was received for additional staff; if so, when the request was made, and how many staff were sought.
  - 3 Whether any additional staff have been made available, or will be made available, this financial year.
- 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.
- 591 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether funds will be made available in the 1980–81 financial year for a district nursing service for the Shire of Goulburn; if so, when, and on what basis.
- 592 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what total amount of Commonwealth funds was spent in each of the past three financial years for the Community Health Programme, specifying whether for recurrent or capital purposes.
- 593 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry:
- 1 What are the details of the projects funded by the Victorian Employment Committee during the financial year 1979–80.
  - 2 In which electoral districts each of these projects are located.
- 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.
- 595 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether the Environment Protection Authority conducted tests of pollutant levels at

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Smorgon Consolidated Industries in West Footscray on 23 September 1980; if so, what pollutants were detected, indicating in respect of each pollutant and each discharge point, what levels were detected and what level, if any, is permitted under any licence condition, regulation or other control for which the Minister is responsible.

- 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.
- 597 MR EVANS (*Gippsland East*)—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 What was the total expenditure of the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation in each of the past five years, indicating the amount and percentage expended on administration.
  - 2 What amounts were received as allocations by municipalities in each of these years, indicating for what projects.

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Notices received on 30 September 1980

- 598 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What is the estimated cost of duplicating the railway line between Merlynston and Upfield.
  - 2 Whether such provision for this track has been considered; if not, why.
- 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.
- 600 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what length of the suburban railway track is and is not, respectively, controlled by automatic signalling.
- 601 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What length of the suburban railway system consists of double track.
  - 2 What length of the suburban railway system consists of single track.
- 602 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services when the contract will be let for improvements at the Coburg police station.
- 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.
- 607 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what amount was spent on the installation and maintenance of automatic signalling by the Victorian Railways in each of the years 1978–79 and 1979–80.
- 608 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether the staff at community welfare reception centres and training institutions administer any drugs to young people attending the

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institutions; if so—(a) which particular institutions administer drugs; (b) what specific drugs are administered; and (c) why the drugs are administered.

- 2 Whether young people attending a training institution consult a medical practitioner on first entry to the institution.
- 3 How many of these young people are currently receiving drug treatment.
- 4 How many of these young people receive consultations with psychiatric advisors.

609 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Police and Emergency Services:

- 1 How many unmarked police vehicles are in possession of the Victoria Police Force.
- 2 Whether there is a specific area allocated for the use of such vehicles; if so, why.
- 3 How many unmarked police vehicles are in the traffic division, specifying the districts in which the vehicles are based.

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.
- 3 What is the daily cost of maintaining—(a) a prisoner in Pentridge Prison or a similar institution; and (b) a ward of the State or youth in an institution.

612 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:

- 1 What is the priority list for primary school development in the Northern Metropolitan Region, in particular the Broadmeadows district.
- 2 When the Education Department expects to build the core plus at Westmeadows primary school.
- 3 Whether any other Government Department allocated funds for primary school development in the Broadmeadows district; if so, why such allocations were made, indicating the amount of the allocations and the departments concerned.

- 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.
- 614 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of the operations of the Victorian Dairy Industry Authority:
- 1 What amount was paid to the firm of George Patterson Pty Ltd advertising agents from the sum of \$2 512 933 referred to in the operations account for the year 1978–79.
  - 2 What total amount was expended on promotion and marketing during the year ended 30 June 1980 and what total sum was paid to George Patterson Pty Ltd.
- 615 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether any action has been taken which has caused the Leroc Oil Company Pty Ltd to cease the recycling of oil; if so, what steps are being taken to assist the company resume the recycling of oil.
- 616 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, in respect of recycling of cutting oils used in machining:
- 1 Whether any indication that the recovery of such oils would be required or that the discharge of such oils would be limited or prohibited was ever given to Nufarm Chemicals Pty Ltd or any other company or person.
  - 2 Whether Nufarm Chemicals Pty Ltd installed plant to recover cutting oils in the belief that Government policies would encourage such recycling.
  - 3 Whether the failure of the Government to implement policies encouraging such recycling has led to low levels of recycling and that consequently Nufarm Chemicals Pty Ltd may be forced to close its plant.
  - 4 What further action will be taken to encourage such recycling.
- 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.
- 618 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether there is an attempt to introduce into technical schools a minimum class size of twenty; if so, what effect this will have on senior classes in country schools and specialist classes such as remedial and metal work.
- 619 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of the construction of the Djerriwarrh 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.
- 621 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 Whether T.E.A.C. funding has been obtained for one year to make possible the Minister's election promise to open a city hostel to allow country children to engage in work experience.
  - 2 Whether the drastic state of the school capital works budget is the reason for the decision to use Commonwealth recurrent funds to meet a State responsibility.
- 622 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What proportion of the \$6 million offered to T.E.A.C. in Victoria has—  
(a) been allocated to programmes; and (b) been received in the State Treasury.
  - 2 Whether the remainder of the funds will be spent by December 1980; if not, whether the funds will remain available.
  - 3 Whether the programme will continue in 1981; if so, with what funds, and from what source.
  - 4 Whether all programmes will continue to be forwarded to Canberra for approval; if not, whether some decisions will be made by regional committees and some by the State committees in 1981.
  - 5 Whether the allowance problem has been solved or whether the Premier has reconsidered his earlier assurance not to go ahead in 1981 without a resolution of that problem.
  - 6 What is the average length of time between a programme being approved at regional level and receiving funding.
- 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.

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#### Notices received on 1 October 1980

- 625 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what is the daily cost of maintaining—(a) a prisoner in Pentridge Prison or a similar institution; and (b) a ward of the State or youth in an institution.
- 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.
  - 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.
- 628 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 Which firms of solicitors are engaged by the State Insurance Office to act on behalf of parties insured by that Office in legal proceedings involving—(a) workers' compensation; (b) motor vehicle personal injury; (c) industrial accident; or (d) public risk.
  - 2 Which firms have been—(a) added to; or (b) removed from, the panel of solicitors retained by the Office in each of the years 1970 to 1979 inclusive.
  - 3 What criteria are applied in adding or removing firms of solicitors from that panel.

- 4 What amount of legal fees, exclusive of disbursements, was paid to each firm on the panel in each of the abovementioned years.
  - 5 What amount of barristers' fees was paid to each firm on the panel in each of the abovementioned years.
  - 6 In each of the abovementioned years, what proportion the amount paid for legal fees to solicitors on the panel bore to the total amounts paid out pursuant to policies of insurance in the settlement of actions or verdicts in legal proceedings involving—(a) workers' compensation; (b) motor vehicle personal injury; (c) industrial accident; or (d) public risk.
- 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.
- 630 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in relation to the Goonarrawarra Estate at Sunbury, how many blocks have been sold in—(a) the public sector; and (b) the private sector, indicating average prices paid in each case.
- 631 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, what is the outcome of the Minister's discussion with the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works in respect of the takeover by the Board of the Plenty-Yarrambat Waterworks Trust.
- 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.
- 633 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, whether the Minister will make available to the Member for Werribee a copy of the report entitled "Werribee River Basin—Proposals for Water Resources Management" and also the later supplementary report.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 635 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education why it is not possible for the Education Department to bulk buy physical education equipment for schools and to allow schools to purchase this equipment through the Stores Branch of the Education Department.
- 636 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 Which persons or bodies have been consulted by the Department of the Premier in relation to the establishment of an inter-agency co-ordinating committee task group to study programmes of State and local government bodies concerning facilities and services within the City of Broadmeadows.
  - 2 What is the proposed composition of the committee.
  - 3 What are the aims and objectives of the committee.
  - 4 What relationship there is between the proposed task group, the Report of the Board of Review of the Role, Structure and Administration of Local Government in Victoria and the State Co-ordination Council.
  - 5 How recommendations of the task group will be used in relation to housing policies for the future.
- 637 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, how many metropolitan and rural domestic garbage tips have been licensed by the Environment Protection Authority to accept radio-active waste, indicating the—(a) location of tips; (b) date permits were issued; and (c) details in each case.
- 638 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health how many metropolitan and rural domestic garbage tips have been licensed by the Health Commission to accept radio-active waste, indicating the—(a) location of tips; (b) date permits were issued; and (c) details in each case.
- 639 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether it is intended that grants will be made to the Ballarat Regional Alcohol and Drug Dependence Association in this financial year; if so, on what basis, what sums of money are proposed, and when the funds will be received.
- 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.
- 641 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware that activities of the Loddon-Campaspe Regional Drug Working Group have had to be curtailed; if so, what are the details of Government funds

so far provided to the group, and what is the estimate of funds to be made available this financial year.

- 642 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the boiler project at the Ballarat Base Hospital, whether he or the Health Commission has received a submission from the hospital concerning the construction of the second boiler and whether the suggestion has been made that substantial recurrent savings can be made if the second boiler is installed; if so, what response has been made to those submissions.
- 643 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 In respect of each of the past three years and in this year to date, what have been the number of new cases of tuberculosis located in Victoria.
  - 2 What proportion of these new cases occurred in people coming from outside Australia, specifying the country of origin.
- 644 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of social security benefits for persons in Mental Health Division facilities, whether the Commonwealth Government has formally notified the State Government of its proposals to widen eligibility criteria; if so, what additional funds will be made available in Victoria this year and what State decisions have been made concerning this change in Commonwealth Government policy.
- 645 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will provide the Member for Brunswick with details of the number of obstetrical beds in each public hospital together with the number of deliveries over each of the past three years and the average annual occupancy.
- 646 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the vegetable industry:
- 1 What are the overall objectives.
  - 2 What research is being conducted regarding—(a) irrigation techniques; (b) chemical control of pests and diseases; (c) non-chemical control of pests and diseases; (d) reducing costs of production; (e) increasing levels of production per unit input; (f) more productive plant varieties; (g) new plant species; (h) improved marketing; (i) matching production to market requirements; (j) increasing the consumption of vegetables; and (k) substitution of Victorian-grown produce for produce grown interstate or internationally, indicating in each case for each project, the name, locations and the amount of funds allocated from each source.
- 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.
- 648 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, concerning production research on “overcoming limitations to growth in weaned lambs”, recently allocated \$19 980 by the Commonwealth Government, in what way the objectives and design of the project differ from similar research previously conducted in Victoria and other environments relevant to Victoria.
- 649 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, concerning production research on the “effect of nutrition on ewes during early pregnancy on subsequent growth, development and productivity of the lamb”,

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recently allocated \$18 140 by the Commonwealth Government, in what way the objectives and designs of the project differ from similar research previously conducted in Victoria and other environments relevant to Victoria.

650 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of production research on the “evaluation of legume species to improve the feeding value of summer–autumn feed”, recently allocated \$15 297 by the Commonwealth Government, what species are involved and in what way the objectives and design of the project differ from similar research previously conducted in Victoria and other environments relevant to Victoria.

651 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of production research on the “evaluation of cutting trials as a means of predicting the likely animal performance”, recently allocated \$11 709 by the Commonwealth Government:

- 1 What funds have been allocated for each other source.
- 2 What is the location of the project.
- 3 What is the designation of each officer involved in the project, indicating the proportion of time committed to it in each case.
- 4 In what way the objectives and design of the project differ from similar research previously conducted in Victoria and other environments relevant to Victoria.

652 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, further to the answer to question No. 280 given on 30 September 1980, whether the Minister will provide to the Member for Werribee the plans showing the boundaries of the water supply catchments already proclaimed and the boundaries of the further land purchases recommended.

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 two 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.

654 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture if he will ascertain and inform the House:

- 1 Whether the New Zealand Dairy Board entered into arrangements with K. L. Ballantyne Pty Ltd for the purpose of distributing New Zealand dairy products into Australia; if so, whether—(a) the list of dairy

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products to be imported includes New Zealand butter; and (b) the arrangements allow for the processing and packaging of dairy products in Australia for the export market.

2 What new dairy products are being imported into Australia from New Zealand in 1980–81 and in what quantities.

655 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health in respect of funds for the Adult Deaf Society:

1 Whether the Society was told that its community health funds for 1980–81 would be frozen at last years level; if so, when and why.

2 Whether the Health Commission supports the Residential Independence Training Programme; if so, whether funds are to be available for the programme.

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### QUESTIONS

Notices received on 9 September 1980

- 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 the Board has written to the Brunswick City Council concerning the same

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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.
- 13 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of child maltreatment, what research the Health Commission is currently undertaking.
- 14 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the staffing of each hospital in the Mental Health Division:
- 1 What is the number of patient-care positions and other positions, respectively, specifying the classifications in each category.
  - 2 What is the number of patient-care positions and other positions which have been frozen since May 1978, specifying the type of position.
- 16 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Mental Retardation curriculum prepared in 1974 and mentioned on page 11 of the last report of the Mental Health Authority, whether the curriculum has yet been introduced; if not, why and when it will be introduced.
- 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

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- 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 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.
- 37 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Hospitals Minor Works Programme for the year 1979-80, whether he will provide the Member for Brunswick with a list of works agreed to for this financial year, specifying the total funds involved to complete each job and the amount allocated for 1979-80.
- 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.
- 41 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 In respect of services for the mentally retarded with particular reference to the outer eastern suburbs of Melbourne and the City of Knox, whether the "Blueprint for Future Development" approved by the Government and mentioned in a letter to the City of Knox, dated 18 January 1979 will be made available to the Member for Brunswick; if not, why.
  - 2 What additional services have been able to be provided through the appointment of a Social Worker in the outer eastern region and when will "an acceleration of development" occur as suggested in a letter to the City of Knox on 11 April 1979 specifying what developments will be accelerated and when.
- 43 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of each of the following hospitals: Mercy, Royal Children's, Royal Victorian Eye and Ear, Royal Women's, Alfred, Box Hill and District, Dandenong and District, Fairfield, Maroondah, Preston and Northcote Community, Prince Henry's, Queen Victoria, Royal Melbourne, Southern Memorial (Caulfield), St. George's, St. Vincent's, Western General, Williamstown, Caulfield, Ballarat,

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Bendigo, Geelong, Gippsland, Hamilton, Mildura, Mooroopna, Wangaratta, Warrnambool, Ararat, Central Gippsland, Echuca, Frankston, Kyabram, Latrobe Valley, Stawell and Swan Hill:

- 1 What was the budget in 1978-79 specifying the amount from the Hospitals and Charities Fund.
  - 2 What budget was approved for 1979-80.
- 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.
- 46 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of Forensic Psychiatric Services, and further to question No. 378 answered on 26 June 1979:
- 1 Whether the Report of the Committee which met during 1978 is now available; if so, whether a copy of the Report will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
  - 2 Whether the broader committee established by the Health Commission to look at the broad range of prison health services has finalised its report; if so—(a) when; (b) what is the membership of the committee to inquire into the entire range of prison health services; (c) whether it is still meeting; (d) how many meetings it has had to date; (e) what reports have been made to the Minister; (f) what are its deliberations; and (g) what action has been taken.
- 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.
- 52 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received a submission from the City of Essendon concerning a training course in public pool management and operation; if so—(a) what investigations have been carried out by the Health Commission in this area; (b) what action is being taken; and (c) when a decision will be announced.
- 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.
- 58 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what is this State's involvement in the drugs of dependence monitoring system and whether the State has considered the extension of the system to include certain

barbiturates; if so, whether there has been any approach by the Commonwealth to the State, or by the State to the Commonwealth, on this matter and, in that event, when, and with what result.

- 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.

- 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.

- 63 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of accommodation for staff teachers at the Children's School Camp, Somers:

- 1 Whether he is aware that most of the accommodation is seriously inadequate and unfit for use.
- 2 When it was first proposed that the accommodation be replaced, and why no action was taken.
- 3 Whether this proposal for replacement has been the reason for the lack of any funds for maintenance services for the past four years.
- 4 Whether funds can be made available for urgent immediate maintenance services, or whether it is proposed to proceed with the replacement as a matter of urgency and, if so, when it is expected that work will commence.

- 64 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of Glen Andrew Hudyma and his family:

- 1 Whether there had been any contacts with the family in May 1978 or between that date and April 1979 by any hospital or Health Commission agency; if so, what were the contacts and whether any related to injuries or possible danger to Glen.
- 2 Whether the Minister will consider, together with his colleagues the Assistant Minister of Health and the Minister for Community Welfare Services, an inquiry into the relationship between the various helping agencies and the family up to his death at the Royal Children's Hospital on 6 April 1979; if not, why.

- 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.
- 70 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether, in respect of a number of members of the Hospitals Superannuation Fund retiring on ill-health grounds, he is aware that there has been a significant increase in retirements on ill-health grounds; if so—(a) what inquiries the Health Commission or the Hospitals Superannuation Board has carried out, indicating the reason for the increase; and (b) what action it is proposed to take on this matter.
- 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.
- 76 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the membership of the Hospitals Superannuation Board, whether the Health

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Commission or he has received representations concerning Victorian Hospitals' Association representation on the Board; if so, what were the responses to the representations and whether he will now accede to the Association's request.

- 77 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware that a grant of \$50 000 a year for three years has been made to the Child Accident Prevention Foundation of Australia by the New South Wales Government; if so, whether the Victorian Government would be prepared to make a similar commitment; if not, why.
- 80 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether any first mortgage loans are available from the Home Finance Trust indicating—*(a)* the number on the waiting list; and *(b)* the date of the last first mortgage loan, indicating the amount and the interest charge.
- 81 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, with regard to recent and ongoing restructuring of the Ministry of Housing and consideration of further regionalization:
- 1 What reports have been prepared, and whether the reports will be made available.
  - 2 What new arrangements are proposed with regard to regional and district boundaries, functions, staffing levels and structure.
  - 3 What steps are being taken to determine the level and nature of housing needs on a regional basis.
- 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.
- 83 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what amount Victoria will receive this financial year under the current Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement indicating—*(a)* the amount paid into the Home Builders' Account for allocation to co-operative housing societies; *(b)* what additional funds have been available for distribution to societies in each of the past two financial years and the current financial year, specifying the source of such funds; *(c)* the distribution of these funds between the Melbourne and metropolitan area, urban, and country areas; *(d)* the interest rates at which the funds are provided, the amount, and at what interest rates they are advanced by societies to members, specifying—*(i)* the existing income level per week; and *(ii)* the average monthly repayments for both interest and principal.
- 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.
- 85 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 Who are the present members of the advisory council set up under the *Co-operation Act* 1958, indicating the—*(a)* date of appointment; and *(b)* term of appointment in each case.

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- 2 What consultation takes place with the credit unions when replacements arise.
- 3 In each of the past three years, what payments have been made from the Credit Societies Reserve Fund, indicating—(a) the amount in each case; (b) the purpose of the payment; and (c) the steps being taken to remedy any losses.
- 86 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 Why funds allocated last financial year for co-operative housing were unspent, given that the numbers waiting for a loan have increased by 25 per cent in the past year.
  - 2 What amount remained unspent in 1978–79, and what were the estimates of expenditure for co-operative housing, including the Home Finance Trust, for the financial year 1978–79.
- 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.
- 91 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts how many local government and regional library services, respectively, have cut back the level of their services last financial year, indicating in each case—(a) the library; (b) the reduction in the book vote from the previous year; (c) the reduction in staff in comparison with the previous year, indicating whether of a permanent or temporary nature; (d) any other services affected and the nature of these services; (e) the population served; (f) the amount contributed by local government, indicating any additional amount over last year; and (g) the funds allocated for each of the past three financial years, and in this year to date.
- 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

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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.
- 95 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts:
- 1 How many centres for performing arts have been built in Victoria, indicating—(a) where; (b) their capital cost and running expenses (including salaries of staff); and (c) their sources of income, including the Government contribution.
  - 2 How many centres for performing arts are—(a) currently being built; and (b) proposed to be built, indicating—(i) where; (ii) estimated costs; (iii) sources of those funds; (iv) estimated running expenses (including salaries of staff); and (v) the Government contribution in each case.
  - 3 What is the current commitment in Victoria of the Ministry for the Arts in relation to—(a) capital costs; and (b) running costs of all performing arts centres.
- 96 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether any Government bodies, teams or other personnel have investigated or are currently investigating the Teacher Housing Authority; if so, when these investigations were commenced, what is their nature, and whether any particular person or persons are being investigated.

- 97 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 Who is the Registrar for Permanent Building Societies and what are his qualifications.
  - 2 What is the staff establishment of the Registry indicating—(a) the qualifications and date of appointment of each officer; (b) the description of duties; (c) whether any requests for additional staff have been made; if so, when, and what staff was requested.
  - 3 How many Societies there are indicating—(a) the number which are active; and (b) the total amount invested and on loan.
- 98 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what is the name of each Victorian Government body with—(a) policy; and (b) administrative responsibility in the area of—(i) liquid fuel; and (ii) other energy matters, and what are the responsibilities in each case.
- 99 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what is the name of each Commonwealth Government body with—(a) policy; and (b) administrative responsibility in the area of—(i) liquid fuel; and (ii) other energy matters, which includes Victorian Government representation and what are the responsibilities in each case.
- 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.
- 102 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer on disadvantaged schools in the electoral district of Oakleigh which his predecessor gave to the Member for Footscray on 25 October 1977 in response to question No. 2583 and reported in *Hansard* at page 10763.
- 103 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what is the total amount at constant prices allocated for each category of major expenditure in each Education Department region in each year since regionalization was introduced, indicating in each year the percentage increase or decrease and any instances where the categories are not comparable from year to year.
- 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.
- 108 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer on the Commonwealth Government Urban Public Transport Improvement Programme which his predecessor gave the then Leader of the Opposition on 9 December 1976 in answer to question No. 623, reported in *Hansard* at page 5929.
- 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.
- 114 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what further progress has been made concerning the phasing out of employment of prisoners to handle personal files at Pentridge Prison, since the answer given by his predecessor on 11 October 1977 in answer to question No. 497, reported in *Hansard* at page 10135.
- 115 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer about industries in Pentridge Prison which was given by his predecessor on 15 March 1978 in answer to question No. 9, reported in *Hansard* at page 343.
- 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.

- 117 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer about prisoners in H Division at Pentridge Prison which was given by his predecessor on 15 March 1978 in response to question No. 49, reported in *Hansard* at page 344.
- 118 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer about prison expenditures which was given by his predecessor on 4 April 1978 in answer to question No. 3, reported in *Hansard* at page 859.
- 119 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer on prisoners who have previously served sentences in youth training centres which was given by his predecessor on 17 May 1978 in response to question No. 35 and reported in *Hansard* at page 3208.
- 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 Aboriginals; if so, in what capacity.
- 122 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services what point has been reached in negotiations for the purchase of land at the north-east corner of Springvale and Ferntree Gully Roads as the site for a 24 hour police station and when an announcement can be expected.
- 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

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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 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

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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 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 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

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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

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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

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- 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, 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.
- 178 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry which elements of the major youth employment programme, formulated prior to the establishment of the Victorian Employment Committee by the Standing Committee on Youth Employment, have now been incorporated in Victorian Employment Committee projects.
- 179 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what is the name of each firm which has been engaged to provide intruder detection systems in schools, indicating in each case—(a) the period of the engagement; (b) the respective number, type and cost of the systems provided; and (c) any instances in which the systems provided failed to meet specifications or were otherwise unsatisfactory.

- 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

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- 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.
- 187 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Forests:
- 1 What are the procedures and instructions issued pursuant to the *Valuation of Land Act 1960* that the Forests Commission follows in obtaining a valuation from the Valuer-General's Office with regard to purchasing land subject to buy-back in the Dandenong Ranges when acting on behalf of or in conjunction with the Ministry for Conservation.
  - 2 How the valuation median and actual price paid median as determined by the Valuer-General each year since 1975 compares with the median for private sales in 1979 as determined by the Valuer-General's yearly statistics for the shires of Sherbrooke and Lillydale.
  - 3 Where an owner does not wish to sell at the price offered by the Commission, what procedures they are advised to follow to resolve the matter, indicating in how many cases in the shires of Sherbrooke and Lillydale this resulted in a substantial increase in price paid and specifying the average increase in the past three years.
  - 4 How prices paid for compulsory acquisition in the shires of Sherbrooke and Lillydale compare with those for willing sales, and what was the average additional cost incurred by the Commission in recompensing owners for expenses and solatium.
  - 5 Whether, in purchasing a one acre allotment identified as Lot 13 and 14 Mast Gully Road, Upwey, in May 1980—(a) the Commission compulsorily acquired the allotment and paid \$25 000 plus \$1000 owners' expenses plus \$1250 solatium; (b) the valuation was in accordance with the *Valuation of Land Act 1960* and, if not, why.
  - 6 Whether, in purchasing a ten acre allotment identified at Lot 35 Hughes Street, Upwey—(a) the Commission paid \$2800 per acre and various other sums; (b) the allotment was compulsorily acquired or negotiated; and (c) the valuation was in accordance with the *Valuation of Land Act 1960* and, if not, why.
- 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

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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.
- 190 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether the report of the Ombudsman on two defective homes built by Daffey and Johnson Pty Ltd at Peters Road and Leslie Road, Gisborne, has been acted upon by the relevant departments; if so, with what results.
- 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.

- 193 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing on what dates since October 1974 the Housing Commission has bought houses from Vanvliet and Gardner (Vic.) Pty Ltd, indicating in each case—(a) the location; (b) the number; (c) the price; and (d) any instances of rectification being required.
- 194 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry further to question No. 2209 asked on 2 April 1980 relating to Smorgon Consolidated Industries of Somerville Road, Sunshine:
- 1 Whether a survey has revealed a number of items relating to unguarded machinery and unsafe working conditions needing attention; if so—(a) how many items were listed for action and what action was indicated as necessary in each case; (b) whether the survey is complete; and (c) which items still require attention.
  - 2 Whether officers of the Department of Labour and Industry have attended plants operated by Smorgon Consolidated Industries since December 1979; if so—(a) which officers; (b) on which days; and (c) for what purposes and with what results.
  - 3 Whether officers of the Department are able to compile lists of fatal accidents, accidents involving serious injuries and lost time, and accidents of a relatively minor nature, respectively; if so, what those lists have revealed and what was the cause, machinery involved, the age and length of service of the employee and any other relevant material necessary to give a picture of the type of accident, nature of injury, and type of machinery involved in each case.
  - 4 What current activity is taking place in rectifying safety hazards at these plants and when it is expected that remaining safety hazards will be rectified.
- 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 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.

- 198 **MR FOGARTY**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture whether a Victorian based company, Food Handling Constructions Pty Ltd of Surrey Hills, Victoria, designed and constructed a cold storage complex at Dubai; if so, whether the Government entered into negotiations at Commonwealth level for Victoria/Australia to utilize the cold stores for Australian meat products and, in that event, what were the results of the negotiations and whether it is possible to utilize the design and experience of the Victorian based company to assist promoting frozen meat exports to Middle East countries.
- 199 **MR FOGARTY**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works:
- 1 Whether the Minister has received complaints concerning the installation of four radar reflectors in the San Remo channel.
  - 2 Whether the only equipment causing obstructions in the channel are lights and posts at Sally Reef, Two Starboard Buoys, and Armstrong Beacon, which are subject to vandalism.
- 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.
- 202 **MR FORDHAM**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether he will make available to the Member for Footscray a copy of the submission prepared by the Technical Schools Division in respect of the staffing needs of technical schools and colleges in 1979.

- 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.
- 208 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 Westernport:
- 1 What is the staffing establishment, and what is the actual number of staff.
  - 2 What is the present enrolment.
  - 3 What is the projected enrolment for each of the next two years.
  - 4 Which schools have portable classrooms, indicating the number at each school.
  - 5 Which schools qualify for an art/craft room and library, and which schools have these facilities.
  - 6 Which schools have specialist art/craft, physical education (male and female), music and remedial teachers, respectively.
- 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.
- 214 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in relation to the Schools' Work Experience Programme, what funds have been provided by the Education Department to allow the employment of students involved in the programme in Education Department schools and other centres in the years 1977-78, 1978-79 and 1979-80, respectively.
- 216 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education when it is expected that the following works will be undertaken at Heathmont East primary school: (a) administration upgrade; (b) storage space extension; (c) withdrawal areas for remedial work; and (d) staff-room upgrading, particularly bearing in mind that the plans for these works were completed in 1977.
- 217 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education when it is expected that the following works will be undertaken at the Bell Post Hill primary school: (a) art/craft centre; (b) multi-purpose room; (c) administration upgrade; (d) canteen; (e) library extensions; and (f) improved staff facilities, particularly bearing in mind that plans for these works were completed in December 1977.
- 218 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether the Minister has received a submission from the Grovedale West primary school regarding the special staffing needs of the school; if so, what has been the response to date.
- 220 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received a request for financial assistance from the Footscray "Grow" group; if so, what help can be given to assist this organization in its important work.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 222 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what is the reason for the delay in the provision of a covered way between the relocatable classroom units and the main school building and toilets at Greenbrook primary school and when it is expected that this necessary facility will be provided.
- 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 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.
- 226 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what is the reason for the delay in the relocation of the Crib Point primary school from their present inadequate site to Crown land fronting Milne Street, Crib Point.
- 227 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 What was the total outlay of funds by the Education Department in the area of Child Migrant Education in each of the years 1977 to 1979 inclusive.
  - 2 What is the planned allocation of funds in 1980.
  - 3 In respect of the above-mentioned funds what amounts came from Commonwealth sources.
  - 4 For each of the years 1977 to 1979 inclusive, what amount of money was expended on the Child Migrant Education Programme for—  
(a) salaries of staff employed in government schools teaching English as a second language in the classroom; (b) rent of the Myer House offices used by the Child Migrant Education Office; (c) salaries of administrators

working within the offices; (d) salaries of—(i) consultants in English as a second language; and (ii) ethnic consultants; and (e) the development of curriculum materials in—(i) English as a second language; and (ii) other areas of education for a multi-cultural society.

228 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:

- 1 What is the increase in funding by the Commonwealth as a result of the Galbally Report on the Child Migrant Education Programme for the years 1979, 1980 and 1981.
- 2 What is the increase in funding by the Commonwealth in the fields of multi-cultural education for the years 1979, 1980 and 1981.
- 3 With respect to this increase in expenditure, what amount has been spent in the year 1979, and will be spent in the years 1980 and 1981 for—(a) salaries of staff employed in government schools teaching English as a second language in the classroom; (b) rent of the Myer House Offices used by Child Migrant Education; (c) salaries of administrators working within the Child Migrant Education Office; (d) salaries of consultants in English as a second language and ethnic consultants; (e) the development of curriculum materials in English as a second language; and (f) any other specific area.
- 4 With respect to the increase for the years 1979, 1980 and 1981, what have been and what will be the specific areas of projects that funds of the Galbally Multi-cultural Education have been or will be expended.

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.

- 231 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, when it is expected that additional—(a) maths/science; and (b) humanities, teachers will be appointed to Wonthaggi technical school, in order to fill the acknowledged vacancies in these areas and in order to allow the school to maintain and develop a balanced curriculum.
- 232 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what additional staff will be appointed to the Templestowe technical school in order to allow the school to sustain adequate literacy and numeracy programmes.
- 233 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 providing a replacement vehicle for the Rosedale Mobile Area Resource Centre and what steps will be taken to ensure that in future a replacement vehicle is available when required.
- 234 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 providing the promised capital grant for a mobile multi-cultural parent information service.
- 235 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in relation to the proposed Delacombe primary school:
- 1 When plans were first completed for this school and what was the estimated cost.
  - 2 Why these plans have now been dispensed with.
  - 3 What funds are now available for this school.
  - 4 What facilities included in the original plans will not now be provided.
  - 5 When it is now expected that this school will be ready for occupation.
- 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.
- 237 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what progress has been made in the establishment of intensive language centres for each region and what submissions have been received from each of the relevant regional committees on these projects.
- 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.
- 244 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What was the number of primary, secondary and technical studentships and scholarships awarded each year from 1965 to 1980.
  - 2 Of the above total primary, secondary and technical studentships, respectively, what was the number—(a) who have successfully completed their course, indicating the number—(i) who have fulfilled their bond obligations; (ii) who still are fulfilling their bond obligations; (iii) who are currently repaying an agreed amount; (iv) who are currently negotiating the repayment of their bond obligations; (v) whose obligations have been waived or reduced, either for the studentship holder or guarantor only; (vi) in other categories; (b) who are still undertaking their course; (c) who are no longer persisting with their course, indicating the number—(i) who have no obligation to repay; (ii) currently negotiating an agreed repayment; (iii) whose obligations have been waived or reduced, either for the studentship holder or guarantor only; (iv) of others considered to have an obligation to repay; (v) currently suspended, together with other possible categories.
- 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.
- 247 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 In each of the past three years how many parents received the maintenance allowance.
  - 2 How many applicants were refused the allowance.
- 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.

- 252 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 When the proposed road widening in Bell Street, Coburg will be carried out.
  - 2 Over how many properties in Bell Street, Coburg a reservation is held.
- 253 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What is the estimated cost of establishing automatic signalling on the Upfield railway line.
  - 2 Whether provision of this equipment has been considered; if not, why.
- 254 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What is the estimated cost of establishing automatic signalling on the Lalor railway line.
  - 2 Whether provision of this equipment has been considered; if not, why.
- 255 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What are the terms of reference for the study by Pak-Poy and Associates Pty Ltd for the Metropolitan Transportation Committee.
  - 2 When this study will be completed.
- 256 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What reservations on land in the municipalities of Coburg and Broadmeadows respectively are held by the Country Roads Board, indicating the land in each case.
  - 2 Whether the Board intends to release any of these reservations.
- 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.
- 258 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether there are any procedures available by which the Government or any of its agencies may authorize telephone tapping; if so, how many authorizations were obtained in each year since 1970.
- 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.
- 260 MR WILTON—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What was the final cost of constructing the Altona–Somerton pipeline.
  - 2 What amount of the cost was born by VicRail.
  - 3 Whether a share of the cost by VicRail was provided from loan funds; if so, what rate of interest is being applied.
- 261 MR WILTON—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether a participant's and operating agreement has been executed between VicRail, Esso Australia Ltd, Mobil Oil Australia Ltd and the Shell Company of Australia Ltd for the operations of the Altona–Somerton oil pipeline; if so, whether he will make available a copy of the agreement to the Member for Broadmeadows.
- 262 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what amount has been spent in recent years on the planning and construction of the proposed Melbourne remand centre.

- 263 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What amount was spent on the Youth Accommodation Services Programme during 1979–80.
  - 2 Which projects received funding.
- 264 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 How many staff are employed in the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation.
  - 2 How many staff are employed in the office of Youth Affairs, and when this number was last increased.
  - 3 What is the nature of the staff positions in the office of Youth Affairs.
- 265 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services who are the members of the Correctional Services Council and what are their occupations.
- 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.
- 267 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works what was the total value of contracts let in each of the past five years.
- 268 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works in each of the past three years, how many contracts were let costing more than \$500 000 and what were the projects.
- 269 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 How many staff were employed in each branch of the Victorian Railways at 30 June 1980.
  - 2 How many staff were employed on track maintenance.
  - 3 What amount was spent on track maintenance in each of the past three years.
- 270 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 Whether survey work on the proposed East Preston tramline has been completed.
  - 2 Whether construction will commence during 1980–81.
- 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.
- 272 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy:
- 1 What research into alternative fuels was undertaken by the Government during the past three years.
  - 2 Whether the Government is aware of any research into alternative fuels undertaken by other bodies in Victoria.
  - 3 Whether the Government keeps informed of developments in alternative fuels undertaken by other States or countries; if so, how.
- 273 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy how many oil drills were operating within Victoria as at 30 June 1980, and where they were located.

- 274 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what known reserves of oil exist in Victoria.
- 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.
- 276 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what research into solar energy was undertaken by the Government during 1979–80.
- 277 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether the State Electricity Commission or the Gas and Fuel Corporation have been negotiating loans with interest at 18 per cent or more; if so, what is the reason for the high interest rates, and what are the details of the loans.
- 278 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 What ecological research with regard to the 21 endangered species has been undertaken by Government agencies, indicating the funding of this research, during each of the past three years.
  - 2 What financial or practical support has been given by the Government to non-government research in this field, during this period.
- 279 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of raids by the Drug Squad of the Victoria Police Force:
- 1 Whether a record is kept of the number of raids each year; if so, what was the number in each of the past four years.
  - 2 How many raids have been carried out within the Melton, Deer Park, Laverton and Werribee areas in each of the past four years.
  - 3 How many raids were carried out in the Melton, Deer Park, Laverton and Werribee areas, respectively, on 31 May and 1 June 1980, indicating the number of premises raided and the number of premises on which drugs were found.
  - 4 Whether raids carried out in the Melton area on 31 May and 1 June 1980 were carried out on the incorrect premises due to wrong addresses being given to the officers concerned; if so, whether any apology has been provided to the occupants; if not, why.
- 281 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy in respect of electricity blackouts during the recent industrial dispute involving the State Electricity Commission of Victoria, what was the time and duration of each blackout on each day—(a) in the area of residence of the Chairman of the Commission; (b) in the area of residence of each officer of the State Electricity Commission responsible for deciding areas to be blacked-out; and (c) in each area used for black-out purposes within the electoral district of Werribee, indicating the reason for excluding any area from blackouts.
- 283 MR AMOS—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 Latrobe Valley indicating why no houses were purchased in that region when the Minister has acknowledged that it has an acute housing shortage.

- 2 Whether the Latrobe Valley's housing shortage is very largely influenced by Government sponsored development; if so, whether the Commission will undertake spot purchases in that region during this current financial year.
- 284 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 What amount has been spent by the Youth Fund in each of the past five years.
  - 2 What have been the major projects in each of the past three years.
- 285 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation who are the members of the State Youth Council, and what are their occupations.
- 286 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 How many municipal recreation officers are employed by local government, and subsidized by the Department of Youth Sport and Recreation.
  - 2 Whether there has ever been a review of this scheme; if so, whether the results of the review are available to the public.
- 287 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what are the terms of reference for Professor Beasley's study into railway freight and whether the report has been completed.
- 288 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer, if he will ascertain and inform the House:
- 1 What are the seven major private sector projects involving new capital expenditure of over \$2 billion as mentioned on page 49 of his Budget Speech.
  - 2 What is the new capital expenditure for each project.
  - 3 How many persons are currently employed in the construction of each project.
  - 4 What is the estimated number of persons who will be employed in each project on completion.
  - 5 Whether any of these projects are not proceeding.
- 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.
- 290 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, how many Land Conservation Council final recommendations have been received, indicating in each case—(a) the study area; (b) when the recommendations were received; and (c) whether a decision has been made; if not, when a decision is expected.

- 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.
- 299 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, with regard to each high school in the electoral district of Coburg, what was the special needs staffing component and migrant English staffing component in 1979, and what are the proposed figures for 1980.
- 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.
- 301 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 Since the age range of students at the Pentridge Prison Education Centre is between 17 and 63 years, why the Centre is deemed to be Primary School No. 4187.
  - 2 Whether the Centre is funded on the same basis as a primary school; if not, on what basis it is funded.
- 302 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 What are the 24 current major public sector projects which are each costing over \$5 million.
  - 2 How many persons are currently employed in the construction of each project.
  - 3 Whether any of these projects are not proceeding.

- 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.
- 304 MR STIRLING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, in respect of a question without notice regarding closure of petrol service stations asked on 16 October 1979, whether any further consideration has been given to making adequate regulations to cover the safety and security of underground storage tanks, on the closure of any petrol service station, and providing protection for any councils concerned.
- 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

- 309 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 What premises in Coburg are registered with the Industrial Hygiene Section to handle hazardous substances.
  - 2 When inspections are made of the plant at these premises.
  - 3 What were the results of the inspections made in the past two years, and what action has been necessary.

- 310 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in each of the years 1970 to 1979 inclusive:
- 1 How many bookings were made for consorting.
  - 2 How many persons were actually charged with consorting.
  - 3 How many persons were convicted of consorting.
  - 4 What were the sentences of those convicted.
- 311 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether there are vacant positions in the Public Solicitor's professional/law clerk staff establishment at present; if so, how many positions are vacant and when they will be filled.
- 312 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, with regard to the 40 homes purchased from Vanvliet and Gardner (Vic.) Pty Ltd and subsequently sold by the Housing Commission:
- 1 Whether purchasers of such homes were in receipt of incomes in excess of the maximum amount stipulated by the Commission; if so, how many.
  - 2 How many of the purchasers had been on Commission waiting lists for periods shorter than one year, two years, and three years, respectively.
  - 3 What portion of the moneys required to finance the contract of sale of these homes for these buyers was provided by the Commonwealth under the provisions of the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement.
- 314 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether there has been a reduction in the number of foot warmers provided in winter for the comfort of Geelong-Melbourne train commuters; if so, why.
- 316 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation what is the Totalizator Agency Board policy for providing sufficient operating windows open to overcome complaints of long waiting periods.
- 317 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer how many persons are currently employed by the Government under the Special Youth Employment Training Programme and how many are—(a) employed by each Government department or authority; and (b) training for each industry or skill category.
- 318 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of State Development, Decentralization and Tourism:
- 1 What is the mechanism and the regional framework used by the Department to monitor the impact on industry of economic factors such as internal trade flows, migration patterns, transport costs, and employment multipliers, and on what date this monitoring process commenced.
  - 2 Whether he will make available to the Leader of the Opposition any departmental surveys which have been completed in the past two years, assessing the impact of economic factors on Victorian industry.
- 319 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for State Development, Decentralization and Tourism how many industries which have received State Government assistance in the form of decentralization concessions, subsidies or loans in the past five years have—(a) closed down plant operations; (b) reduced employment size; or (c) consolidated in another location.
- 320 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many unemployed persons have used the Government transport concession facility from the time of commencement to date.

