

APPENDIX 2: FURTHER INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED AND QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FOR PORTFOLIOS

2.1 Parliamentary Departments

1. Quantification of subsidies and/or concessions managed within the Parliamentary Departments.
(Page 3 of the verified transcript)
2. Download speeds expected from the wireless broadband service.
(Page 9 of the verified transcript)
3. Status of Melbourne's water supply requirements.
(Page 12 of the verified transcript reference to the Environment and Natural Resources Committee relating to an inquiry into meeting)

2.2 Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

2.2.1 Education portfolio

1. Outline of the specific programs/initiatives which were included in previous budgets that deliver equity funding directly into schools (i.e. not via the Student Resource Package)
Page 13 of the verified transcript)
2. Details on the number of relocatable classrooms currently out on site at schools
(Page 16 of the verified transcript)
3. Specific details on the budget allocation made this year for interest payments on loans taken out by school councils/ co-operatives, and reasons for any change in the interest subsidy paid by the government
(Page 20 of the verified transcript)
4. Details on the proportion of the total cost that will be paid by schools and education providers in implementing the Victorian Student Register project into their operations
(Page 31 of the verified transcript)
5. Details of the on-going costs of running the Victorian Student Register
(Page 31 of the verified transcript)

6. Outline of the current situation on the proposed replacement of Tawonga Primary School portables with permanent buildings

(Page 31 of the verified transcript)

2.2.2 Children and Early Childhood Development

1. Details of the 'Best Start' sites at which the supported playgroups have been extended to

(Page 3 of the verified transcript)

2. Outline of key subsidies within the portfolio

(Pages 3 - 4 of the verified transcript)

3. Details on the median age for women having their first baby, and the current fertility rate

(Pages 4 - 5 of the verified transcript)

4. Details on how many complaints have been lodged with the state and federal anti-discrimination bodies in relation to students with disabilities, and details of how many confidential settlements have been made

(Pages 8 - 9 of the verified transcript)

5. Explanation as to whether vacancies have been filled to ensure that we are able to fully implement the program in relation to prep aged students being assessed by school nurses

(Pages 11 - 12 of the verified transcript)

2.3 Department of Human Services

2.3.1 Health portfolio

1. A breakdown of subsidies and concessions.

(Pages 4-5 of the verified transcript)

2. A breakdown of the asset investment program e.g. according to what is going into acute and sub-acute case care, ambulatory services, hospital capacity, additional patients being treated; and how much TEI extends beyond the four years of the estimates.

(Pages 5-6 of the verified transcript)

3. Details regarding how St John Ambulance (Australia) Victoria integrates with the three government supported ambulance services.

(Page 12 of the verified transcript)

4. Public dental service – initiatives designed to getting to people sooner to support better health including oral health.

(Pages 12-13 of the verified transcript)

5. Breakdown of the additional 258 paramedics into operational categories.

(Pages 17 of the verified transcript)

6. Extent of independent midwives operating without professional indemnity insurance and measures taken to address this issue.

(Pages 22-23 of the verified transcript)

7. The annual replacement rate of ambulances.

(Page 31 of the verified transcript)

8. The number of ambulances set up as heavyweight vehicles to carry obese people.

(Pages 31-32 of the verified transcript)

9. Specifics of obstetric care.

(Pages 32-33 of the verified transcript)

2.4 Department of Infrastructure

2.4.1 Public Transport portfolio

1. Specific details on revenue foregone, subsidies and concessions for the portfolio overall, including details of all new items and changes to previous items

(Page 4 of the verified transcript)

2. Outline of the expected completion date of the Dynon Port Rail Link (which will include a facility for freight to be offloaded from trains directly onto ships)

(Pages 7- 8 of the verified transcript)

3. Details of the subsidies provided by the government to the Department of Infrastructure (now the Department of Transport) for the provision of additional trains for the forthcoming grain harvest season.

(Page 9 of the verified transcript)

4. Calculation of performance penalties for train delays and cancellations

(Pages 22 - 23 of the verified transcript)

5. Details of whether there is proposed to be any increases to the cap on individual trips (currently \$30 per trip) under the Multi Purpose Taxi Program budget allocation, and the budgetary implications of this increase.

