

## **PAEC 2023-24 Estimates Hearing - Response to Questions Taken on Notice**

### **Question 1**

#### ***How many security incidents have there been over the past 12 months?***

As at May 2023, there were 286 security incidents across the parliamentary precinct and electorate offices portfolio in the 2022-23 financial year.

### **Question 2**

#### ***How many cyber security incidents?***

During an average day the Parliament of Victoria network:

- (a) receives more than 10,000 threat events
- (b) blocks 8,256 emails
- (c) receives 547 phishing emails
- (d) checks 88,248 websites
- (e) blocks 1.328 million connection attempts from suspect sources
- (f) monitors 10,523 MFA protected logins, of which typically 1,632 are failed logins.

### **Question 3**

#### ***Update on Speaker Brooks' commitment to explore protections for MPs?***

Parliament takes the security and wellbeing of Members, staff and visitors seriously and has made significant investments in enhancing its security capabilities in recent years.

As Presiding Officers, we will work closely with Members and stakeholders on any proposals for legislative reform that are aimed at increasing safety of all those participants in the parliamentary workplace. However, changes to legislation are ultimately matters for the Houses to determine.

### **Question 4**

#### ***Private v public school involvement in Youth Parliament?***

Many of the secondary school students participating in the YMCA Youth Parliament in 2022 were part of teams that did not represent a specific school but represented a geographical area or other organisation. There were seven teams that represented secondary schools, and of these three were public schools and four were private schools.

### **Question 5**

#### ***How much did the Charity Meals program cost?***

The Charity Meals Program commenced on 20 March 2020 in response to the impact on Melbourne's homeless and most vulnerable as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The ground floor production

kitchen was re-purposed to prepare, package and distribute meals. The Program operated seven days per week and produced over 1,500,000 meal items which were distributed through various charities.

The total cost of the Program from March 2020 to July 2021 was \$4.64 million which equates to about \$3.09 per meal item.

#### **Question 6**

##### ***Update on Restoration Stoneworks project budget?***

The Stoneworks Restoration project started in 2006. The current and final stage is scheduled to be completed in 2023-24. The cost of Stages 1 – 12 was \$69.7 million, the current Stage 13 has an estimated cost of 19.2 million. The total estimated cost from 2006 to 2024 is 88.9 million.

#### **Question 7**

##### ***Could I just get an assurance that if you are using any bluestone, it is coming from Bamstone in Western Victoria and not China?***

All bluestone for the Stoneworks Restoration project has been supplied from the Bamstone quarry in Port Fairy.

Replacement sandstone sourced for the Stoneworks Restoration project has come from Gosford Quarries in New South Wales, chosen as its Piles Creek White sandstone best compliments the original white Heatherlie sandstone's appearance and durability. The original sandstone was sourced from the Grampians and is no longer available.

The library wing of Parliament House originally employed Darley sandstone (yellow tones) from Bacchus March. Replacement stone of the same quality and colour was not available from any Australian quarry. Replacement stone for this section of Parliament House was sourced from Udelfanger Quarry in Germany.