- 321 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 How many new homes were built by the Housing Commission during 1979–80.
  - 2 How many homes were bought by the Commission during 1979–80.
- 322 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Whether the proposed Corio police station is classified as an urgent project.
  - 2 What is the proposed police establishment strength for such station.
  - 3 When it is planned that the station will be opened for use.
- 323 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what are the proposed plans and time schedules for updating and duplication of the Melbourne–Geelong rail route.
- 324 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation whether the Totalizator Agency Board is obligated to verify that a telephone account subscriber is registered under his correct name and address; if not, why and whether consideration is being given to amending such situation.
- 325 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 What undeveloped areas of land in the Geelong area are at present held by the Housing Commission for the siting of Commission units.
  - 2 When it is envisaged that each such area will be developed and how many homes will be involved.
- 326 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation whether he will ascertain and advise how many licensed trainers operate and racehorses are trained on each licensed racecourse in Victoria.
- 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.
- 328 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 How many Totalizator Agency Board agencies were subject to holdups in each of the years 1975 to 1979 and in this year to date.
  - 2 What total sum of money was stolen from agencies in each of the above years.
- 329 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services how many police personnel were stationed in the Barwon Police District at June 1970, 1975 and 1980, respectively.
- 330 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What amount is to be spent on the Police Academy at Glen Waverley this financial year and what amounts have been spent to date.
  - 2 What amount is to be spent at the William Street administration complex this financial year and what amounts have been spent to date.
  - 3 What amount is to be spent on maintenance of police buildings this financial year and what amounts have been spent to date.

- 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.
- 332 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Which police stations are at present being renewed, re-built or renovated.
  - 2 Which police stations are planned or listed for renewal, re-building or renovations, giving the order of priority.
  - 3 What areas and location of land are available and reserved for these purposes.
- 333 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, how many paupers' funerals were provided for from departmental grants in the financial years 1975–76 to 1978–79, respectively and what estimated number will be provided for in 1980–81.
- 334 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What investigations are currently being made into expanding the Police Air Wing.
  - 2 What type of aircraft are being considered for purchase for the Air Wing.
  - 3 What recommendations have been made on the future development of the Air Wing by the Committee appointed for this purpose.
  - 4 When a decision will be announced regarding the future of this unit.
- 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.
- 338 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services how many children have been officially warned by an officer of the Victoria Police Force in preference to an appearance before the Children's Court, in the years 1976 to 1979, respectively, and in this year to date.
- 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.
- 341 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services in respect of random breath testing:
- 1 What reports are available to Honourable Members in respect of the success or otherwise of this operation in reducing the number of persons who drive after drinking alcohol.
  - 2 What effect it has had in reducing the number of fatal accidents and what reports are available to Honourable Members on this aspect.
- 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.
- 345 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What is the net growth rate in the actual strength of the Victoria Police Force in this year to date.
  - 2 What are the losses through retirement, ill-health, resignation and dismissal, respectively, and what has been the net gain.
- 346 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Whether arrangements have been finalized for accommodating the Police Mounted Branch as a result of the transfer of the existing premises in St Kilda Road to the Victorian Council of the Arts.

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- 2 Whether a decision has been made as to where the Branch will be located.
  - 3 When it is expected that the move from the present location will take place.
- 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.
- 349 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many motor vehicles have been stolen in each of the years from 1970 to date detailing cars, trucks and motor cycles.
  - 2 How many vehicles in each category have been recovered in each of the years specified.
- 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.
- 352 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many applications for approval and authorization have been heard and granted under the *Listening Devices Act* 1969 in each of the years 1973 to 1979 inclusive and in this year to date.
  - 2 How many approved authorizations for installing a listening device are still in effect, indicating how many devices are installed and in use by any member of the Victoria Police Force.

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- 3 How many reports the Chief Commissioner of Police has submitted to the Minister in respect of each authorization of a device for the years 1977 to 1979, respectively and in this year to date.
  - 4 Whether he will provide a copy of each report to the Member for Ascot Vale; if not, why.
- 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.
- 354 **MR EDMUNDS**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What total amount has been spent on police recruitment in each of the past five financial years.
  - 2 What amount is proposed to be spent on police recruitment in this financial year.
- 355 **MR EDMUNDS**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many police are used on point duties and/or assisting in directing traffic within the City of Melbourne, from Monday to Friday of each week.
  - 2 How many police are required for the same purposes for Saturday and Sunday of each week.
- 356 **MR EDMUNDS**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What police stations were completed and ready for occupancy in the 1979-80 financial year.
  - 2 What police stations are expected to be completed and ready for occupancy in the 1980-81 financial year.
- 357 **MR EDMUNDS**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether the Chief Commissioner of Police has made any submissions this year on behalf of the Victoria Police Force and the Victorian Government to the Commonwealth Government, seeking additional funds for police services; if so—(a) what was the basis of the submissions; and (b) what has been the response of the Commonwealth Government.
- 358 **MR EDMUNDS**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many meetings have been held by the working party set up to inquire into alternative methods of funding of operational expenditure of the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board and the Country Fire Authority.
  - 2 What alternative methods of funding are being examined.
  - 3 When recommendations are expected to be made and announced to the House.

- 359 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 What representations have been made to the Commonwealth Government regarding difficulties associated with the fixing of the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday on an "as decreed" basis rather than on a set day.
  - 2 What has been the response from the Commonwealth Government.
- 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.
- 362 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education in respect of each Education Department region, what is the number of special developmental schools, indicating—(a) the number of each grade of such schools; (b) the number of students catered for at such schools; (c) the number of (i) principals; (ii) deputy principals; (iii) teachers; and (iv) assistants at such schools; and (d) any steps being taken to correct any imbalance between regions in the number of students catered for by each region.
- 363 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What are the dates for commencement and completion of the proposed North Shore rail overpass.
  - 2 What have been the average daily road and rail traffic figures over such point in the years 1965, 1970, 1975 and 1980, respectively.
  - 3 What are the reasons for the continued delay in the commencement of this overpass.
- 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.
- 365 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation what venues of the three racing industries have lodged applications for approved capital works assistance in excess of \$10 000 for the financial years 1979–80 and 1980–81, indicating—(a) which applications were approved; and (b) what are the details of the respective works.
- 366 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What were the monthly totals of vehicle movements across the West Gate Bridge since its opening.
  - 2 What were the toll collections in each such period.
  - 3 How many accidents necessitating vehicles being towed away have occurred on the bridge since its opening.
- 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.

- 368 MR KIRKWOOD—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many vehicles are on the support strength of the Victoria Police Independent Patrol Group.
  - 2 How many police officers are currently working with the Independent Patrol Group.
  - 3 What evidence is available to show that the problem of trail bikes and mini bikes intrusion onto recreational reserves has increased.
  - 4 Whether any records have been kept by police or municipal councils of the cost of damage to surface reserves and young or old trees damaged as a result of trail bike activities.
  - 5 Whether it is proposed to increase staff levels in the Independent Patrol Group.
- 370 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in respect of the development of the Urban Land Council site at Truganina:
- 1 What progress has been made on proposals to sub-divide, develop and sell land.
  - 2 When an announcement on progress of the sub-division will be made.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 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.
  - 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.
- 385 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy whether foreign fishing vessels permitted to fish in Australian waters off the Victorian coastline have been guaranteed supplies of distillate or other types of fuel; if so—(a) whether any limits will be placed upon that supply; and (b) what will be the basis of price per litre.
- 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.
- 388 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what steps have been taken to ensure that books specified for use in association with school curriculums are retained as such for extended periods, thus enabling their use by students in successive years.

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- 444 MR KIRKWOOD—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What are the financial difficulties affecting the chiropractic education programme at Preston Institute of Technology.

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- 2 Whether the chiropractic programme is accredited within the Australian tertiary system.
  - 3 How many students are dependent upon the Preston course being funded.
  - 4 What are the annual running expenses of the College of Chiropractic at Preston Institute of Technology.
- 445 MR SPYKER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether there have been cases where the residents' interests prevailed in reversing a licence granted by the Environment Protection Authority to major industry to discharge chemicals into the air; if so, what are the details.
- 446 MR SPYKER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 What powers are exercised to ensure that unlicensed emissions of chemicals are not discharged into the atmosphere.
  - 2 Whether environmental impact studies are carried out prior to purchase and installation of major plant by industry.
- 447 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture:
- 1 Whether Countryside Meats Pty Ltd, Donald, Victoria has gone into liquidation.
  - 2 Whether the company owes the Victorian State Government and Commonwealth Government substantial sums on account of inspection fees and levies; if so—(a) what is the amount involved; (b) what was the maximum amount owed at any time during the past four years; and (c) what was the reason for allowing the debt to accrue.
  - 3 What other meatworks in Victoria owe the State Government amounts extending over two months.
- 449 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether there was a case of illegal trading in native birds at the Sir Colin MacKenzie Fauna Park, Healesville during 1979.
- 450 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether officers of the Fisheries and Wildlife Division charged the Monte Carlo Circus for breaking the regulations in relation to the sizes of cages during February 1980; if so, what was the result of the case.
- 451 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services how many beds under the Youth Accommodation Services Programme were available at 30 June 1980, indicating at which premises.
- 453 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation who are the members of the State Recreation Council, indicating their occupations.
- 454 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Department of Agriculture or by any authority or agency under the control of the department to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.

- 455 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether a petition signed by Ballarat citizens opposing the fluoridation of water supplies and forwarded to Her Majesty the Queen was returned to the Department of the Premier over 12 months ago; if so, whether the Department forwarded the petition to Parliament for the purposes of presentation to the House and, in that event, when.
- 456 MR SPYKER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, what assurances are provided by the Ministry for Conservation that the environment and health of residents near major industry is safeguarded by the Environment Protection Authority, in view of that Authority being unable to objectively check concentrations of chemicals either in the ambient air or even for compliance with its issued licences.
- 457 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Premier further to the answer to question No. 2297 provided to the Member for Bentleigh on 15 July 1980:
- 1 When, where, and how the people of Victoria were advised of the gifts to the Art Foundation of Victoria by Alcoa of Australia.
  - 2 Whether he will provide copies of such announcements to press, radio and television.

#### Notices received on 16 September 1980

- 458 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts whether the Victorian Arts Centre Trust or any other body is now booking or proposing to book performances for the Victorian Arts Centre; if so, what is the—  
(a) estimated unit seat cost; and (b) level of Government subsidy annually per seat and overall.
- 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.
- 460 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in respect of each of the past three financial years:
- 1 What surplus or deficit resulted from the home sales operations of the Housing Commission, indicating how any surplus was utilized.
  - 2 What surplus or deficit resulted from the rental operations of the Housing Commission, indicating how any surplus was utilized.
- 461 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 How many houses, flats and elderly citizens units, respectively, were built by the Housing Commission in the financial years 1978–79 and 1979–80, indicating the amount of funds allocated for each category and the number of buildings in each category for sale and rental respectively.
  - 2 What are the comparable expectations for this financial year.
- 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.
- 463 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works whether he has prepared a current version of his document “1979–80 Victorian Budget: Effect on the Building and Construction Industry”, released on 11 October last year; if so, when it will be released.
- 464 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 Whether a Cabinet sub-committee reported to him on 28 February 1979 on a recommended offer to be made to Nabalco in response to its submission for the establishment of an aluminium smelter in Victoria.
  - 2 Whether he made a similar offer to Alcoa by telephone on 1 March 1979 and whether the Premier received a letter in response from Alcoa on the same day agreeing to proceed with the construction of a smelter in Victoria.
- 465 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether he is aware that the number of approvals, commencements, completions, and dwellings under construction in Victoria fell by 1·7 per cent, 6·6 per cent, 7·6 per cent and 14·3 per cent, respectively, in the year ended 31 March 1980; if so, what steps he will take to revitalize the Victorian housing industry.
- 467 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer whether, in view of concern for the long-term economic future of Victoria expressed by, amongst others, the Master Builders Association, the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce and Mr Ross King of Melbourne University, he will instruct his Long Term Policy Planning Committee to draw up an economic strategy plan to stimulate economic growth and guide the development of our State.
- 468 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether his attention has been drawn to a comprehensive survey of planned mining and manufacturing projects by the Department of Industry and Commerce, which shows that not only will Victoria invest less in mining than four other States, but will also invest less in manufacturing than New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia; if so, what are the Government's plans for countering this threatened shift in the centre of Australia's manufacturing industry away from Victoria.
- 469 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether his attention has been drawn to a comprehensive survey of civil engineering projects by the Australian Federation of Construction Contractors, which shows that over the next five years real annual growth rates of engineering construction will range from plus 2 per cent for New South Wales to plus 37 per cent in Western Australia, but that the industry will contract by 14 per cent each year in Victoria; if so, how he reconciles this position with his own repeated claims that Victoria will participate in the “construction boom” associated with resource development in other States.
- 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.

- 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.
- 471 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether he will heed the call of the Master Builders Association of Victoria and commission a study of migration to other States, bearing in mind that a net 21 100 Victorians (including one in every hundred of the 25 to 34 age group) left this State during 1978–79.
- 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.
- 473 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether any Government official letters, forms and procedures have been simplified as a result of the Plain English Committee proposals for making public administration simpler and for encouraging the use of clear and direct English; if so, how many, indicating the departments concerned.
- 474 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 How many overseas trips have been made by the Premier and the Deputy Premier, respectively, in the past financial year.
  - 2 What was the date, cost and purpose of each overseas trip.
  - 3 Who accompanied the Premier and the Deputy Premier in each case.
- 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.
- 477 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what was the subsidy per passenger for the private bus industry in 1979–80 for—(a) metropolitan routes; (b) urban routes; and (c) country routes.
- 478 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether VicRail reported on the allocation of the total subsidy provided from Government funds for 1979–80; if so, what was the allocation.
- 479 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what was the revenue and operating expenses of the Victorian Railways in 1979–80.
- 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.
- 481 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many trips the Southern Aurora, the Spirit of Progress and the Daylight Express, respectively, made in the first half of 1980—(a) to Sydney; and (b) from

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- 491 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether the second part of the Survey of Children admitted to Care from Lone Father Families (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 Parts 1 and 2 of the survey; (b) whether the survey is available to voluntary welfare agencies so that its recommendations can be implemented; and (c) whether he will make this survey (Parts 1 and 2) 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.
- 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.
- 495 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer whether Victoria's unemployment rate is below the national average and whether this is due solely to movement interstate of residents who lose their jobs.
- 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.

- Sydney, indicating on how many occasions each train was late in leaving or arriving at its destination, respectively, and on what dates and at what times these trains were more than one hour late.
- 482 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many staff were employed by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board as at 30 June 1980.
- 483 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 How many by-laws inspectors were employed by VicRail as at 30 June 1980.
  - 2 How many staff were employed by VicRail at that date to police unruly behaviour on trains and stations indicating how many were in the Special Squad.
- 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.
- 485 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many passengers were carried by the private bus industry during 1979–80 on—(a) metropolitan routes; and (b) urban routes.
- 486 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Labour and Industry:
- 1 What are the criteria for funding Victorian Employment Committee projects.
  - 2 What projects have been funded by the Victorian Employment Committee to date.
  - 3 In which electorates each of the projects funded by the Victorian Employment Committee is located.
- 487 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information supplied on 1 November 1979 in relation to welfare housing in response to question No. 934 recorded in *Hansard* at page 4167.
- 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.
- 489 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether, due to the illness of several officers, he is aware that there was one officer available on 2 September 1980 to supervise 74 inmates at Morwell River Prison Farm; if so, whether he will give consideration to the provision of a permanent pool of relieving prison officers to ensure that there is no repetition of such understaffing.
- 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.

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- 498 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, following the Budget and the allocation of funds to be provided under the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement:
- 1 What funds will be received by Victoria in grants.
  - 2 What amount of these grants will be used for—(a) rental housing assistance; and (b) dwellings for pensioners.
  - 3 What amount will be received in loans and what sum will be used for rental housing and home purchase, respectively—(a) by the Housing Commission; (b) by approved lending authorities, indicating their names; and (c) for dwellings for pensioners.
  - 4 In the announced funding arrangements, what proportions, if any, of—(a) grants; and (b) loans, are being provided conditionally on a matching contribution from State Government resources, indicating at what ratio.
  - 5 What additional financial resources have been made available in 1979-80 and 1980-81, showing their source.
- 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.
- 501 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 Whether the Coburg City Council has been informed by him that its proposal for the development of the Harold Stevens Athletic Track will not be funded until eighteen more acceptable projects are funded this financial year.
  - 2 What are the details of these eighteen projects, indicating the cost and the funds to be provided.
  - 3 In each of the municipalities concerned and also in Coburg, what is the total Totalizator Agency Board turnover, the percentage of money allocated from these undertakings to the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation and the amounts returned for projects in these municipalities over the past five years.
- 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.
- 506 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health when products containing diethyl stilboestrol or chemically related substances first became subject to approval for use in Victoria.

- 507 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry:
- 1 What is the cost to the Hairdressers Registration Board to examine students of private hairdressing schools.
  - 2 What fees these schools pay to the Board.
  - 3 Whether these fees cover the cost of examining these students; if not, who is paying the examining costs.
- 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 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.
- 510 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts:
- 1 When stormwater drainage tenders were opened for the Victorian Arts Centre.
  - 2 How many tenders were received and for what amount in each case.
  - 3 Who was the successful tenderer.
  - 4 Whether any concern was expressed in relation to the lowest tender; if so—(a) by whom; (b) what were the grounds of concern; (c) whether the building committee or Trust was informed; and (d) whether any additional payments had to be made subsequently, and if so, what amount.
- 511 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts:
- 1 When fire curtain tenders were opened for the Victorian Arts Centre.
  - 2 How many tenders were received and for what amount in each case.
  - 3 Who was the successful tenderer.
  - 4 Whether any concern was expressed in relation to the lowest tender; if so—(a) by whom; (b) what were the grounds of concern; (c) whether the building committee or Trust were informed; and (d) whether any additional payments had to be made subsequently, and if so, what amount.
- 512 MR EVANS (*Gippsland East*)—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether, in view of grants to the Conservation Council of Victoria and the Victorian National Parks Association of \$12 000 and \$6000, respectively, the Minister will ascertain and advise how many meetings each organization held during the 1979–80 financial year, how many people attended each meeting and where organizations were represented, the name and address of the organization each such person represented.

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- 514 Mr AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What was the tonnage and revenue, respectively, represented by the cartage of briquettes from the Latrobe Valley on the Gippsland line in each of the past 10 years.
  - 2 What was the tonnage of briquettes transported by road from the Latrobe Valley in each of those years as identified by Transport Regulation Board road permits.
  - 3 In respect of road haulage permits sought in each of the past 3 years, on how many occasions VicRail has objected to the granting of such permits.
  - 4 Whether VicRail pursued every opportunity to object to the issue of permits; if not, why, and what cases were not pursued.
  - 5 Whether he will make available to the Member for Morwell all Transport Regulation Board records detailing their consideration of road permit applications in respect to briquette or coal related product movements.
- 515 Mr AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 How many submissions the Land Conservation Council has received in respect of its proposed recommendations on the North Central Study Area.
  - 2 Why the Council prepared a draft final report on this area when the period of receiving submissions had not passed.
  - 3 What assurances the Government will give concerned people who have taken the trouble of preparing and providing submissions, that their views will be given every consideration by the Council.
  - 4 What steps have been taken to acquaint the Council with the meaning of exempted and/or excepted Crown Land as defined by the *Mines Act* 1958, indicating whether legal opinion has been sought and, if so, what opinion.
  - 5 Whether the Minister is aware of any legal opinion on these terms sought by any other Ministry or Department as a result of the Council's proposed recommendations and reference to them.
  - 6 In view of the controversy over the Council's proposed recommendations, why the Minister did not agree to the request by the Member for Morwell to extend the period for the receipt of public submissions.
- 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.

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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.

518 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, in view of question No. 1194 first asked on 25 September 1979 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period in respect to a recent municipal poll of ratepayers of Loch Sport under section 693 of the *Local Government Act* 1958 for the purpose of determining an electrification scheme for the town:

1 Whether this poll was the first since the recent amendment to that section; if not, what other polls have been conducted.

2 What percentage of eligible ratepayers participated in the poll and what percentage of ratepayers voted in favour of the proposal.

3 Whether certain ratepayers who were advised that they would be exempt from a financial obligation toward the scheme were permitted to vote for the scheme; if so—(a) whether the occurrence of such advice tendered to ratepayers before a poll under the section, which could unfairly influence the outcome, was considered at all by the Government when the amendment to the section was proposed; and (b) whether, in view of many complaints that have arisen because of this alleged anomaly, the Government will consider a further amendment designed to overcome the problem.

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.

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

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*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.
- 521 Mr AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in view of question No. 1986 first asked on 13 March 1980 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period relating to the answer to question No. 1257 given on 12 March 1980:
- 1 When officers of the Health Commission and the State Electricity Commission first began to examine ways in which the proposed health study on Latrobe Valley residents could be carried out.
  - 2 When it is expected that this preliminary examination will be completed.
  - 3 Whether he will ask the Health Commission to commence the proposed health study as soon as possible.
- 522 Mr AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in view of question No. 2061 first asked on 19 March 1980 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period:
- 1 How many total fire ban days have been declared in each of the past five years including this year to 1 March 1980, indicating summer period peaks.
  - 2 Whether, in view of the many total fire ban days declared this past summer period which included days which did not reach the fire danger potential expected, he will review the procedures for declaring such days; if so, whether the review will take into consideration relaxing the ban on fixed gas fired barbecues in the urban areas.
- 523 Mr AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in view of question No. 2129 first asked on 25 March 1980 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period:
- 1 Whether the Minister's attention has been drawn to an article in the *Latrobe Valley Express* of 19 February 1980, which states that the Regional Director of Education had provided assurances that he favoured the retention of the name of Robertson for a school located in the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works town of Rawson.
  - 2 Whether the Regional Director has made any representations about the matter which favour the name of Robertson; if so, why, when the Place Names Committee and the Government had firmly rejected the Board's proposal to name the town where the school is located, Robertson, favouring instead the pioneering name of Rawson.
- 524 Mr AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in view of question No. 2158 first asked on 26 March 1980 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period, relating to the campaign designed to reduce the road toll:
- 1 Whether the available evidence indicates that inexperienced probationary motor drivers have a greater potential to involve more persons in accidents than do probationary motor cyclists.
  - 2 Whether the Government will give consideration to prohibiting probationary motor car drivers from driving high powered vehicles, similar to the prohibition now imposed on probationary motor cyclists.

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- 3 How many driving schools in Victoria offer motor cycle instruction.
- 4 Whether, in view of motor cycle training not being accessible to learner riders as is the case for drivers at motor car driving courses, the Government will give consideration to encouraging such training courses to provide safer riding skills.
- 525 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, in view of question No. 2260 first asked on 16 April 1980 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period, whether the State Electricity Commission has undertaken investigations and forward planning in respect of open cut and/or power station development after the completion of Loy Lang power station; if so—(a) what are the details; (b) whether the Commission will produce a report on the matter, and in that event, when; and (c) whether other Government agencies or departments have been consulted by the Commission during such forward investigations and planning and, if not, why.
- 526 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, in view of question No. 2393 first asked on 6 May 1980 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period, relating to representatives of the Kominic consortium visiting Melbourne on 28–29 April 1980:
- 1 Whether the Government or any statutory bodies had discussions with these representatives concerning the building of a solvent refined coal plant in the Latrobe Valley; if so, as a result of such discussions—(a) when and where the plant will be built; (b) what is the size and cost of the plant; and (c) what financial contribution the State Government will make to the establishment of the plant.
  - 2 Whether he is aware of a document from the consortium which is being used to obtain quotations for the construction of a SRC plant; if so, whether he will make a copy available.

#### Notices received on 23 September 1980

- 527 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, what studies are being conducted of pesticide levels in irrigation drainage channels, the Werribee River and areas of Port Phillip Bay adjacent to the Werribee South irrigation area, and the discharges of the associated drainage channels, indicating the terms of reference of each study and the date by which a report is expected.
- 528 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, in respect of the Environmental Studies Programme Report on P.C.B.'s in the Port Phillip region, whether sampling station location Nos. 23, 24, and 25 were related to the discharge from Little River, whether the P.C.B.'s detected at the sampling stations were likely to have been included in discharges from the Little River into Port Phillip Bay and if so, whether the Metropolitan Sewerage Farm is likely to have been the immediate source for the P.C.B.'s.
- 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.
- 530 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether the *Psychological Practices Act 1965* as it affects the Church of Scientology is currently under review; if so, when the review is expected to be completed.

- 546 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many train controllers are being transferred from country towns to Melbourne, indicating the dates of transfer and the towns concerned in each case.
- 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.
- 548 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 What is the priority list for primary school development in the Northern Metropolitan Region, in particular the Broadmeadows district.
  - 2 When the Education Department expects to build the “Core-Plus” at Westmeadows Heights primary school.
  - 3 Whether any other Government Department has allocated funds for Primary School development in the Broadmeadows district; if so, why and which Department made the allocation and what is the amount.
- 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.
- 556 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in respect of the financial years 1978–79, 1979–80, and the estimates for 1980–81:
- 1 What proportion and numbers of tenants received some form of rebate assistance.
  - 2 What is the level of rebate subsidy.
  - 3 What is the range of rebate subsidy.
  - 4 What is the source of these funds.
- 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.
- 558 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts:
- 1 Whether any budget allocations have been made to the Community Arts Co-operative; if so—(a) what was the year involved and the amounts; and (b) whether an application was received for part funding of a secretary; if so, when and with what results.

- 2 Whether a decision has been made on Co-operative representation on the Victoria Council for the Arts; if so, what decision.
- 3 Whether an allocation has been made for the Co-operative at the Meat Market building.
- 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.
- 560 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether the Crown Solicitor's advice has been sought as to whether the General Reserve Fund of building societies can be used to repay shareholders in the collapsed Twentieth Century Building and Investment Society; if so—(a) when the advice was sought; and (b) whether a reply has been received and, if not—(i) what is causing the delay; and (ii) when a decision is expected.
- 561 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts, in respect of the committee formed to examine security aspects of regional art galleries, what are the details as to—(a) the date of the Committee's appointment; (b) the members; (c) the dates of meetings; (d) any recommendations made by the Committee; (e) the date on which a consultant was appointed, indicating on whose advice the appointment was made and the estimated and actual costs, respectively; (f) the date at which the report was completed; (g) the reason for the delay in completing the report; (h) whether the report will be laid on the Table of the Library; and (j) what additional funds have been made available to improve security at each regional gallery in respect of additional staff and additional equipment, respectively.
- 562 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture how many calves, cows, bullocks and steers and bulls, respectively, were slaughtered in Victoria for the most recent twelve months period for which figures are available.
- 563 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what amount of cattle compensation stamp duty was collected in each month in the period 1 July 1978 to 30 June 1980.
- 564 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether radioactive materials are used in the Shell Refinery at Corio, indicating in respect of each such material—(a) its name; (b) the quantity used each year; (c) the manner of disposal after use; (d) the steps taken to recover it after use; (e) the amount lost in use in each of the past five years to date; and (f) the steps taken to prevent human exposure to radioactivity from the material.
- 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.
- 566 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what is the average daily cost of maintaining a prisoner in Pentridge Prison or a similar institution.

- 567 MR WILTON—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister of Lands:
- 1 When that part of Yarra Park taken as a temporary measure to allow the Melbourne Underground Rail Loop Authority to construct a tunnel to service the Caulfield and Burnley lines will be returned to Yarra Park.
  - 2 What authority will be responsible for the cost of restoring the area of land as part of the above park.
- 568 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture how many cattle of each category of weight, sex and age were sold in saleyards in Victoria for the most recent twelve month period for which figures are available.
- 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.
- 570 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry, in respect of private colleges of hairdressing:
- 1 What action the Government is taking to close down or phase out these colleges.
  - 2 Whether teacher ratio per student and student enrolments are inspected regularly and action taken where breaches have occurred.
  - 3 Whether the numbers of students entering through the college system has been checked over the last five years.
  - 4 Whether the availability of employment in the hairdressing industry for college students has been looked into.
  - 5 Whether the colleges are required to contribute toward the upkeep of the Hairdressers Registration Board administration.
  - 6 Whether the Government has given consideration to declaring a one class certificate for hairdressing; if so, what.
- 571 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry whether the hairdressing industry will be given the opportunity to view any pending draft regulations to make sure that they have been brought up to date in accordance with the needs of the industry.
- 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.

- 574 MR WHITING—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy:
- 1 Whether any consumers of electric power are in receipt of a subsidized rate for power used; if so, which companies are in receipt of subsidies and what amounts are involved in each case.
  - 2 In relation to the proposed supply of electric power to Alcoa at Portland, where this power will be generated and what method will be used to convey it to its destination.
- 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.
  - 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

- 578 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he or the Health Commission has received a submission from the Occupational Health Special Interest Group (Victorian Branch) of the Royal Australian Nursing Federation, requesting two appointments in the field of occupational health; if so, what has been his decision and that of the Commission in this matter.
- 579 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of a change in laundry services at the Maryborough Hospital, whether he will assure those people working in laundry services at the hospital that they will not be stood down and that the hospital will obtain funds required to absorb them into other work if necessary.
- 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.
- 583 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for State Development Decentralization and Tourism, in respect of the official tourist map of Melbourne produced by or on behalf of the Victorian Government Travel Authority:
- 1 Where the map was printed, at what cost, and in what volume.
  - 2 Whether any Victorian firms tendered for the job; if so, why a Victorian firm was not chosen.
- 584 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether a representative of the Government was asked to attend a seminar "Nursing Education in the 80's" held on Monday, 1 September 1980 at the Caulfield Institute of Technology; if so, whether the Minister can explain why no spokesperson attended.
- 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.
- 589 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of domiciliary nursing services provided by the Geelong District Nursing Society:
- 1 How many patients received visits, indicating the number of visits, in the 1979–80 financial year.

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- 2 What was the staff establishment of the service and whether any request was received for additional staff; if so, when the request was made, and how many staff were sought.
- 3 Whether any additional staff have been made available, or will be made available, this financial year.
- 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.
- 591 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether funds will be made available in the 1980-81 financial year for a district nursing service for the Shire of Goulburn; if so, when, and on what basis.
- 592 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what total amount of Commonwealth funds was spent in each of the past three financial years for the Community Health Programme, specifying whether for recurrent or capital purposes.
- 593 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry:
- 1 What are the details of the projects funded by the Victorian Employment Committee during the financial year 1979-80.
  - 2 In which electoral districts each of these projects are located.
- 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.
- 595 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether the Environment Protection Authority conducted tests of pollutant levels at Smorgon Consolidated Industries in West Footscray on 23 September 1980; if so, what pollutants were detected, indicating in respect of each pollutant and each discharge point, what levels were detected and what level, if any, is permitted under any licence condition, regulation or other control for which the Minister is responsible.
- 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.
- 597 MR EVANS (*Gippsland East*)—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 What was the total expenditure of the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation in each of the past five years, indicating the amount and percentage expended on administration.
  - 2 What amounts were received as allocations by municipalities in each of these years, indicating for what projects.

#### Notices received on 30 September 1980

- 598 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What is the estimated cost of duplicating the railway line between Merlynston and Upfield.
  - 2 Whether such provision for this track has been considered; if not, why.

- 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.
- 600 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what length of the suburban railway track is and is not, respectively, controlled by automatic signalling.
- 601 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What length of the suburban railway system consists of double track.
  - 2 What length of the suburban railway system consists of single track.
- 602 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services when the contract will be let for improvements at the Coburg police station.
- 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.
- 607 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what amount was spent on the installation and maintenance of automatic signalling by the Victorian Railways in each of the years 1978–79 and 1979–80.
- 608 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether the staff at community welfare reception centres and training institutions administer any drugs to young people attending the institutions; if so—(a) which particular institutions administer drugs; (b) what specific drugs are administered; and (c) why the drugs are administered.
  - 2 Whether young people attending a training institution consult a medical practitioner on first entry to the institution.
  - 3 How many of these young people are currently receiving drug treatment.
  - 4 How many of these young people receive consultations with psychiatric advisors.
- 609 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many unmarked police vehicles are in possession of the Victoria Police Force.
  - 2 Whether there is a specific area allocated for the use of such vehicles; if so, why.

- 3 How many unmarked police vehicles are in the traffic division, specifying the districts in which the vehicles are based.
- 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, Fawcner 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.
- 612 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education when the Education Department expects to build the core plus at Westmeadows primary school.
- 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.
- 614 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of the operations of the Victorian Dairy Industry Authority:
- 1 What amount was paid to the firm of George Patterson Pty Ltd, advertising agents, from the sum of \$2 512 933 referred to in the operations account for the year 1978–79.
  - 2 What total amount was expended on promotion and marketing during the year ended 30 June 1980 and what total sum was paid to George Patterson Pty Ltd.
- 615 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether any action has been taken which has caused the Leroc Oil Company Pty Ltd to cease the recycling of oil; if so, what steps are being taken to assist the company resume the recycling of oil.
- 616 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, in respect of recycling of cutting oils used in machining:
- 1 Whether any indication that the recovery of such oils would be required or that the discharge of such oils would be limited or prohibited was ever given to Nufarm Chemicals Pty Ltd or any other company or person.

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- 2 Whether Nufarm Chemicals Pty Ltd installed plant to recover cutting oils in the belief that Government policies would encourage such recycling.
  - 3 Whether the failure of the Government to implement policies encouraging such recycling has led to low levels of recycling and that consequently Nufarm Chemicals Pty Ltd may be forced to close its plant.
  - 4 What further action will be taken to encourage such recycling.
- 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.
- 618 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether there is an attempt to introduce into technical schools a minimum class size of twenty; if so, what effect this will have on senior classes in country schools and specialist classes such as remedial and metal work.
- 619 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of the construction of the Djerriwarrh 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.
- 621 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 Whether T.E.A.C. funding has been obtained for one year to make possible the Minister's election promise to open a city hostel to allow country children to engage in work experience.
  - 2 Whether the drastic state of the school capital works budget is the reason for the decision to use Commonwealth recurrent funds to meet a State responsibility.
- 622 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What proportion of the \$6 million offered to T.E.A.C. in Victoria has—  
(a) been allocated to programmes; and (b) been received in the State Treasury.
  - 2 Whether the remainder of the funds will be spent by December 1980; if not, whether the funds will remain available.
  - 3 Whether the programme will continue in 1981; if so, with what funds, and from what source.
  - 4 Whether all programmes will continue to be forwarded to Canberra for approval; if not, whether some decisions will be made by regional committees and some by the State committees in 1981.

- 5 Whether the allowance problem has been solved or whether the Premier has reconsidered his earlier assurance not to go ahead in 1981 without a resolution of that problem.
- 6 What is the average length of time between a programme being approved at regional level and receiving funding.
- 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.

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- 625 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what is the daily cost of maintaining—(a) a prisoner in Pentridge Prison or a similar institution; and (b) a ward of the State or youth in an institution.
- 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.
  - 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.
- 628 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 Which firms of solicitors are engaged by the State Insurance Office to act on behalf of parties insured by that Office in legal proceedings involving—(a) workers' compensation; (b) motor vehicle personal injury; (c) industrial accident; or (d) public risk.

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- 2 Which firms have been—(a) added to; or (b) removed from, the panel of solicitors retained by the Office in each of the years 1970 to 1979 inclusive.
  - 3 What criteria are applied in adding or removing firms of solicitors from that panel.
  - 4 What amount of legal fees, exclusive of disbursements, was paid to each firm on the panel in each of the abovementioned years.
  - 5 What amount of barristers' fees was paid to each firm on the panel in each of the abovementioned years.
  - 6 In each of the abovementioned years, what proportion the amount paid for legal fees to solicitors on the panel bore to the total amounts paid out pursuant to policies of insurance in the settlement of actions or verdicts in legal proceedings involving—(a) workers' compensation; (b) motor vehicle personal injury; (c) industrial accident; or (d) public risk.
- 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.
- 630 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in relation to the Goonarrawarra Estate at Sunbury, how many blocks have been sold in—(a) the public sector; and (b) the private sector, indicating average prices paid in each case.
- 631 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, what is the outcome of the Minister's discussion with the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works in respect of the takeover by the Board of the Plenty-Yarrambat Waterworks Trust.
- 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.
- 633 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, whether the Minister will make available to the Member for Werribee a copy of the report entitled "Werribee River Basin—Proposals for Water Resources Management" and also the later supplementary report.

- 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.
- 635 **MR FORDHAM**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education why it is not possible for the Education Department to bulk buy physical education equipment for schools and to allow schools to purchase this equipment through the Stores Branch of the Education Department.
- 636 **MR CULPIN**—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 Which persons or bodies have been consulted by the Department of the Premier in relation to the establishment of an inter-agency co-ordinating committee task group to study programmes of State and local government bodies concerning facilities and services within the City of Broadmeadows.
  - 2 What is the proposed composition of the committee.
  - 3 What are the aims and objectives of the committee.
  - 4 What relationship there is between the proposed task group, the Report of the Board of Review of the Role, Structure and Administration of Local Government in Victoria and the State Co-ordination Council.
  - 5 How recommendations of the task group will be used in relation to housing policies for the future.
- 637 **MR CULPIN**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, how many metropolitan and rural domestic garbage tips have been licensed by the Environment Protection Authority to accept radio-active waste, indicating the—(a) location of tips; (b) date permits were issued; and (c) details in each case.
- 638 **MR CULPIN**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health how many metropolitan and rural domestic garbage tips have been licensed by the Health Commission to accept radio-active waste, indicating the—(a) location of tips; (b) date permits were issued; and (c) details in each case.
- 639 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether it is intended that grants will be made to the Ballarat Regional Alcohol and Drug Dependence Association in this financial year; if so, on what basis, what sums of money are proposed, and when the funds will be received.
- 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.

- 641 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware that activities of the Loddon-Campaspe Regional Drug Working Group have had to be curtailed; if so, what are the details of Government funds so far provided to the group, and what is the estimate of funds to be made available this financial year.
- 642 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the boiler project at the Ballarat Base Hospital, whether he or the Health Commission has received a submission from the hospital concerning the construction of the second boiler and whether the suggestion has been made that substantial recurrent savings can be made if the second boiler is installed; if so, what response has been made to those submissions.
- 643 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 In respect of each of the past three years and in this year to date, what have been the number of new cases of tuberculosis located in Victoria.
  - 2 What proportion of these new cases occurred in people coming from outside Australia, specifying the country of origin.
- 644 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of social security benefits for persons in Mental Health Division facilities, whether the Commonwealth Government has formally notified the State Government of its proposals to widen eligibility criteria; if so, what additional funds will be made available in Victoria this year and what State decisions have been made concerning this change in Commonwealth Government policy.
- 645 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will provide the Member for Brunswick with details of the number of obstetrical beds in each public hospital together with the number of deliveries over each of the past three years and the average annual occupancy.
- 646 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the vegetable industry:
- 1 What are the overall objectives.
  - 2 What research is being conducted regarding—(a) irrigation techniques; (b) chemical control of pests and diseases; (c) non-chemical control of pests and diseases; (d) reducing costs of production; (e) increasing levels of production per unit input; (f) more productive plant varieties; (g) new plant species; (h) improved marketing; (i) matching production to market requirements; (j) increasing the consumption of vegetables; and (k) substitution of Victorian-grown produce for produce grown interstate or internationally, indicating in each case for each project, the name, locations and the amount of funds allocated from each source.
- 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.
- 648 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, concerning production research on “overcoming limitations to growth in weaned lambs”, recently allocated \$19 980 by the Commonwealth Government, in what way the objectives and design of the project differ from similar research previously conducted in Victoria and other environments relevant to Victoria.

- 649 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, concerning production research on the “effect of nutrition on ewes during early pregnancy on subsequent growth, development and productivity of the lamb”, recently allocated \$18 140 by the Commonwealth Government, in what way the objectives and designs of the project differ from similar research previously conducted in Victoria and other environments relevant to Victoria.
- 650 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of production research on the “evaluation of legume species to improve the feeding value of summer–autumn feed”, recently allocated \$15 297 by the Commonwealth Government, what species are involved and in what way the objectives and design of the project differ from similar research previously conducted in Victoria and other environments relevant to Victoria.
- 651 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of production research on the “evaluation of cutting trials as a means of predicting the likely animal performance”, recently allocated \$11 709 by the Commonwealth Government:
- 1 What funds have been allocated for each other source.
  - 2 What is the location of the project.
  - 3 What is the designation of each officer involved in the project, indicating the proportion of time committed to it in each case.
  - 4 In what way the objectives and design of the project differ from similar research previously conducted in Victoria and other environments relevant to Victoria.
- 652 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, further to the answer to question No. 280 given on 30 September 1980, whether the Minister will provide to the Member for Werribee the plans showing the boundaries of the water supply catchments already proclaimed and the boundaries of the further land purchases recommended.
- 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.
- 654 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, if he will ascertain and inform the House:
- 1 Whether the New Zealand Dairy Board entered into arrangements with K. L. Ballantyne Pty Ltd for the purpose of distributing New Zealand dairy products into Australia; if so, whether—(a) the list of dairy

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products to be imported includes New Zealand butter; and (b) the arrangements allow for the processing and packaging of dairy products in Australia for the export market.

2 What new dairy products are being imported into Australia from New Zealand in 1980-81 and in what quantities.

655 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of funds for the Adult Deaf Society:

1 Whether the Society was told that its community health funds for 1980-81 would be frozen at last years level; if so, when and why.

2 Whether the Health Commission supports the Residential Independence Training Programme; if so, whether funds are to be available for the programme.

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- 656 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What information concerning patronage and revenue collected was provided by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board to the Victorian Transport Study on the seven tramlines which the study proposed should be abolished.
  - 2 Whether all members of Parliament will be provided with this information.
- 657 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, in respect of the State Electricity Commission Latrobe Valley Special Housing Scheme:
- 1 How many houses are—(a) proposed; and (b) already constructed in each of the towns in the Latrobe Valley.
  - 2 In relation to houses already constructed, how many in each town have been sold to—(a) State Electricity Commission employees; and (b) other persons.
  - 3 How many of the houses constructed under the scheme have been or will be now provided to the Housing Commission.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 661 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts what amount of subsidy has been made available for the Phar Lap Appeal, indicating the source of these funds, and the purpose of this grant.
- 662 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what increases in interest rates have occurred in relation to State Superannuation Board housing loans in the financial year 1979–80 and in this year to date, indicating the reasons for any increases.
- 663 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 How many employees and executives at Holmesglen Constructions have contracted to remain until closure, indicating what additional pay and other benefits have been offered.
  - 2 How many employees have been offered employment with the Ministry of Housing, or have applied for such employment, indicating whether any consideration has been given to matters such as travelling allowances.
- 664 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what changes in philosophy and planning have occurred over the Goonawarra Estate, indicating any changes to—(a) the social mix; and (b) the projection of figures of final costs and ultimate profit or loss.
- 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.

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- 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 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.
- 669 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the number of cases of malaria reported in Victoria:
- 1 Whether there has been an increase over recent years, specifying the number of cases in each of the past five years and this year to date, and the reasons for the increase, if any.
  - 2 Whether he and/or the Health Commission have investigated providing a pamphlet or pamphlets to medical practitioners and the general public; if so, with what result.
- 670 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of chest X-ray facilities in relation to tuberculosis:
- 1 Whether he or the Health Commission are aware that the location of X-ray facilities causes considerable difficulty to people living in the outer suburbs of Melbourne.
  - 2 Whether the Commission has considered providing services to the outer suburbs of Melbourne, and/or major regional centres; if so, on what basis.
  - 3 Whether a request has been received from the City of Ringwood for facilities in the Ringwood area; if so, what was the response of the Commission.
- 671 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Stawell District Hospital:
- 1 What have been the number of visits by the District Nursing Service in each of the past five years, specifying the number of full-time equivalent sisters in each year.

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- 2 Whether a request for an additional nurse has been made; if so, whether it is intended to provide that nurse.
- 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.
- 673 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received a petition from the Pivot Action Group concerning funding of In Vitro Ovum Transfer programme; if so, what response he will be making.
- 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 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.
- 678 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Victorian Autistic Children's Association, Western Centre, whether there has been any progress since either a meeting with a deputation on 14 August 1979, or his answer to question No. 954 given on 25 March 1980; if so, whether funds are going to be made available for the Centre, and if so, on what basis.
- 679 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 Whether the Health Commission has conducted an investigation into the action of Mr Warrick St Clair Leeson, in transferring the registration of the Burke Lodge Special Accommodation House; if so, whether a copy of that investigation will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.

- 2 Whether Mr Leeson owns or has an interest in any other special accommodation houses.
- 3 Whether it is intended to seek to alter or amend the *Health Act* 1958 or the Health (Special Accommodation Houses) Regulations 1980 to cover the situation where the transfer of registration avoids prosecution.
- 680 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation, in respect of the safety of swimming pool water, whether the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation has any policy on what additives should be used in swimming pools, in particular, to the use of chlorine or sodium hypochlorite, if so, what is this policy.
- 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.
- 684 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for State Development, Decentralization and Tourism:
- 1 What investigations the Small Business Development Corporation has conducted in accordance with section 13 (2) (b) of the *Small Business Development Corporation Act* 1976.
  - 2 What changes the Corporation has recommended to legislation or regulations as a result of these investigations.
  - 3 Which of these recommendations have been put into effect.
- 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 decisions have been upheld against the City of Broadmeadows.
  - 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.
- 690 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 Why the Government has not established the Equal Opportunity Advisory Unit as set out in point 3.3 of the Equal Opportunity and Elimination of Sexism Policy Statement of the Education Department which was recently sent to all schools.
  - 2 When this unit will be established.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 692 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of each grass and bush fire suspected to have been deliberately lit, spreading from fires allegedly lit in breach of fire restrictions, and spreading from fires allegedly lit in breach of Total Fire Bans, respectively, in the 1979–80 season and from 1 July 1980 to date:
- 1 What was the date and place the fire was detected.
  - 2 What charges have been laid.
  - 3 What convictions have been obtained, indicating the penalty imposed in respect of each charge proven.
  - 4 What charges have been withdrawn and what charges have been dismissed.
- 693 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, further to the answer to question No. 504 given on 2 October 1980, whether a product known as “Ralgro” is registered in Victoria; if so—(a) what is the name of the active ingredient; (b) whether the active ingredient is chemically-related to and/or has some similar biochemical activity to diethyl stilboestrol; (c) what are the species and uses for which it is registered; and (d) what steps have been taken, including details of references examined, to investigate the carcinogenicity, the mutagenicity and other possible ill-effects of the product on treated animals and on persons consuming the products of such animals.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 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.
- 698 DR VAUGHAN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What funds were raised by each school council in the south eastern metropolitan region for each of the past three financial years.
  - 2 What was the amount of such funds expressed in the categories of primary schools, high schools, technical schools, and other, respectively.
- 699 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in view of certain children from Community Welfare Services family group homes being refused permission to go to school excursions and camps because finances were unavailable to pay for such activities, whether he will make appropriate arrangements to ensure that supplementary funds are readily available to cottage parents so that all such children can attend and to ensure that information about entitlement is available to all family group home parents, children and to all school principals.
- 700 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry whether he received a request from the Bendigo Trades Hall Council drawing his attention to the effect of staff ceilings and overtime limitations on the capacity of the Department of Labour and Industry to deal with complaints; if so, when and with what result.

- 701 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, in respect of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works' Thomson River Dam project:
- 1 Whether stone screenings for the project have been supplied from the Pakenham area.
  - 2 What approximate quantity of stone, screenings, rock or sand have been used on the site to date, indicating the sources of supply.
  - 3 Why local suppliers have not been used so as to provide more employment opportunities in the Central Gippsland area.
  - 4 Whether the Minister will cause investigations to be made to ascertain whether more local supplies of these materials could be arranged so as to benefit both the Board and local industry.
- 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.
- 704 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health in respect of the composition of the Hospitals Superannuation Board, whether his review of the membership of that Board is complete; if so, whether it has been decided to include a nominee of the Victorian Hospitals Association and, in that event, on what basis and when amending legislation will be introduced.

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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

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### QUESTIONS

#### Notices received on 9 September 1980

- 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 the Board has written to the Brunswick City Council concerning the same

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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.

13 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of child maltreatment, what research the Health Commission is currently undertaking.

16 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Mental Retardation curriculum prepared in 1974 and mentioned on page 11 of the last report of the Mental Health Authority, whether the curriculum has yet been introduced; if not, why and when it will be introduced.

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 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.
- 41 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 In respect of services for the mentally retarded with particular reference to the outer eastern suburbs of Melbourne and the City of Knox, whether the "Blueprint for Future Development" approved by the Government and mentioned in a letter to the City of Knox, dated 18 January 1979 will be made available to the Member for Brunswick; if not, why.
  - 2 What additional services have been able to be provided through the appointment of a Social Worker in the outer eastern region and when will "an acceleration of development" occur as suggested in a letter to the City of Knox on 11 April 1979 specifying what developments will be accelerated and when.
- 43 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of each of the following hospitals: Mercy, Royal Children's, Royal Victorian Eye and Ear, Royal Women's, Alfred, Box Hill and District, Dandenong and District, Fairfield, Maroondah, Preston and Northcote Community, Prince Henry's, Queen Victoria, Royal Melbourne, Southern Memorial (Caulfield), St. George's, St. Vincent's, Western General, Williamstown, Caulfield, Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Gippsland, Hamilton, Mildura, Mooroopna, Wangaratta, Warrnambool, Ararat, Central Gippsland, Echuca, Frankston, Kyabram, Latrobe Valley, Stawell and Swan Hill:
- 1 What was the budget in 1978-79 specifying the amount from the Hospitals and Charities Fund.
  - 2 What budget was approved for 1979-80.

- 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.
- 58 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what is this State's involvement in the drugs of dependence monitoring system and whether the State has considered the extension of the system to include certain barbiturates; if so, whether there has been any approach by the Commonwealth to the State, or by the State to the Commonwealth, on this matter and, in that event, when, and with what result.
- 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.
- 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.

- 64 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of Glen Andrew Hudyma and his family:
- 1 Whether there had been any contacts with the family in May 1978 or between that date and April 1979 by any hospital or Health Commission agency; if so, what were the contacts and whether any related to injuries or possible danger to Glen.
  - 2 Whether the Minister will consider, together with his colleagues the Assistant Minister of Health and the Minister for Community Welfare Services, an inquiry into the relationship between the various helping agencies and the family up to his death at the Royal Children's Hospital on 6 April 1979; if not, why.
- 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.
- 70 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether, in respect of a number of members of the Hospitals Superannuation Fund retiring on ill-health grounds, he is aware that there has been a significant increase in retirements on ill-health grounds; if so—(a) what inquiries the Health Commission or the Hospitals Superannuation Board has carried out, indicating the reason for the increase; and (b) what action it is proposed to take on this matter.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 76 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the membership of the Hospitals Superannuation Board, whether the Health Commission or he has received representations concerning Victorian Hospitals' Association representation on the Board; if so, what were the responses to the representations and whether he will now accede to the Association's request.
- 80 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether any first mortgage loans are available from the Home Finance Trust indicating—(a) the number on the waiting list; and (b) the date of the last first mortgage loan, indicating the amount and the interest charge.
- 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.
- 83 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what amount Victoria will receive this financial year under the current Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement indicating—(a) the amount paid into the Home Builders' Account for allocation to co-operative housing societies; (b) what additional funds have been available for distribution to societies in each of the past two financial years and the current financial year, specifying the source of such funds; (c) the distribution of these funds between the Melbourne and metropolitan area, urban, and country areas; (d) the interest rates at which the funds are provided, the amount, and at what interest rates they are advanced by societies to members, specifying—(i) the existing income level per week; and (ii) the average monthly repayments for both interest and principal.
- 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.

- 85 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 Who are the present members of the advisory council set up under the *Co-operation Act* 1958, indicating the—(a) date of appointment; and (b) term of appointment in each case.
  - 2 What consultation takes place with the credit unions when replacements arise.
  - 3 In each of the past three years, what payments have been made from the Credit Societies Reserve Fund, indicating—(a) the amount in each case; (b) the purpose of the payment; and (c) the steps being taken to remedy any losses.
- 86 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 Why funds allocated last financial year for co-operative housing were unspent, given that the numbers waiting for a loan have increased by 25 per cent in the past year.
  - 2 What amount remained unspent in 1978–79, and what were the estimates of expenditure for co-operative housing, including the Home Finance Trust, for the financial year 1978–79.
- 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.
- 91 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts how many local government and regional library services, respectively, have cut back the level of their services last financial year, indicating in each case—(a) the library; (b) the reduction in the book vote from the previous year; (c) the reduction in staff in comparison with the previous year, indicating whether of a permanent or temporary nature; (d) any other services affected and the nature of these services; (e) the population served; (f) the amount contributed by local government, indicating any additional amount over last year; and (g) the funds allocated for each of the past three financial years, and in this year to date.

- 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.
- 96 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether any Government bodies, teams or other personnel have investigated or are currently investigating the Teacher Housing Authority; if so, when these investigations were commenced, what is their nature, and whether any particular person or persons are being investigated.
- 97 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 Who is the Registrar for Permanent Building Societies and what are his qualifications.
  - 2 What is the staff establishment of the Registry indicating—(a) the qualifications and date of appointment of each officer; (b) the description

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of duties; (c) whether any requests for additional staff have been made; if so, when, and what staff was requested.

3 How many Societies there are indicating—(a) the number which are active; and (b) the total amount invested and on loan.

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.

102 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer on disadvantaged schools in the electoral district of Oakleigh which his predecessor gave to the Member for Footscray on 25 October 1977 in response to question No. 2583 and reported in *Hansard* at page 10763.

103 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what is the total amount at constant prices allocated for each category of major expenditure in each Education Department region in each year since regionalization was introduced, indicating in each year the percentage increase or decrease and any instances where the categories are not comparable from year to year.

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.

108 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer on the Commonwealth Government Urban Public Transport Improvement Programme which his predecessor gave the then Leader of the Opposition on 9 December 1976 in answer to question No. 623, reported in *Hansard* at page 5929.

- 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.
- 114 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what further progress has been made concerning the phasing out of employment of prisoners to handle personal files at Pentridge Prison, since the answer given by his predecessor on 11 October 1977 in answer to question No. 497, reported in *Hansard* at page 10135.
- 115 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer about industries in Pentridge Prison which was given by his predecessor on 15 March 1978 in answer to question No. 9, reported in *Hansard* at page 343.
- 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.
- 117 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer about prisoners in H Division at Pentridge Prison which was given by his predecessor on 15 March 1978 in response to question No. 49, reported in *Hansard* at page 344.
- 118 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer about prison expenditures which was given by his predecessor on 4 April 1978 in answer to question No. 3, reported in *Hansard* at page 859.

- 119 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer on prisoners who have previously served sentences in youth training centres which was given by his predecessor on 17 May 1978 in response to question No. 35 and reported in *Hansard* at page 3208.
- 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.
- 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

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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

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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 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

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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 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 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)

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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, 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.
- 179 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what is the name of each firm which has been engaged to provide intruder detection systems in schools, indicating in each case—(a) the period of the engagement; (b) the respective number, type and cost of the systems provided; and (c) any instances in which the systems provided failed to meet specifications or were otherwise unsatisfactory.
- 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.

187 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Forests:

- 1 What are the procedures and instructions issued pursuant to the *Valuation of Land Act* 1960 that the Forests Commission follows in obtaining a valuation from the Valuer-General's Office with regard to purchasing land subject to buy-back in the Dandenong Ranges when acting on behalf of or in conjunction with the Ministry for Conservation.
- 2 How the valuation median and actual price paid median as determined by the Valuer-General each year since 1975 compares with the median for private sales in 1979 as determined by the Valuer-General's yearly statistics for the shires of Sherbrooke and Lillydale.
- 3 Where an owner does not wish to sell at the price offered by the Commission, what procedures they are advised to follow to resolve the matter, indicating in how many cases in the shires of Sherbrooke and Lillydale this resulted in a substantial increase in price paid and specifying the average increase in the past three years.
- 4 How prices paid for compulsory acquisition in the shires of Sherbrooke and Lillydale compare with those for willing sales, and what was the average additional cost incurred by the Commission in recompensing owners for expenses and solatium.
- 5 Whether, in purchasing a one acre allotment identified as Lot 13 and 14 Mast Gully Road, Upwey, in May 1980—(a) the Commission compulsorily acquired the allotment and paid \$25 000 plus \$1000 owners' expenses plus \$1250 solatium; (b) the valuation was in accordance with the *Valuation of Land Act* 1960 and, if not, why.
- 6 Whether, in purchasing a ten acre allotment identified at Lot 35 Hughes Street, Upwey—(a) the Commission paid \$2800 per acre and various other sums; (b) the allotment was compulsorily acquired or negotiated; and (c) the valuation was in accordance with the *Valuation of Land Act* 1960 and, if not, why.

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

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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.

- 190 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether the report of the Ombudsman on two defective homes built by Daffey and Johnson Pty Ltd at Peters Road and Leslie Road, Gisborne, has been acted upon by the relevant departments; if so, with what results.
- 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.
- 194 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry further to question No. 2209 asked on 2 April 1980 relating to Smorgon Consolidated Industries of Somerville Road, Sunshine:
- 1 Whether a survey has revealed a number of items relating to unguarded machinery and unsafe working conditions needing attention; if so—(a) how many items were listed for action and what action was indicated as necessary in each case; (b) whether the survey is complete; and (c) which items still require attention.
  - 2 Whether officers of the Department of Labour and Industry have attended plants operated by Smorgon Consolidated Industries since December 1979; if so—(a) which officers; (b) on which days; and (c) for what purposes and with what results.
  - 3 Whether officers of the Department are able to compile lists of fatal accidents, accidents involving serious injuries and lost time, and accidents of a relatively minor nature, respectively; if so, what those lists have revealed and what was the cause, machinery involved, the age and length of service of the employee and any other relevant material necessary to give a picture of the type of accident, nature of injury, and type of machinery involved in each case.

- 4 What current activity is taking place in rectifying safety hazards at these plants and when it is expected that remaining safety hazards will be rectified.
- 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.
- 199 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works:
- 1 Whether the Minister has received complaints concerning the installation of four radar reflectors in the San Remo channel.
  - 2 Whether the only equipment causing obstructions in the channel are lights and posts at Sally Reef, Two Starboard Buoys, and Armstrong Beacon, which are subject to vandalism.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 202 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether he will make available to the Member for Footscray a copy of the submission prepared by the Technical Schools Division in respect of the staffing needs of technical schools and colleges in 1979.
- 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.

- 208 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 Westernport:
- 1 What is the staffing establishment, and what is the actual number of staff.
  - 2 What is the present enrolment.
  - 3 What is the projected enrolment for each of the next two years.
  - 4 Which schools have portable classrooms, indicating the number at each school.
  - 5 Which schools qualify for an art/craft room and library, and which schools have these facilities.
  - 6 Which schools have specialist art/craft, physical education (male and female), music and remedial teachers, respectively.
- 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.
- 214 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in relation to the Schools' Work Experience Programme, what funds have been provided by the Education Department to allow the employment of students involved in the programme in Education Department schools and other centres in the years 1977-78, 1978-79 and 1979-80, respectively.
- 216 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education when it is expected that the following works will be undertaken at Heathmont East primary school: (a) administration upgrade; (b) storage space extension; (c) withdrawal areas for remedial work; and (a) staff-room upgrading, particularly bearing in mind that the plans for these works were completed in 1977.

- 218 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether the Minister has received a submission from the Grovedale West primary school regarding the special staffing needs of the school; if so, what has been the response to date.
- 220 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received a request for financial assistance from the Footscray “Grow” group; if so, what help can be given to assist this organization in its important work.
- 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.
- 222 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what is the reason for the delay in the provision of a covered way between the relocatable classroom units and the main school building and toilets at Greenbrook primary school and when it is expected that this necessary facility will be provided.
- 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 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,

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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.

231 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, when it is expected that additional—(a) maths/science; and (b) humanities, teachers will be appointed to Wonthaggi technical school, in order to fill the acknowledged vacancies in these areas and in order to allow the school to maintain and develop a balanced curriculum.

232 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what additional staff will be appointed to the Templestowe technical school in order to allow the school to sustain adequate literacy and numeracy programmes.

233 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 providing a replacement vehicle for the Rosedale Mobile Area Resource Centre and what steps will be taken to ensure that in future a replacement vehicle is available when required.

234 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 providing the promised capital grant for a mobile multi-cultural parent information service.

235 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in relation to the proposed Delacombe primary school:

1 When plans were first completed for this school and what was the estimated cost.

2 Why these plans have now been dispensed with.

3 What funds are now available for this school.

4 What facilities included in the original plans will not now be provided.

5 When it is now expected that this school will be ready for occupation.

- 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.
- 244 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What was the number of primary, secondary and technical studentships and scholarships awarded each year from 1965 to 1980.
  - 2 Of the above total primary, secondary and technical studentships, respectively, what was the number—(a) who have successfully completed their course, indicating the number—(i) who have fulfilled their bond obligations; (ii) who still are fulfilling their bond obligations; (iii) who are currently repaying an agreed amount; (iv) who are currently negotiating the repayment of their bond obligations; (v) whose obligations have been waived or reduced, either for the studentship holder or guarantor only; (vi) in other categories; (b) who are still undertaking their course; (c) who are no longer persisting with their course, indicating the number—(i) who have no obligation to repay; (ii) currently negotiating an agreed repayment; (iii) whose obligations have been waived or reduced, either for the studentship holder or guarantor only; (iv) of others considered to have an obligation to repay; (v) currently suspended, together with other possible categories.
- 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.

- 247 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 In each of the past three years how many parents received the maintenance allowance.
  - 2 How many applicants were refused the allowance.
- 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.
- 252 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 When the proposed road widening in Bell Street, Coburg will be carried out.
  - 2 Over how many properties in Bell Street, Coburg a reservation is held.
- 253 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What is the estimated cost of establishing automatic signalling on the Upfield railway line.
  - 2 Whether provision of this equipment has been considered; if not, why
- 254 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What is the estimated cost of establishing automatic signalling on the Lalor railway line.
  - 2 Whether provision of this equipment has been considered; if not, why.
- 255 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What are the terms of reference for the study by Pak-Poy and Associates Pty Ltd for the Metropolitan Transportation Committee.
  - 2 When this study will be completed.
- 256 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What reservations on land in the municipalities of Coburg and Broadmeadows respectively are held by the Country Roads Board, indicating the land in each case.
  - 2 Whether the Board intends to release any of these reservations.
- 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.

- 258 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether there are any procedures available by which the Government or any of its agencies may authorize telephone tapping; if so, how many authorizations were obtained in each year since 1970.
- 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.
- 260 MR WILTON—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What was the final cost of constructing the Altona-Somerton pipeline.
  - 2 What amount of the cost was born by VicRail.
  - 3 Whether a share of the cost by VicRail was provided from loan funds; if so, what rate of interest is being applied.
- 261 MR WILTON—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether a participant's and operating agreement has been executed between VicRail, Esso Australia Ltd, Mobil Oil Australia Ltd and the Shell Company of Australia Ltd for the operations of the Altona-Somerton oil pipeline; if so, whether he will make available a copy of the agreement to the Member for Broadmeadows.
- 262 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what amount has been spent in recent years on the planning and construction of the proposed Melbourne remand centre.
- 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.
- 267 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works what was the total value of contracts let in each of the past five years.
- 269 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 How many staff were employed in each branch of the Victorian Railways at 30 June 1980.
  - 2 How many staff were employed on track maintenance.
  - 3 What amount was spent on track maintenance in each of the past three years.
- 270 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 Whether survey work on the proposed East Preston tramline has been completed.
  - 2 Whether construction will commence during 1980-81.
- 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.
- 276 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what research into solar energy was undertaken by the Government during 1979-80.

- 278 **MR GAVIN**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 What ecological research with regard to the 21 endangered species has been undertaken by Government agencies, indicating the funding of this research, during each of the past three years.
  - 2 What financial or practical support has been given by the Government to non-government research in this field, during this period.
- 279 **DR COGHILL**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of raids by the Drug Squad of the Victoria Police Force:
- 1 Whether a record is kept of the number of raids each year; if so, what was the number in each of the past four years.
  - 2 How many raids have been carried out within the Melton, Deer Park, Laverton and Werribee areas in each of the past four years.
  - 3 How many raids were carried out in the Melton, Deer Park, Laverton and Werribee areas, respectively, on 31 May and 1 June 1980, indicating the number of premises raided and the number of premises on which drugs were found.
  - 4 Whether raids carried out in the Melton area on 31 May and 1 June 1980 were carried out on the incorrect premises due to wrong addresses being given to the officers concerned; if so, whether any apology has been provided to the occupants; if not, why.
- 283 **MR AMOS**—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 Latrobe Valley indicating why no houses were purchased in that region when the Minister has acknowledged that it has an acute housing shortage.
  - 2 Whether the Latrobe Valley's housing shortage is very largely influenced by Government sponsored development; if so, whether the Commission will undertake spot purchases in that region during this current financial year.
- 287 **MR GAVIN**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what are the terms of reference for Professor Beasley's study into railway freight and whether the report has been completed.
- 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.
- 290 **MR GAVIN**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, how many Land Conservation Council final recommendations have been received, indicating in each case—(a) the study area; (b) when the recommendations were received; and (c) whether a decision has been made; if not, when a decision is expected.

- 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.
- 299 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, with regard to each high school in the electoral district of Coburg, what was the special needs staffing component and migrant English staffing component in 1979, and what are the proposed figures for 1980.
- 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.
- 301 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 Since the age range of students at the Pentridge Prison Education Centre is between 17 and 63 years, why the Centre is deemed to be Primary School No. 4187.
  - 2 Whether the Centre is funded on the same basis as a primary school; if not, on what basis it is funded.
- 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.

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- 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

- 310 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in each of the years 1970 to 1979 inclusive:
- 1 How many bookings were made for consorting.
  - 2 How many persons were actually charged with consorting.
  - 3 How many persons were convicted of consorting.
  - 4 What were the sentences of those convicted.
- 311 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether there are vacant positions in the Public Solicitor's professional/law clerk staff establishment at present; if so, how many positions are vacant and when they will be filled.
- 314 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether there has been a reduction in the number of foot warmers provided in winter for the comfort of Geelong-Melbourne train commuters; if so, why.
- 320 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many unemployed persons have used the Government transport concession facility from the time of commencement to date.
- 323 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what are the proposed plans and time schedules for updating and duplication of the Melbourne-Geelong rail route.

- 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.
- 330 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What amount is to be spent on the Police Academy at Glen Waverley this financial year and what amounts have been spent to date.
  - 2 What amount is to be spent at the William Street administration complex this financial year and what amounts have been spent to date.
  - 3 What amount is to be spent on maintenance of police buildings this financial year and what amounts have been spent to date.
- 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.
- 332 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Which police stations are at present being renewed, re-built or renovated.
  - 2 Which police stations are planned or listed for renewal, re-building or renovations, giving the order of priority.
  - 3 What areas and location of land are available and reserved for these purposes.
- 334 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What investigations are currently being made into expanding the Police Air Wing.
  - 2 What type of aircraft are being considered for purchase for the Air Wing.
  - 3 What recommendations have been made on the future development of the Air Wing by the Committee appointed for this purpose.
  - 4 When a decision will be announced regarding the future of this unit.
- 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.
- 341 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services in respect of random breath testing:
- 1 What reports are available to Honourable Members in respect of the success or otherwise of this operation in reducing the number of persons who drive after drinking alcohol.
  - 2 What effect it has had in reducing the number of fatal accidents and what reports are available to Honourable Members on this aspect.
- 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.

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- 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.

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

- 1 What total amount has been spent on police recruitment in each of the past five financial years.
- 2 What amount is proposed to be spent on police recruitment in this financial year.

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

- 1 How many police are used on point duties and/or assisting in directing traffic within the City of Melbourne, from Monday to Friday of each week.
- 2 How many police are required for the same purposes for Saturday and Sunday of each week.

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

- 1 What police stations were completed and ready for occupancy in the 1979–80 financial year.
- 2 What police stations are expected to be completed and ready for occupancy in the 1980–81 financial year.

- 357 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether the Chief Commissioner of Police has made any submissions this year on behalf of the Victoria Police Force and the Victorian Government to the Commonwealth Government, seeking additional funds for police services; if so—(a) what was the basis of the submissions; and (b) what has been the response of the Commonwealth Government.
- 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.
- 363 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What are the dates for commencement and completion of the proposed North Shore rail overpass.
  - 2 What have been the average daily road and rail traffic figures over such point in the years 1965, 1970, 1975 and 1980, respectively.
  - 3 What are the reasons for the continued delay in the commencement of this overpass.
- 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.
- 366 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What were the monthly totals of vehicle movements across the West Gate Bridge since its opening.
  - 2 What were the toll collections in each such period.
  - 3 How many accidents necessitating vehicles being towed away have occurred on the bridge since its opening.
- 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.
- 368 MR KIRKWOOD—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many vehicles are on the support strength of the Victoria Police Independent Patrol Group.
  - 2 How many police officers are currently working with the Independent Patrol Group.
  - 3 What evidence is available to show that the problem of trail bikes and mini bikes intrusion onto recreational reserves has increased.
  - 4 Whether any records have been kept by police or municipal councils of the cost of damage to surface reserves and young or old trees damaged as a result of trail bike activities.
  - 5 Whether it is proposed to increase staff levels in the Independent Patrol Group.

- 370 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in respect of the development of the Urban Land Council site at Truganina:
- 1 What progress has been made on proposals to sub-divide, develop and sell land.
  - 2 When an announcement on progress of the sub-division will be made.
- 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.
  - 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.
  - 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.

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- 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.
- 388 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what steps have been taken to ensure that books specified for use in association with school curriculums are retained as such for extended periods, thus enabling their use by students in successive years.

**Notices received on 11 September 1980**

- 444 MR KIRKWOOD—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What are the financial difficulties affecting the chiropractic education programme at Preston Institute of Technology.
  - 2 Whether the chiropractic programme is accredited within the Australian tertiary system.
  - 3 How many students are dependent upon the Preston course being funded.
  - 4 What are the annual running expenses of the College of Chiropractic at Preston Institute of Technology.
- 445 MR SPYKER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether there have been cases where the residents' interests prevailed in reversing a licence granted by the Environment Protection Authority to major industry to discharge chemicals into the air; if so, what are the details.
- 451 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services how many beds under the Youth Accommodation Services Programme were available at 30 June 1980, indicating at which premises.
- 454 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Department of Agriculture or by any authority or agency under the

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control of the department to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.

**Notices received on 16 September 1980**

- 458 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts whether the Victorian Arts Centre Trust or any other body is now booking or proposing to book performances for the Victorian Arts Centre; if so, what is the—  
(a) estimated unit seat cost; and (b) level of Government subsidy annually per seat and overall.
- 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.
- 461 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 How many houses, flats and elderly citizens units, respectively, were built by the Housing Commission in the financial years 1978–79 and 1979–80, indicating the amount of funds allocated for each category and the number of buildings in each category for sale and rental respectively.
  - 2 What are the comparable expectations for this financial year.
- 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.
- 463 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works whether he has prepared a current version of his document “1979–80 Victorian Budget: Effect on the Building and Construction Industry”, released on 11 October last year; if so, when it will be released.
- 465 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether he is aware that the number of approvals, commencements, completions, and dwellings under construction in Victoria fell by 1.7 per cent, 6.6 per cent, 7.6 per cent and 14.3 per cent, respectively, in the year ended 31 March 1980; if so, what steps he will take to revitalize the Victorian housing industry.
- 467 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer whether, in view of concern for the long-term economic future of Victoria expressed by, amongst others, the Master Builders Association, the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce and Mr Ross King of Melbourne University, he will instruct his Long Term Policy Planning Committee to draw up an economic strategy plan to stimulate economic growth and guide the development of our State.

- 468 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether his attention has been drawn to a comprehensive survey of planned mining and manufacturing projects by the Department of Industry and Commerce, which shows that not only will Victoria invest less in mining than four other States, but will also invest less in manufacturing than New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia; if so, what are the Government's plans for countering this threatened shift in the centre of Australia's manufacturing industry away from Victoria.
- 469 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether his attention has been drawn to a comprehensive survey of civil engineering projects by the Australian Federation of Construction Contractors, which shows that over the next five years real annual growth rates of engineering construction will range from plus 2 per cent for New South Wales to plus 37 per cent in Western Australia, but that the industry will contract by 14 per cent each year in Victoria; if so, how he reconciles this position with his own repeated claims that Victoria will participate in the "construction boom" associated with resource development in other States.
- 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.
  - 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.
- 471 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether he will heed the call of the Master Builders Association of Victoria and commission a study of migration to other States, bearing in mind that a net 21 100 Victorians (including one in every hundred of the 25 to 34 age group) left this State during 1978–79.
- 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.
- 473 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether any Government official letters, forms and procedures have been simplified as a result of the Plain English Committee proposals for making public administration simpler and for encouraging the use of clear and direct English; if so, how many, indicating the departments concerned.
- 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.
- 477 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what was the subsidy per passenger for the private bus industry in 1979–80 for—(a) metropolitan routes; (b) urban routes; and (c) country routes.
- 478 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether VicRail reported on the allocation of the total subsidy provided from Government funds for 1979–80; if so, what was the allocation.
- 479 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what was the revenue and operating expenses of the Victorian Railways in 1979–80.

- 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.
- 481 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many trips the Southern Aurora, the Spirit of Progress and the Daylight Express, respectively, made in the first half of 1980—(a) to Sydney; and (b) from Sydney, indicating on how many occasions each train was late in leaving or arriving at its destination, respectively, and on what dates and at what times these trains were more than one hour late.
- 482 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many staff were employed by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board as at 30 June 1980.
- 483 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 How many by-laws inspectors were employed by VicRail as at 30 June 1980.
  - 2 How many staff were employed by VicRail at that date to police unruly behaviour on trains and stations indicating how many were in the Special Squad.
- 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.
- 485 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many passengers were carried by the private bus industry during 1979–80 on—(a) metropolitan routes; and (b) urban routes.
- 487 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information supplied on 1 November 1979 in relation to welfare housing in response to question No. 934 recorded in *Hansard* at page 4167.
- 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.
- 489 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether, due to the illness of several officers, he is aware that there was one officer available on 2 September 1980 to supervise 74 inmates at Morwell River Prison Farm; if so, whether he will give consideration to the provision of a permanent pool of relieving prison officers to ensure that there is no repetition of such understaffing.
- 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

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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.

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

498 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, following the Budget and the allocation of funds to be provided under the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement:

- 1 What funds will be received by Victoria in grants.
- 2 What amount of these grants will be used for—(a) rental housing assistance; and (b) dwellings for pensioners.

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- 3 What amount will be received in loans and what sum will be used for rental housing and home purchase, respectively—(a) by the Housing Commission; (b) by approved lending authorities, indicating their names; and (c) for dwellings for pensioners.
  - 4 In the announced funding arrangements, what proportions, if any, of—(a) grants; and (b) loans, are being provided conditionally on a matching contribution from State Government resources, indicating at what ratio.
  - 5 What additional financial resources have been made available in 1979–80 and 1980–81, showing their source.
- 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.
- 501 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 Whether the Coburg City Council has been informed by him that its proposal for the development of the Harold Stevens Athletic Track will not be funded until eighteen more acceptable projects are funded this financial year.
  - 2 What are the details of these eighteen projects, indicating the cost and the funds to be provided.
  - 3 In each of the municipalities concerned and also in Coburg, what is the total Totalizer Agency Board turnover, the percentage of money allocated from these undertakings to the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation and the amounts returned for projects in these municipalities over the past five years.
- 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.
- 506 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health when products containing diethyl stilboestrol or chemically related substances first became subject to approval for use in Victoria.
- 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 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.

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- 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.
- 510 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts:
- 1 When stormwater drainage tenders were opened for the Victorian Arts Centre.
  - 2 How many tenders were received and for what amount in each case.
  - 3 Who was the successful tenderer.
  - 4 Whether any concern was expressed in relation to the lowest tender; if so—(a) by whom; (b) what were the grounds of concern; (c) whether the building committee or Trust was informed; and (d) whether any additional payments had to be made subsequently, and if so, what amount.
- 511 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts:
- 1 When fire curtain tenders were opened for the Victorian Arts Centre.
  - 2 How many tenders were received and for what amount in each case.
  - 3 Who was the successful tenderer.
  - 4 Whether any concern was expressed in relation to the lowest tender; if so—(a) by whom; (b) what were the grounds of concern; (c) whether the building committee or Trust were informed; and (d) whether any additional payments had to be made subsequently, and if so, what amount.

**Notices received on 18 September 1980**

- 514 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What was the tonnage and revenue, respectively, represented by the cartage of briquettes from the Latrobe Valley on the Gippsland line in each of the past 10 years.
  - 2 What was the tonnage of briquettes transported by road from the Latrobe Valley in each of those years as identified by Transport Regulation Board road permits.
  - 3 In respect of road haulage permits sought in each of the past 3 years, on how many occasions VicRail has objected to the granting of such permits.
  - 4 Whether VicRail pursued every opportunity to object to the issue of permits; if not, why, and what cases were not pursued.
  - 5 Whether he will make available to the Member for Morwell all Transport Regulation Board records detailing their consideration of road permit applications in respect to briquette or coal related product movements.
- 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

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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.

518 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, in view of question No. 1194 first asked on 25 September 1979 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period in respect to a recent municipal poll of ratepayers of Loch Sport under section 693 of the *Local Government Act* 1958 for the purpose of determining an electrification scheme for the town:

- 1 Whether this poll was the first since the recent amendment to that section; if not, what other polls have been conducted.
- 2 What percentage of eligible ratepayers participated in the poll and what percentage of ratepayers voted in favour of the proposal.
- 3 Whether certain ratepayers who were advised that they would be exempt from a financial obligation toward the scheme were permitted to vote for the scheme; if so—(a) whether the occurrence of such advice tendered to ratepayers before a poll under the section, which could unfairly influence the outcome, was considered at all by the Government when the amendment to the section was proposed; and (b) whether, in view of many complaints that have arisen because of this alleged anomaly, the Government will consider a further amendment designed to overcome the problem.

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.
- 2 What specific amount has been budgeted for to enable conversion of such heaters.

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- 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.
- 521 Mr AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in view of question No. 1986 first asked on 13 March 1980 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period relating to the answer to question No. 1257 given on 12 March 1980:
- 1 When officers of the Health Commission and the State Electricity Commission first began to examine ways in which the proposed health study on Latrobe Valley residents could be carried out.
  - 2 When it is expected that this preliminary examination will be completed.
  - 3 Whether he will ask the Health Commission to commence the proposed health study as soon as possible.
- 523 Mr AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in view of question No. 2129 first asked on 25 March 1980 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period:
- 1 Whether the Minister's attention has been drawn to an article in the *Latrobe Valley Express* of 19 February 1980, which states that the Regional Director of Education had provided assurances that he favoured the retention of the name of Robertson for a school located in the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works town of Rawson.
  - 2 Whether the Regional Director has made any representations about the matter which favour the name of Robertson; if so, why, when the Place Names Committee and the Government had firmly rejected the Board's proposal to name the town where the school is located, Robertson, favouring instead the pioneering name of Rawson.
- 524 Mr AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in view of question No. 2158 first asked on 26 March 1980 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period, relating to the campaign designed to reduce the road toll:
- 1 Whether the available evidence indicates that inexperienced probationary motor drivers have a greater potential to involve more persons in accidents than do probationary motor cyclists.
  - 2 Whether the Government will give consideration to prohibiting probationary motor car drivers from driving high powered vehicles, similar to the prohibition now imposed on probationary motor cyclists.

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- 3 How many driving schools in Victoria offer motor cycle instruction.
- 4 Whether, in view of motor cycle training not being accessible to learner riders as is the case for drivers at motor car driving courses, the Government will give consideration to encouraging such training courses to provide safer riding skills.

525 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, in view of question No. 2260 first asked on 16 April 1980 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period, whether the State Electricity Commission has undertaken investigations and forward planning in respect of open cut and/or power station development after the completion of Loy Lang power station; if so—(a) what are the details; (b) whether the Commission will produce a report on the matter, and in that event, when; and (c) whether other Government agencies or departments have been consulted by the Commission during such forward investigations and planning and, if not, why.

#### 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.
- 546 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many train controllers are being transferred from country towns to Melbourne, indicating the dates of transfer and the towns concerned in each case.
- 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.
- 548 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 What is the priority list for primary school development in the Northern Metropolitan Region, in particular the Broadmeadows district.
  - 2 When the Education Department expects to build the "Core-Plus" at Westmeadows Heights primary school.
  - 3 Whether any other Government Department has allocated funds for Primary School development in the Broadmeadows district; if so, why and which Department made the allocation and what is the amount.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 560 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether the Crown Solicitor's advice has been sought as to whether the General Reserve Fund of building societies can be used to repay shareholders in the collapsed Twentieth Century Building and Investment Society; if so—(a) when the advice was sought; and (b) whether a reply has been received and, if not—(i) what is causing the delay; and (ii) when a decision is expected.
- 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.
- 566 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what is the average daily cost of maintaining a prisoner in Pentridge Prison or a similar institution.
- 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.
- 570 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry, in respect of private colleges of hairdressing:
- 1 What action the Government is taking to close down or phase out these colleges.
  - 2 Whether teacher ratio per student and student enrolments are inspected regularly and action taken where breaches have occurred.
  - 3 Whether the numbers of students entering through the college system has been checked over the last five years.
  - 4 Whether the availability of employment in the hairdressing industry for college students has been looked into.
  - 5 Whether the colleges are required to contribute toward the upkeep of the Hairdressers Registration Board administration.
  - 6 Whether the Government has given consideration to declaring a one class certificate for hairdressing; if so, what.
- 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

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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.
  - 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

- 578 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he or the Health Commission has received a submission from the Occupational Health Special Interest Group (Victorian Branch) of the Royal Australian Nursing Federation, requesting two appointments in the field of occupational health; if so, what has been his decision and that of the Commission in this matter.
- 579 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of a change in laundry services at the Maryborough Hospital, whether he will assure those people working in laundry services at the hospital that they will not be stood down and that the hospital will obtain funds required to absorb them into other work if necessary.
- 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,

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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.
- 583 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for State Development Decentralization and Tourism, in respect of the official tourist map of Melbourne produced by or on behalf of the Victorian Government Travel Authority:
- 1 Where the map was printed, at what cost, and in what volume.
  - 2 Whether any Victorian firms tendered for the job; if so, why a Victorian firm was not chosen.
- 584 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether a representative of the Government was asked to attend a seminar "Nursing Education in the 80's" held on Monday, 1 September 1980 at the Caulfield Institute of Technology; if so, whether the Minister can explain why no spokesperson attended.
- 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.
- 595 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether the Environment Protection Authority conducted tests of pollutant levels at Smorgon Consolidated Industries in West Footscray on 23 September 1980; if so, what pollutants were detected, indicating in respect of each pollutant and each discharge point, what levels were detected and what level, if any, is permitted under any licence condition, regulation or other control for which the Minister is responsible.
- 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.
- 597 MR EVANS (*Gippsland East*)—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 What was the total expenditure of the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation in each of the past five years, indicating the amount and percentage expended on administration.
  - 2 What amounts were received as allocations by municipalities in each of these years, indicating for what projects.

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- 598 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What is the estimated cost of duplicating the railway line between Merlynston and Upfield.
  - 2 Whether such provision for this track has been considered; if not, why.
- 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.
- 600 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what length of the suburban railway track is and is not, respectively, controlled by automatic signalling.
- 601 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What length of the suburban railway system consists of double track.
  - 2 What length of the suburban railway system consists of single track.
- 602 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services when the contract will be let for improvements at the Coburg police station.

- 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.
- 607 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what amount was spent on the installation and maintenance of automatic signalling by the Victorian Railways in each of the years 1978–79 and 1979–80.
- 608 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether the staff at community welfare reception centres and training institutions administer any drugs to young people attending the institutions; if so—(a) which particular institutions administer drugs; (b) what specific drugs are administered; and (c) why the drugs are administered.
  - 2 Whether young people attending a training institution consult a medical practitioner on first entry to the institution.
  - 3 How many of these young people are currently receiving drug treatment.
  - 4 How many of these young people receive consultations with psychiatric advisors.
- 609 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many unmarked police vehicles are in possession of the Victoria Police Force.
  - 2 Whether there is a specific area allocated for the use of such vehicles; if so, why.
  - 3 How many unmarked police vehicles are in the traffic division, specifying the districts in which the vehicles are based.
- 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.
- 614 **DR COGHILL**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of the operations of the Victorian Dairy Industry Authority:
- 1 What amount was paid to the firm of George Patterson Pty Ltd, advertising agents, from the sum of \$2 512 933 referred to in the operations account for the year 1978–79.
  - 2 What total amount was expended on promotion and marketing during the year ended 30 June 1980 and what total sum was paid to George Patterson Pty Ltd.
- 615 **DR COGHILL**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether any action has been taken which has caused the Leroc Oil Company Pty Ltd to cease the recycling of oil; if so, what steps are being taken to assist the company resume the recycling of oil.
- 616 **DR COGHILL**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, in respect of recycling of cutting oils used in machining:
- 1 Whether any indication that the recovery of such oils would be required or that the discharge of such oils would be limited or prohibited was ever given to Nufarm Chemicals Pty Ltd or any other company or person.
  - 2 Whether Nufarm Chemicals Pty Ltd installed plant to recover cutting oils in the belief that Government policies would encourage such recycling.
  - 3 Whether the failure of the Government to implement policies encouraging such recycling has led to low levels of recycling and that consequently Nufarm Chemicals Pty Ltd may be forced to close its plant.
  - 4 What further action will be taken to encourage such recycling.
- 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.
- 618 **MR FORDHAM**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether there is an attempt to introduce into technical schools a minimum class size of twenty; if so, what effect this will have on senior classes in country schools and specialist classes such as remedial and metal work.

- 619 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of the construction of the Djerriwarrh 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.
- 621 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 Whether T.E.A.C. funding has been obtained for one year to make possible the Minister's election promise to open a city hostel to allow country children to engage in work experience.
  - 2 Whether the drastic state of the school capital works budget is the reason for the decision to use Commonwealth recurrent funds to meet a State responsibility.
- 622 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What proportion of the \$6 million offered to T.E.A.C. in Victoria has—  
(a) been allocated to programmes; and (b) been received in the State Treasury.
  - 2 Whether the remainder of the funds will be spent by December 1980; if not, whether the funds will remain available.
  - 3 Whether the programme will continue in 1981; if so, with what funds, and from what source.
  - 4 Whether all programmes will continue to be forwarded to Canberra for approval; if not, whether some decisions will be made by regional committees and some by the State committees in 1981.
  - 5 Whether the allowance problem has been solved or whether the Premier has reconsidered his earlier assurance not to go ahead in 1981 without a resolution of that problem.
  - 6 What is the average length of time between a programme being approved at regional level and receiving funding.
- 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.

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- 625 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what is the daily cost of maintaining—(a) a prisoner in Pentridge Prison or a similar institution; and (b) a ward of the State or youth in an institution.

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.
- 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.

628 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:

- 1 Which firms of solicitors are engaged by the State Insurance Office to act on behalf of parties insured by that Office in legal proceedings involving—(a) workers' compensation; (b) motor vehicle personal injury; (c) industrial accident; or (d) public risk.
- 2 Which firms have been—(a) added to; or (b) removed from, the panel of solicitors retained by the Office in each of the years 1970 to 1979 inclusive.
- 3 What criteria are applied in adding or removing firms of solicitors from that panel.
- 4 What amount of legal fees, exclusive of disbursements, was paid to each firm on the panel in each of the abovementioned years.
- 5 What amount of barristers' fees was paid to each firm on the panel in each of the abovementioned years.
- 6 In each of the abovementioned years, what proportion the amount paid for legal fees to solicitors on the panel bore to the total amounts paid out pursuant to policies of insurance in the settlement of actions or verdicts in legal proceedings involving—(a) workers' compensation; (b) motor vehicle personal injury; (c) industrial accident; or (d) public risk.

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

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- (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.
- 631 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, what is the outcome of the Minister's discussion with the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works in respect of the takeover by the Board of the Plenty-Yarrambat Waterworks Trust.
- 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.
- 633 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, whether the Minister will make available to the Member for Werribee a copy of the report entitled "Werribee River Basin—Proposals for Water Resources Management" and also the later supplementary report.
- 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.
- 635 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education why it is not possible for the Education Department to bulk buy physical education equipment for schools and to allow schools to purchase this equipment through the Stores Branch of the Education Department.
- 636 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 Which persons or bodies have been consulted by the Department of the Premier in relation to the establishment of an inter-agency co-ordinating committee task group to study programmes of State and local government bodies concerning facilities and services within the City of Broadmeadows.
  - 2 What is the proposed composition of the committee.
  - 3 What are the aims and objectives of the committee.
  - 4 What relationship there is between the proposed task group, the Report of the Board of Review of the Role, Structure and Administration of Local Government in Victoria and the State Co-ordination Council.

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5 How recommendations of the task group will be used in relation to housing policies for the future.

- 637 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, how many metropolitan and rural domestic garbage tips have been licensed by the Environment Protection Authority to accept radio-active waste, indicating the—(a) location of tips; (b) date permits were issued; and (c) details in each case.
- 638 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health how many metropolitan and rural domestic garbage tips have been licensed by the Health Commission to accept radio-active waste, indicating the—(a) location of tips; (b) date permits were issued; and (c) details in each case.
- 639 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether it is intended that grants will be made to the Ballarat Regional Alcohol and Drug Dependence Association in this financial year; if so, on what basis, what sums of money are proposed, and when the funds will be received.
- 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.
- 641 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware that activities of the Loddon-Campaspe Regional Drug Working Group have had to be curtailed; if so, what are the details of Government funds so far provided to the group, and what is the estimate of funds to be made available this financial year.
- 642 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the boiler project at the Ballarat Base Hospital, whether he or the Health Commission has received a submission from the hospital concerning the construction of the second boiler and whether the suggestion has been made that substantial recurrent savings can be made if the second boiler is installed; if so, what response has been made to those submissions.
- 644 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of social security benefits for persons in Mental Health Division facilities, whether the Commonwealth Government has formally notified the State Government of its proposals to widen eligibility criteria; if so, what additional funds will be made available in Victoria this year and what State decisions have been made concerning this change in Commonwealth Government policy.
- 645 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will provide the Member for Brunswick with details of the number of obstetrical beds in each public hospital together with the number of deliveries over each of the past three years and the average annual occupancy.
- 646 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the vegetable industry:
- 1 What are the overall objectives.

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2 What research is being conducted regarding—(a) irrigation techniques; (b) chemical control of pests and diseases; (c) non-chemical control of pests and diseases; (d) reducing costs of production; (e) increasing levels of production per unit input; (f) more productive plant varieties; (g) new plant species; (h) improved marketing; (i) matching production to market requirements; (j) increasing the consumption of vegetables; and (k) substitution of Victorian-grown produce for produce grown interstate or internationally, indicating in each case for each project, the name, locations and the amount of funds allocated from each source.

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.

652 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, further to the answer to question No. 280 given on 30 September 1980, whether the Minister will provide to the Member for Werribee the plans showing the boundaries of the water supply catchments already proclaimed and the boundaries of the further land purchases recommended.

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.

654 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, if he will ascertain and inform the House:

1 Whether the New Zealand Dairy Board entered into arrangements with K. L. Ballantyne Pty Ltd for the purpose of distributing New Zealand dairy products into Australia; if so, whether—(a) the list of dairy products to be imported includes New Zealand butter; and (b) the arrangements allow for the processing and packaging of dairy products in Australia for the export market.

2 What new dairy products are being imported into Australia from New Zealand in 1980–81 and in what quantities.

655 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of funds for the Adult Deaf Society:

- 1 Whether the Society was told that its community health funds for 1980–81 would be frozen at last years level; if so, when and why.
- 2 Whether the Health Commission supports the Residential Independence Training Programme; if so, whether funds are to be available for the programme.

**Notices received on 2 October 1980**

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

- 1 What information concerning patronage and revenue collected was provided by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board to the Victorian Transport Study on the seven tramlines which the study proposed should be abolished.
- 2 Whether all members of Parliament will be provided with this information.

657 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, in respect of the State Electricity Commission Latrobe Valley Special Housing Scheme:

- 1 How many houses are—(a) proposed; and (b) already constructed in each of the towns in the Latrobe Valley.
- 2 In relation to houses already constructed, how many in each town have been sold to—(a) State Electricity Commission employees; and (b) other persons.
- 3 How many of the houses constructed under the scheme have been or will be now provided to the Housing Commission.

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**

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.

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- 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.
- 661 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts what amount of subsidy has been made available for the Phar Lap Appeal, indicating the source of these funds, and the purpose of this grant.
- 662 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what increases in interest rates have occurred in relation to State Superannuation Board housing loans in the financial year 1979–80 and in this year to date, indicating the reasons for any increases.
- 663 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 How many employees and executives at Holmesglen Constructions have contracted to remain until closure, indicating what additional pay and other benefits have been offered.
  - 2 How many employees have been offered employment with the Ministry of Housing, or have applied for such employment, indicating whether any consideration has been given to matters such as travelling allowances.
- 664 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what changes in philosophy and planning have occurred over the Goonawarra Estate, indicating any changes to—(a) the social mix; and (b) the projection of figures of final costs and ultimate profit or loss.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 669 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the number of cases of malaria reported in Victoria:
- 1 Whether there has been an increase over recent years, specifying the number of cases in each of the past five years and this year to date, and the reasons for the increase, if any.
  - 2 Whether he and/or the Health Commission have investigated providing a pamphlet or pamphlets to medical practitioners and the general public; if so, with what result.
- 670 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of chest X-ray facilities in relation to tuberculosis:
- 1 Whether he or the Health Commission are aware that the location of X-ray facilities causes considerable difficulty to people living in the outer suburbs of Melbourne.
  - 2 Whether the Commission has considered providing services to the outer suburbs of Melbourne, and/or major regional centres; if so, on what basis.
  - 3 Whether a request has been received from the City of Ringwood for facilities in the Ringwood area; if so, what was the response of the Commission.
- 671 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Stawell District Hospital:
- 1 What have been the number of visits by the District Nursing Service in each of the past five years, specifying the number of full-time equivalent sisters in each year.
  - 2 Whether a request for an additional nurse has been made; if so, whether it is intended to provide that nurse.
- 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.
- 673 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received a petition from the Pivot Action Group concerning funding of In Vitro Ovum Transfer programme; if so, what response he will be making.
- 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.
- 678 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Victorian Autistic Children's Association, Western Centre, whether there has been any progress since either a meeting with a deputation on 14 August 1979, or his answer to question No. 954 given on 25 March 1980; if so, whether funds are going to be made available for the Centre, and if so, on what basis.
- 679 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 Whether the Health Commission has conducted an investigation into the action of Mr Warrick St Clair Leeson, in transferring the registration of the Burke Lodge Special Accommodation House; if so, whether a copy of that investigation will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
  - 2 Whether Mr Leeson owns or has an interest in any other special accommodation houses.
  - 3 Whether it is intended to seek to alter or amend the *Health Act* 1958 or the Health (Special Accommodation Houses) Regulations 1980 to cover the situation where the transfer of registration avoids prosecution.
- 680 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation, in respect of the safety of swimming pool water, whether the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation has any policy on what additives should be used in swimming pools, in particular, to the use of chlorine or sodium hypochlorite, if so, what is this policy.
- 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,

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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.
- 684 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for State Development, Decentralization and Tourism:
- 1 What investigations the Small Business Development Corporation has conducted in accordance with section 13 (2) (b) of the *Small Business Development Corporation Act 1976*.
  - 2 What changes the Corporation has recommended to legislation or regulations as a result of these investigations.
  - 3 Which of these recommendations have been put into effect.
- 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.

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- 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.

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

- 1 Why the Government has not established the Equal Opportunity Advisory Unit as set out in point 3.3 of the Equal Opportunity and Elimination of Sexism Policy Statement of the Education Department which was recently sent to all schools.
- 2 When this unit will be established.

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.

692 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of each grass and bush fire suspected to have been deliberately lit, spreading from fires allegedly lit in breach of fire restrictions, and spreading from fires allegedly lit in breach of Total Fire Bans, respectively, in the 1979-80 season and from 1 July 1980 to date:

- 1 What was the date and place the fire was detected.
- 2 What charges have been laid.
- 3 What convictions have been obtained, indicating the penalty imposed in respect of each charge proven.
- 4 What charges have been withdrawn and what charges have been dismissed.

- 693 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, further to the answer to question No. 504 given on 2 October 1980, whether a product known as “Ralgro” is registered in Victoria; if so—(a) what is the name of the active ingredient; (b) whether the active ingredient is chemically-related to and/or has some similar biochemical activity to diethyl stilboestrol; (c) what are the species and uses for which it is registered; and (d) what steps have been taken, including details of references examined, to investigate the carcinogenicity, the mutagenicity and other possible ill-effects of the product on treated animals and on persons consuming the products of such animals.
- 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.
- 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.

- 698 DR VAUGHAN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What funds were raised by each school council in the south eastern metropolitan region for each of the past three financial years.
  - 2 What was the amount of such funds expressed in the categories of primary schools, high schools, technical schools, and other, respectively.
- 699 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in view of certain children from Community Welfare Services family group homes being refused permission to go to school excursions and camps because finances were unavailable to pay for such activities, whether he will make appropriate arrangements to ensure that supplementary funds are readily available to cottage parents so that all such children can attend and to ensure that information about entitlement is available to all family group home parents, children and to all school principals.
- 700 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry whether he received a request from the Bendigo Trades Hall Council drawing his attention to the effect of staff ceilings and overtime limitations on the capacity of the Department of Labour and Industry to deal with complaints; if so, when and with what result.
- 701 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, in respect of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works' Thomson River Dam project:
- 1 Whether stone screenings for the project have been supplied from the Pakenham area.
  - 2 What approximate quantity of stone, screenings, rock or sand have been used on the site to date, indicating the sources of supply.
  - 3 Why local suppliers have not been used so as to provide more employment opportunities in the Central Gippsland area.
  - 4 Whether the Minister will cause investigations to be made to ascertain whether more local supplies of these materials could be arranged so as to benefit both the Board and local industry.
- 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.
- 704 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health in respect of the composition of the Hospitals Superannuation Board, whether his review of the membership of that Board is complete; if so, whether it has been decided to include a nominee of the Victorian Hospitals Association and, in that event, on what basis and when amending legislation will be introduced.

## 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.
- 708 MR SIMPSON—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether he will make available the file and all relevant documents concerning the negotiations for 21 fully serviced lots in Nottingham Court and Wiltshire Drive, White Hills, Bendigo, offered to the Housing Commission by N. and B. Holding Pty Ltd.
- 709 MR SIMPSON—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Property and Services how many purchases of \$100 000 000 and over, monitored by the Department of Property and Services since it was established in 1978 have been above the Valuer-General's valuation, indicating in each case—(a) the amount paid by the particular department and the Valuer-General's valuation; (b) the date of the purchase; (c) the location of the purchase; and (d) the particular department which made the purchase.

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#### Notices received on 28 October 1980

- 710 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 What were the costs of salaries and payments in the nature of salary in each regional office in the past financial year.
  - 2 What were the costs of general expenses in each regional office in the past financial year.
  - 3 What were the costs of rent in each regional office in the past financial year.
- 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 12½ years.
- 713 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, following deferment of the date of introduction of the WREN system of computerised project planning, tracking and accounting from March 1979 to June 1980, what new date has been set, who are the consultants involved and why their payments have not been reduced in areas where systems development has been carried out by the Public Works Department's own EDP personnel.
- 714 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether he intends to follow the Auditor-General's advice about disentangling the financial affairs of the Victorian Railways Board and the Railway Construction and Property Board so that the true financial position of the latter Board can be determined.
- 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.

- 717 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 Why the Education Department has replied to only four out of 25 queries raised during the 1979–80 audit and what steps the Minister will take to ensure compliance with section 39 (2) of the *Audit Act* 1958 in future.
  - 2 Whether he has acted to clarify the legal status of Durac Limited and Deakin University Foundation Limited and why costs were incurred during 1979 on behalf of both these companies for which no charges were levied by Deakin University.
- 718 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education why he has failed to take adequate measures to ensure that all school councils comply with the legislation governing the lodgement of satisfactory audited financial statements by primary and certain other school councils, as reported by the Auditor-General.
- 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.
- 721 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 Why the Albury–Wodonga Development Trust Account does not appear as part of the Trust Fund in the Treasurer’s Finance Statement 1978–79.
  - 2 What were the payments and receipts of the Fund during 1978–79 and what was the balance as at 30 June 1979.
- 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.

- 723 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what was the Education Department expenditure in 1978–79 and 1979–80 on—(a) State primary schools; (b) State secondary schools; (c) technical and further education; (d) special education; and (e) teacher education.
- 724 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What was the Education Department expenditure in 1978–79 on State primary and secondary schools, respectively, in respect of (a) capital costs; (b) administration; (c) teachers' salaries and associated costs; (d) general expenses; (e) maintenance; (f) scholarships and book allowances; (g) transportation; (h) debt charges; (i) payroll tax; (k) workers' compensation; and (l) superannuation.
  - 2 What items set out in part 1 are included in the recurrent cost per pupil in State schools on which are measured the per pupil grants for primary and secondary pupils in non-government schools.
- 725 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, how many pupils attended State primary and secondary schools, respectively, in 1978 and 1979, and what was the respective cost per pupil in 1978–79.
- 726 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What was the State Government expenditure on registered schools in 1978–79 in respect of—(a) per pupil grants; (b) scholarships; (c) book allowances; (d) subsidy on interest on school buildings; (e) transportation; (f) grants to teachers' colleges; and (g) other expenditure.
  - 2 How many pupils attended registered primary and secondary schools, respectively, in 1978 and 1979, and what would have been the cost of educating these pupils at the same cost per pupil in respective State schools in 1978–79?
- 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

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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 of 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.
- 734 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture what was the number of pigs in each classification—(a) sold in saleyards; and (b) slaughtered in Victoria, for the last twelve month period for which figures are available.
- 735 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer, in respect of stamp duty paid into the Swine Compensation Fund, what was the amount collected in each month from 1 July 1978, to date.
- 736 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture what was the number of pigs introduced into Victoria—(a) for sale for slaughter; and (b) direct to abattoirs for slaughter, in the last twelve month period for which figures are available.
- 737 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer, in respect of each of the twenty most popular current model motor cars comprehensively insured by the State Insurance Office, what is the annual average value of insurance claims per vehicle insured, indicating any recorded variations in claim rates related to engine, transmission or other options.

- 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 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.

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- 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.
- 744 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, further to the answer to question No. 595 given on 28 October 1980:
- 1 What was the location used for sampling which may not be satisfactory.
  - 2 What evidence there is that the results may not properly represent the actual discharge.
  - 3 Why the hydrogen sulphide testing did not prove successful.
  - 4 What further testing has been carried out, indicating in respect of each pollutant and each discharge point, what levels were detected and what level is permitted under any licence, condition, regulation or other control.
  - 5 What further testing is proposed, indicating the date, location and nature 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.

- 747 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether “black liquor” industrial waste has been stored at the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works farm, Werribee; if so—(a) when storage commenced; (b) what are the sources of the material; (c) what amount was received each year; (d) what quantity of waste was removed from storage each year, indicating its destination or method of disposal; and (e) what charges are made in relation to storage or disposal.
- 748 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, in respect of each premises in the Cities of Altona and Sunshine and the Shires of Melton and Werribee for which approvals have been granted pursuant to the Clean Air Regulations, what is the name and location of the premises and what is the title, reference number and purpose of each file relating to the premises.

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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 the Board has written to the Brunswick City Council concerning the same

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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.
- 13 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of child maltreatment, what research the Health Commission is currently undertaking.
- 16 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Mental Retardation curriculum prepared in 1974 and mentioned on page 11 of the last report of the Mental Health Authority, whether the curriculum has yet been introduced; if not, why and when it will be introduced.
- 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 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.
- 41 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 In respect of services for the mentally retarded with particular reference to the outer eastern suburbs of Melbourne and the City of Knox, whether the “Blueprint for Future Development” approved by the Government and mentioned in a letter to the City of Knox, dated 18 January 1979 will be made available to the Member for Brunswick; if not, why.
  - 2 What additional services have been able to be provided through the appointment of a Social Worker in the outer eastern region and when will “an acceleration of development” occur as suggested in a letter to the City of Knox on 11 April 1979 specifying what developments will be accelerated and when.
- 43 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of each of the following hospitals: Mercy, Royal Children’s, Royal Victorian Eye and Ear, Royal Women’s, Alfred, Box Hill and District, Dandenong and District, Fairfield, Maroondah, Preston and Northcote Community, Prince Henry’s, Queen Victoria, Royal Melbourne, Southern Memorial (Caulfield), St. George’s, St. Vincent’s, Western General, Williamstown, Caulfield, Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Gippsland, Hamilton, Mildura, Mooroopna, Wangaratta, Warrnambool, Ararat, Central Gippsland, Echuca, Frankston, Kyabram, Latrobe Valley, Stawell and Swan Hill:
- 1 What was the budget in 1978–79 specifying the amount from the Hospitals and Charities Fund.
  - 2 What budget was approved for 1979–80.

- 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.
- 58 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what is this State's involvement in the drugs of dependence monitoring system and whether the State has considered the extension of the system to include certain barbiturates; if so, whether there has been any approach by the Commonwealth to the State, or by the State to the Commonwealth, on this matter and, in that event, when, and with what result.
- 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.
- 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.

- 64 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of Glen Andrew Hudyma and his family:
- 1 Whether there had been any contacts with the family in May 1978 or between that date and April 1979 by any hospital or Health Commission agency; if so, what were the contacts and whether any related to injuries or possible danger to Glen.
  - 2 Whether the Minister will consider, together with his colleagues the Assistant Minister of Health and the Minister for Community Welfare Services, an inquiry into the relationship between the various helping agencies and the family up to his death at the Royal Children's Hospital on 6 April 1979; if not, why.
- 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.
- 70 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether, in respect of a number of members of the Hospitals Superannuation Fund retiring on ill-health grounds, he is aware that there has been a significant increase in retirements on ill-health grounds; if so—(a) what inquiries the Health Commission or the Hospitals Superannuation Board has carried out, indicating the reason for the increase; and (b) what action it is proposed to take on this matter.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 80 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether any first mortgage loans are available from the Home Finance Trust indicating—(a) the number on the waiting list; and (b) the date of the last first mortgage loan, indicating the amount and the interest charge.
- 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.
- 83 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what amount Victoria will receive this financial year under the current Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement indicating—(a) the amount paid into the Home Builders' Account for allocation to co-operative housing societies; (b) what additional funds have been available for distribution to societies in each of the past two financial years and the current financial year, specifying the source of such funds; (c) the distribution of these funds between the Melbourne and metropolitan area, urban, and country areas; (d) the interest rates at which the funds are provided, the amount, and at what interest rates they are advanced by societies to members, specifying—(i) the existing income level per week; and (ii) the average monthly repayments for both interest and principal.
- 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.
- 85 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 Who are the present members of the advisory council set up under the *Co-operation Act* 1958, indicating the—(a) date of appointment; and (b) term of appointment in each case.
  - 2 What consultation takes place with the credit unions when replacements arise.

- 3 In each of the past three years, what payments have been made from the Credit Societies Reserve Fund, indicating—(a) the amount in each case; (b) the purpose of the payment; and (c) the steps being taken to remedy any losses.
- 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.
- 91 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts how many local government and regional library services, respectively, have cut back the level of their services last financial year, indicating in each case—(a) the library; (b) the reduction in the book vote from the previous year; (c) the reduction in staff in comparison with the previous year, indicating whether of a permanent or temporary nature; (d) any other services affected and the nature of these services; (e) the population served; (f) the amount contributed by local government, indicating any additional amount over last year; and (g) the funds allocated for each of the past three financial years, and in this year to date.
- 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.
- 96 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether any Government bodies, teams or other personnel have investigated or are currently investigating the Teacher Housing Authority; if so, when these investigations were commenced, what is their nature, and whether any particular person or persons are being investigated.
- 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.

- 103 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what is the total amount at constant prices allocated for each category of major expenditure in each Education Department region in each year since regionalization was introduced, indicating in each year the percentage increase or decrease and any instances where the categories are not comparable from year to year.
- 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.
- 108 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer on the Commonwealth Government Urban Public Transport Improvement Programme which his predecessor gave the then Leader of the Opposition on 9 December 1976 in answer to question No. 623, reported in *Hansard* at page 5929.
- 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.
- 114 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what further progress has been made concerning the phasing out of employment of prisoners to handle personal files at Pentridge Prison, since the answer given by his predecessor on 11 October 1977 in answer to question No. 497, reported in *Hansard* at page 10135.

- 115 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer about industries in Pentridge Prison which was given by his predecessor on 15 March 1978 in answer to question No. 9, reported in *Hansard* at page 343.
- 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.
- 118 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer about prison expenditures which was given by his predecessor on 4 April 1978 in answer to question No. 3, reported in *Hansard* at page 859.
- 119 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer on prisoners who have previously served sentences in youth training centres which was given by his predecessor on 17 May 1978 in response to question No. 35 and reported in *Hansard* at page 3208.
- 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 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

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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 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 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 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

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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,

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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

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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.

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- 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, 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.
- 179 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what is the name of each firm which has been engaged to provide intruder detection systems in schools, indicating in each case—(a) the period of the engagement; (b) the respective number, type and cost of the systems provided; and (c) any instances in which the systems provided failed to meet specifications or were otherwise unsatisfactory.
- 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

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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.
- 190 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether the report of the Ombudsman on two defective homes built by Daffey and Johnson Pty Ltd at Peters Road and Leslie Road, Gisborne, has been acted upon by the relevant departments; if so, with what results.
- 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

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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.

194 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry further to question No. 2209 asked on 2 April 1980 relating to Smorgon Consolidated Industries of Somerville Road, Sunshine:

- 1 Whether a survey has revealed a number of items relating to unguarded machinery and unsafe working conditions needing attention; if so—  
(a) how many items were listed for action and what action was indicated as necessary in each case; (b) whether the survey is complete; and (c) which items still require attention.
- 2 Whether officers of the Department of Labour and Industry have attended plants operated by Smorgon Consolidated Industries since December 1979; if so—(a) which officers; (b) on which days; and (c) for what purposes and with what results.
- 3 Whether officers of the Department are able to compile lists of fatal accidents, accidents involving serious injuries and lost time, and accidents of a relatively minor nature, respectively; if so, what those lists have revealed and what was the cause, machinery involved, the age and length of service of the employee and any other relevant material necessary to give a picture of the type of accident, nature of injury, and type of machinery involved in each case.
- 4 What current activity is taking place in rectifying safety hazards at these plants and when it is expected that remaining safety hazards will be rectified.

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

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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.

- 199 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works:
- 1 Whether the Minister has received complaints concerning the installation of four radar reflectors in the San Remo channel.
  - 2 Whether the only equipment causing obstructions in the channel are lights and posts at Sally Reef, Two Starboard Buoys, and Armstrong Beacon, which are subject to vandalism.
- 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.
- 202 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether he will make available to the Member for Footscray a copy of the submission prepared by the Technical Schools Division in respect of the staffing needs of technical schools and colleges in 1979.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 208 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 Westernport:
- 1 What is the staffing establishment, and what is the actual number of staff.
  - 2 What is the present enrolment.
  - 3 What is the projected enrolment for each of the next two years.
  - 4 Which schools have portable classrooms, indicating the number at each school.
  - 5 Which schools qualify for an art/craft room and library, and which schools have these facilities.
  - 6 Which schools have specialist art/craft, physical education (male and female), music and remedial teachers, respectively.
- 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.

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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.
- 216 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education when it is expected that the following works will be undertaken at Heathmont East primary school: (a) administration upgrade; (b) storage space extension; (c) withdrawal areas for remedial work; and (a) staff-room upgrading, particularly bearing in mind that the plans for these works were completed in 1977.
- 220 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received a request for financial assistance from the Footscray "Grow" group; if so, what help can be given to assist this organization in its important work.
- 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.
- 222 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what is the reason for the delay in the provision of a covered way between the relocatable classroom units and the main school building and toilets at Greenbrook primary school and when it is expected that this necessary facility will be provided.
- 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 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.

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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.
- 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.
- 231 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, when it is expected that additional—(a) maths/science; and (b) humanities, teachers will be appointed to Wonthaggi technical school, in order to fill the acknowledged vacancies in these areas and in order to allow the school to maintain and develop a balanced curriculum.
- 232 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what additional staff will be appointed to the Templestowe technical school in order to allow the school to sustain adequate literacy and numeracy programmes.

- 233 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 providing a replacement vehicle for the Rosedale Mobile Area Resource Centre and what steps will be taken to ensure that in future a replacement vehicle is available when required.
- 235 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in relation to the proposed Delacombe primary school:
- 1 When plans were first completed for this school and what was the estimated cost.
  - 2 Why these plans have now been dispensed with.
  - 3 What funds are now available for this school.
  - 4 What facilities included in the original plans will not now be provided.
  - 5 When it is now expected that this school will be ready for occupation.
- 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.
- 252 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 When the proposed road widening in Bell Street, Coburg will be carried out.
  - 2 Over how many properties in Bell Street, Coburg a reservation is held.
- 253 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What is the estimated cost of establishing automatic signalling on the Upfield railway line.
  - 2 Whether provision of this equipment has been considered; if not, why
- 254 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What is the estimated cost of establishing automatic signalling on the Lalor railway line.
  - 2 Whether provision of this equipment has been considered; if not, why.
- 255 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What are the terms of reference for the study by Pak-Poy and Associates Pty Ltd for the Metropolitan Transportation Committee.
  - 2 When this study will be completed.
- 256 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What reservations on land in the municipalities of Coburg and Broadmeadows respectively are held by the Country Roads Board, indicating the land in each case.
  - 2 Whether the Board intends to release any of these reservations.
- 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.
- 258 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether there are any procedures available by which the Government or any of its agencies may authorize telephone tapping; if so, how many authorizations were obtained in each year since 1970.
- 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.
- 260 MR WILTON—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What was the final cost of constructing the Altona–Somerton pipeline.
  - 2 What amount of the cost was born by VicRail.

- 3 Whether a share of the cost by VicRail was provided from loan funds; if so, what rate of interest is being applied.
- 261 MR WILTON—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether a participant's and operating agreement has been executed between VicRail, Esso Australia Ltd, Mobil Oil Australia Ltd and the Shell Company of Australia Ltd for the operations of the Altona–Somerton oil pipeline; if so, whether he will make available a copy of the agreement to the Member for Broadmeadows.
- 262 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what amount has been spent in recent years on the planning and construction of the proposed Melbourne remand centre.
- 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.
- 269 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 How many staff were employed in each branch of the Victorian Railways at 30 June 1980.
  - 2 How many staff were employed on track maintenance.
  - 3 What amount was spent on track maintenance in each of the past three years.
- 270 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 Whether survey work on the proposed East Preston tramline has been completed.
  - 2 Whether construction will commence during 1980–81.
- 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.
- 276 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what research into solar energy was undertaken by the Government during 1979–80.
- 278 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 What ecological research with regard to the 21 endangered species has been undertaken by Government agencies, indicating the funding of this research, during each of the past three years.
  - 2 What financial or practical support has been given by the Government to non-government research in this field, during this period.
- 279 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of raids by the Drug Squad of the Victoria Police Force:
- 1 Whether a record is kept of the number of raids each year; if so, what was the number in each of the past four years.
  - 2 How many raids have been carried out within the Melton, Deer Park, Laverton and Werribee areas in each of the past four years.

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- 3 How many raids were carried out in the Melton, Deer Park, Laverton and Werribee areas, respectively, on 31 May and 1 June 1980, indicating the number of premises raided and the number of premises on which drugs were found.
  - 4 Whether raids carried out in the Melton area on 31 May and 1 June 1980 were carried out on the incorrect premises due to wrong addresses being given to the officers concerned; if so, whether any apology has been provided to the occupants; if not, why.
- 283 MR AMOS—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 Latrobe Valley indicating why no houses were purchased in that region when the Minister has acknowledged that it has an acute housing shortage.
  - 2 Whether the Latrobe Valley's housing shortage is very largely influenced by Government sponsored development; if so, whether the Commission will undertake spot purchases in that region during this current financial year.
- 287 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what are the terms of reference for Professor Beasley's study into railway freight and whether the report has been completed.
- 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.
- 290 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, how many Land Conservation Council final recommendations have been received, indicating in each case—(a) the study area; (b) when the recommendations were received; and (c) whether a decision has been made; if not, when a decision is expected.
- 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.
- 299 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, with regard to each high school in the electoral district of Coburg, what was the special needs staffing component and migrant English staffing component in 1979, and what are the proposed figures for 1980.
- 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

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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**

- 310 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in each of the years 1970 to 1979 inclusive:
- 1 How many bookings were made for consorting.
  - 2 How many persons were actually charged with consorting.
  - 3 How many persons were convicted of consorting.
  - 4 What were the sentences of those convicted.
- 311 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether there are vacant positions in the Public Solicitor's professional/law clerk staff establishment at present; if so, how many positions are vacant and when they will be filled.
- 314 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether there has been a reduction in the number of foot warmers provided in winter for the comfort of Geelong-Melbourne train commuters; if so, why.
- 320 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many unemployed persons have used the Government transport concession facility from the time of commencement to date.
- 323 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what are the proposed plans and time schedules for updating and duplication of the Melbourne-Geelong rail route.
- 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.
- 330 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What amount is to be spent on the Police Academy at Glen Waverley this financial year and what amounts have been spent to date.
  - 2 What amount is to be spent at the William Street administration complex this financial year and what amounts have been spent to date.
  - 3 What amount is to be spent on maintenance of police buildings this financial year and what amounts have been spent to date.
- 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.
- 332 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Which police stations are at present being renewed, re-built or renovated.
  - 2 Which police stations are planned or listed for renewal, re-building or renovations, giving the order of priority.
  - 3 What areas and location of land are available and reserved for these purposes.

- 334 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What investigations are currently being made into expanding the Police Air Wing.
  - 2 What type of aircraft are being considered for purchase for the Air Wing.
  - 3 What recommendations have been made on the future development of the Air Wing by the Committee appointed for this purpose.
  - 4 When a decision will be announced regarding the future of this unit.
- 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.
- 341 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services in respect of random breath testing:
- 1 What reports are available to Honourable Members in respect of the success or otherwise of this operation in reducing the number of persons who drive after drinking alcohol.
  - 2 What effect it has had in reducing the number of fatal accidents and what reports are available to Honourable Members on this aspect.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 354 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What total amount has been spent on police recruitment in each of the past five financial years.
  - 2 What amount is proposed to be spent on police recruitment in this financial year.
- 355 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many police are used on point duties and/or assisting in directing traffic within the City of Melbourne, from Monday to Friday of each week.
  - 2 How many police are required for the same purposes for Saturday and Sunday of each week.
- 356 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What police stations were completed and ready for occupancy in the 1979–80 financial year.
  - 2 What police stations are expected to be completed and ready for occupancy in the 1980–81 financial year.
- 357 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether the Chief Commissioner of Police has made any submissions this year on behalf of the Victoria Police Force and the Victorian Government to the Commonwealth Government, seeking additional funds for police services; if so—(a) what was the basis of the submissions; and (b) what has been the response of the Commonwealth Government.
- 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.
- 363 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What are the dates for commencement and completion of the proposed North Shore rail overpass.
  - 2 What have been the average daily road and rail traffic figures over such point in the years 1965, 1970, 1975 and 1980, respectively.
  - 3 What are the reasons for the continued delay in the commencement of this overpass.

- 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.
- 366 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What were the monthly totals of vehicle movements across the West Gate Bridge since its opening.
  - 2 What were the toll collections in each such period.
  - 3 How many accidents necessitating vehicles being towed away have occurred on the bridge since its opening.
- 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.
- 368 MR KIRKWOOD—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many vehicles are on the support strength of the Victoria Police Independent Patrol Group.
  - 2 How many police officers are currently working with the Independent Patrol Group.
  - 3 What evidence is available to show that the problem of trail bikes and mini bikes intrusion onto recreational reserves has increased.
  - 4 Whether any records have been kept by police or municipal councils of the cost of damage to surface reserves and young or old trees damaged as a result of trail bike activities.
  - 5 Whether it is proposed to increase staff levels in the Independent Patrol Group.
- 370 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in respect of the development of the Urban Land Council site at Truganina:
- 1 What progress has been made on proposals to sub-divide, develop and sell land.
  - 2 When an announcement on progress of the sub-division will be made.
- 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.
  - 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.
  - 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.

**Notice received on 11 September 1980**

- 454 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Department of Agriculture or by any authority or agency under the control of the department to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.

**Notices received on 16 September 1980**

- 458 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts whether the Victorian Arts Centre Trust or any other body is now booking or proposing to book performances for the Victorian Arts Centre; if so, what is the—  
(a) estimated unit seat cost; and (b) level of Government subsidy annually per seat and overall.
- 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.
- 461 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 How many houses, flats and elderly citizens units, respectively, were built by the Housing Commission in the financial years 1978–79 and 1979–80, indicating the amount of funds allocated for each category and the number of buildings in each category for sale and rental respectively.
  - 2 What are the comparable expectations for this financial year.
- 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.
- 463 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works whether he has prepared a current version of his document “1979–80 Victorian Budget: Effect on the Building and Construction Industry”, released on 11 October last year; if so, when it will be released.
- 465 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether he is aware that the number of approvals, commencements, completions, and dwellings under construction in Victoria fell by 1.7 per cent, 6.6 per cent, 7.6 per cent and 14.3 per cent, respectively, in the year ended 31 March 1980; if so, what steps he will take to revitalize the Victorian housing industry.
- 468 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether his attention has been drawn to a comprehensive survey of planned mining and manufacturing projects by the Department of Industry and Commerce, which shows that not only will Victoria invest less in mining than four other States, but will

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also invest less in manufacturing than New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia; if so, what are the Government's plans for countering this threatened shift in the centre of Australia's manufacturing industry away from Victoria.

- 469 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether his attention has been drawn to a comprehensive survey of civil engineering projects by the Australian Federation of Construction Contractors, which shows that over the next five years real annual growth rates of engineering construction will range from plus 2 per cent for New South Wales to plus 37 per cent in Western Australia, but that the industry will contract by 14 per cent each year in Victoria; if so, how he reconciles this position with his own repeated claims that Victoria will participate in the "construction boom" associated with resource development in other States.
- 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.
  - 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.
- 471 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether he will heed the call of the Master Builders Association of Victoria and commission a study of migration to other States, bearing in mind that a net 21 100 Victorians (including one in every hundred of the 25 to 34 age group) left this State during 1978-79.
- 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.
- 473 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether any Government official letters, forms and procedures have been simplified as a result of the Plain English Committee proposals for making public administration simpler and for encouraging the use of clear and direct English; if so, how many, indicating the departments concerned.
- 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.
- 477 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what was the subsidy per passenger for the private bus industry in 1979-80 for—(a) metropolitan routes; (b) urban routes; and (c) country routes.
- 478 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether VicRail reported on the allocation of the total subsidy provided from Government funds for 1979-80; if so, what was the allocation.
- 479 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what was the revenue and operating expenses of the Victorian Railways in 1979-80.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 481 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many trips the Southern Aurora, the Spirit of Progress and the Daylight Express, respectively, made in the first half of 1980—(a) to Sydney; and (b) from Sydney, indicating on how many occasions each train was late in leaving or arriving at its destination, respectively, and on what dates and at what times these trains were more than one hour late.
- 482 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many staff were employed by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board as at 30 June 1980.
- 483 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 How many by-laws inspectors were employed by VicRail as at 30 June 1980.
  - 2 How many staff were employed by VicRail at that date to police unruly behaviour on trains and stations indicating how many were in the Special Squad.
- 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.
- 485 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many passengers were carried by the private bus industry during 1979–80 on—(a) metropolitan routes; and (b) urban routes.
- 487 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information supplied on 1 November 1979 in relation to welfare housing in response to question No. 934 recorded in *Hansard* at page 4167.
- 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.
- 489 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether, due to the illness of several officers, he is aware that there was one officer available on 2 September 1980 to supervise 74 inmates at Morwell River Prison Farm; if so, whether he will give consideration to the provision of a permanent pool of relieving prison officers to ensure that there is no repetition of such understaffing.
- 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.
- 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

- 498 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, following the Budget and the allocation of funds to be provided under the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement:
- 1 What funds will be received by Victoria in grants.
  - 2 What amount of these grants will be used for—(a) rental housing assistance; and (b) dwellings for pensioners.
  - 3 What amount will be received in loans and what sum will be used for rental housing and home purchase, respectively—(a) by the Housing Commission; (b) by approved lending authorities, indicating their names; and (c) for dwellings for pensioners.

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- 4 In the announced funding arrangements, what proportions, if any, of—  
 (a) grants; and (b) loans, are being provided conditionally on a matching contribution from State Government resources, indicating at what ratio.
- 5 What additional financial resources have been made available in 1979–80 and 1980–81, showing their source.
- 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.
- 501 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 Whether the Coburg City Council has been informed by him that its proposal for the development of the Harold Stevens Athletic Track will not be funded until eighteen more acceptable projects are funded this financial year.
  - 2 What are the details of these eighteen projects, indicating the cost and the funds to be provided.
  - 3 In each of the municipalities concerned and also in Coburg, what is the total Totalizator Agency Board turnover, the percentage of money allocated from these undertakings to the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation and the amounts returned for projects in these municipalities over the past five years.
- 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 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.
- 510 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts:
- 1 When stormwater drainage tenders were opened for the Victorian Arts Centre.
  - 2 How many tenders were received and for what amount in each case.
  - 3 Who was the successful tenderer.
  - 4 Whether any concern was expressed in relation to the lowest tender; if so—(a) by whom; (b) what were the grounds of concern; (c) whether the building committee or Trust was informed; and (d) whether any additional payments had to be made subsequently, and if so, what amount.
- 511 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts:
- 1 When fire curtain tenders were opened for the Victorian Arts Centre.
  - 2 How many tenders were received and for what amount in each case.
  - 3 Who was the successful tenderer.
  - 4 Whether any concern was expressed in relation to the lowest tender; if so—(a) by whom; (b) what were the grounds of concern; (c) whether the building committee or Trust were informed; and (d) whether any additional payments had to be made subsequently, and if so, what amount.

#### Notices received on 18 September 1980

- 514 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What was the tonnage and revenue, respectively, represented by the cartage of briquettes from the Latrobe Valley on the Gippsland line in each of the past 10 years.
  - 2 What was the tonnage of briquettes transported by road from the Latrobe Valley in each of those years as identified by Transport Regulation Board road permits.
  - 3 In respect of road haulage permits sought in each of the past 3 years, on how many occasions VicRail has objected to the granting of such permits.
  - 4 Whether VicRail pursued every opportunity to object to the issue of permits; if not, why, and what cases were not pursued.
  - 5 Whether he will make available to the Member for Morwell all Transport Regulation Board records detailing their consideration of road permit applications in respect to briquette or coal related product movements.
- 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

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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.

518 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, in view of question No. 1194 first asked on 25 September 1979 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period in respect to a recent municipal poll of ratepayers of Loch Sport under section 693 of the *Local Government Act 1958* for the purpose of determining an electrification scheme for the town:

- 1 Whether this poll was the first since the recent amendment to that section; if not, what other polls have been conducted.
- 2 What percentage of eligible ratepayers participated in the poll and what percentage of ratepayers voted in favour of the proposal.
- 3 Whether certain ratepayers who were advised that they would be exempt from a financial obligation toward the scheme were permitted to vote for the scheme; if so—(a) whether the occurrence of such advice tendered to ratepayers before a poll under the section, which could unfairly influence the outcome, was considered at all by the Government when the amendment to the section was proposed; and (b) whether, in view of many complaints that have arisen because of this alleged anomaly, the Government will consider a further amendment designed to overcome the problem.

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.
- 2 What specific amount has been budgeted for to enable conversion of such heaters.

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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.

521 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in view of question No. 1986 first asked on 13 March 1980 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period relating to the answer to question No. 1257 given on 12 March 1980:

1 When officers of the Health Commission and the State Electricity Commission first began to examine ways in which the proposed health study on Latrobe Valley residents could be carried out.

2 When it is expected that this preliminary examination will be completed.

3 Whether he will ask the Health Commission to commence the proposed health study as soon as possible.

523 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in view of question No. 2129 first asked on 25 March 1980 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period:

1 Whether the Minister's attention has been drawn to an article in the *Latrobe Valley Express* of 19 February 1980, which states that the Regional Director of Education had provided assurances that he favoured the retention of the name of Robertson for a school located in the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works town of Rawson.

2 Whether the Regional Director has made any representations about the matter which favour the name of Robertson; if so, why, when the Place Names Committee and the Government had firmly rejected the Board's proposal to name the town where the school is located, Robertson, favouring instead the pioneering name of Rawson.

524 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in view of question No. 2158 first asked on 26 March 1980 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period, relating to the campaign designed to reduce the road toll:

1 Whether the available evidence indicates that inexperienced probationary motor drivers have a greater potential to involve more persons in accidents than do probationary motor cyclists.

2 Whether the Government will give consideration to prohibiting probationary motor car drivers from driving high powered vehicles, similar to the prohibition now imposed on probationary motor cyclists.

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- 3 How many driving schools in Victoria offer motor cycle instruction.
- 4 Whether, in view of motor cycle training not being accessible to learner riders as is the case for drivers at motor car driving courses, the Government will give consideration to encouraging such training courses to provide safer riding skills.

525 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, in view of question No. 2260 first asked on 16 April 1980 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period, whether the State Electricity Commission has undertaken investigations and forward planning in respect of open cut and/or power station development after the completion of Loy Lang power station; if so—(a) what are the details; (b) whether the Commission will produce a report on the matter, and in that event, when; and (c) whether other Government agencies or departments have been consulted by the Commission during such forward investigations and planning and, if not, why.

**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.
- 546 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many train controllers are being transferred from country towns to Melbourne, indicating the dates of transfer and the towns concerned in each case.
- 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.
- 548 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 What is the priority list for primary school development in the Northern Metropolitan Region, in particular the Broadmeadows district.
  - 2 When the Education Department expects to build the “Core-Plus” at Westmeadows Heights primary school.
  - 3 Whether any other Government Department has allocated funds for Primary School development in the Broadmeadows district; if so, why and which Department made the allocation and what is the amount.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 560 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether the Crown Solicitor's advice has been sought as to whether the General Reserve Fund of building societies can be used to repay shareholders in the collapsed Twentieth Century Building and Investment Society; if so—(a) when the advice was sought; and (b) whether a reply has been received and, if not—(i) what is causing the delay; and (ii) when a decision is expected.
- 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.
- 570 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry, in respect of private colleges of hairdressing:
- 1 What action the Government is taking to close down or phase out these colleges.
  - 2 Whether teacher ratio per student and student enrolments are inspected regularly and action taken where breaches have occurred.
  - 3 Whether the numbers of students entering through the college system has been checked over the last five years.
  - 4 Whether the availability of employment in the hairdressing industry for college students has been looked into.
  - 5 Whether the colleges are required to contribute toward the upkeep of the Hairdressers Registration Board administration.
  - 6 Whether the Government has given consideration to declaring a one class certificate for hairdressing; if so, what.
- 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.
  - 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.

- 584 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether a representative of the Government was asked to attend a seminar “Nursing Education in the 80’s” held on Monday, 1 September 1980 at the Caulfield Institute of Technology; if so, whether the Minister can explain why no spokesperson attended.
- 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.
- 597 MR EVANS (*Gippsland East*)—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 What was the total expenditure of the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation in each of the past five years, indicating the amount and percentage expended on administration.
  - 2 What amounts were received as allocations by municipalities in each of these years, indicating for what projects.

Notices received on 30 September 1980

- 598 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What is the estimated cost of duplicating the railway line between Merlynston and Upfield.
  - 2 Whether such provision for this track has been considered; if not, why.
- 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.
- 600 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what length of the suburban railway track is and is not, respectively, controlled by automatic signalling.
- 601 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What length of the suburban railway system consists of double track.
  - 2 What length of the suburban railway system consists of single track.
- 602 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services when the contract will be let for improvements at the Coburg police station.
- 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.
- 607 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what amount was spent on the installation and maintenance of automatic signalling by the Victorian Railways in each of the years 1978–79 and 1979–80.
- 608 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 Whether the staff at community welfare reception centres and training institutions administer any drugs to young people attending the institutions; if so—(a) which particular institutions administer drugs; (b) what specific drugs are administered; and (c) why the drugs are administered.
  - 2 Whether young people attending a training institution consult a medical practitioner on first entry to the institution.
  - 3 How many of these young people are currently receiving drug treatment.
  - 4 How many of these young people receive consultations with psychiatric advisors.

- 609 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many unmarked police vehicles are in possession of the Victoria Police Force.
  - 2 Whether there is a specific area allocated for the use of such vehicles; if so, why.
  - 3 How many unmarked police vehicles are in the traffic division, specifying the districts in which the vehicles are based.
- 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.
- 614 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of the operations of the Victorian Dairy Industry Authority:
- 1 What amount was paid to the firm of George Patterson Pty Ltd, advertising agents, from the sum of \$2 512 933 referred to in the operations account for the year 1978–79.
  - 2 What total amount was expended on promotion and marketing during the year ended 30 June 1980 and what total sum was paid to George Patterson Pty Ltd.
- 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.
- 618 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether there is an attempt

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to introduce into technical schools a minimum class size of twenty; if so, what effect this will have on senior classes in country schools and specialist classes such as remedial and metal work.

- 619 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of the construction of the Djerriwarrh 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.
- 621 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 Whether T.E.A.C. funding has been obtained for one year to make possible the Minister's election promise to open a city hostel to allow country children to engage in work experience.
  - 2 Whether the drastic state of the school capital works budget is the reason for the decision to use Commonwealth recurrent funds to meet a State responsibility.
- 622 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What proportion of the \$6 million offered to T.E.A.C. in Victoria has—  
(a) been allocated to programmes; and (b) been received in the State Treasury.
  - 2 Whether the remainder of the funds will be spent by December 1980; if not, whether the funds will remain available.
  - 3 Whether the programme will continue in 1981; if so, with what funds, and from what source.
  - 4 Whether all programmes will continue to be forwarded to Canberra for approval; if not, whether some decisions will be made by regional committees and some by the State committees in 1981.
  - 5 Whether the allowance problem has been solved or whether the Premier has reconsidered his earlier assurance not to go ahead in 1981 without a resolution of that problem.
  - 6 What is the average length of time between a programme being approved at regional level and receiving funding.
- 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**

- 625 **MR CULPIN**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what is the daily cost of maintaining—(a) a prisoner in Pentridge Prison or a similar institution; and (b) a ward of the State or youth in an institution.
- 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.
  - 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.
- 628 **MRS TONER**—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 Which firms of solicitors are engaged by the State Insurance Office to act on behalf of parties insured by that Office in legal proceedings involving—(a) workers' compensation; (b) motor vehicle personal injury; (c) industrial accident; or (d) public risk.
  - 2 Which firms have been—(a) added to; or (b) removed from, the panel of solicitors retained by the Office in each of the years 1970 to 1979 inclusive.
  - 3 What criteria are applied in adding or removing firms of solicitors from that panel.
  - 4 What amount of legal fees, exclusive of disbursements, was paid to each firm on the panel in each of the abovementioned years.
  - 5 What amount of barristers' fees was paid to each firm on the panel in each of the abovementioned years.
  - 6 In each of the abovementioned years, what proportion the amount paid for legal fees to solicitors on the panel bore to the total amounts paid out pursuant to policies of insurance in the settlement of actions or verdicts in legal proceedings involving—(a) workers' compensation; (b) motor vehicle personal injury; (c) industrial accident; or (d) public risk.

- 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.
- 635 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education why it is not possible for the Education Department to bulk buy physical education equipment for schools and to allow schools to purchase this equipment through the Stores Branch of the Education Department.
- 636 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 Which persons or bodies have been consulted by the Department of the Premier in relation to the establishment of an inter-agency co-ordinating committee task group to study programmes of State and local government bodies concerning facilities and services within the City of Broadmeadows.
  - 2 What is the proposed composition of the committee.
  - 3 What are the aims and objectives of the committee.
  - 4 What relationship there is between the proposed task group, the Report of the Board of Review of the Role, Structure and Administration of Local Government in Victoria and the State Co-ordination Council.
  - 5 How recommendations of the task group will be used in relation to housing policies for the future.

- 638 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health how many metropolitan and rural domestic garbage tips have been licensed by the Health Commission to accept radio-active waste, indicating the—(a) location of tips; (b) date permits were issued; and (c) details in each case.
- 639 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether it is intended that grants will be made to the Ballarat Regional Alcohol and Drug Dependence Association in this financial year; if so, on what basis, what sums of money are proposed, and when the funds will be received.
- 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.
- 641 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware that activities of the Loddon-Campaspe Regional Drug Working Group have had to be curtailed; if so, what are the details of Government funds so far provided to the group, and what is the estimate of funds to be made available this financial year.
- 644 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of social security benefits for persons in Mental Health Division facilities, whether the Commonwealth Government has formally notified the State Government of its proposals to widen eligibility criteria; if so, what additional funds will be made available in Victoria this year and what State decisions have been made concerning this change in Commonwealth Government policy.
- 645 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will provide the Member for Brunswick with details of the number of obstetrical beds in each public hospital together with the number of deliveries over each of the past three years and the average annual occupancy.
- 646 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the vegetable industry:
- 1 What are the overall objectives.
  - 2 What research is being conducted regarding—(a) irrigation techniques; (b) chemical control of pests and diseases; (c) non-chemical control of pests and diseases; (d) reducing costs of production; (e) increasing levels of production per unit input; (f) more productive plant varieties; (g) new plant species; (h) improved marketing; (i) matching production to market requirements; (j) increasing the consumption of vegetables; and (k) substitution of Victorian-grown produce for produce grown interstate or internationally, indicating in each case for each project, the name, locations and the amount of funds allocated from each source.
- 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

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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.

655 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of funds for the Adult Deaf Society:

- 1 Whether the Society was told that its community health funds for 1980–81 would be frozen at last years level; if so, when and why.
- 2 Whether the Health Commission supports the Residential Independence Training Programme; if so, whether funds are to be available for the programme.

#### Notices received on 2 October 1980

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

- 1 What information concerning patronage and revenue collected was provided by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board to the Victorian Transport Study on the seven tramlines which the study proposed should be abolished.
- 2 Whether all members of Parliament will be provided with this information.

657 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, in respect of the State Electricity Commission Latrobe Valley Special Housing Scheme:

- 1 How many houses are—(a) proposed; and (b) already constructed in each of the towns in the Latrobe Valley.
- 2 In relation to houses already constructed, how many in each town have been sold to—(a) State Electricity Commission employees; and (b) other persons.
- 3 How many of the houses constructed under the scheme have been or will be now provided to the Housing Commission.

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**

- 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.
- 661 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts what amount of subsidy has been made available for the Phar Lap Appeal, indicating the source of these funds, and the purpose of this grant.
- 662 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer what increases in interest rates have occurred in relation to State Superannuation Board housing loans in the financial year 1979–80 and in this year to date, indicating the reasons for any increases.
- 663 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 How many employees and executives at Holmesglen Constructions have contracted to remain until closure, indicating what additional pay and other benefits have been offered.
  - 2 How many employees have been offered employment with the Ministry of Housing, or have applied for such employment, indicating whether any consideration has been given to matters such as travelling allowances.
- 664 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what changes in philosophy and planning have occurred over the Goonawarra Estate, indicating any changes to—(a) the social mix; and (b) the projection of figures of final costs and ultimate profit or loss.
- 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.

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- 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 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.
- 669 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the number of cases of malaria reported in Victoria:
- 1 Whether there has been an increase over recent years, specifying the number of cases in each of the past five years and this year to date, and the reasons for the increase, if any.
  - 2 Whether he and/or the Health Commission have investigated providing a pamphlet or pamphlets to medical practitioners and the general public; if so, with what result.
- 670 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of chest X-ray facilities in relation to tuberculosis:
- 1 Whether he or the Health Commission are aware that the location of X-ray facilities causes considerable difficulty to people living in the outer suburbs of Melbourne.
  - 2 Whether the Commission has considered providing services to the outer suburbs of Melbourne, and/or major regional centres; if so, on what basis.

- 3 Whether a request has been received from the City of Ringwood for facilities in the Ringwood area; if so, what was the response of the Commission.
- 671 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Stawell District Hospital:
- 1 What have been the number of visits by the District Nursing Service in each of the past five years, specifying the number of full-time equivalent sisters in each year.
  - 2 Whether a request for an additional nurse has been made; if so, whether it is intended to provide that nurse.
- 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.
- 673 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received a petition from the Pivot Action Group concerning funding of In Vitro Ovum Transfer programme; if so, what response he will be making.
- 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.
- 678 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Victorian Autistic Children's Association, Western Centre, whether there has been any progress since either a meeting with a deputation on 14 August 1979, or his answer to question No. 954 given on 25 March 1980; if so, whether funds are going to be made available for the Centre, and if so, on what basis.

- 679 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 Whether the Health Commission has conducted an investigation into the action of Mr Warrick St Clair Leeson, in transferring the registration of the Burke Lodge Special Accommodation House; if so, whether a copy of that investigation will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
  - 2 Whether Mr Leeson owns or has an interest in any other special accommodation houses.
  - 3 Whether it is intended to seek to alter or amend the *Health Act 1958* or the Health (Special Accommodation Houses) Regulations 1980 to cover the situation where the transfer of registration avoids prosecution.
- 680 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation, in respect of the safety of swimming pool water, whether the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation has any policy on what additives should be used in swimming pools, in particular, to the use of chlorine or sodium hypochlorite, if so, what is this policy.
- 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.
- 684 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for State Development, Decentralization and Tourism:
- 1 What investigations the Small Business Development Corporation has conducted in accordance with section 13 (2) (b) of the *Small Business Development Corporation Act 1976*.
  - 2 What changes the Corporation has recommended to legislation or regulations as a result of these investigations.
  - 3 Which of these recommendations have been put into effect.

- 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.
- 690 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 Why the Government has not established the Equal Opportunity Advisory Unit as set out in point 3.3 of the Equal Opportunity and Elimination of Sexism Policy Statement of the Education Department which was recently sent to all schools.
  - 2 When this unit will be established.

- 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.
- 692 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of each grass and bush fire suspected to have been deliberately lit, spreading from fires allegedly lit in breach of fire restrictions, and spreading from fires allegedly lit in breach of Total Fire Bans, respectively, in the 1979–80 season and from 1 July 1980 to date:
- 1 What was the date and place the fire was detected.
  - 2 What charges have been laid.
  - 3 What convictions have been obtained, indicating the penalty imposed in respect of each charge proven.
  - 4 What charges have been withdrawn and what charges have been dismissed.
- 693 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, further to the answer to question No. 504 given on 2 October 1980, whether a product known as “Ralgro” is registered in Victoria; if so—(a) what is the name of the active ingredient; (b) whether the active ingredient is chemically-related to and/or has some similar biochemical activity to diethyl stilboestrol; (c) what are the species and uses for which it is registered; and (d) what steps have been taken, including details of references examined, to investigate the carcinogenicity, the mutagenicity and other possible ill-effects of the product on treated animals and on persons consuming the products of such animals.
- 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.
- 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.
- 698 DR VAUGHAN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What funds were raised by each school council in the south eastern metropolitan region for each of the past three financial years.
  - 2 What was the amount of such funds expressed in the categories of primary schools, high schools, technical schools, and other, respectively.
- 699 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in view of certain children from Community Welfare Services family group homes being refused permission to go to school excursions and camps because finances were unavailable to pay for such activities, whether he will make appropriate arrangements to ensure that supplementary funds are readily available to cottage parents so that all such children can attend and to ensure that information about entitlement is available to all family group home parents, children and to all school principals.
- 700 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry whether he received a request from the Bendigo Trades Hall Council drawing his attention to the effect of staff ceilings and overtime limitations on the capacity of the Department of Labour and Industry to deal with complaints; if so, when and with what result.
- 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.

- 704 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health in respect of the composition of the Hospitals Superannuation Board, whether his review of the membership of that Board is complete; if so, whether it has been decided to include a nominee of the Victorian Hospitals Association and, in that event, on what basis and when amending legislation will be introduced.

**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.
- 708 MR SIMPSON—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether he will make available the file and all relevant documents concerning the negotiations for 21 fully serviced lots in Nottingham Court and Wiltshire Drive, White Hills, Bendigo, offered to the Housing Commission by N. and B. Holding Pty Ltd.
- 709 MR SIMPSON—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Property and Services how many purchases of \$100 000 and over, monitored by the Department of Property and Services since it was established in 1978 have been above the Valuer-General's valuation, indicating in each case—(a) the amount paid by the particular department and the Valuer-General's valuation; (b) the date of the purchase; (c) the location of the purchase; and (d) the particular department which made the purchase.

**Notices received on 28 October 1980**

- 710 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 What were the costs of salaries and payments in the nature of salary in each regional office in the past financial year.
  - 2 What were the costs of general expenses in each regional office in the past financial year.
  - 3 What were the costs of rent in each regional office in the past financial year.
- 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 12½ years.
- 713 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, following deferment of the date of introduction of the WREN system of computerised project planning, tracking and accounting from March 1979 to June 1980, what new date has been set, who are the consultants involved and why their payments have not been reduced in areas where systems development has been carried out by the Public Works Department’s own EDP personnel.
- 714 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether he intends to follow the Auditor-General’s advice about disentangling the financial affairs of the Victorian Railways Board and the Railway Construction and Property Board so that the true financial position of the latter Board can be determined.
- 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.
- 717 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 Why the Education Department has replied to only four out of 25 queries raised during the 1979–80 audit and what steps the Minister will take to ensure compliance with section 39 (2) of the *Audit Act* 1958 in future.
  - 2 Whether he has acted to clarify the legal status of Durac Limited and Deakin University Foundation Limited and why costs were incurred during 1979 on behalf of both these companies for which no charges were levied by Deakin University.
- 718 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education why he has failed to take adequate measures to ensure that all school councils comply with the legislation governing the lodgement of satisfactory audited financial statements by primary and certain other school councils, as reported by the Auditor-General.
- 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

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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.

721 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:

1 Why the Albury-Wodonga Development Trust Account does not appear as part of the Trust Fund in the Treasurer's Finance Statement 1978-79.

2 What were the payments and receipts of the Account during 1978-79 and what was the balance as at 30 June 1979.

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.

723 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what was the Education Department expenditure in 1978-79 and 1979-80 on—(a) State primary schools; (b) State secondary schools; (c) technical and further education; (d) special education; and (e) teacher education.

724 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:

1 What was the Education Department expenditure in 1978-79 on State primary and secondary schools, respectively, in respect of—(a) capital costs; (b) administration; (c) teachers' salaries and associated costs; (d) general expenses; (e) maintenance; (f) scholarships and book allowances; (g) transportation; (h) debt charges; (i) payroll tax; (k) workers' compensation; and (l) superannuation.

2 What items set out in part 1 are included in the recurrent cost per pupil in State schools on which are measured the per pupil grants for primary and secondary pupils in non-government schools.

725 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, how many pupils attended State primary and secondary schools, respectively, in 1978 and 1979, and what was the respective cost per pupil in 1978-79.

- 726 **MR ROSS-EDWARDS**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What was the State Government expenditure on registered schools in 1978–79 in respect of—(a) per pupil grants; (b) scholarships; (c) book allowances; (d) subsidy on interest on school buildings; (e) transportation; (f) grants to teachers' colleges; and (g) other expenditure.
  - 2 How many pupils attended registered primary and secondary schools, respectively, in 1978 and 1979, and what would have been the cost of educating these pupils at the same cost per pupil in respective State schools in 1978–79.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 734 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture what was the number of pigs in each classification—(a) sold in saleyards; and (b) slaughtered in Victoria, for the last twelve month period for which figures are available.
- 735 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer, in respect of stamp duty paid into the Swine Compensation Fund, what was the amount collected in each month from 1 July 1978, to date.
- 736 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture what was the number of pigs introduced into Victoria—(a) for sale for slaughter; and (b) direct to abattoirs for slaughter, in the last twelve month period for which figures are available.
- 737 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer, in respect of each of the twenty most popular current model motor cars comprehensively insured by the State Insurance Office, what is the annual average value of insurance claims per vehicle insured, indicating any recorded variations in claim rates related to engine, transmission or other options.
- 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 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.
- 744 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, further to the answer to question No. 595 given on 28 October 1980:
- 1 What was the location used for sampling which may not be satisfactory.
  - 2 What evidence there is that the results may not properly represent the actual discharge.
  - 3 Why the hydrogen sulphide testing did not prove successful.
  - 4 What further testing has been carried out, indicating in respect of each pollutant and each discharge point, what levels were detected and what level is permitted under any licence, condition, regulation or other control.
  - 5 What further testing is proposed, indicating the date, location and nature 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.
- 747 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether "black liquor" industrial waste has been stored at the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works farm, Werribee; if so—(a) when storage commenced; (b) what are the sources of the material; (c) what amount was received each year; (d) what quantity of waste was removed from storage each year, indicating its destination or method of disposal; and (e) what charges are made in relation to storage or disposal.

- 748 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, in respect of each premises in the Cities of Altona and Sunshine and the Shires of Melton and Werribee for which approvals have been granted pursuant to the Clean Air Regulations, what is the name and location of the premises and what is the title, reference number and purpose of each file relating to the premises.

**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.

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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.
- 751 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of progress in the eradication of bovine brucellosis in Victoria, what was the number of herds in each classification as at 30 June 1980 and as at the most recent date for which figures are available, indicating in each case, the estimated total number of cattle in each classification of herds.
- 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.
- 753 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts:
- 1 What was the—(a) original estimate; and (b) completion date, for the Geelong Performing Arts Centre.
  - 2 What is the—(a) current estimates; and (b) completion date.
  - 3 What was the starting date of the project and what progress has been made to date.
- 754 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, in respect of the report entitled “Werribee River Basin Proposals for Water Resources Management”, what action has been taken on the recommendations contained in paragraphs 9.2.1A, 9.2.1C, 9.2.4A, 9.2.4B, 9.2.8C and 9.2.9.
- 755 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Premier, in view of the Church of Scientology being a recognized religion in Australia and the fact that it has shown itself to be a law abiding religion, and has been functioning openly in this State for eight years, what action is being taken to remove the preventive clauses in the *Psychological Practices Act 1965*.
- 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.

- 757 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, 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.
- 758 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, further to the answer to question No. 503 given on 2 October 1980, whether other products containing diethyl stilboestrol have previously been registered in Victoria for use in animals; if so—(a) what was—(i) the name of the product; (ii) the name of the person or company in whose name it was registered; (iii) the forms in which it was registered; and (iv) the species and the uses for which it was registered; (b) when registration was first approved; and (c) whether registration was amended, indicating when and in what way.
- 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.
- 762 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 Whether excessive exposure of employees of Seppelts Great Western Winery to damaging noise levels has already caused deafness to some employees.
  - 2 When the levels of noise at Seppelts was first measured by the Industrial Hygiene Section.
  - 3 What measures have been recommended to deal with the hazard to workers’ health.
  - 4 Whether action has been taken on these recommendations; if so, when and with what result; if not, why.
- 763 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what is the Government’s policy concerning capital funds for the installation of electrical alarm systems to secure the building and contents of community health centres.

- 764 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply:
- 1 Whether the commissioners of the Plenty–Yarrambat Waterworks Trust have indicated their intention of resigning on 25 November 1980 if effect is not given to the Government's decision to take over the responsibility for the supply of water to the Plenty–Yarrambat area.
  - 2 Whether the Minister will give an assurance of a transfer date prior to 25 November, and that Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works rates will apply to the Plenty–Yarrambat area in the 1980–81 year.
- 765 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister of Soldier Settlement, in respect of loans made by the Rural Finance Commission to persons under 40 years of age buying their first farm, what criteria are applied in approving loans indicating—(a) the training of the applicant; (b) the farming experience of the applicant; (c) the amount of the loan sought; (d) the assets of the applicant; (e) other credit held by the applicant; and (f) the capacity of the farm to generate sufficient income to repay the loan.
- 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.

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Notices received on 9 September 1980

- 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.

13 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of child maltreatment, what research the Health Commission is currently undertaking.

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 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.
- 41 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 In respect of services for the mentally retarded with particular reference to the outer eastern suburbs of Melbourne and the City of Knox, whether the “Blueprint for Future Development” approved by the Government and mentioned in a letter to the City of Knox, dated 18 January 1979 will be made available to the Member for Brunswick; if not, why.
  - 2 What additional services have been able to be provided through the appointment of a Social Worker in the outer eastern region and when will “an acceleration of development” occur as suggested in a letter to the City of Knox on 11 April 1979 specifying what developments will be accelerated and when.
- 43 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of each of the following hospitals: Mercy, Royal Children’s, Royal Victorian Eye and Ear, Royal Women’s, Alfred, Box Hill and District, Dandenong and District, Fairfield, Maroondah, Preston and Northcote Community, Prince Henry’s, Queen Victoria, Royal Melbourne, Southern Memorial (Caulfield), St. George’s, St. Vincent’s, Western General, Williamstown, Caulfield, Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Gippsland, Hamilton, Mildura, Mooroopna, Wangaratta, Warrnambool, Ararat, Central Gippsland, Echuca, Frankston, Kyabram, Latrobe Valley, Stawell and Swan Hill:
- 1 What was the budget in 1978–79 specifying the amount from the Hospitals and Charities Fund.
  - 2 What budget was approved for 1979–80.

- 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.
- 58 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what is this State's involvement in the drugs of dependence monitoring system and whether the State has considered the extension of the system to include certain barbiturates; if so, whether there has been any approach by the Commonwealth to the State, or by the State to the Commonwealth, on this matter and, in that event, when, and with what result.
- 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.
- 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.

- 64 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of Glen Andrew Hudyma and his family:
- 1 Whether there had been any contacts with the family in May 1978 or between that date and April 1979 by any hospital or Health Commission agency; if so, what were the contacts and whether any related to injuries or possible danger to Glen.
  - 2 Whether the Minister will consider, together with his colleagues the Assistant Minister of Health and the Minister for Community Welfare Services, an inquiry into the relationship between the various helping agencies and the family up to his death at the Royal Children's Hospital on 6 April 1979; if not, why.
- 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.
- 70 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether, in respect of a number of members of the Hospitals Superannuation Fund retiring on ill-health grounds, he is aware that there has been a significant increase in retirements on ill-health grounds; if so—(a) what inquiries the Health Commission or the Hospitals Superannuation Board has carried out, indicating the reason for the increase; and (b) what action it is proposed to take on this matter.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 80 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether any first mortgage loans are available from the Home Finance Trust indicating—(a) the number on the waiting list; and (b) the date of the last first mortgage loan, indicating the amount and the interest charge.
- 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.
- 83 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what amount Victoria will receive this financial year under the current Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement indicating—(a) the amount paid into the Home Builders' Account for allocation to co-operative housing societies; (b) what additional funds have been available for distribution to societies in each of the past two financial years and the current financial year, specifying the source of such funds; (c) the distribution of these funds between the Melbourne and metropolitan area, urban, and country areas; (d) the interest rates at which the funds are provided, the amount, and at what interest rates they are advanced by societies to members, specifying—(i) the existing income level per week; and (ii) the average monthly repayments for both interest and principal.
- 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.
- 85 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 Who are the present members of the advisory council set up under the *Co-operation Act 1958*, indicating the—(a) date of appointment; and (b) term of appointment in each case.
  - 2 What consultation takes place with the credit unions when replacements arise.

- 3 In each of the past three years, what payments have been made from the Credit Societies Reserve Fund, indicating—(a) the amount in each case; (b) the purpose of the payment; and (c) the steps being taken to remedy any losses.
- 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.
- 91 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts how many local government and regional library services, respectively, have cut back the level of their services last financial year, indicating in each case—(a) the library; (b) the reduction in the book vote from the previous year; (c) the reduction in staff in comparison with the previous year, indicating whether of a permanent or temporary nature; (d) any other services affected and the nature of these services; (e) the population served; (f) the amount contributed by local government, indicating any additional amount over last year; and (g) the funds allocated for each of the past three financial years, and in this year to date.
- 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.
- 96 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether any Government bodies, teams or other personnel have investigated or are currently investigating the Teacher Housing Authority; if so, when these investigations were commenced, what is their nature, and whether any particular person or persons are being investigated.
- 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.

- 103 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what is the total amount at constant prices allocated for each category of major expenditure in each Education Department region in each year since regionalization was introduced, indicating in each year the percentage increase or decrease and any instances where the categories are not comparable from year to year.
- 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.
- 108 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer on the Commonwealth Government Urban Public Transport Improvement Programme which his predecessor gave the then Leader of the Opposition on 9 December 1976 in answer to question No. 623, reported in *Hansard* at page 5929.
- 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.
- 114 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services what further progress has been made concerning the phasing out of employment of prisoners to handle personal files at Pentridge Prison, since the answer given by his predecessor on 11 October 1977 in answer to question No. 497, reported in *Hansard* at page 10135.

- 115 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer about industries in Pentridge Prison which was given by his predecessor on 15 March 1978 in answer to question No. 9, reported in *Hansard* at page 343.
- 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.
- 118 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer about prison expenditures which was given by his predecessor on 4 April 1978 in answer to question No. 3, reported in *Hansard* at page 859.
- 119 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer on prisoners who have previously served sentences in youth training centres which was given by his predecessor on 17 May 1978 in response to question No. 35 and reported in *Hansard* at page 3208.
- 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 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,

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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

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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 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".

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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 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 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

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- 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,

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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

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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.

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- 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, 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.
- 179 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what is the name of each firm which has been engaged to provide intruder detection systems in schools, indicating in each case—(a) the period of the engagement; (b) the respective number, type and cost of the systems provided; and (c) any instances in which the systems provided failed to meet specifications or were otherwise unsatisfactory.
- 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

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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.
- 190 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether the report of the Ombudsman on two defective homes built by Daffey and Johnson Pty Ltd at Peters Road and Leslie Road, Gisborne, has been acted upon by the relevant departments; if so, with what results.
- 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

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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.

194 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry further to question No. 2209 asked on 2 April 1980 relating to Smorgon Consolidated Industries of Somerville Road, Sunshine:

1 Whether a survey has revealed a number of items relating to unguarded machinery and unsafe working conditions needing attention; if so—  
(a) how many items were listed for action and what action was indicated as necessary in each case; (b) whether the survey is complete; and (c) which items still require attention.

2 Whether officers of the Department of Labour and Industry have attended plants operated by Smorgon Consolidated Industries since December 1979; if so—(a) which officers; (b) on which days; and (c) for what purposes and with what results.

3 Whether officers of the Department are able to compile lists of fatal accidents, accidents involving serious injuries and lost time, and accidents of a relatively minor nature, respectively; if so, what those lists have revealed and what was the cause, machinery involved, the age and length of service of the employee and any other relevant material necessary to give a picture of the type of accident, nature of injury, and type of machinery involved in each case.

4 What current activity is taking place in rectifying safety hazards at these plants and when it is expected that remaining safety hazards will be rectified.

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

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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.

- 199 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works:
- 1 Whether the Minister has received complaints concerning the installation of four radar reflectors in the San Remo channel.
  - 2 Whether the only equipment causing obstructions in the channel are lights and posts at Sally Reef, Two Starboard Buoys, and Armstrong Beacon, which are subject to vandalism.
- 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.
- 202 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether he will make available to the Member for Footscray a copy of the submission prepared by the Technical Schools Division in respect of the staffing needs of technical schools and colleges in 1979.
- 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.
- 208 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 Westernport:
- 1 What is the staffing establishment, and what is the actual number of staff.
  - 2 What is the present enrolment.
  - 3 What is the projected enrolment for each of the next two years.
  - 4 Which schools have portable classrooms, indicating the number at each school.
  - 5 Which schools qualify for an art/craft room and library, and which schools have these facilities.
  - 6 Which schools have specialist art/craft, physical education (male and female), music and remedial teachers, respectively.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 216 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education when it is expected that the following works will be undertaken at Heathmont East primary school: (a) administration upgrade; (b) storage space extension; (c) withdrawal areas for remedial work; and (a) staff-room upgrading, particularly bearing in mind that the plans for these works were completed in 1977.
- 220 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received a request for financial assistance from the Footscray "Grow" group; if so, what help can be given to assist this organization in its important work.
- 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.
- 222 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what is the reason for the delay in the provision of a covered way between the relocatable classroom units and the main school building and toilets at Greenbrook primary school and when it is expected that this necessary facility will be provided.
- 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 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.
- 231 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, when it is expected that additional—(a) maths/science; and (b) humanities, teachers will be appointed to Wonthaggi technical school, in order to fill the acknowledged vacancies in these areas and in order to allow the school to maintain and develop a balanced curriculum.
- 232 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what additional staff will be appointed to the Templestowe technical school in order to allow the school to sustain adequate literacy and numeracy programmes.

- 233 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 providing a replacement vehicle for the Rosedale Mobile Area Resource Centre and what steps will be taken to ensure that in future a replacement vehicle is available when required.
- 235 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in relation to the proposed Delacombe primary school:
- 1 When plans were first completed for this school and what was the estimated cost.
  - 2 Why these plans have now been dispensed with.
  - 3 What funds are now available for this school.
  - 4 What facilities included in the original plans will not now be provided.
  - 5 When it is now expected that this school will be ready for occupation.
- 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.
- 252 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 When the proposed road widening in Bell Street, Coburg will be carried out.
  - 2 Over how many properties in Bell Street, Coburg a reservation is held.
- 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.
- 258 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether there are any procedures available by which the Government or any of its agencies may authorize telephone tapping; if so, how many authorizations were obtained in each year since 1970.
- 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.
- 260 MR WILTON—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What was the final cost of constructing the Altona–Somerton pipeline.
  - 2 What amount of the cost was born by VicRail.
  - 3 Whether a share of the cost by VicRail was provided from loan funds; if so, what rate of interest is being applied.
- 261 MR WILTON—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether a participant's and operating agreement has been executed between VicRail, Esso Australia Ltd, Mobil Oil Australia Ltd and the Shell Company of Australia Ltd for the operations of the Altona–Somerton oil pipeline; if so, whether he will make available a copy of the agreement to the Member for Broadmeadows.
- 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.
- 269 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 How many staff were employed in each branch of the Victorian Railways at 30 June 1980.
  - 2 How many staff were employed on track maintenance.
  - 3 What amount was spent on track maintenance in each of the past three years.

- 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.
- 276 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy what research into solar energy was undertaken by the Government during 1979–80.
- 278 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 What ecological research with regard to the 21 endangered species has been undertaken by Government agencies, indicating the funding of this research, during each of the past three years.
  - 2 What financial or practical support has been given by the Government to non-government research in this field, during this period.
- 279 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of raids by the Drug Squad of the Victoria Police Force:
- 1 Whether a record is kept of the number of raids each year; if so, what was the number in each of the past four years.
  - 2 How many raids have been carried out within the Melton, Deer Park, Laverton and Werribee areas in each of the past four years.
  - 3 How many raids were carried out in the Melton, Deer Park, Laverton and Werribee areas, respectively, on 31 May and 1 June 1980, indicating the number of premises raided and the number of premises on which drugs were found.
  - 4 Whether raids carried out in the Melton area on 31 May and 1 June 1980 were carried out on the incorrect premises due to wrong addresses being given to the officers concerned; if so, whether any apology has been provided to the occupants; if not, why.
- 283 MR AMOS—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 Latrobe Valley indicating why no houses were purchased in that region when the Minister has acknowledged that it has an acute housing shortage.
  - 2 Whether the Latrobe Valley's housing shortage is very largely influenced by Government sponsored development; if so, whether the Commission will undertake spot purchases in that region during this current financial year.
- 287 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what are the terms of reference for Professor Beasley's study into railway freight and whether the report has been completed.
- 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.
- 299 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, with regard to each high school in the electoral district of Coburg, what was the special needs staffing component and migrant English staffing component in 1979, and what are the proposed figures for 1980.
- 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.

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- 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**

- 310 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in each of the years 1970 to 1979 inclusive:
- 1 How many bookings were made for consorting.
  - 2 How many persons were actually charged with consorting.
  - 3 How many persons were convicted of consorting.
  - 4 What were the sentences of those convicted.
- 311 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether there are vacant positions in the Public Solicitor's professional/law clerk staff establishment at present; if so, how many positions are vacant and when they will be filled.
- 314 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether there has been a reduction in the number of foot warmers provided in winter for the comfort of Geelong-Melbourne train commuters; if so, why.
- 320 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many unemployed persons have used the Government transport concession facility from the time of commencement to date.
- 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.

- 330 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What amount is to be spent on the Police Academy at Glen Waverley this financial year and what amounts have been spent to date.
  - 2 What amount is to be spent at the William Street administration complex this financial year and what amounts have been spent to date.
  - 3 What amount is to be spent on maintenance of police buildings this financial year and what amounts have been spent to date.
- 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.
- 332 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Which police stations are at present being renewed, re-built or renovated.
  - 2 Which police stations are planned or listed for renewal, re-building or renovations, giving the order of priority.
  - 3 What areas and location of land are available and reserved for these purposes.
- 334 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What investigations are currently being made into expanding the Police Air Wing.
  - 2 What type of aircraft are being considered for purchase for the Air Wing.
  - 3 What recommendations have been made on the future development of the Air Wing by the Committee appointed for this purpose.
  - 4 When a decision will be announced regarding the future of this unit.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 341 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services in respect of random breath testing:
- 1 What reports are available to Honourable Members in respect of the success or otherwise of this operation in reducing the number of persons who drive after drinking alcohol.
  - 2 What effect it has had in reducing the number of fatal accidents and what reports are available to Honourable Members on this aspect.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 354 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What total amount has been spent on police recruitment in each of the past five financial years.
  - 2 What amount is proposed to be spent on police recruitment in this financial year.
- 355 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many police are used on point duties and/or assisting in directing traffic within the City of Melbourne, from Monday to Friday of each week.
  - 2 How many police are required for the same purposes for Saturday and Sunday of each week.
- 356 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What police stations were completed and ready for occupancy in the 1979–80 financial year.
  - 2 What police stations are expected to be completed and ready for occupancy in the 1980–81 financial year.
- 357 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether the Chief Commissioner of Police has made any submissions this year on behalf of the Victoria Police Force and the Victorian Government

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to the Commonwealth Government, seeking additional funds for police services; if so—(a) what was the basis of the submissions; and (b) what has been the response of the Commonwealth Government.

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.

363 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:

- 1 What are the dates for commencement and completion of the proposed North Shore rail overpass.
- 2 What have been the average daily road and rail traffic figures over such point in the years 1965, 1970, 1975 and 1980, respectively.
- 3 What are the reasons for the continued delay in the commencement of this overpass.

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.

368 MR KIRKWOOD—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:

- 1 How many vehicles are on the support strength of the Victoria Police Independent Patrol Group.
- 2 How many police officers are currently working with the Independent Patrol Group.
- 3 What evidence is available to show that the problem of trail bikes and mini bikes intrusion onto recreational reserves has increased.
- 4 Whether any records have been kept by police or municipal councils of the cost of damage to surface reserves and young or old trees damaged as a result of trail bike activities.
- 5 Whether it is proposed to increase staff levels in the Independent Patrol Group.

370 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, in respect of the development of the Urban Land Council site at Truganina:

- 1 What progress has been made on proposals to sub-divide, develop and sell land.
- 2 When an announcement on progress of the sub-division will be made.

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

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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.
  - 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.
  - 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.

**Notice received on 11 September 1980**

454 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Department of Agriculture or by any authority or agency under the control of the department to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.

**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.

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

- 1 How many houses, flats and elderly citizens units, respectively, were built by the Housing Commission in the financial years 1978–79 and 1979–80, indicating the amount of funds allocated for each category and the number of buildings in each category for sale and rental respectively.
- 2 What are the comparable expectations for this financial year.

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.

463 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works whether he has prepared a current version of his document “1979–80 Victorian Budget: Effect on the Building and Construction Industry”, released on 11 October last year; if so, when it will be released.

- 465 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether he is aware that the number of approvals, commencements, completions, and dwellings under construction in Victoria fell by 1·7 per cent, 6·6 per cent, 7·6 per cent and 14·3 per cent, respectively, in the year ended 31 March 1980; if so, what steps he will take to revitalize the Victorian housing industry.
- 468 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether his attention has been drawn to a comprehensive survey of planned mining and manufacturing projects by the Department of Industry and Commerce, which shows that not only will Victoria invest less in mining than four other States, but will also invest less in manufacturing than New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia; if so, what are the Government's plans for countering this threatened shift in the centre of Australia's manufacturing industry away from Victoria.
- 469 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether his attention has been drawn to a comprehensive survey of civil engineering projects by the Australian Federation of Construction Contractors, which shows that over the next five years real annual growth rates of engineering construction will range from plus 2 per cent for New South Wales to plus 37 per cent in Western Australia, but that the industry will contract by 14 per cent each year in Victoria; if so, how he reconciles this position with his own repeated claims that Victoria will participate in the "construction boom" associated with resource development in other States.
- 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.
  - 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.
- 471 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether he will heed the call of the Master Builders Association of Victoria and commission a study of migration to other States, bearing in mind that a net 21 100 Victorians (including one in every hundred of the 25 to 34 age group) left this State during 1978–79.
- 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.
- 473 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether any Government official letters, forms and procedures have been simplified as a result of the Plain English Committee proposals for making public administration simpler and for encouraging the use of clear and direct English; if so, how many, indicating the departments concerned.
- 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.
- 477 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what was the subsidy per passenger for the private bus industry in 1979–80 for—(a) metropolitan routes; (b) urban routes; and (c) country routes.

- 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.
- 481 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many trips the Southern Aurora, the Spirit of Progress and the Daylight Express, respectively, made in the first half of 1980—(a) to Sydney; and (b) from Sydney, indicating on how many occasions each train was late in leaving or arriving at its destination, respectively, and on what dates and at what times these trains were more than one hour late.
- 482 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many staff were employed by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board as at 30 June 1980.
- 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.
- 485 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many passengers were carried by the private bus industry during 1979–80 on—(a) metropolitan routes; and (b) urban routes.
- 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.

- 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

- 498 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, following the Budget and the allocation of funds to be provided under the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement:
- 1 What funds will be received by Victoria in grants.
  - 2 What amount of these grants will be used for—(a) rental housing assistance; and (b) dwellings for pensioners.
  - 3 What amount will be received in loans and what sum will be used for rental housing and home purchase, respectively—(a) by the Housing Commission; (b) by approved lending authorities, indicating their names; and (c) for dwellings for pensioners.
  - 4 In the announced funding arrangements, what proportions, if any, of—(a) grants; and (b) loans, are being provided conditionally on a matching contribution from State Government resources, indicating at what ratio.
  - 5 What additional financial resources have been made available in 1979–80 and 1980–81, showing their source.
- 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 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

- 514 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What was the tonnage and revenue, respectively, represented by the cartage of briquettes from the Latrobe Valley on the Gippsland line in each of the past 10 years.
  - 2 What was the tonnage of briquettes transported by road from the Latrobe Valley in each of those years as identified by Transport Regulation Board road permits.
  - 3 In respect of road haulage permits sought in each of the past 3 years, on how many occasions VicRail has objected to the granting of such permits.
  - 4 Whether VicRail pursued every opportunity to object to the issue of permits; if not, why, and what cases were not pursued.
  - 5 Whether he will make available to the Member for Morwell all Transport Regulation Board records detailing their consideration of road permit applications in respect to briquette or coal related product movements.
- 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

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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.

518 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, in view of question No. 1194 first asked on 25 September 1979 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period in respect to a recent municipal poll of ratepayers of Loch Sport under section 693 of the *Local Government Act* 1958 for the purpose of determining an electrification scheme for the town:

- 1 Whether this poll was the first since the recent amendment to that section; if not, what other polls have been conducted.
- 2 What percentage of eligible ratepayers participated in the poll and what percentage of ratepayers voted in favour of the proposal.
- 3 Whether certain ratepayers who were advised that they would be exempt from a financial obligation toward the scheme were permitted to vote for the scheme; if so—(a) whether the occurrence of such advice tendered to ratepayers before a poll under the section, which could unfairly influence the outcome, was considered at all by the Government when the amendment to the section was proposed; and (b) whether, in view of many complaints that have arisen because of this alleged anomaly, the Government will consider a further amendment designed to overcome the problem.

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.
- 521 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in view of question No. 1986 first asked on 13 March 1980 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period relating to the answer to question No. 1257 given on 12 March 1980:
- 1 When officers of the Health Commission and the State Electricity Commission first began to examine ways in which the proposed health study on Latrobe Valley residents could be carried out.
  - 2 When it is expected that this preliminary examination will be completed.
  - 3 Whether he will ask the Health Commission to commence the proposed health study as soon as possible.
- 523 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, in view of question No. 2129 first asked on 25 March 1980 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period:
- 1 Whether the Minister's attention has been drawn to an article in the *Latrobe Valley Express* of 19 February 1980, which states that the Regional Director of Education had provided assurances that he favoured the retention of the name of Robertson for a school located in the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works town of Rawson.
  - 2 Whether the Regional Director has made any representations about the matter which favour the name of Robertson; if so, why, when the Place Names Committee and the Government had firmly rejected the Board's proposal to name the town where the school is located, Robertson, favouring instead the pioneering name of Rawson.
- 524 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in view of question No. 2158 first asked on 26 March 1980 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period, relating to the campaign designed to reduce the road toll:
- 1 Whether the available evidence indicates that inexperienced probationary motor drivers have a greater potential to involve more persons in accidents than do probationary motor cyclists.

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- 2 Whether the Government will give consideration to prohibiting probationary motor car drivers from driving high powered vehicles, similar to the prohibition now imposed on probationary motor cyclists.
- 3 How many driving schools in Victoria offer motor cycle instruction.
- 4 Whether, in view of motor cycle training not being accessible to learner riders as is the case for drivers at motor car driving courses, the Government will give consideration to encouraging such training courses to provide safer riding skills.

**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.
- 546 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many train controllers are being transferred from country towns to Melbourne, indicating the dates of transfer and the towns concerned in each case.
- 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.
- 548 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 What is the priority list for primary school development in the Northern Metropolitan Region, in particular the Broadmeadows district.
  - 2 When the Education Department expects to build the “Core-Plus” at Westmeadows Heights primary school.
  - 3 Whether any other Government Department has allocated funds for Primary School development in the Broadmeadows district; if so, why and which Department made the allocation and what is the amount.
- 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 Apendale 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.
- 560 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether the Crown Solicitor's advice has been sought as to whether the General Reserve Fund of building societies can be used to repay shareholders in the collapsed Twentieth Century Building and Investment Society; if so—(a) when the advice was sought; and (b) whether a reply has been received and, if not—(i) what is causing the delay; and (ii) when a decision is expected.
- 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

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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.
- 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.
- 597 MR EVANS (*Gippsland East*)—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 What was the total expenditure of the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation in each of the past five years, indicating the amount and percentage expended on administration.
  - 2 What amounts were received as allocations by municipalities in each of these years, indicating for what projects.

#### Notices received on 30 September 1980

- 598 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What is the estimated cost of duplicating the railway line between Merlynston and Upfield.
  - 2 Whether such provision for this track has been considered; if not, why.
- 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.
- 602 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services when the contract will be let for improvements at the Coburg police station.
- 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.

- 607 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what amount was spent on the installation and maintenance of automatic signalling by the Victorian Railways in each of the years 1978–79 and 1979–80.
- 609 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many unmarked police vehicles are in possession of the Victoria Police Force.
  - 2 Whether there is a specific area allocated for the use of such vehicles; if so, why.
  - 3 How many unmarked police vehicles are in the traffic division, specifying the districts in which the vehicles are based.
- 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.
- 614 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of the operations of the Victorian Dairy Industry Authority:
- 1 What amount was paid to the firm of George Patterson Pty Ltd, advertising agents, from the sum of \$2 512 933 referred to in the operations account for the year 1978–79.
  - 2 What total amount was expended on promotion and marketing during the year ended 30 June 1980 and what total sum was paid to George Patterson Pty Ltd.
- 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.

- 618 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether there is an attempt to introduce into technical schools a minimum class size of twenty; if so, what effect this will have on senior classes in country schools and specialist classes such as remedial and metal work.
- 619 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of the construction of the Djerriwarrh 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.
- 621 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 Whether T.E.A.C. funding has been obtained for one year to make possible the Minister's election promise to open a city hostel to allow country children to engage in work experience.
  - 2 Whether the drastic state of the school capital works budget is the reason for the decision to use Commonwealth recurrent funds to meet a State responsibility.
- 622 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What proportion of the \$6 million offered to T.E.A.C. in Victoria has—  
(a) been allocated to programmes; and (b) been received in the State Treasury.
  - 2 Whether the remainder of the funds will be spent by December 1980; if not, whether the funds will remain available.
  - 3 Whether the programme will continue in 1981; if so, with what funds, and from what source.
  - 4 Whether all programmes will continue to be forwarded to Canberra for approval; if not, whether some decisions will be made by regional committees and some by the State committees in 1981.
  - 5 Whether the allowance problem has been solved or whether the Premier has reconsidered his earlier assurance not to go ahead in 1981 without a resolution of that problem.
  - 6 What is the average length of time between a programme being approved at regional level and receiving funding.
- 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.
  - 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.
- 635 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education why it is not possible for the Education Department to bulk buy physical education equipment for schools and to allow schools to purchase this equipment through the Stores Branch of the Education Department.
- 636 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 Which persons or bodies have been consulted by the Department of the Premier in relation to the establishment of an inter-agency co-ordinating committee task group to study programmes of State and local government bodies concerning facilities and services within the City of Broadmeadows.
  - 2 What is the proposed composition of the committee.
  - 3 What are the aims and objectives of the committee.
  - 4 What relationship there is between the proposed task group, the Report of the Board of Review of the Role, Structure and Administration of Local Government in Victoria and the State Co-ordination Council.
  - 5 How recommendations of the task group will be used in relation to housing policies for the future.
- 639 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether it is intended that grants will be made to the Ballarat Regional Alcohol and Drug Dependence Association in this financial year; if so, on what basis, what sums of money are proposed, and when the funds will be received.
- 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.
- 641 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware that activities of the Loddon-Campaspe Regional Drug Working Group have had to be curtailed; if so, what are the details of Government funds so far provided to the group, and what is the estimate of funds to be made available this financial year.
- 644 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of social security benefits for persons in Mental Health Division facilities, whether the Commonwealth Government has formally notified the State Government of its proposals to widen eligibility criteria; if so, what additional

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funds will be made available in Victoria this year and what State decisions have been made concerning this change in Commonwealth Government policy.

- 645 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will provide the Member for Brunswick with details of the number of obstetrical beds in each public hospital together with the number of deliveries over each of the past three years and the average annual occupancy.
- 646 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of research related to the vegetable industry:
- 1 What are the overall objectives.
  - 2 What research is being conducted regarding—(a) irrigation techniques; (b) chemical control of pests and diseases; (c) non-chemical control of pests and diseases; (d) reducing costs of production; (e) increasing levels of production per unit input; (f) more productive plant varieties; (g) new plant species; (h) improved marketing; (i) matching production to market requirements; (j) increasing the consumption of vegetables; and (k) substitution of Victorian-grown produce for produce grown interstate or internationally, indicating in each case for each project, the name, locations and the amount of funds allocated from each source.
- 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.
- 655 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of funds for the Adult Deaf Society:
- 1 Whether the Society was told that its community health funds for 1980–81 would be frozen at last years level; if so, when and why.
  - 2 Whether the Health Commission supports the Residential Independence Training Programme; if so, whether funds are to be available for the programme.

**Notices received on 2 October 1980**

- 656 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What information concerning patronage and revenue collected was provided by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board to the Victorian Transport Study on the seven tramlines which the study proposed should be abolished.
  - 2 Whether all members of Parliament will be provided with this information.
- 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**

- 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.
- 663 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 How many employees and executives at Holmesglen Constructions have contracted to remain until closure, indicating what additional pay and other benefits have been offered.
  - 2 How many employees have been offered employment with the Ministry of Housing, or have applied for such employment, indicating whether any consideration has been given to matters such as travelling allowances.
- 664 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what changes in philosophy and planning have occurred over the Goonawarra Estate, indicating any changes to—(a) the social mix; and (b) the projection of figures of final costs and ultimate profit or loss.
- 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

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- 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 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.
- 669 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the number of cases of malaria reported in Victoria:
- 1 Whether there has been an increase over recent years, specifying the number of cases in each of the past five years and this year to date, and the reasons for the increase, if any.
  - 2 Whether he and/or the Health Commission have investigated providing a pamphlet or pamphlets to medical practitioners and the general public; if so, with what result.
- 670 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of chest X-ray facilities in relation to tuberculosis:
- 1 Whether he or the Health Commission are aware that the location of X-ray facilities causes considerable difficulty to people living in the outer suburbs of Melbourne.

- 2 Whether the Commission has considered providing services to the outer suburbs of Melbourne, and/or major regional centres; if so, on what basis.
- 3 Whether a request has been received from the City of Ringwood for facilities in the Ringwood area; if so, what was the response of the Commission.
- 671 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Stawell District Hospital:
- 1 What have been the number of visits by the District Nursing Service in each of the past five years, specifying the number of full-time equivalent sisters in each year.
  - 2 Whether a request for an additional nurse has been made; if so, whether it is intended to provide that nurse.
- 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.
- 673 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received a petition from the Pivot Action Group concerning funding of In Vitro Ovum Transfer programme; if so, what response he will be making.
- 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.
- 678 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Victorian Autistic Children's Association, Western Centre, whether there has been any progress since either a meeting with a deputation on 14 August

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- 1979, or his answer to question No. 954 given on 25 March 1980; if so, whether funds are going to be made available for the Centre, and if so, on what basis.
- 679 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 Whether the Health Commission has conducted an investigation into the action of Mr Warrick St Clair Leeson, in transferring the registration of the Burke Lodge Special Accommodation House; if so, whether a copy of that investigation will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
  - 2 Whether Mr Leeson owns or has an interest in any other special accommodation houses.
  - 3 Whether it is intended to seek to alter or amend the *Health Act* 1958 or the Health (Special Accommodation Houses) Regulations 1980 to cover the situation where the transfer of registration avoids prosecution.
- 680 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation, in respect of the safety of swimming pool water, whether the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation has any policy on what additives should be used in swimming pools, in particular, to the use of chlorine or sodium hypochlorite, if so, what is this policy.
- 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.
- 684 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for State Development, Decentralization and Tourism:
- 1 What investigations the Small Business Development Corporation has conducted in accordance with section 13 (2) (b) of the *Small Business Development Corporation Act* 1976.

- 2 What changes the Corporation has recommended to legislation or regulations as a result of these investigations.
- 3 Which of these recommendations have been put into effect.

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.

- 690 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 Why the Government has not established the Equal Opportunity Advisory Unit as set out in point 3.3 of the Equal Opportunity and Elimination of Sexism Policy Statement of the Education Department which was recently sent to all schools.
  - 2 When this unit will be established.
- 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.
- 692 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of each grass and bush fire suspected to have been deliberately lit, spreading from fires allegedly lit in breach of fire restrictions, and spreading from fires allegedly lit in breach of Total Fire Bans, respectively, in the 1979–80 season and from 1 July 1980 to date:
- 1 What was the date and place the fire was detected.
  - 2 What charges have been laid.
  - 3 What convictions have been obtained, indicating the penalty imposed in respect of each charge proven.
  - 4 What charges have been withdrawn and what charges have been dismissed.
- 693 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, further to the answer to question No. 504 given on 2 October 1980, whether a product known as “Ralgro” is registered in Victoria; if so—(a) what is the name of the active ingredient; (b) whether the active ingredient is chemically-related to and/or has some similar biochemical activity to diethyl stilboestrol; (c) what are the species and uses for which it is registered; and (d) what steps have been taken, including details of references examined, to investigate the carcinogenicity, the mutagenicity and other possible ill-effects of the product on treated animals and on persons consuming the products of such animals.
- 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.

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.

698 DR VAUGHAN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:

- 1 What funds were raised by each school council in the south eastern metropolitan region for each of the past three financial years.
- 2 What was the amount of such funds expressed in the categories of primary schools, high schools, technical schools, and other, respectively.

699 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in view of certain children from Community Welfare Services family group homes being refused permission to go to school excursions and camps because finances were unavailable to pay for such activities, whether he will make appropriate arrangements to ensure that supplementary funds are readily available to cottage parents so that all such children can attend and to ensure that information about entitlement is available to all family group home parents, children and to all school principals.

700 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry whether he received a request from the Bendigo Trades Hall Council drawing his attention to the effect of staff ceilings and overtime limitations on the capacity of the Department of Labour and Industry to deal with complaints; if so, when and with what result.

702 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether any applications for funding of construction of the Maroondah hospital were

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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.
- 704 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health in respect of the composition of the Hospitals Superannuation Board, whether his review of the membership of that Board is complete; if so, whether it has been decided to include a nominee of the Victorian Hospitals Association and, in that event, on what basis and when amending legislation will be introduced.

**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.
- 708 MR SIMPSON—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether he will make available the file and all relevant documents concerning the negotiations for 21 fully serviced lots in Nottingham Court and Wiltshire Drive, White Hills, Bendigo, offered to the Housing Commission by N. and B. Holding Pty Ltd.
- 709 MR SIMPSON—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Property and Services how many purchases of \$100 000 and over, monitored by the Department of Property and Services since it was established in 1978 have been above the Valuer-General's valuation, indicating in each case—(a) the amount paid by the particular department and the Valuer-General's valuation; (b) the date of the purchase; (c) the location of the purchase; and (d) the particular department which made the purchase.

**Notices received on 28 October 1980**

- 710 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 What were the costs of salaries and payments in the nature of salary in each regional office in the past financial year.

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- 2 What were the costs of general expenses in each regional office in the past financial year.
- 3 What were the costs of rent in each regional office in the past financial year.
- 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 12½ years.
- 714 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether he intends to follow the Auditor-General’s advice about disentangling the financial affairs of the Victorian Railways Board and the Railway Construction and Property Board so that the true financial position of the latter Board can be determined.
- 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.
- 717 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 Why the Education Department has replied to only four out of 25 queries raised during the 1979–80 audit and what steps the Minister will take to ensure compliance with section 39 (2) of the *Audit Act* 1958 in future.
  - 2 Whether he has acted to clarify the legal status of Durac Limited and Deakin University Foundation Limited and why costs were incurred during 1979 on behalf of both these companies for which no charges were levied by Deakin University.
- 718 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education why he has failed to take adequate measures to ensure that all school councils comply with the legislation governing the lodgement of satisfactory audited financial statements by primary and certain other school councils, as reported by the Auditor-General.
- 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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- 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.
- 721 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 Why the Albury-Wodonga Development Trust Account does not appear as part of the Trust Fund in the Treasurer's Finance Statement 1978-79.
  - 2 What were the payments and receipts of the Account during 1978-79 and what was the balance as at 30 June 1979.
- 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.
- 723 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what was the Education Department expenditure in 1978-79 and 1979-80 on—(a) State primary schools; (b) State secondary schools; (c) technical and further education; (d) special education; and (e) teacher education.
- 724 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What was the Education Department expenditure in 1978-79 on State primary and secondary schools, respectively, in respect of—(a) capital costs; (b) administration; (c) teachers' salaries and associated costs; (d) general expenses; (e) maintenance; (f) scholarships and book allowances; (g) transportation; (h) debt charges; (i) payroll tax; (k) workers' compensation; and (l) superannuation.
  - 2 What items set out in part 1 are included in the recurrent cost per pupil in State schools on which are measured the per pupil grants for primary and secondary pupils in non-government schools.
- 725 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, how many pupils attended State primary and secondary schools, respectively, in 1978 and 1979, and what was the respective cost per pupil in 1978-79.

- 726 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What was the State Government expenditure on registered schools in 1978–79 in respect of—(a) per pupil grants; (b) scholarships; (c) book allowances; (d) subsidy on interest on school buildings; (e) transportation; (f) grants to teachers' colleges; and (g) other expenditure.
  - 2 How many pupils attended registered primary and secondary schools, respectively, in 1978 and 1979, and what would have been the cost of educating these pupils at the same cost per pupil in respective State schools in 1978–79.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 734 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture what was the number of pigs in each classification—(a) sold in saleyards; and (b) slaughtered in Victoria, for the last twelve month period for which figures are available.
- 735 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer, in respect of stamp duty paid into the Swine Compensation Fund, what was the amount collected in each month from 1 July 1978, to date.
- 736 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture what was the number of pigs introduced into Victoria—(a) for sale for slaughter; and (b) direct to abattoirs for slaughter, in the last twelve month period for which figures are available.
- 737 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer, in respect of each of the twenty most popular current model motor cars comprehensively insured by the State Insurance Office, what is the annual average value of insurance claims per vehicle insured, indicating any recorded variations in claim rates related to engine, transmission or other options.
- 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 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.
- 744 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, further to the answer to question No. 595 given on 28 October 1980:
- 1 What was the location used for sampling which may not be satisfactory.
  - 2 What evidence there is that the results may not properly represent the actual discharge.
  - 3 Why the hydrogen sulphide testing did not prove successful.
  - 4 What further testing has been carried out, indicating in respect of each pollutant and each discharge point, what levels were detected and what level is permitted under any licence, condition, regulation or other control.
  - 5 What further testing is proposed, indicating the date, location and nature 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.
- 747 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, whether "black liquor" industrial waste has been stored at the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works farm, Werribee; if so—(a) when storage commenced; (b) what are the sources of the material; (c) what amount was received each year; (d) what quantity of waste was removed from storage each year, indicating its destination or method of disposal; and (e) what charges are made in relation to storage or disposal.

- 748 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, in respect of each premises in the Cities of Altona and Sunshine and the Shires of Melton and Werribee for which approvals have been granted pursuant to the Clean Air Regulations, what is the name and location of the premises and what is the title, reference number and purpose of each file relating to the premises.

**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**

- 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.
- 751 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, in respect of progress in the eradication of bovine brucellosis in Victoria, what was the number of herds in each classification as at 30 June 1980 and as at the most recent date for which figures are available, indicating in each case, the estimated total number of cattle in each classification of herds.
- 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.
- 753 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts:
- 1 What was the—(a) original estimate; and (b) completion date, for the Geelong Performing Arts Centre.
  - 2 What is the—(a) current estimates; and (b) completion date.
  - 3 What was the starting date of the project and what progress has been made to date.
- 754 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, in respect of the report entitled "Werribee River Basin Proposals for Water Resources Management", what action has been taken on the recommendations contained in paragraphs 9.2.1A, 9.2.1C, 9.2.4A, 9.2.4B, 9.2.8c and 9.2.9.
- 755 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Premier, in view of the Church of Scientology being a recognized religion in Australia and the fact that it has shown itself to be a law abiding religion, and has been functioning openly in this State for eight years, what action is being taken to remove the preventive clauses in the *Psychological Practices Act 1965*.

- 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.
- 757 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, 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.
- 758 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, further to the answer to question No. 503 given on 2 October 1980, whether other products containing diethyl stilboestrol have previously been registered in Victoria for use in animals; if so—(a) what was—(i) the name of the product; (ii) the name of the person or company in whose name it was registered; (iii) the forms in which it was registered; and (iv) the species and the uses for which it was registered; (b) when registration was first approved; and (c) whether registration was amended, indicating when and in what way.
- 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.
- 762 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 Whether excessive exposure of employees of Seppelts Great Western Winery to damaging noise levels has already caused deafness to some employees.
  - 2 When the levels of noise at Seppelts was first measured by the Industrial Hygiene Section.
  - 3 What measures have been recommended to deal with the hazard to workers’ health.
  - 4 Whether action has been taken on these recommendations; if so, when and with what result; if not, why.

- 763 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what is the Government's policy concerning capital funds for the installation of electrical alarm systems to secure the building and contents of community health centres.
- 764 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply:
- 1 Whether the commissioners of the Plenty-Yarrambat Waterworks Trust have indicated their intention of resigning on 25 November 1980 if effect is not given to the Government's decision to take over the responsibility for the supply of water to the Plenty-Yarrambat area.
  - 2 Whether the Minister will give an assurance of a transfer date prior to 25 November, and that Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works rates will apply to the Plenty-Yarrambat area in the 1980-81 year.
- 765 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister of Soldier Settlement, in respect of loans made by the Rural Finance Commission to persons under 40 years of age buying their first farm, what criteria are applied in approving loans indicating—(a) the training of the applicant; (b) the farming experience of the applicant; (c) the amount of the loan sought; (d) the assets of the applicant; (e) other credit held by the applicant; and (f) the capacity of the farm to generate sufficient income to repay the loan.
- 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.
- 771 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts whether the feasibility study undertaken by Mr Jackson and Professor Brawne into the proposed site for a new library and national museum has been completed; if so—(a) what were the terms of reference; (b) what was the reason for the study; (c) what was the completion date; (d) what were the major conclusions and recommendations; and (e) when the two institutions completed their briefs.

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#### 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 Rail 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.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 781 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he or the Health Commission has received a submission from the Western Region Health Centre to purchase and carry out minor alterations to 78 Paisley Street adjacent to the Centre's major facility; if so, whether funds are going to be made available this financial year; if not, why.
- 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 indicates 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.

- 785 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry:
- 1 Whether he is aware that the average waiting time on the telephone for assistance from an industrial officer in the Department of Labour and Industry is sixteen minutes.
  - 2 How many industrial officers are employed in the section to answer queries from the general public.
  - 3 What increase or decrease there has been in the employment of industrial officers in this section in the past twelve months.
  - 4 What action is proposed to relieve the situation with regard to this section.

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## QUESTIONS

### Notices received on 12 November 1980

- 786 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether the Minister 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 Education Department in conjunction with the Health Commission to carry out those recommendations.
- 787 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services 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*.

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### QUESTIONS

Notices received on 9 September 1980

- 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.
- 13 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of child maltreatment, what research the Health Commission is currently undertaking.
- 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 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.
- 41 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 In respect of services for the mentally retarded with particular reference to the outer eastern suburbs of Melbourne and the City of Knox, whether the "Blueprint for Future Development" approved by the Government and mentioned in a letter to the City of Knox, dated 18 January 1979 will be made available to the Member for Brunswick; if not, why.
  - 2 What additional services have been able to be provided through the appointment of a Social Worker in the outer eastern region and when will "an acceleration of development" occur as suggested in a letter to the City of Knox on 11 April 1979 specifying what developments will be accelerated and when.
- 43 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of each of the following hospitals: Mercy, Royal Children's, Royal Victorian Eye and Ear, Royal Women's, Alfred, Box Hill and District, Dandenong and District, Fairfield, Maroondah, Preston and Northcote Community, Prince Henry's, Queen Victoria, Royal Melbourne, Southern Memorial (Caulfield), St. George's, St. Vincent's, Western General, Williamstown, Caulfield, Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Gippsland, Hamilton, Mildura, Mooroopna, Wangaratta, Warrnambool, Ararat, Central Gippsland, Echuca, Frankston, Kyabram, Latrobe Valley, Stawell and Swan Hill:
- 1 What was the budget in 1978-79 specifying the amount from the Hospitals and Charities Fund.
  - 2 What budget was approved for 1979-80.

- 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.
- 58 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what is this State's involvement in the drugs of dependence monitoring system and whether the State has considered the extension of the system to include certain barbiturates; if so, whether there has been any approach by the Commonwealth to the State, or by the State to the Commonwealth, on this matter and, in that event, when, and with what result.
- 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.
- 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.

- 64 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of Glen Andrew Hudyma and his family:
- 1 Whether there had been any contacts with the family in May 1978 or between that date and April 1979 by any hospital or Health Commission agency; if so, what were the contacts and whether any related to injuries or possible danger to Glen.
  - 2 Whether the Minister will consider, together with his colleagues the Assistant Minister of Health and the Minister for Community Welfare Services, an inquiry into the relationship between the various helping agencies and the family up to his death at the Royal Children's Hospital on 6 April 1979; if not, why.
- 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.
- 70 **MR ROPER**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether, in respect of a number of members of the Hospitals Superannuation Fund retiring on ill-health grounds, he is aware that there has been a significant increase in retirements on ill-health grounds; if so—(a) what inquiries the Health Commission or the Hospitals Superannuation Board has carried out, indicating the reason for the increase; and (b) what action it is proposed to take on this matter.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 80 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether any first mortgage loans are available from the Home Finance Trust indicating—(a) the number on the waiting list; and (b) the date of the last first mortgage loan, indicating the amount and the interest charge.
- 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.
- 83 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what amount Victoria will receive this financial year under the current Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement indicating—(a) the amount paid into the Home Builders' Account for allocation to co-operative housing societies; (b) what additional funds have been available for distribution to societies in each of the past two financial years and the current financial year, specifying the source of such funds; (c) the distribution of these funds between the Melbourne and metropolitan area, urban, and country areas; (d) the interest rates at which the funds are provided, the amount, and at what interest rates they are advanced by societies to members, specifying—(i) the existing income level per week; and (ii) the average monthly repayments for both interest and principal.
- 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.
- 85 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 Who are the present members of the advisory council set up under the *Co-operation Act* 1958, indicating the—(a) date of appointment; and (b) term of appointment in each case.
  - 2 What consultation takes place with the credit unions when replacements arise.

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- 3 In each of the past three years, what payments have been made from the Credit Societies Reserve Fund, indicating—(a) the amount in each case; (b) the purpose of the payment; and (c) the steps being taken to remedy any losses.
- 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.
- 91 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts how many local government and regional library services, respectively, have cut back the level of their services last financial year, indicating in each case—(a) the library; (b) the reduction in the book vote from the previous year; (c) the reduction in staff in comparison with the previous year, indicating whether of a permanent or temporary nature; (d) any other services affected and the nature of these services; (e) the population served; (f) the amount contributed by local government, indicating any additional amount over last year; and (g) the funds allocated for each of the past three financial years, and in this year to date.
- 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.
- 96 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether any Government bodies, teams or other personnel have investigated or are currently investigating the Teacher Housing Authority; if so, when these investigations were commenced, what is their nature, and whether any particular person or persons are being investigated.
- 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.

- 103 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what is the total amount at constant prices allocated for each category of major expenditure in each Education Department region in each year since regionalization was introduced, indicating in each year the percentage increase or decrease and any instances where the categories are not comparable from year to year.
- 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.
- 108 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer on the Commonwealth Government Urban Public Transport Improvement Programme which his predecessor gave the then Leader of the Opposition on 9 December 1976 in answer to question No. 623, reported in *Hansard* at page 5929.
- 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.
  - 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.
- 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

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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

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and whether this requirement was subsequently withdrawn after the owner of the property had sold the property to Howath Pty Ltd which 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

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provisions of the *Local Government Act* 1958 which he gave on 23 October 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 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.
- 190 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether the report of the Ombudsman on two defective homes built by Daffey and Johnson Pty Ltd at Peters Road and Leslie Road, Gisborne, has been acted upon by the relevant departments; if so, with what results.
- 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

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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.

199 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works:

- 1 Whether the Minister has received complaints concerning the installation of four radar reflectors in the San Remo channel.
- 2 Whether the only equipment causing obstructions in the channel are lights and posts at Sally Reef, Two Starboard Buoys, and Armstrong Beacon, which are subject to vandalism.

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.

202 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether he will make available to the Member for Footscray a copy of the submission prepared by the Technical Schools Division in respect of the staffing needs of technical schools and colleges in 1979.

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.

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- 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.
- 208 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 Westernport:
- 1 What is the staffing establishment, and what is the actual number of staff.
  - 2 What is the present enrolment.
  - 3 What is the projected enrolment for each of the next two years.
  - 4 Which schools have portable classrooms, indicating the number at each school.
  - 5 Which schools qualify for an art/craft room and library, and which schools have these facilities.
  - 6 Which schools have specialist art/craft, physical education (male and female), music and remedial teachers, respectively.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 220 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received a request for financial assistance from the Footscray "Grow" group; if so, what help can be given to assist this organization in its important work.
- 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.
- 222 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what is the reason for the delay in the provision of a covered way between the relocatable classroom units and the main school building and toilets at Greenbrook primary school and when it is expected that this necessary facility will be provided.
- 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 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.
- 231 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, when it is expected that additional—(a) maths/science; and (b) humanities, teachers will be appointed to Wonthaggi technical school, in order to fill the acknowledged vacancies in these areas and in order to allow the school to maintain and develop a balanced curriculum.
- 232 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what additional staff will be appointed to the Templestowe technical school in order to allow the school to sustain adequate literacy and numeracy programmes.
- 233 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 providing a replacement vehicle for the Rosedale Mobile Area Resource Centre and what steps will be taken to ensure that in future a replacement vehicle is available when required.

- 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.

- 252 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 When the proposed road widening in Bell Street, Coburg will be carried out.
  - 2 Over how many properties in Bell Street, Coburg a reservation is held.
- 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.
- 258 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether there are any procedures available by which the Government or any of its agencies may authorize telephone tapping; if so, how many authorizations were obtained in each year since 1970.
- 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.
- 260 MR WILTON—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What was the final cost of constructing the Altona–Somerton pipeline.
  - 2 What amount of the cost was born by VicRail.
  - 3 Whether a share of the cost by VicRail was provided from loan funds; if so, what rate of interest is being applied.
- 261 MR WILTON—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether a participant's and operating agreement has been executed between VicRail, Esso Australia Ltd, Mobil Oil Australia Ltd and the Shell Company of Australia Ltd for the operations of the Altona–Somerton oil pipeline; if so, whether he will make available a copy of the agreement to the Member for Broadmeadows.
- 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.
- 269 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 How many staff were employed in each branch of the Victorian Railways at 30 June 1980.
  - 2 How many staff were employed on track maintenance.
  - 3 What amount was spent on track maintenance in each of the past three years.
- 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.
- 278 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 What ecological research with regard to the 21 endangered species has been undertaken by Government agencies, indicating the funding of this research, during each of the past three years.

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- 2 What financial or practical support has been given by the Government to non-government research in this field, during this period.
- 279 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of raids by the Drug Squad of the Victoria Police Force:
- 1 Whether a record is kept of the number of raids each year; if so, what was the number in each of the past four years.
  - 2 How many raids have been carried out within the Melton, Deer Park, Laverton and Werribee areas in each of the past four years.
  - 3 How many raids were carried out in the Melton, Deer Park, Laverton and Werribee areas, respectively, on 31 May and 1 June 1980, indicating the number of premises raided and the number of premises on which drugs were found.
  - 4 Whether raids carried out in the Melton area on 31 May and 1 June 1980 were carried out on the incorrect premises due to wrong addresses being given to the officers concerned; if so, whether any apology has been provided to the occupants; if not, why.
- 283 MR AMOS—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 Latrobe Valley indicating why no houses were purchased in that region when the Minister has acknowledged that it has an acute housing shortage.
  - 2 Whether the Latrobe Valley's housing shortage is very largely influenced by Government sponsored development; if so, whether the Commission will undertake spot purchases in that region during this current financial year.
- 287 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what are the terms of reference for Professor Beasley's study into railway freight and whether the report has been completed.
- 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.
- 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.

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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.
- 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

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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.

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- 310 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in each of the years 1970 to 1979 inclusive:
- 1 How many bookings were made for consorting.
  - 2 How many persons were actually charged with consorting.
  - 3 How many persons were convicted of consorting.
  - 4 What were the sentences of those convicted.
- 311 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport, for the Honourable the Attorney-General, whether there are vacant positions in the Public Solicitor's professional/law clerk staff establishment at present; if so, how many positions are vacant and when they will be filled.
- 314 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether there has been a reduction in the number of foot warmers provided in winter for the comfort of Geelong-Melbourne train commuters; if so, why.
- 320 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many unemployed persons have used the Government transport concession facility from the time of commencement to date.
- 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.
- 330 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What amount is to be spent on the Police Academy at Glen Waverley this financial year and what amounts have been spent to date.
  - 2 What amount is to be spent at the William Street administration complex this financial year and what amounts have been spent to date.
  - 3 What amount is to be spent on maintenance of police buildings this financial year and what amounts have been spent to date.
- 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.
- 332 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 Which police stations are at present being renewed, rebuilt or renovated.
  - 2 Which police stations are planned or listed for renewal, re-building or renovations, giving the order of priority.
  - 3 What areas and location of land are available and reserved for these purposes.
- 334 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What investigations are currently being made into expanding the Police Air Wing.

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- 2 What type of aircraft are being considered for purchase for the Air Wing.
  - 3 What recommendations have been made on the future development of the Air Wing by the Committee appointed for this purpose.
  - 4 When a decision will be announced regarding the future of this unit.
- 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.
- 341 MR EDMUNDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services in respect of random breath testing:
- 1 What reports are available to Honourable Members in respect of the success or otherwise of this operation in reducing the number of persons who drive after drinking alcohol.
  - 2 What effect it has had in reducing the number of fatal accidents and what reports are available to Honourable Members on this aspect.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 354 **MR EDMUNDS**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What total amount has been spent on police recruitment in each of the past five financial years.
  - 2 What amount is proposed to be spent on police recruitment in this financial year.
- 355 **MR EDMUNDS**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many police are used on point duties and/or assisting in directing traffic within the City of Melbourne, from Monday to Friday of each week.
  - 2 How many police are required for the same purposes for Saturday and Sunday of each week.
- 356 **MR EDMUNDS**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 What police stations were completed and ready for occupancy in the 1979–80 financial year.
  - 2 What police stations are expected to be completed and ready for occupancy in the 1980–81 financial year.
- 357 **MR EDMUNDS**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services whether the Chief Commissioner of Police has made any submissions this year on behalf of the Victoria Police Force and the Victorian Government to the Commonwealth Government, seeking additional funds for police services; if so—(a) what was the basis of the submissions; and (b) what has been the response of the Commonwealth Government.
- 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.
- 363 **MR TREZISE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What are the dates for commencement and completion of the proposed North Shore rail overpass.
  - 2 What have been the average daily road and rail traffic figures over such point in the years 1965, 1970, 1975 and 1980, respectively.
  - 3 What are the reasons for the continued delay in the commencement of this overpass.

- 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.
- 368 MR KIRKWOOD—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many vehicles are on the support strength of the Victoria Police Independent Patrol Group.
  - 2 How many police officers are currently working with the Independent Patrol Group.
  - 3 What evidence is available to show that the problem of trail bikes and mini bikes intrusion onto recreational reserves has increased.
  - 4 Whether any records have been kept by police or municipal councils of the cost of damage to surface reserves and young or old trees damaged as a result of trail bike activities.
  - 5 Whether it is proposed to increase staff levels in the Independent Patrol Group.
- 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.

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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.
- 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.
- 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.

#### Notice received on 11 September 1980

454 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Department of Agriculture or by any authority or agency under the control of the department to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.

#### 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.

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- 2 What was the number built, indicating the categories.
  - 3 What number of houses were available for rental.
- 461 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 How many houses, flats and elderly citizens units, respectively, were built by the Housing Commission in the financial years 1978–79 and 1979–80, indicating the amount of funds allocated for each category and the number of buildings in each category for sale and rental respectively.
  - 2 What are the comparable expectations for this financial year.
- 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.
- 463 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works whether he has prepared a current version of his document “1979–80 Victorian Budget: Effect on the Building and Construction Industry”, released on 11 October last year; if so, when it will be released.
- 468 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether his attention has been drawn to a comprehensive survey of planned mining and manufacturing projects by the Department of Industry and Commerce, which shows that not only will Victoria invest less in mining than four other States, but will also invest less in manufacturing than New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia; if so, what are the Government’s plans for countering this threatened shift in the centre of Australia’s manufacturing industry away from Victoria.
- 469 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether his attention has been drawn to a comprehensive survey of civil engineering projects by the Australian Federation of Construction Contractors, which shows that over the next five years real annual growth rates of engineering construction will range from plus 2 per cent for New South Wales to plus 37 per cent in Western Australia, but that the industry will contract by 14 per cent each year in Victoria; if so, how he reconciles this position with his own repeated claims that Victoria will participate in the “construction boom” associated with resource development in other States.
- 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.
  - 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.
- 471 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether he will heed the call of the Master Builders Association of Victoria and commission a study of migration to other States, bearing in mind that a net 21 100 Victorians (including one in every hundred of the 25 to 34 age group) left this State during 1978–79.

- 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.
- 473 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether any Government official letters, forms and procedures have been simplified as a result of the Plain English Committee proposals for making public administration simpler and for encouraging the use of clear and direct English; if so, how many, indicating the departments concerned.
- 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.
- 477 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what was the subsidy per passenger for the private bus industry in 1979–80 for—(a) metropolitan routes; (b) urban routes; and (c) country routes.
- 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.
- 481 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many trips the Southern Aurora, the Spirit of Progress and the Daylight Express, respectively, made in the first half of 1980—(a) to Sydney; and (b) from Sydney, indicating on how many occasions each train was late in leaving or arriving at its destination, respectively, and on what dates and at what times these trains were more than one hour late.
- 482 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many staff were employed by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board as at 30 June 1980.
- 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.
- 485 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many passengers were carried by the private bus industry during 1979–80 on—(a) metropolitan routes; and (b) urban routes.
- 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.
- 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

- 498 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, following the Budget and the allocation of funds to be provided under the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement:
- 1 What funds will be received by Victoria in grants.

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- 2 What amount of these grants will be used for—(a) rental housing assistance; and (b) dwellings for pensioners.
  - 3 What amount will be received in loans and what sum will be used for rental housing and home purchase, respectively—(a) by the Housing Commission; (b) by approved lending authorities, indicating their names; and (c) for dwellings for pensioners.
  - 4 In the announced funding arrangements, what proportions, if any, of—(a) grants; and (b) loans, are being provided conditionally on a matching contribution from State Government resources, indicating at what ratio.
  - 5 What additional financial resources have been made available in 1979–80 and 1980–81, showing their source.
- 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 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

- 514 **MR AMOS**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What was the tonnage and revenue, respectively, represented by the cartage of briquettes from the Latrobe Valley on the Gippsland line in each of the past 10 years.
  - 2 What was the tonnage of briquettes transported by road from the Latrobe Valley in each of those years as identified by Transport Regulation Board road permits.
  - 3 In respect of road haulage permits sought in each of the past 3 years, on how many occasions VicRail has objected to the granting of such permits.
  - 4 Whether VicRail pursued every opportunity to object to the issue of permits; if not, why, and what cases were not pursued.
  - 5 Whether he will make available to the Member for Morwell all Transport Regulation Board records detailing their consideration of road permit applications in respect to briquette or coal related product movements.
- 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.
- 518 **MR AMOS**—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, in view of question No. 1194 first asked on 25 September 1979 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period in respect to a recent municipal poll of ratepayers of Loch Sport under section 693 of the *Local Government Act 1958* for the purpose of determining an electrification scheme for the town:
- 1 Whether this poll was the first since the recent amendment to that section; if not, what other polls have been conducted.

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- 2 What percentage of eligible ratepayers participated in the poll and what percentage of ratepayers voted in favour of the proposal.
  - 3 Whether certain ratepayers who were advised that they would be exempt from a financial obligation toward the scheme were permitted to vote for the scheme; if so—(a) whether the occurrence of such advice tendered to ratepayers before a poll under the section, which could unfairly influence the outcome, was considered at all by the Government when the amendment to the section was proposed; and (b) whether, in view of many complaints that have arisen because of this alleged anomaly, the Government will consider a further amendment designed to overcome the problem.
- 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.
  - 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.
- 521 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in view of question No. 1986 first asked on 13 March 1980 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period relating to the answer to question No. 1257 given on 12 March 1980:
- 1 When officers of the Health Commission and the State Electricity Commission first began to examine ways in which the proposed health study on Latrobe Valley residents could be carried out.
  - 2 When it is expected that this preliminary examination will be completed.
  - 3 Whether he will ask the Health Commission to commence the proposed health study as soon as possible.
- 524 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in view of question No. 2158 first asked on 26 March 1980 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period, relating to the campaign designed to reduce the road toll:
- 1 Whether the available evidence indicates that inexperienced probationary motor drivers have a greater potential to involve more persons in accidents than do probationary motor cyclists.

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- 2 Whether the Government will give consideration to prohibiting probationary motor car drivers from driving high powered vehicles, similar to the prohibition now imposed on probationary motor cyclists.
- 3 How many driving schools in Victoria offer motor cycle instruction.
- 4 Whether, in view of motor cycle training not being accessible to learner riders as is the case for drivers at motor car driving courses, the Government will give consideration to encouraging such training courses to provide safer riding skills.

#### 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.
- 546 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport how many train controllers are being transferred from country towns to Melbourne, indicating the dates of transfer and the towns concerned in each case.
- 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.
- 560 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether the Crown Solicitor's advice has been sought as to whether the General Reserve Fund of building societies can be used to repay shareholders in the collapsed Twentieth Century Building and Investment Society; if so—(a) when the advice was sought; and (b) whether a reply has been received and, if not—(i) what is causing the delay; and (ii) when a decision is expected.

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.
- 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.
- 597 MR EVANS (*Gippsland East*)—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 What was the total expenditure of the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation in each of the past five years, indicating the amount and percentage expended on administration.
  - 2 What amounts were received as allocations by municipalities in each of these years, indicating for what projects.

#### Notices received on 30 September 1980

- 598 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What is the estimated cost of duplicating the railway line between Merlynston and Upfield.
  - 2 Whether such provision for this track has been considered; if not, why.
- 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.
- 602 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services when the contract will be let for improvements at the Coburg police station.
- 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.
- 607 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what amount was spent on the installation and maintenance of automatic signalling by the Victorian Railways in each of the years 1978-79 and 1979-80.
- 609 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:
- 1 How many unmarked police vehicles are in possession of the Victoria Police Force.

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2 Whether there is a specific area allocated for the use of such vehicles; if so, why.

3 How many unmarked police vehicles are in the traffic division, specifying the districts in which the vehicles are based.

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, Fawcner 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.

618 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether there is an attempt to introduce into technical schools a minimum class size of twenty; if so, what effect this will have on senior classes in country schools and specialist classes such as remedial and metal work.

619 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of the construction of the Djerriwarrh 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.

- 621 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 Whether T.E.A.C. funding has been obtained for one year to make possible the Minister's election promise to open a city hostel to allow country children to engage in work experience.
  - 2 Whether the drastic state of the school capital works budget is the reason for the decision to use Commonwealth recurrent funds to meet a State responsibility.
- 622 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What proportion of the \$6 million offered to T.E.A.C. in Victoria has—  
(a) been allocated to programmes; and (b) been received in the State Treasury.
  - 2 Whether the remainder of the funds will be spent by December 1980; if not, whether the funds will remain available.
  - 3 Whether the programme will continue in 1981; if so, with what funds, and from what source.
  - 4 Whether all programmes will continue to be forwarded to Canberra for approval; if not, whether some decisions will be made by regional committees and some by the State committees in 1981.
  - 5 Whether the allowance problem has been solved or whether the Premier has reconsidered his earlier assurance not to go ahead in 1981 without a resolution of that problem.
  - 6 What is the average length of time between a programme being approved at regional level and receiving funding.
- 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.
  - 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.
- 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.
- 635 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education why it is not possible for the Education Department to bulk buy physical education equipment for schools and to allow schools to purchase this equipment through the Stores Branch of the Education Department.
- 636 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Premier:
- 1 Which persons or bodies have been consulted by the Department of the Premier in relation to the establishment of an inter-agency co-ordinating

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committee task group to study programmes of State and local government bodies concerning facilities and services within the City of Broadmeadows.

- 2 What is the proposed composition of the committee.
- 3 What are the aims and objectives of the committee.
- 4 What relationship there is between the proposed task group, the Report of the Board of Review of the Role, Structure and Administration of Local Government in Victoria and the State Co-ordination Council.
- 5 How recommendations of the task group will be used in relation to housing policies for the future.

639 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether it is intended that grants will be made to the Ballarat Regional Alcohol and Drug Dependence Association in this financial year; if so, on what basis, what sums of money are proposed, and when the funds will be received.

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.

641 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware that activities of the Loddon-Campaspe Regional Drug Working Group have had to be curtailed; if so, what are the details of Government funds so far provided to the group, and what is the estimate of funds to be made available this financial year.

644 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of social security benefits for persons in Mental Health Division facilities, whether the Commonwealth Government has formally notified the State Government of its proposals to widen eligibility criteria; if so, what additional funds will be made available in Victoria this year and what State decisions have been made concerning this change in Commonwealth Government policy.

645 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will provide the Member for Brunswick with details of the number of obstetrical beds in each public hospital together with the number of deliveries over each of the past three years and the average annual occupancy.

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

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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.

655 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of funds for the Adult Deaf Society:

1 Whether the Society was told that its community health funds for 1980–81 would be frozen at last years level; if so, when and why.

2 Whether the Health Commission supports the Residential Independence Training Programme; if so, whether funds are to be available for the programme.

#### Notices received on 2 October 1980

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

1 What information concerning patronage and revenue collected was provided by the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board to the Victorian Transport Study on the seven tramlines which the study proposed should be abolished.

2 Whether all members of Parliament will be provided with this information.

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**

- 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.
- 664 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what changes in philosophy and planning have occurred over the Goonawarra Estate, indicating any changes to—(a) the social mix; and (b) the projection of figures of final costs and ultimate profit or loss.
- 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.

- 669 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the number of cases of malaria reported in Victoria:
- 1 Whether there has been an increase over recent years, specifying the number of cases in each of the past five years and this year to date, and the reasons for the increase, if any.
  - 2 Whether he and/or the Health Commission have investigated providing a pamphlet or pamphlets to medical practitioners and the general public; if so, with what result.
- 671 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Stawell District Hospital:
- 1 What have been the number of visits by the District Nursing Service in each of the past five years, specifying the number of full-time equivalent sisters in each year.
  - 2 Whether a request for an additional nurse has been made; if so, whether it is intended to provide that nurse.
- 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.
- 673 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received a petition from the Pivot Action Group concerning funding of In Vitro Ovum Transfer programme; if so, what response he will be making.
- 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

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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.

- 678 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Victorian Autistic Children's Association, Western Centre, whether there has been any progress since either a meeting with a deputation on 14 August 1979, or his answer to question No. 954 given on 25 March 1980; if so, whether funds are going to be made available for the Centre, and if so, on what basis.
- 679 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 Whether the Health Commission has conducted an investigation into the action of Mr Warrick St Clair Leeson, in transferring the registration of the Burke Lodge Special Accommodation House; if so, whether a copy of that investigation will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
  - 2 Whether Mr Leeson owns or has an interest in any other special accommodation houses.
  - 3 Whether it is intended to seek to alter or amend the *Health Act* 1958 or the Health (Special Accommodation Houses) Regulations 1980 to cover the situation where the transfer of registration avoids prosecution.
- 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.
- 684 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for State Development, Decentralization and Tourism:
- 1 What investigations the Small Business Development Corporation has conducted in accordance with section 13 (2) (b) of the *Small Business Development Corporation Act* 1976.

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- 2 What changes the Corporation has recommended to legislation or regulations as a result of these investigations.
- 3 Which of these recommendations have been put into effect.

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.

- 690 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 Why the Government has not established the Equal Opportunity Advisory Unit as set out in point 3.3 of the Equal Opportunity and Elimination of Sexism Policy Statement of the Education Department which was recently sent to all schools.
  - 2 When this unit will be established.
- 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.
- 692 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of each grass and bush fire suspected to have been deliberately lit, spreading from fires allegedly lit in breach of fire restrictions, and spreading from fires allegedly lit in breach of Total Fire Bans, respectively, in the 1979–80 season and from 1 July 1980 to date:
- 1 What was the date and place the fire was detected.
  - 2 What charges have been laid.
  - 3 What convictions have been obtained, indicating the penalty imposed in respect of each charge proven.
  - 4 What charges have been withdrawn and what charges have been dismissed.
- 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.
- 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.
- 698 DR VAUGHAN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What funds were raised by each school council in the south eastern metropolitan region for each of the past three financial years.
  - 2 What was the amount of such funds expressed in the categories of primary schools, high schools, technical schools, and other, respectively.
- 699 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services, in view of certain children from Community Welfare Services family group homes being refused permission to go to school excursions and camps because finances were unavailable to pay for such activities, whether he will make appropriate arrangements to ensure that supplementary funds are readily available to cottage parents so that all such children can attend and to ensure that information about entitlement is available to all family group home parents, children and to all school principals.
- 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.
- 708 MR SIMPSON—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether he will make available the file and all relevant documents concerning the negotiations for 21 fully serviced lots in Nottingham Court and Wiltshire Drive, White Hills, Bendigo, offered to the Housing Commission by N. and B. Holding Pty Ltd.
- 709 MR SIMPSON—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Property and Services how many purchases of \$100 000 and over, monitored by the Department of Property and Services since it was established in 1978 have been above the Valuer-General's valuation, indicating in each case—(a) the amount paid by the particular department and the Valuer-General's valuation; (b) the date of the purchase; (c) the location of the purchase; and (d) the particular department which made the purchase.

**Notices received on 28 October 1980**

- 710 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 What were the costs of salaries and payments in the nature of salary in each regional office in the past financial year.
  - 2 What were the costs of general expenses in each regional office in the past financial year.
  - 3 What were the costs of rent in each regional office in the past financial year.
- 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 12½ years.
- 714 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether he intends to follow the Auditor-General's advice about disentangling the financial affairs of the Victorian Railways Board and the Railway Construction and Property Board so that the true financial position of the latter Board can be determined.

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.

717 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:

- 1 Why the Education Department has replied to only four out of 25 queries raised during the 1979–80 audit and what steps the Minister will take to ensure compliance with section 39 (2) of the *Audit Act* 1958 in future.
- 2 Whether he has acted to clarify the legal status of Durac Limited and Deakin University Foundation Limited and why costs were incurred during 1979 on behalf of both these companies for which no charges were levied by Deakin University.

718 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education why he has failed to take adequate measures to ensure that all school councils comply with the legislation governing the lodgement of satisfactory audited financial statements by primary and certain other school councils, as reported by the Auditor-General.

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.

- 721 **MR WILKES**—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer:
- 1 Why the Albury-Wodonga Development Trust Account does not appear as part of the Trust Fund in the Treasurer's Finance Statement 1978-79.
  - 2 What were the payments and receipts of the Account during 1978-79 and what was the balance as at 30 June 1979.
- 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.
- 723 **MR ROSS-EDWARDS**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what was the Education Department expenditure in 1978-79 and 1979-80 on—(a) State primary schools; (b) State secondary schools; (c) technical and further education; (d) special education; and (e) teacher education.
- 724 **MR ROSS-EDWARDS**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What was the Education Department expenditure in 1978-79 on State primary and secondary schools, respectively, in respect of—(a) capital costs; (b) administration; (c) teachers' salaries and associated costs; (d) general expenses; (e) maintenance; (f) scholarships and book allowances; (g) transportation; (h) debt charges; (i) payroll tax; (k) workers' compensation; and (l) superannuation.
  - 2 What items set out in part 1 are included in the recurrent cost per pupil in State schools on which are measured the per pupil grants for primary and secondary pupils in non-government schools.
- 725 **MR ROSS-EDWARDS**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, how many pupils attended State primary and secondary schools, respectively, in 1978 and 1979, and what was the respective cost per pupil in 1978-79.
- 726 **MR ROSS-EDWARDS**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What was the State Government expenditure on registered schools in 1978-79 in respect of—(a) per pupil grants; (b) scholarships; (c) book allowances; (d) subsidy on interest on school buildings; (e) transportation; (f) grants to teachers' colleges; and (g) other expenditure.
  - 2 How many pupils attended registered primary and secondary schools, respectively, in 1978 and 1979, and what would have been the cost of educating these pupils at the same cost per pupil in respective State schools in 1978-79.
- 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 of Werribee, what was the time and duration of each disconnection, indicating

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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.
- 744 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, further to the answer to question No. 595 given on 28 October 1980:
- 1 What was the location used for sampling which may not be satisfactory.
  - 2 What evidence there is that the results may not properly represent the actual discharge.
  - 3 Why the hydrogen sulphide testing did not prove successful.
  - 4 What further testing has been carried out, indicating in respect of each pollutant and each discharge point, what levels were detected and what level is permitted under any licence, condition, regulation or other control.
  - 5 What further testing is proposed, indicating the date, location and nature 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;

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(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.
- 747 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, whether “black liquor” industrial waste has been stored at the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works farm, Werribee; if so—(a) when storage commenced; (b) what are the sources of the material; (c) what amount was received each year; (d) what quantity of waste was removed from storage each year, indicating its destination or method of disposal; and (e) what charges are made in relation to storage or disposal.
- 748 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, in respect of each premises in the Cities of Altona and Sunshine and the Shires of Melton and Werribee for which approvals have been granted pursuant to the Clean Air Regulations, what is the name and location of the premises and what is the title, reference number and purpose of each file relating to the premises.

#### 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

- 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.
- 753 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts:
- 1 What was the—(a) original estimate; and (b) completion date, for the Geelong Performing Arts Centre.
  - 2 What is the—(a) current estimates; and (b) completion date.
  - 3 What was the starting date of the project and what progress has been made to date.
- 755 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Premier, in view of the Church of Scientology being a recognized religion in Australia and the fact that it has

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shown itself to be a law abiding religion, and has been functioning openly in this State for eight years, what action is being taken to remove the preventive clauses in the *Psychological Practices Act 1965*.

- 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.
- 757 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, 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.
- 758 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, further to the answer to question No. 503 given on 2 October 1980, whether other products containing diethyl stilboestrol have previously been registered in Victoria for use in animals; if so—(a) what was—(i) the name of the product; (ii) the name of the person or company in whose name it was registered; (iii) the forms in which it was registered; and (iv) the species and the uses for which it was registered; (b) when registration was first approved; and (c) whether registration was amended, indicating when and in what way.
- 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.
- 762 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 Whether excessive exposure of employees of Seppelts Great Western Winery to damaging noise levels has already caused deafness to some employees.
  - 2 When the levels of noise at Seppelts was first measured by the Industrial Hygiene Section.

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- 3 What measures have been recommended to deal with the hazard to workers' health.
- 4 Whether action has been taken on these recommendations; if so, when and with what result; if not, why.
- 763 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what is the Government's policy concerning capital funds for the installation of electrical alarm systems to secure the building and contents of community health centres.
- 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.
- 771 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts whether the feasibility study undertaken by Mr Jackson and Professor Brawne into the proposed site for a new library and national museum has been completed; if so—(a) what were the terms of reference; (b) what was the reason for the study; (c) what was the completion date; (d) what were the major conclusions and recommendations; and (e) when the two institutions completed their briefs.

#### 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.
- 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;

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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.

- 781 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he or the Health Commission has received a submission from the Western Region Health Centre to purchase and carry out minor alterations to 78 Paisley Street adjacent to the Centre's major facility; if so, whether funds are going to be made available this financial year; if not, why.
- 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.
- 785 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry:
- 1 Whether he is aware that the average waiting time on the telephone for assistance from an industrial officer in the Department of Labour and Industry is sixteen minutes.
  - 2 How many industrial officers are employed in the section to answer queries from the general public.
  - 3 What increase or decrease there has been in the employment of industrial officers in this section in the past twelve months.
  - 4 What action is proposed to relieve the situation with regard to this section.

**Notices received on 12 November 1980**

- 786 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether the Minister 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 Education Department in conjunction with the Health Commission to carry out those recommendations.
- 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.
- 790 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation, in respect of the report on the teaching of swimming presented by him:
- 1 Whether it is expected that the recommendations will be put into effect; if so, when.
  - 2 Whether he has received representations concerning the training in swimming of children younger than that recommended by the panel; if so, what action is proposed concerning those submissions.
- 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

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- 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 costs 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.
- 802 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, what is the basis of the claim that the Environment Protection Authority is legally unable to release self-monitoring data without the respective licensee's permission.
- 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.
- 804 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether the Minister will establish a special study of air pollution problems in the Norlane, North Shore and Corio residential areas at Geelong with a view to clarifying and reducing this problem; if not, why.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 808 MR ERNST—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works:
- 1 What was the reason for the demolition of the Fishermen's Building at the Yarra Street Wharf by the Geelong Harbor Trust.
  - 2 Whether he was personally consulted before such action took place; 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 Ryrle 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.
- 813 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation, in respect of each of the years 1975-76 to 1978-79 inclusive:
- 1 How many Victorian greyhounds were newly registered with the National Coursing Association.
  - 2 How many Victorian trotting horses were newly registered with the Trotting Control Board.
  - 3 How many Victorian racehorses were newly registered with the Victoria Racing Club registration authority.

- 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 Treasurer:
- 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.

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#### Notices received on 18 November 1980

- 818 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing how many homes have been spot purchased to date, indicating—(a) the municipalities; (b) the average time between purchase and occupancy by tenants; (c) the longest time between purchase and occupancy by tenants; (d) the reasons for long delays at Frankston; and (e) the total amount of money allocated last year and this year and the amounts spent to date.
- 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.
- 822 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for State Development Decentralization and Tourism what has been the number and total amount of Government guarantees arranged by the Small Business Development Corporation since inception.
- 823 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 Which firm provides “granny flats” to the Victorian 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

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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.
- 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.
- 829 MR MILLER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 Whether the Education Department has an approved list of suppliers for microcomputers; if so, how that list was compiled and how additions to and deletions from the list are determined.
  - 2 Whether the Education Department or the Public Works Department called tenders for the supply of microcomputers to the Education Department.
  - 3 Whether the Department, when purchasing computer software and hardware, takes advantage of bulk buying discounts.
  - 4 What plans the Department has for the introduction of microcomputers in Victorian schools.
- 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 of Governor 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.
  - 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

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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 licencees, or requiring such permission.

838 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of 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 of 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.

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

- 1 What new emergency accommodation projects for homeless youth have been funded since the programme of State and Commonwealth Grants for homeless youths was introduced.
- 2 What youth emergency accommodation projects previously funded by Family and Community Services at any section of the Department of Community Welfare Services are now funded under the programme jointly co-ordinated by the Department and the Commonwealth Department of Social Security.

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.

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- 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

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Horsham Greyhound Racing Clubs, detailing their respective staff roles, salaries and allowances.

2 What are the similar details in respect of the administrative staff of the Greyhound Racing Control Board 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.

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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.
- 850 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health who are the members of the Poisons Advisory Committee, indicating in each case, the organization or interest represented by the member or the special qualification of the member, when each was first appointed, and the date on which the current term of each member expires.
- 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.
- 852 MR MILLER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for State Development, Decentralization and Tourism:
- 1 Whether a grant was made to the recent Lygon Street Festival held in Carlton; if so—(a) what amount was granted; and (b) what was the application procedure for this grant.
  - 2 What were the reasons for a grant not being made to the organizers of the Prahran Festival held on 1 and 2 November 1980, particularly in view of the request made by the member for Prahran by letter dated 21 July and the response of the Acting Minister on 28 August 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.

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.

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Notices received on 9 September 1980

- 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.

13 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Health, in respect of child maltreatment, what research the Health Commission is currently undertaking.

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 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.
- 43 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of each of the following hospitals: Mercy, Royal Children's, Royal Victorian Eye and Ear, Royal Women's, Alfred, Box Hill and District, Dandenong and District, Fairfield, Maroondah, Preston and Northcote Community, Prince Henry's, Queen Victoria, Royal Melbourne, Southern Memorial (Caulfield), St. George's, St. Vincent's, Western General, Williamstown, Caulfield, Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Gippsland, Hamilton, Mildura, Mooropna, Wangaratta, Warrnambool, Ararat, Central Gippsland, Echuca, Frankston, Kyabram, Latrobe Valley, Stawell and Swan Hill:
- 1 What was the budget in 1978–79 specifying the amount from the Hospitals and Charities Fund.
  - 2 What budget was approved for 1979–80.
- 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

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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.

58 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what is this State's involvement in the drugs of dependence monitoring system and whether the State has considered the extension of the system to include certain barbiturates; if so, whether there has been any approach by the Commonwealth to the State, or by the State to the Commonwealth, on this matter and, in that event, when, and with what result.

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.

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.

64 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of Glen Andrew Hudyma and his family:

- 1 Whether there had been any contacts with the family in May 1978 or between that date and April 1979 by any hospital or Health Commission agency; if so, what were the contacts and whether any related to injuries or possible danger to Glen.
- 2 Whether the Minister will consider, together with his colleagues the Assistant Minister of Health and the Minister for Community Welfare Services, an inquiry into the relationship between the various helping agencies and the family up to his death at the Royal Children's Hospital on 6 April 1979; if not, why.

- 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.
- 70 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether, in respect of a number of members of the Hospitals Superannuation Fund retiring on ill-health grounds, he is aware that there has been a significant increase in retirements on ill-health grounds; if so—(a) what inquiries the Health Commission or the Hospitals Superannuation Board has carried out, indicating the reason for the increase; and (b) what action it is proposed to take on this matter.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 80 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether any first mortgage loans are available from the Home Finance Trust indicating—(a) the number on the waiting list; and (b) the date of the last first mortgage loan, indicating the amount and the interest charge.
- 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.
- 83 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing what amount Victoria will receive this financial year under the current Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement indicating—(a) the amount paid into the Home Builders' Account for allocation to co-operative housing societies; (b) what additional funds have been available for distribution to societies in each of the past two financial years and the current financial year, specifying the source of such funds; (c) the distribution of these funds between the Melbourne and metropolitan area, urban, and country areas; (d) the interest rates at which the funds are provided, the amount, and at what interest rates they are advanced by societies to members, specifying—(i) the existing income level per week; and (ii) the average monthly repayments for both interest and principal.
- 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.
- 85 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing:
- 1 Who are the present members of the advisory council set up under the *Co-operation Act 1958*, indicating the—(a) date of appointment; and (b) term of appointment in each case.
  - 2 What consultation takes place with the credit unions when replacements arise.
  - 3 In each of the past three years, what payments have been made from the Credit Societies Reserve Fund, indicating—(a) the amount in each case; (b) the purpose of the payment; and (c) the steps being taken to remedy any losses.
- 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.
- 91 **MR CATHIE**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts how many local government and regional library services, respectively, have cut back the level of their services last financial year, indicating in each case—(a) the library; (b) the reduction in the book vote from the previous year; (c) the reduction in staff in comparison with the previous year, indicating whether of a permanent or temporary nature; (d) any other services affected and the nature of these services; (e) the population served; (f) the amount contributed by local government, indicating any additional amount over last year; and (g) the funds allocated for each of the past three financial years, and in this year to date.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 96 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether any Government bodies, teams or other personnel have investigated or are currently investigating the Teacher Housing Authority; if so, when these investigations were commenced, what is their nature, and whether any particular person or persons are being investigated.
- 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.
- 103 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what is the total amount at constant prices allocated for each category of major expenditure in each Education Department region in each year since regionalization was introduced, indicating in each year the percentage increase or decrease and any instances where the categories are not comparable from year to year.
- 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.
  - 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 8723.

- 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

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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 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

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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 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 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

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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

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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

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- 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, 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

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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.

190 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether the report of the Ombudsman on two defective homes built by Daffey and Johnson Pty Ltd at Peters Road and Leslie Road, Gisborne, has been acted upon by the relevant departments; if so, with what results.

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.

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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 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.

199 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works:

- 1 Whether the Minister has received complaints concerning the installation of four radar reflectors in the San Remo channel.
- 2 Whether the only equipment causing obstructions in the channel are lights and posts at Sally Reef, Two Starboard Buoys, and Armstrong Beacon, which are subject to vandalism.

- 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.

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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.
- 208 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 Westernport:
- 1 What is the staffing establishment, and what is the actual number of staff.
  - 2 What is the present enrolment.
  - 3 What is the projected enrolment for each of the next two years.
  - 4 Which schools have portable classrooms, indicating the number at each school.
  - 5 Which schools qualify for an art/craft room and library, and which schools have these facilities.
  - 6 Which schools have specialist art/craft, physical education (male and female), music and remedial teachers, respectively.
- 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.
- 222 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what is the reason for the delay in the provision of a covered way between the relocatable classroom units and the main school building and toilets at Greenbrook primary school and when it is expected that this necessary facility will be provided.
- 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 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.
- 231 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, when it is expected that additional—(a) maths/science; and (b) humanities, teachers will be appointed to Wonthaggi technical school, in order to fill the acknowledged vacancies in these areas and in order to allow the school to maintain and develop a balanced curriculum.
- 232 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what additional staff will be appointed to the Templestowe technical school in order to allow the school to sustain adequate literacy and numeracy programmes.
- 233 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 providing a replacement vehicle for the Rosedale Mobile Area Resource Centre and what steps will be taken to ensure that in future a replacement vehicle is available when required.
- 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.
- 261 MR WILTON—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether a participant's and operating agreement has been executed between VicRail, Esso Australia Ltd, Mobil Oil Australia Ltd and the Shell Company of Australia Ltd for the operations of the Altona–Somerton oil pipeline; if so, whether he will make available a copy of the agreement to the Member for Broadmeadows.
- 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.
- 278 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 What ecological research with regard to the 21 endangered species has been undertaken by Government agencies, indicating the funding of this research, during each of the past three years.
  - 2 What financial or practical support has been given by the Government to non-government research in this field, during this period.
- 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.
- 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

- 314 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether there has been a reduction in the number of foot warmers provided in winter for the comfort of Geelong-Melbourne train commuters; if so, why.
- 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.
  - 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.

- 363 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What are the dates for commencement and completion of the proposed North Shore rail overpass.
  - 2 What have been the average daily road and rail traffic figures over such point in the years 1965, 1970, 1975 and 1980, respectively.
  - 3 What are the reasons for the continued delay in the commencement of this overpass.
- 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.
- 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.

**Notice received on 11 September 1980**

- 454 MR CAIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture what are the names of firms and individuals engaged on a consultancy/contract basis by the Department of Agriculture or by any authority or agency under the control of the department to carry out public relations work either on a full or part-time basis, indicating the total fees paid to such public relations firms or individuals during each of the past two financial years.

**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.

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- 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.
- 468 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether his attention has been drawn to a comprehensive survey of planned mining and manufacturing projects by the Department of Industry and Commerce, which shows that not only will Victoria invest less in mining than four other States, but will also invest less in manufacturing than New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia; if so, what are the Government's plans for countering this threatened shift in the centre of Australia's manufacturing industry away from Victoria.
- 469 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether his attention has been drawn to a comprehensive survey of civil engineering projects by the Australian Federation of Construction Contractors, which shows that over the next five years real annual growth rates of engineering construction will range from plus 2 per cent for New South Wales to plus 37 per cent in Western Australia, but that the industry will contract by 14 per cent each year in Victoria; if so, how he reconciles this position with his own repeated claims that Victoria will participate in the "construction boom" associated with resource development in other States.
- 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.
  - 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.
- 471 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether he will heed the call of the Master Builders Association of Victoria and commission a study of migration to other States, bearing in mind that a net 21 100 Victorians (including one in every hundred of the 25 to 34 age group) left this State during 1978–79.
- 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.
- 473 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether any Government official letters, forms and procedures have been simplified as a result of the Plain English Committee proposals for making public administration simpler and for encouraging the use of clear and direct English; if so, how many, indicating the departments concerned.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 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

- 498 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing, following the Budget and the allocation of funds to be provided under the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement:
- 1 What funds will be received by Victoria in grants.
  - 2 What amount of these grants will be used for—(a) rental housing assistance; and (b) dwellings for pensioners.
  - 3 What amount will be received in loans and what sum will be used for rental housing and home purchase, respectively—(a) by the Housing Commission; (b) by approved lending authorities, indicating their names; and (c) for dwellings for pensioners.
  - 4 In the announced funding arrangements, what proportions, if any, of—(a) grants; and (b) loans, are being provided conditionally on a matching contribution from State Government resources, indicating at what ratio.
  - 5 What additional financial resources have been made available in 1979–80 and 1980–81, showing their source.
- 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 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.

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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**

514 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:

- 1 What was the tonnage and revenue, respectively, represented by the cartage of briquettes from the Latrobe Valley on the Gippsland line in each of the past 10 years.
- 2 What was the tonnage of briquettes transported by road from the Latrobe Valley in each of those years as identified by Transport Regulation Board road permits.
- 3 In respect of road haulage permits sought in each of the past 3 years, on how many occasions VicRail has objected to the granting of such permits.
- 4 Whether VicRail pursued every opportunity to object to the issue of permits; if not, why, and what cases were not pursued.
- 5 Whether he will make available to the Member for Morwell all Transport Regulation Board records detailing their consideration of road permit applications in respect to briquette or coal related product movements.

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

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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.

518 Mr AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, in view of question No. 1194 first asked on 25 September 1979 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period in respect to a recent municipal poll of ratepayers of Loch Sport under section 693 of the *Local Government Act 1958* for the purpose of determining an electrification scheme for the town:

- 1 Whether this poll was the first since the recent amendment to that section; if not, what other polls have been conducted.
- 2 What percentage of eligible ratepayers participated in the poll and what percentage of ratepayers voted in favour of the proposal.
- 3 Whether certain ratepayers who were advised that they would be exempt from a financial obligation toward the scheme were permitted to vote for the scheme; if so—(a) whether the occurrence of such advice tendered to ratepayers before a poll under the section, which could unfairly influence the outcome, was considered at all by the Government when the amendment to the section was proposed; and (b) whether, in view of many complaints that have arisen because of this alleged anomaly, the Government will consider a further amendment designed to overcome the problem.

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.
- 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.

521 Mr AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in view of question No. 1986 first asked on 13 March 1980 remaining unanswered at the end of

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the last sessional period relating to the answer to question No. 1257 given on 12 March 1980:

- 1 When officers of the Health Commission and the State Electricity Commission first began to examine ways in which the proposed health study on Latrobe Valley residents could be carried out.
- 2 When it is expected that this preliminary examination will be completed.
- 3 Whether he will ask the Health Commission to commence the proposed health study as soon as possible.

**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.
- 560 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether the Crown Solicitor's advice has been sought as to whether the General Reserve Fund of building societies can be used to repay shareholders in the collapsed Twentieth Century Building and Investment Society; if so—(a) when the advice was sought; and (b) whether a reply has been received and, if not—(i) what is causing the delay; and (ii) when a decision is expected.

- 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.
  - 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.
- 597 MR EVANS (*Gippsland East*)—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation:
- 1 What was the total expenditure of the Department of Youth, Sport and Recreation in each of the past five years, indicating the amount and percentage expended on administration.
  - 2 What amounts were received as allocations by municipalities in each of these years, indicating for what projects.

#### 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.
- 607 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what amount was spent on the installation and maintenance of automatic signalling by the Victorian Railways 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.
- 618 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether there is an attempt to introduce into technical schools a minimum class size of twenty; if so, what effect this will have on senior classes in country schools and specialist classes such as remedial and metal work.
- 619 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of the construction of the Djerriwarrh 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.
- 621 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 Whether T.E.A.C. funding has been obtained for one year to make possible the Minister's election promise to open a city hostel to allow country children to engage in work experience.
  - 2 Whether the drastic state of the school capital works budget is the reason for the decision to use Commonwealth recurrent funds to meet a State responsibility.
- 622 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What proportion of the \$6 million offered to T.E.A.C. in Victoria has—(a) been allocated to programmes; and (b) been received in the State Treasury.
  - 2 Whether the remainder of the funds will be spent by December 1980; if not, whether the funds will remain available.
  - 3 Whether the programme will continue in 1981; if so, with what funds, and from what source.

- 4 Whether all programmes will continue to be forwarded to Canberra for approval; if not, whether some decisions will be made by regional committees and some by the State committees in 1981.
- 5 Whether the allowance problem has been solved or whether the Premier has reconsidered his earlier assurance not to go ahead in 1981 without a resolution of that problem.
- 6 What is the average length of time between a programme being approved at regional level and receiving funding.
- 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.
  - 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.

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.

635 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education why it is not possible for the Education Department to bulk buy physical education equipment for schools and to allow schools to purchase this equipment through the Stores Branch of the Education Department.

636 MR CULPIN—To ask the Honourable the Premier:

- 1 Which persons or bodies have been consulted by the Department of the Premier in relation to the establishment of an inter-agency co-ordinating committee task group to study programmes of State and local government bodies concerning facilities and services within the City of Broadmeadows.
- 2 What is the proposed composition of the committee.
- 3 What are the aims and objectives of the committee.
- 4 What relationship there is between the proposed task group, the Report of the Board of Review of the Role, Structure and Administration of Local Government in Victoria and the State Co-ordination Council.
- 5 How recommendations of the task group will be used in relation to housing policies for the future.

639 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether it is intended that grants will be made to the Ballarat Regional Alcohol and Drug Dependence Association in this financial year; if so, on what basis, what sums of money are proposed, and when the funds will be received.

- 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.
- 641 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware that activities of the Loddon-Campaspe Regional Drug Working Group have had to be curtailed; if so, what are the details of Government funds so far provided to the group, and what is the estimate of funds to be made available this financial year.
- 644 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of social security benefits for persons in Mental Health Division facilities, whether the Commonwealth Government has formally notified the State Government of its proposals to widen eligibility criteria; if so, what additional funds will be made available in Victoria this year and what State decisions have been made concerning this change in Commonwealth Government policy.
- 645 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will provide the Member for Brunswick with details of the number of obstetrical beds in each public hospital together with the number of deliveries over each of the past three years and the average annual occupancy.
- 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.
  - 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.

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- 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 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.
- 671 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Stawell District Hospital:
- 1 What have been the number of visits by the District Nursing Service in each of the past five years, specifying the number of full-time equivalent sisters in each year.
  - 2 Whether a request for an additional nurse has been made; if so, whether it is intended to provide that nurse.
- 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.
- 673 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received a petition from the Pivot Action Group concerning funding of In Vitro Ovum Transfer programme; if so, what response he will be making.
- 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.
- 678 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Victorian Autistic Children's Association, Western Centre, whether there has been any progress since either a meeting with a deputation on 14 August 1979, or his answer to question No. 954 given on 25 March 1980; if so, whether funds are going to be made available for the Centre, and if so, on what basis.
- 679 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 Whether the Health Commission has conducted an investigation into the action of Mr Warrick St Clair Leeson, in transferring the registration of the Burke Lodge Special Accommodation House; if so, whether a copy of that investigation will be made available to the Member for Brunswick.
  - 2 Whether Mr Leeson owns or has an interest in any other special accommodation houses.
  - 3 Whether it is intended to seek to alter or amend the *Health Act 1958* or the Health (Special Accommodation Houses) Regulations 1980 to cover the situation where the transfer of registration avoids prosecution.
- 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.

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- 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.

- 690 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 Why the Government has not established the Equal Opportunity Advisory Unit as set out in point 3.3 of the Equal Opportunity and Elimination of Sexism Policy Statement of the Education Department which was recently sent to all schools.
  - 2 When this unit will be established.
- 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.
- 692 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of each grass and bush fire suspected to have been deliberately lit, spreading from fires allegedly lit in breach of fire restrictions, and spreading from fires allegedly lit in breach of Total Fire Bans, respectively, in the 1979–80 season and from 1 July 1980 to date:
- 1 What was the date and place the fire was detected.
  - 2 What charges have been laid.
  - 3 What convictions have been obtained, indicating the penalty imposed in respect of each charge proven.
  - 4 What charges have been withdrawn and what charges have been dismissed.
- 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.
- 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.

- 708 MR SIMPSON—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing whether he will make available the file and all relevant documents concerning the negotiations for 21 fully serviced lots in Nottingham Court and Wiltshire Drive, White Hills, Bendigo, offered to the Housing Commission by N. and B. Holding Pty Ltd.
- 709 MR SIMPSON—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Property and Services how many purchases of \$100 000 and over, monitored by the Department of Property and Services since it was established in 1978 have been above the Valuer-General's valuation, indicating in each case—(a) the amount paid by the particular department and the Valuer-General's valuation; (b) the date of the purchase; (c) the location of the purchase; and (d) the particular department which made the purchase.

**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 12½ years.
- 714 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether he intends to follow the Auditor-General's advice about disentangling the financial affairs of the Victorian Railways Board and the Railway Construction and Property Board so that the true financial position of the latter Board can be determined.
- 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.
- 717 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 Why the Education Department has replied to only four out of 25 queries raised during the 1979–80 audit and what steps the Minister will take to ensure compliance with section 39 (2) of the *Audit Act* 1958 in future.
  - 2 Whether he has acted to clarify the legal status of Durac Limited and Deakin University Foundation Limited and why costs were incurred during 1979 on behalf of both these companies for which no charges were levied by Deakin University.
- 718 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education why he has failed to take adequate measures to ensure that all school councils

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comply with the legislation governing the lodgement of satisfactory audited financial statements by primary and certain other school councils, as reported by the Auditor-General.

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.

723 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what was the Education Department expenditure in 1978-79 and 1979-80 on—(a) State primary schools; (b) State secondary schools; (c) technical and further education; (d) special education; and (e) teacher education.

724 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:

- 1 What was the Education Department expenditure in 1978-79 on State primary and secondary schools, respectively, in respect of—(a) capital costs; (b) administration; (c) teachers' salaries and associated costs; (d) general expenses; (e) maintenance; (f) scholarships and book allowances; (g) transportation; (h) debt charges; (i) payroll tax; (k) workers' compensation; and (l) superannuation.
- 2 What items set out in part 1 are included in the recurrent cost per pupil in State schools on which are measured the per pupil grants for primary and secondary pupils in non-government schools.

- 725 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, how many pupils attended State primary and secondary schools, respectively, in 1978 and 1979, and what was the respective cost per pupil in 1978–79.
- 726 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What was the State Government expenditure on registered schools in 1978–79 in respect of—(a) per pupil grants; (b) scholarships; (c) book allowances; (d) subsidy on interest on school buildings; (e) transportation; (f) grants to teachers' colleges; and (g) other expenditure.
  - 2 How many pupils attended registered primary and secondary schools, respectively, in 1978 and 1979, and what would have been the cost of educating these pupils at the same cost per pupil in respective State schools in 1978–79.
- 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:

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- 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 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:

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- 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.
- 748 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, in respect of each premises in the Cities of Altona and Sunshine and the Shires of Melton and Werribee for which approvals have been granted pursuant to the Clean Air Regulations, what is the name and location of the premises and what is the title, reference number and purpose of each file relating to the premises.

**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**

- 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.
- 753 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts:
- 1 What was the—(a) original estimate; and (b) completion date, for the Geelong Performing Arts Centre.
  - 2 What is the—(a) current estimates; and (b) completion date.
  - 3 What was the starting date of the project and what progress has been made to date.
- 755 MR HOCKLEY—To ask the Honourable the Premier, in view of the Church of Scientology being a recognized religion in Australia and the fact that it has

shown itself to be a law abiding religion, and has been functioning openly in this State for eight years, what action is being taken to remove the preventive clauses in the *Psychological Practices Act 1965*.

- 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.
- 757 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, 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.
- 758 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, further to the answer to question No. 503 given on 2 October 1980, whether other products containing diethyl stilboestrol have previously been registered in Victoria for use in animals; if so—(a) what was—(i) the name of the product; (ii) the name of the person or company in whose name it was registered; (iii) the forms in which it was registered; and (iv) the species and the uses for which it was registered; (b) when registration was first approved; and (c) whether registration was amended, indicating when and in what way.
- 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.
- 762 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health:
- 1 Whether excessive exposure of employees of Seppelts Great Western Winery to damaging noise levels has already caused deafness to some employees.
  - 2 When the levels of noise at Seppelts was first measured by the Industrial Hygiene Section.

- 3 What measures have been recommended to deal with the hazard to workers' health.
- 4 Whether action has been taken on these recommendations; if so, when and with what result; if not, why.
- 763 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what is the Government's policy concerning capital funds for the installation of electrical alarm systems to secure the building and contents of community health centres.
- 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.
- 771 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts whether the feasibility study undertaken by Mr Jackson and Professor Brawne into the proposed site for a new library and national museum has been completed; if so—(a) what were the terms of reference; (b) what was the reason for the study; (c) what was the completion date; (d) what were the major conclusions and recommendations; and (e) when the two institutions completed their briefs.

#### 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.
- 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;

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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.

- 781 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he or the Health Commission has received a submission from the Western Region Health Centre to purchase and carry out minor alterations to 78 Paisley Street adjacent to the Centre's major facility; if so, whether funds are going to be made available this financial year; if not, why.
- 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.
- 785 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry:
- 1 Whether he is aware that the average waiting time on the telephone for assistance from an industrial officer in the Department of Labour and Industry is sixteen minutes.
  - 2 How many industrial officers are employed in the section to answer queries from the general public.
  - 3 What increase or decrease there has been in the employment of industrial officers in this section in the past twelve months.
  - 4 What action is proposed to relieve the situation with regard to this section.

**Notices received on 12 November 1980**

- 786 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether the Minister 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 Education Department in conjunction with the Health Commission to carry out those recommendations.
- 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.
- 790 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation, in respect of the report on the teaching of swimming presented by him:
- 1 Whether it is expected that the recommendations will be put into effect; if so, when.
  - 2 Whether he has received representations concerning the training in swimming of children younger than that recommended by the panel; if so, what action is proposed concerning those submissions.
- 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.
- 802 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, what is the basis of the claim that the Environment Protection Authority is legally unable to release self-monitoring data without the respective licensee's permission.
- 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.
- 804 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether the Minister will establish a special study of air pollution problems in the

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Norlane, North Shore and Corio residential areas at Geelong with a view to clarifying and reducing this problem; if not, why.

- 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.
- 808 MR ERNST—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works:
- 1 What was the reason for the demolition of the Fishermen’s Building at the Yarra Street Wharf by the Geelong Harbor Trust.
  - 2 Whether he was personally consulted before such action took place; 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 Ryrie 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.

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- 2 What was the approximate number of units eligible for such maintenance works in the Geelong region in such years.
- 813 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation, in respect of each of the years 1975–76 to 1978–79 inclusive:
- 1 How many Victorian greyhounds were newly registered with the National Coursing Association.
  - 2 How many Victorian trotting horses were newly registered with the Trotting Control Board.
  - 3 How many Victorian racehorses were newly registered with the Victoria Racing Club registration authority.
- 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

- 818 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing how many homes have been spot purchased to date, indicating—(a) the municipalities; (b) the average time between purchase and occupancy by tenants; (c) the longest time between purchase and occupancy by tenants; (d) the reasons for long delays at Frankston; and (e) the total amount of money allocated last year and this year and the amounts spent to date.
- 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.
- 822 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for State Development Decentralization and Tourism what has been the number and total amount of Government guarantees arranged by the Small Business Development Corporation since inception.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 829 MR MILLER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 Whether the Education Department has an approved list of suppliers for microcomputers; if so, how that list was compiled and how additions to and deletions from the list are determined.
  - 2 Whether the Education Department or the Public Works Department called tenders for the supply of microcomputers to the Education Department.
  - 3 Whether the Department, when purchasing computer software and hardware, takes advantage of bulk buying discounts.
  - 4 What plans the Department has for the introduction of microcomputers in Victorian schools.
- 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

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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.
- 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 of 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.

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

- 1 What new emergency accommodation projects for homeless youth have been funded since the programme of State and Commonwealth Grants for homeless youths was introduced.
- 2 What youth emergency accommodation projects previously funded by Family and Community Services at any section of the Department of Community Welfare Services are now funded under the programme jointly co-ordinated by the Department and the Commonwealth Department of Social Security.

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.

850 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health who are the members of the Poisons Advisory Committee, indicating in each case, the organization or interest represented by the member or the special qualification of the member, when each was first appointed, and the date on which the current term of each member expires.

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.

852 MR MILLER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for State Development, Decentralization and Tourism:

1 Whether a grant was made to the recent Lygon Street Festival held in Carlton; if so—(a) what amount was granted; and (b) what was the application procedure for this grant.

2 What were the reasons for a grant not being made to the organizers of the Prahran Festival held on 1 and 2 November 1980, particularly in view of the request made by the member for Prahran by letter dated 21 July and the response of the Acting Minister on 28 August 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

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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.
- 859 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture further to question No. 447 answered on 21 October 1980, what are the names of the meat works in Victoria who owe the State Government amounts extending over twelve months, indicating the amounts owing and the period it has been outstanding.
- 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.

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#### Notices Received on 25 November 1980

- 861 MR JOLLY—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer how many young people were employed by the State Government in departments and instrumentalities under the Special Youth Employment Training Programme in 1979–80 and how many it is estimated will be employed under this scheme in 1980–81.
- 862 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry what safety standards and controls have been introduced for the use of lasers, indicating whether the controls implement Australian Standard A.S.2211–1978 “Laser Safety”.
- 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.

- 868 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, in respect of the complaints of landowners in the Cowwarr area affected by both the Rainbow Creek and the Thomson River:
- 1 On which occasions over the past five years Ministers of Water Supply have visited the area and ascertained the views of local people.
  - 2 On which occasions over the past five years Commissioners of the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission have visited the area to speak to local residents and to familiarize themselves with problems associated with these streams.
  - 3 How many incidents of vandalism at the Cowwarr Weir have been reported to the police over the past ten years, indicating to which police stations the reports have been made.
- 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.

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#### 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".
- 875 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether he will incorporate in *Hansard* the answer on departments and statutory authorities which are not required to table their reports in Parliament which he promised to supply to the then Leader of the Opposition in response to question No. 1642 on 19 April 1977 and reported in *Hansard* at page 7570, but refused by way of answer on 16 October 1979; if so, will he indicate any changes which have subsequently taken place.
- 876 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer on administrative and advisory boards and committees which he promised the then Member for Melbourne on 8 December 1976 in answer to question No. 1401 and reported in *Hansard* at page 5757, but refused by way of answer on 16 October 1979.
- 877 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer on right of nomination to public bodies which he promised the then Member for Melbourne on 8 December 1976, in answer to question No. 1180 and reported in *Hansard* at page 5756, but refused by way of answer on 16 October 1979.
- 878 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether he will bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the answer on Government inquiries, Royal Commissions and parliamentary committee investigations which he promised the then Member for Melbourne on 15 October 1976, in answer to question No. 639 and reported in *Hansard* at page 3493, but refused by way of answer on 16 October 1979.
- 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.

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Notices received on 9 September 1980

- 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.
- 43 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of each of the following hospitals: Mercy, Royal Children's, Royal Victorian Eye and Ear, Royal Women's, Alfred, Box Hill and District, Dandenong and District, Fairfield, Maroondah, Preston and Northcote Community, Prince Henry's, Queen Victoria, Royal Melbourne, Southern Memorial (Caulfield), St. George's, St. Vincent's, Western General, Williamstown, Caulfield, Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Gippsland, Hamilton, Mildura, Mooropna, Wangaratta, Warrnambool, Ararat, Central Gippsland, Echuca, Frankston, Kyabram, Latrobe Valley, Stawell and Swan Hill:
- 1 What was the budget in 1978-79 specifying the amount from the Hospitals and Charities Fund.
  - 2 What budget was approved for 1979-80.
- 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.
- 58 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what is this State's involvement in the drugs of dependence monitoring system and whether the State has considered the extension of the system to include certain barbiturates; if so, whether there has been any approach by the Commonwealth to the State, or by the State to the Commonwealth, on this matter and, in that event, when, and with what result.
- 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.
- 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.
- 64 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of Glen Andrew Hudyma and his family:
- 1 Whether there had been any contacts with the family in May 1978 or between that date and April 1979 by any hospital or Health Commission agency; if so, what were the contacts and whether any related to injuries or possible danger to Glen.
  - 2 Whether the Minister will consider, together with his colleagues the Assistant Minister of Health and the Minister for Community Welfare Services, an inquiry into the relationship between the various helping agencies and the family up to his death at the Royal Children's Hospital on 6 April 1979; if not, why.
- 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.
- 70 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether, in respect of a number of members of the Hospitals Superannuation Fund retiring on ill-health grounds, he is aware that there has been a significant increase in retirements on ill-health grounds; if so—(a) what inquiries the Health Commission or the Hospitals Superannuation Board has carried out, indicating the reason for the increase; and (b) what action it is proposed to take on this matter.
- 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.
- 91 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts how many local government and regional library services, respectively, have cut back the level of their services last financial year, indicating in each case—(a) the library; (b) the reduction in the book vote from the previous year; (c) the reduction in staff in comparison with the previous year, indicating whether of a permanent or temporary nature; (d) any other services affected and the nature of these services; (e) the population served; (f) the amount contributed by local government, indicating any additional amount over last year; and (g) the funds allocated for each of the past three financial years, and in this year to date.
- 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.

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.

- 103 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what is the total amount at constant prices allocated for each category of major expenditure in each Education Department region in each year since regionalization was introduced, indicating in each year the percentage increase or decrease and any instances where the categories are not comparable from year to year.
- 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.
  - 2 What are the changes recommended and—(a) approved; or (b) rejected for each successive year.

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- 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.
- 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,

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.
- 190 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether the report of the Ombudsman on two defective homes built by Daffey and Johnson Pty Ltd at Peters Road and Leslie Road, Gisborne, has been acted upon by the relevant departments; if so, with what results.
- 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

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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.

- 199 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works:
- 1 Whether the Minister has received complaints concerning the installation of four radar reflectors in the San Remo channel.
  - 2 Whether the only equipment causing obstructions in the channel are lights and posts at Sally Reef, Two Starboard Buoys, and Armstrong Beacon, which are subject to vandalism.
- 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.
- 208 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 Westernport:
- 1 What is the staffing establishment, and what is the actual number of staff.
  - 2 What is the present enrolment.
  - 3 What is the projected enrolment for each of the next two years.
  - 4 Which schools have portable classrooms, indicating the number at each school.
  - 5 Which schools qualify for an art/craft room and library, and which schools have these facilities.
  - 6 Which schools have specialist art/craft, physical education (male and female), music and remedial teachers, respectively.
- 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.
- 222 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education what is the reason for the delay in the provision of a covered way between the relocatable classroom units and the main school building and toilets at Greenbrook primary school and when it is expected that this necessary facility will be provided.
- 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 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.
- 231 **MR FORDHAM**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, when it is expected that additional—*(a)* maths/science; and *(b)* humanities, teachers will be appointed to Wonthaggi technical school, in order to fill the acknowledged vacancies in these areas and in order to allow the school to maintain and develop a balanced curriculum.
- 232 **MR FORDHAM**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what additional staff will be appointed to the Templestowe technical school in order to allow the school to sustain adequate literacy and numeracy programmes.
- 233 **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 providing a replacement vehicle for the Rosedale Mobile Area Resource Centre and what steps will be taken to ensure that in future a replacement vehicle is available when required.
- 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.

- 261 MR WILTON—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether a participant's and operating agreement has been executed between VicRail, Esso Australia Ltd, Mobil Oil Australia Ltd and the Shell Company of Australia Ltd for the operations of the Altona-Somerton oil pipeline; if so, whether he will make available a copy of the agreement to the Member for Broadmeadows.
- 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.
- 278 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation:
- 1 What ecological research with regard to the 21 endangered species has been undertaken by Government agencies, indicating the funding of this research, during each of the past three years.
  - 2 What financial or practical support has been given by the Government to non-government research in this field, during this period.
- 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**

- 314 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether there has been a reduction in the number of foot warmers provided in winter for the comfort of Geelong-Melbourne train commuters; if so, why.

- 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.
  - 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.
- 363 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What are the dates for commencement and completion of the proposed North Shore rail overpass.
  - 2 What have been the average daily road and rail traffic figures over such point in the years 1965, 1970, 1975 and 1980, respectively.
  - 3 What are the reasons for the continued delay in the commencement of this overpass.
- 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.
  - 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.
  - 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.
- 468 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether his attention has been drawn to a comprehensive survey of planned mining and manufacturing projects by the Department of Industry and Commerce, which shows that not only will Victoria invest less in mining than four other States, but will also invest less in manufacturing than New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia; if so, what are the Government's plans for countering this threatened shift in the centre of Australia's manufacturing industry away from Victoria.
- 469 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether his attention has been drawn to a comprehensive survey of civil engineering projects by the Australian Federation of Construction Contractors, which shows that over the next five years real annual growth rates of engineering construction will range from plus 2 per cent for New South Wales to plus 37 per cent in Western Australia, but that the industry will contract by 14 per cent each year in Victoria; if so, how he reconciles this position with his own repeated claims that Victoria will participate in the "construction boom" associated with resource development in other States.
- 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.
  - 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.

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- 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.
- 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.

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- 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 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**

- 514 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What was the tonnage and revenue, respectively, represented by the cartage of briquettes from the Latrobe Valley on the Gippsland line in each of the past ten years.

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- 2 What was the tonnage of briquettes transported by road from the Latrobe Valley in each of those years as identified by Transport Regulation Board road permits.
- 3 In respect of road haulage permits sought in each of the past three years, on how many occasions VicRail has objected to the granting of such permits.
- 4 Whether VicRail pursued every opportunity to object to the issue of permits; if not, why, and what cases were not pursued.
- 5 Whether he will make available to the Member for Morwell all Transport Regulation Board records detailing their consideration of road permit applications in respect to briquette or coal related product movements.

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.

518 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Minerals and Energy, for the Honourable the Minister for Local Government, in view of question No. 1194 first asked on 25 September 1979 remaining unanswered at the end of the last sessional period in respect to a recent municipal poll of ratepayers of Loch Sport under section 693 of the *Local Government Act* 1958 for the purpose of determining an electrification scheme for the town:

- 1 Whether this poll was the first since the recent amendment to that section; if not, what other polls have been conducted.
- 2 What percentage of eligible ratepayers participated in the poll and what percentage of ratepayers voted in favour of the proposal.
- 3 Whether certain ratepayers who were advised that they would be exempt from a financial obligation toward the scheme were permitted to vote

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for the scheme; if so—(a) whether the occurrence of such advice tendered to ratepayers before a poll under the section, which could unfairly influence the outcome, was considered at all by the Government when the amendment to the section was proposed; and (b) whether, in view of many complaints that have arisen because of this alleged anomaly, the Government will consider a further amendment designed to overcome the problem.

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.
- 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

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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.
  - 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.
- 607 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what amount was spent on the installation and maintenance of automatic signalling by the Victorian Railways 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.
- 618 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether there is an attempt to introduce into technical schools a minimum class size of twenty; if so, what effect this will have on senior classes in country schools and specialist classes such as remedial and metal work.
- 619 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of the construction of the Djerriwarrh 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.
- 621 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 Whether T.E.A.C. funding has been obtained for one year to make possible the Minister's election promise to open a city hostel to allow country children to engage in work experience.

- 2 Whether the drastic state of the school capital works budget is the reason for the decision to use Commonwealth recurrent funds to meet a State responsibility.
- 622 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What proportion of the \$6 million offered to T.E.A.C. in Victoria has—  
(a) been allocated to programmes; and (b) been received in the State Treasury.
  - 2 Whether the remainder of the funds will be spent by December 1980; if not, whether the funds will remain available.
  - 3 Whether the programme will continue in 1981; if so, with what funds, and from what source.
  - 4 Whether all programmes will continue to be forwarded to Canberra for approval; if not, whether some decisions will be made by regional committees and some by the State committees in 1981.
  - 5 Whether the allowance problem has been solved or whether the Premier has reconsidered his earlier assurance not to go ahead in 1981 without a resolution of that problem.
  - 6 What is the average length of time between a programme being approved at regional level and receiving funding.
- 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.
  - 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

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- 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.
- 635 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education why it is not possible for the Education Department to bulk buy physical education equipment for schools and to allow schools to purchase this equipment through the Stores Branch of the Education Department.
- 639 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether it is intended that grants will be made to the Ballarat Regional Alcohol and Drug Dependence Association in this financial year; if so, on what basis, what sums of money are proposed, and when the funds will be received.
- 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.
- 641 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware that activities of the Loddon-Campaspe Regional Drug Working Group have had to be curtailed; if so, what are the details of Government funds so far provided to the group, and what is the estimate of funds to be made available this financial year.
- 644 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of social security benefits for persons in Mental Health Division facilities, whether the Commonwealth Government has formally notified the State Government of its proposals to widen eligibility criteria; if so, what additional funds will be made available in Victoria this year and what State decisions have been made concerning this change in Commonwealth Government policy.
- 645 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he will provide the Member for Brunswick with details of the number of obstetrical beds in each public hospital together with the number of deliveries over each of the past three years and the average annual occupancy.
- 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.

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- 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**

- 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.

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- 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.
- 671 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Stawell District Hospital:
- 1 What have been the number of visits by the District Nursing Service in each of the past five years, specifying the number of full-time equivalent sisters in each year.
  - 2 Whether a request for an additional nurse has been made; if so, whether it is intended to provide that nurse.
- 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.
- 673 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received a petition from the Pivot Action Group concerning funding of In Vitro Ovum Transfer programme; if so, what response he will be making.
- 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

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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.

678 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of the Victorian Autistic Children's Association, Western Centre, whether there has been any progress since either a meeting with a deputation on 14 August 1979, or his answer to question No. 954 given on 25 March 1980; if so, whether funds are going to be made available for the Centre, and if so, on what basis.

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.

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.
- 690 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 Why the Government has not established the Equal Opportunity Advisory Unit as set out in point 3.3 of the Equal Opportunity and Elimination of Sexism Policy Statement of the Education Department which was recently sent to all schools.
  - 2 When this unit will be established.
- 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.

692 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of each grass and bush fire suspected to have been deliberately lit, spreading from fires allegedly lit in breach of fire restrictions, and spreading from fires allegedly lit in breach of Total Fire Bans, respectively, in the 1979–80 season and from 1 July 1980 to date:

- 1 What was the date and place the fire was detected.
- 2 What charges have been laid.
- 3 What convictions have been obtained, indicating the penalty imposed in respect of each charge proven.
- 4 What charges have been withdrawn and what charges have been dismissed.

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.

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.
- 709 MR SIMPSON—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Property and Services how many purchases of \$100 000 and over, monitored by the Department of Property and Services since it was established in 1978 have been above the Valuer-General's valuation, indicating in each case—(a) the amount paid by the particular department and the Valuer-General's valuation; (b) the date of the purchase; (c) the location of the purchase; and (d) the particular department which made the purchase.

#### 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.

- 714 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether he intends to follow the Auditor-General's advice about disentangling the financial affairs of the Victorian Railways Board and the Railway Construction and Property Board so that the true financial position of the latter Board can be determined.
- 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.
- 717 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 Why the Education Department has replied to only four out of 25 queries raised during the 1979–80 audit and what steps the Minister will take to ensure compliance with section 39 (2) of the *Audit Act* 1958 in future.
  - 2 Whether he has acted to clarify the legal status of Durac Limited and Deakin University Foundation Limited and why costs were incurred during 1979 on behalf of both these companies for which no charges were levied by Deakin University.
- 718 MR WILKES—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education why he has failed to take adequate measures to ensure that all school councils comply with the legislation governing the lodgement of satisfactory audited financial statements by primary and certain other school councils, as reported by the Auditor-General.
- 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.
- 723 **MR ROSS-EDWARDS**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, what was the Education Department expenditure in 1978-79 and 1979-80 on—(a) State primary schools; (b) State secondary schools; (c) technical and further education; (d) special education; and (e) teacher education.
- 724 **MR ROSS-EDWARDS**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What was the Education Department expenditure in 1978-79 on State primary and secondary schools, respectively, in respect of—(a) capital costs; (b) administration; (c) teachers' salaries and associated costs; (d) general expenses; (e) maintenance; (f) scholarships and book allowances; (g) transportation; (h) debt charges; (i) payroll tax; (k) workers' compensation; and (l) superannuation.
  - 2 What items set out in part 1 are included in the recurrent cost per pupil in State schools on which are measured the per pupil grants for primary and secondary pupils in non-government schools.
- 725 **MR ROSS-EDWARDS**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, how many pupils attended State primary and secondary schools, respectively, in 1978 and 1979, and what was the respective cost per pupil in 1978-79.
- 726 **MR ROSS-EDWARDS**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 What was the State Government expenditure on registered schools in 1978-79 in respect of—(a) per pupil grants; (b) scholarships; (c) book allowances; (d) subsidy on interest on school buildings; (e) transportation; (f) grants to teachers' colleges; and (g) other expenditure.
  - 2 How many pupils attended registered primary and secondary schools, respectively, in 1978 and 1979, and what would have been the cost of educating these pupils at the same cost per pupil in respective State schools in 1978-79.
- 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

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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 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.
- 748 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, in respect of each premises in the Cities of Altona and Sunshine and the Shires of Melton and Werribee for which approvals have been granted pursuant to the Clean Air Regulations, what is the name and location of the premises and what is the title, reference number and purpose of each file relating to the premises.

**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**

- 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.
- 753 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts:
- 1 What was the—(a) original estimate; and (b) completion date, for the Geelong Performing Arts Centre.
  - 2 What is the—(a) current estimates; and (b) completion date.
  - 3 What was the starting date of the project and what progress has been made to date.
- 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.
- 758 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, further to the answer to question No. 503 given on 2 October 1980, whether other products containing diethyl stilboestrol have previously been registered in Victoria for use in animals; if so—(a) what was—(i) the name of the product; (ii) the name of the person or company in whose name it was registered; (iii) the forms in which it was registered; and (iv) the species and the uses for which it was registered; (b) when registration was first approved; and (c) whether registration was amended, indicating when and in what way.
- 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.
- 763 MR SIMMONDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what is the Government's policy concerning capital funds for the installation of electrical alarm systems to secure the building and contents of community health centres.
- 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.
- 771 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts whether the feasibility study undertaken by Mr Jackson and Professor Brawne into the proposed site for a new library and national museum has been completed; if so—(a) what were the terms of reference; (b) what was the reason for the study; (c) what was the completion date; (d) what were the major conclusions and recommendations; and (e) when the two institutions completed their briefs.

## 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.
- 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.
- 781 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he or the Health Commission has received a submission from the Western Region Health Centre to purchase and carry out minor alterations to 78 Paisley Street adjacent to the Centre's major facility; if so, whether funds are going to be made available this financial year; if not, why.
- 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.

#### Notices received on 12 November 1980

- 786 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether the Minister 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 Education Department in conjunction with the Health Commission to carry out those recommendations.

- 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.
- 790 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation, in respect of the report on the teaching of swimming presented by him:
- 1 Whether it is expected that the recommendations will be put into effect; if so, when.
  - 2 Whether he has received representations concerning the training in swimming of children younger than that recommended by the panel; if so, what action is proposed concerning those submissions.
- 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.
- 804 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, whether the Minister will establish a special study of air pollution problems in the Norlane, North Shore and Corio residential areas at Geelong with a view to clarifying and reducing this problem; if not, why.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 808 MR ERNST—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Public Works:
- 1 What was the reason for the demolition of the Fishermen's Building at the Yarra Street Wharf by the Geelong Harbor Trust.
  - 2 Whether he was personally consulted before such action took place; 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 Ryrle 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.
- 813 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation, in respect of each of the years 1975-76 to 1978-79 inclusive:
- 1 How many Victorian greyhounds were newly registered with the National Coursing Association.
  - 2 How many Victorian trotting horses were newly registered with the Trotting Control Board.
  - 3 How many Victorian racehorses were newly registered with the Victoria Racing Club registration authority.

- 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

- 818 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing how many homes have been spot purchased to date, indicating—(a) the municipalities; (b) the average time between purchase and occupancy by tenants; (c) the longest time between purchase and occupancy by tenants; (d) the reasons for long delays at Frankston; and (e) the total amount of money allocated last year and this year and the amounts spent to date.
- 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.

- 822 MR ROSS-EDWARDS—To ask the Honourable the Minister for State Development Decentralization and Tourism what has been the number and total amount of Government guarantees arranged by the Small Business Development Corporation since inception.
- 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.
- 829 MR MILLER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 Whether the Education Department has an approved list of suppliers for microcomputers; if so, how that list was compiled and how additions to and deletions from the list are determined.
  - 2 Whether the Education Department or the Public Works Department called tenders for the supply of microcomputers to the Education Department.

3 Whether the Department, when purchasing computer software and hardware, takes advantage of bulk buying discounts.

4 What plans the Department has for the introduction of microcomputers in Victorian schools.

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.

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

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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.

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

- 1 What new emergency accommodation projects for homeless youth have been funded since the programme of State and Commonwealth Grants for homeless youths was introduced.
- 2 What youth emergency accommodation projects previously funded by Family and Community Services at any section of the Department of Community Welfare Services are now funded under the programme jointly co-ordinated by the Department and the Commonwealth Department of Social Security.

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

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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.
- 850 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health who are the members of the Poisons Advisory Committee, indicating in each case, the organization or interest represented by the member or the special qualification of the member, when each was first appointed, and the date on which the current term of each member expires.
- 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.
- 852 MR MILLER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for State Development, Decentralization and Tourism:
- 1 Whether a grant was made to the recent Lygon Street Festival held in Carlton; if so—(a) what amount was granted; and (b) what was the application procedure for this grant.
  - 2 What were the reasons for a grant not being made to the organizers of the Prahran Festival held on 1 and 2 November 1980, particularly in view of the request made by the member for Prahran by letter dated 21 July and the response of the Acting Minister on 28 August 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.
- 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.
- 859 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture further to question No. 447 answered on 21 October 1980, what are the names of the meat works in Victoria who owe the State Government amounts extending over twelve months, indicating the amounts owing and the period it has been outstanding.
- 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.

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- 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**

- 861 MR JOLLY—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer how many young people were employed by the State Government in departments and instrumentalities under the Special Youth Employment Training Programme in 1979–80 and how many it is estimated will be employed under this scheme in 1980–81.
- 862 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry what safety standards and controls have been introduced for the use of lasers, indicating whether the controls implement Australian Standard A.S.2211–1978 “Laser Safety”.
- 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.
- 868 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, in respect of the complaints of

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landowners in the Cowarr area affected by both the Rainbow Creek and the Thomson River:

- 1 On which occasions over the past five years Ministers of Water Supply have visited the area and ascertained the views of local people.
- 2 On which occasions over the past five years Commissioners of the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission have visited the area to speak to local residents and to familiarize themselves with problems associated with these streams.
- 3 How many incidents of vandalism at the Cowarr Weir have been reported to the police over the past ten years, indicating to which police stations the reports have been made.

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”.

- 875 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 to have incorporated in *Hansard* the information relating to those departments and statutory authorities not required to table their reports in Parliament, supplied directly to the then Leader of the Opposition in response to question No. 1642 of 19 April 1977, whether he will now make available this information for incorporation and provide details of any changes which have subsequently taken place.
- 876 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on administrative and advisory boards and committees 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.
- 877 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on right of nomination to public bodies 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.
- 878 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on Government inquiries, Royal Commissions and parliamentary committee investigations 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 substantial changes.
- 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 Yarrowonga 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.

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### 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 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.

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- 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 to 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.

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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) special 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

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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 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; and (c) which community groups contributed to the study.
- 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 8396, 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.

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#### 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.

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### QUESTIONS

Notices received on 9 September 1980

- 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.
- 43 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of each of the following hospitals: Mercy, Royal Children's, Royal Victorian Eye and Ear, Royal Women's, Alfred, Box Hill and District, Dandenong and District, Fairfield, Maroondah, Preston and Northcote Community, Prince Henry's, Queen Victoria, Royal Melbourne, Southern Memorial (Caulfield), St. George's, St. Vincent's, Western General, Williamstown, Caulfield, Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Gippsland, Hamilton, Mildura, Mooroopna, Wangaratta, Warrnambool, Ararat, Central Gippsland, Echuca, Frankston, Kyabram, Latrobe Valley, Stawell and Swan Hill:
- 1 What was the budget in 1978–79 specifying the amount from the Hospitals and Charities Fund.
  - 2 What budget was approved for 1979–80.
- 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.
- 58 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health what is this State's involvement in the drugs of dependence monitoring system and whether the State has considered the extension of the system to include certain barbiturates; if so, whether there has been any approach by the Commonwealth to the State, or by the State to the Commonwealth, on this matter and, in that event, when, and with what result.
- 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.
- 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.
- 64 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of Glen Andrew Hudyma and his family:
- 1 Whether there had been any contacts with the family in May 1978 or between that date and April 1979 by any hospital or Health Commission agency; if so, what were the contacts and whether any related to injuries or possible danger to Glen.
  - 2 Whether the Minister will consider, together with his colleagues the Assistant Minister of Health and the Minister for Community Welfare Services, an inquiry into the relationship between the various helping agencies and the family up to his death at the Royal Children's Hospital on 6 April 1979; if not, why.
- 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.
- 70 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether, in respect of a number of members of the Hospitals Superannuation Fund retiring on ill-health grounds, he is aware that there has been a significant increase in retirements on ill-health grounds; if so—(a) what inquiries the Health Commission or the Hospitals Superannuation Board has carried out, indicating the reason for the increase; and (b) what action it is proposed to take on this matter.
- 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.
- 91 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of the Arts how many local government and regional library services, respectively, have cut back the level of their services last financial year, indicating in each case—(a) the library; (b) the reduction in the book vote from the previous year; (c) the reduction in staff in comparison with the previous year, indicating whether of a permanent or temporary nature; (d) any other services affected and the nature of these services; (e) the population served; (f) the amount contributed by local government, indicating any additional amount over last year; and (g) the funds allocated for each of the past three financial years, and in this year to date.
- 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.
- 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.
  - 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.
- 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,

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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 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*,

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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 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

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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 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

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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

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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

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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, 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
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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

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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.
- 190 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier whether the report of the Ombudsman on two defective homes built by Daffey and Johnson Pty Ltd at Peters Road and Leslie Road, Gisborne, has been acted upon by the relevant departments; if so, with what results.

- 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

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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.

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 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.

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- 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.
- 233 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 providing a replacement vehicle for the Rosedale Mobile Area Resource Centre and what steps will be taken to ensure that in future a replacement vehicle is available when required.

- 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 Birchop 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.
- 261 MR WILTON—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether a participant's and operating agreement has been executed between VicRail, Esso Australia Ltd, Mobil Oil Australia Ltd and the Shell Company of Australia Ltd for the operations of the Altona–Somerton oil pipeline; if so, whether he will make available a copy of the agreement to the Member for Broadmeadows.
- 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**

- 314 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether there has been a reduction in the number of foot warmers provided in winter for the comfort of Geelong-Melbourne train commuters; if so, why.

- 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.
  - 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.
- 363 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What are the dates for commencement and completion of the proposed North Shore rail overpass.
  - 2 What have been the average daily road and rail traffic figures over such point in the years 1965, 1970, 1975 and 1980, respectively.
  - 3 What are the reasons for the continued delay in the commencement of this overpass.
- 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.
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - 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.
- 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 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

- 514 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport:
- 1 What was the tonnage and revenue, respectively, represented by the cartage of briquettes from the Latrobe Valley on the Gippsland line in each of the past ten years.
  - 2 What was the tonnage of briquettes transported by road from the Latrobe Valley in each of those years as identified by Transport Regulation Board road permits.
  - 3 In respect of road haulage permits sought in each of the past three years, on how many occasions VicRail has objected to the granting of such permits.
  - 4 Whether VicRail pursued every opportunity to object to the issue of permits; if not, why, and what cases were not pursued.
  - 5 Whether he will make available to the Member for Morwell all Transport Regulation Board records detailing their consideration of road permit applications in respect to briquette or coal related product movements.
- 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.

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- 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.
  - 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.
  - 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.
- 607 MR GAVIN—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport what amount was spent on the installation and maintenance of automatic signalling by the Victorian Railways 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, Fawcner 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.
- 618 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education, whether there is an attempt to introduce into technical schools a minimum class size of twenty; if so, what effect this will have on senior classes in country schools and specialist classes such as remedial and metal work.
- 619 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, in respect of the construction of the Djerriwarrh special developmental school:
- 1 What were the dates on which tenders were advertised, indicating each newspaper in which an advertisement appeared.

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- 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.
- 621 MR FORDHAM—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 Whether T.E.A.C. funding has been obtained for one year to make possible the Minister's election promise to open a city hostel to allow country children to engage in work experience.
  - 2 Whether the drastic state of the school capital works budget is the reason for the decision to use Commonwealth recurrent funds to meet a State responsibility.
- 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.
  - 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.
- 639 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether it is intended that grants will be made to the Ballarat Regional Alcohol and Drug Dependence Association in this financial year; if so, on what basis, what sums of money are proposed, and when the funds will be received.
- 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.
- 641 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he is aware that activities of the Loddon-Campaspe Regional Drug Working Group have had to be curtailed; if so, what are the details of Government funds so far provided to the group, and what is the estimate of funds to be made available this financial year.

- 644 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health, in respect of social security benefits for persons in Mental Health Division facilities, whether the Commonwealth Government has formally notified the State Government of its proposals to widen eligibility criteria; if so, what additional funds will be made available in Victoria this year and what State decisions have been made concerning this change in Commonwealth Government policy.
- 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.
  - 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 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.
- 673 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Health whether he has received a petition from the Pivot Action Group concerning funding of In Vitro Ovum Transfer programme; if so, what response he will be making.
- 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.
- 692 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, in respect of each grass and bush fire suspected to have been deliberately lit, spreading from fires allegedly lit in breach of fire restrictions, and spreading from fires allegedly lit in breach of Total Fire Bans, respectively, in the 1979–80 season and from 1 July 1980 to date:
- 1 What was the date and place the fire was detected.
  - 2 What charges have been laid.
  - 3 What convictions have been obtained, indicating the penalty imposed in respect of each charge proven.
  - 4 What charges have been withdrawn and what charges have been dismissed.
- 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

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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 Maroonah 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.

709 MR SIMPSON—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Property and Services how many purchases of \$100 000 and over, monitored by the Department of Property and Services since it was established in 1978 have been above the Valuer-General's valuation, indicating in each case—(a) the amount paid

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by the particular department and the Valuer-General's valuation; (b) the date of the purchase; (c) the location of the purchase; and (d) the particular department which made the purchase.

**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.
- 714 **MR WILKES**—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Transport whether he intends to follow the Auditor-General's advice about disentangling the financial affairs of the Victorian Railways Board and the Railway Construction and Property Board so that the true financial position of the latter Board can be determined.
- 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.
- 717 **MR WILKES**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education:
- 1 Why the Education Department has replied to only four out of 25 queries raised during the 1979–80 audit and what steps the Minister will take to ensure compliance with section 39 (2) of the *Audit Act* 1958 in future.
  - 2 Whether he has acted to clarify the legal status of Durac Limited and Deakin University Foundation Limited and why costs were incurred during 1979 on behalf of both these companies for which no charges were levied by Deakin University.
- 718 **MR WILKES**—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education why he has failed to take adequate measures to ensure that all school councils comply with the legislation governing the lodgement of satisfactory audited financial statements by primary and certain other school councils, as reported by the Auditor-General.
- 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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- 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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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 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.
- 748 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, for the Honourable the Minister for Conservation, in respect of each premises in the Cities of Altona and Sunshine and the Shires of Melton and Werribee for which approvals have been granted pursuant to the Clean Air Regulations, what is the name and location of the premises and what is the title, reference number and purpose of each file relating to the premises.

#### 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

- 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

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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.
- 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

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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.

#### Notices 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

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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.
- 790 MR ROPER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation, in respect of the report on the teaching of swimming presented by him:
- 1 Whether it is expected that the recommendations will be put into effect; if so, when.
  - 2 Whether he has received representations concerning the training in swimming of children younger than that recommended by the panel; if so, what action is proposed concerning those submissions.
- 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 Ryrle 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.
- 813 MR TREZISE—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation, in respect of each of the years 1975–76 to 1978–79 inclusive:
- 1 How many Victorian greyhounds were newly registered with the National Coursing Association.
  - 2 How many Victorian trotting horses were newly registered with the Trotting Control Board.
  - 3 How many Victorian racehorses were newly registered with the Victoria Racing Club registration authority.
- 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,

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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

- 818 MR CATHIE—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Housing how many homes have been spot purchased to date, indicating—(a) the municipalities; (b) the average time between purchase and occupancy by tenants; (c) the longest time between purchase and occupancy by tenants; (d) the reasons for long delays at Frankston; and (e) the total amount of money allocated last year and this year and the amounts spent to date.
- 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.
- 829 MR MILLER—To ask the Honourable the Assistant Minister of Education, for the Honourable the Minister of Education:
- 1 Whether the Education Department has an approved list of suppliers for microcomputers; if so, how that list was compiled and how additions to and deletions from the list are determined.
  - 2 Whether the Education Department or the Public Works Department called tenders for the supply of microcomputers to the Education Department.
  - 3 Whether the Department, when purchasing computer software and hardware, takes advantage of bulk buying discounts.
  - 4 What plans the Department has for the introduction of microcomputers in Victorian schools.
- 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.
- 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.
- 840 MRS TONER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for Community Welfare Services:
- 1 What new emergency accommodation projects for homeless youth have been funded since the programme of State and Commonwealth Grants for homeless youths was introduced.
  - 2 What youth emergency accommodation projects previously funded by Family and Community Services at any section of the Department of Community Welfare Services are now funded under the programme jointly co-ordinated by the Department and the Commonwealth Department of Social Security.
- 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.
- 852 MR MILLER—To ask the Honourable the Minister for State Development, Decentralization and Tourism:
- 1 Whether a grant was made to the recent Lygon Street Festival held in Carlton; if so—(a) what amount was granted; and (b) what was the application procedure for this grant.
  - 2 What were the reasons for a grant not being made to the organizers of the Prahran Festival held on 1 and 2 November 1980, particularly in view of the request made by the member for Prahran by letter dated 21 July and the response of the Acting Minister on 28 August 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.
- 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.

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- 3 Whether the Commission will undertake spot purchase in the Diamond Valley-Eltham area during this current financial year.
- 859 MR FOGARTY—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture further to question No. 447 answered on 21 October 1980, what are the names of the meat works in Victoria who owe the State Government amounts extending over twelve months, indicating the amounts owing and the period it has been outstanding.
- 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

- 861 MR JOLLY—To ask the Honourable the Treasurer how many young people were employed by the State Government in departments and instrumentalities under the Special Youth Employment Training Programme in 1979-80 and how many it is estimated will be employed under this scheme in 1980-81.
- 862 DR COGHILL—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Labour and Industry what safety standards and controls have been introduced for the use of lasers, indicating whether the controls implement Australian Standard A.S.2211-1978 "Laser Safety".
- 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

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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.
- 868 MR AMOS—To ask the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, for the Honourable the Minister of Water Supply, in respect of the complaints of landowners in the Cowwarr area affected by both the Rainbow Creek and the Thomson River:
- 1 On which occasions over the past five years Ministers of Water Supply have visited the area and ascertained the views of local people.
  - 2 On which occasions over the past five years Commissioners of the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission have visited the area to speak to local residents and to familiarize themselves with problems associated with these streams.
  - 3 How many incidents of vandalism at the Cowwarr Weir have been reported to the police over the past ten years, indicating to which police stations the reports have been made.
- 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".
- 875 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 to have incorporated in *Hansard* the information relating to those departments and statutory authorities not required to table their reports in Parliament, supplied directly to the then Leader of the Opposition in response to question No. 1642 of 19 April 1977, whether he will now make available this information for incorporation and provide details of any changes which have subsequently taken place.
- 876 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on administrative and advisory boards and committees 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.
- 877 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on right of nomination to public bodies 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.
- 878 MR MATHEWS—To ask the Honourable the Premier, further to his refusal on 16 October 1979 to bring up to date and consolidate in *Hansard* the information on Government inquiries, Royal Commissions and parliamentary committee investigations 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.
- 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 Yarrowonga 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 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.

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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.
- 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

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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.
  - 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.

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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 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.

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- 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.

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#### 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.
  - 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.

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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.