6. Details of the amount already spent to date and future budget allocations for country wheelchair accessible taxis.

2.4.2 Roads and Ports portfolio

1. Outline of any regulatory exemptions within the portfolio
(Pages 4 -5 of the verified transcript)
2. Estimate of any additional income that Transurban might receive in tolling as a result of the Monash – West Gate project
(Pages 5-7 of the verified transcript)
3. Details of the legal costs borne by the state in relation to the Channel Deepening project.
(Page 21 of the verified transcript)

2.5 Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development

2.5.1 Small Business portfolio

1. Details on regulations that have already been removed and those which will be removed by July 2009 under the small business portfolio.
(Pages 3-4 of the verified transcript)

2.6 Department of Justice

2.6.1 Corrections portfolio

1. Total number of breaches of home detention orders.
(Page 7 of the verified transcript)
2. Extent of funding set aside for drug programs in prisons.
(Page 10 of the verified transcript)

2.6.2 Police and Emergency Services portfolio

1. Maintenance costs of current firearms.
(Page 23 of the verified transcript)
2. Number and cost of stress-related work claims with a duration of under 10 days in Victoria Police.
(Page 27 of the verified transcript)

2.7 Department of Planning and Community Development

2.7.1 Multicultural Affairs portfolio

1. Is there any provision in the Budget for the creation of the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Older Person's Action Plan, which was described in the ALP 2006 election platform. If so, what is that provision?
2. Will funding of the New Workforce Partnerships Program continue at least until any Federal funding takes its place?

2.7.2 Veterans Affairs portfolio

1. Programs to support veterans attend medical appointments.

2.7.3 Women's Affairs portfolio

1. Results of the evaluation of the Women's Safety Strategy.
(Page 4 of the verified transcript)
2. Timing of previously-announced review of the Prostitution Control Act having regard to the portfolio's family violence and women's safety strategies.

(Pages 4- 5 of the verified transcript)

2.8 Department of Premier and Cabinet

2.8.1 Arts portfolio

1. Provide a list which quantifies the specific subsidies, concessions and any revenue foregone in the portfolio
(Page 3 of the verified transcript)
2. Provide a list of recorded attendances at the Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI), details of projected financial results moving forward for ACMI over the forward estimates period, and information on how the government will support ACMI if there are losses.

(Page 3 of the verified transcript)

2.8.2 Premier's portfolio

1. Provision of information regarding the breakdown of the difference between the estimate of superannuation plan assets as outlined in the December 2007 budget update of \$19.5 billion and the opening balance of plan assets for 2008-09 of \$17.5 billion – clarification sought regarding the proportion of the decline attributable to losses in equity markets compared to withdrawals by beneficiaries from superannuation funds.

(Page 8 of the verified transcript)

2. Breakdown of the intended spending on advertising campaigns for 2008-09 for those that are known at the beginning of the year.

(Page 12 of the verified transcript)

3. Expenditure on drought assistance compared to announcements.

(Page 20 of the verified transcript)

4. Funding for the Greens

(Pages 22-23 of the verified transcript)

2.9 Department of Primary Industries

2.9.1 Agriculture portfolio

1. Budget allocation moving forward for the enforcement of weed control on public land; expected number of prosecutions to be initiated, number of compliance officers and budget expenditure in terms of compliance

(Pages 11 - 12 of the verified transcript)

2. Compliance with relevant industry standards for animal welfare – inspections and prosecutions

(Page 14 of the verified transcript)

3. Administration of funding directed at the Future Farming Strategy, including a breakdown of the various components over the forward estimates

(Page 15 of the verified transcript)

4. Clarification of the relationship between the key budget assumptions described in the response to the Committee's estimates questionnaire and the Victorian economic projections outlined in the budget papers

(Page 23 of the verified transcript)

2.10 Department of Sustainability and Environment

The report of the hearing on this portfolio will be included in a future report of the Committee.

2.11 Department of Treasury and Finance

2.11.1 Treasury portfolio

1. Status of government action on energy, water and travel concessions for country Victorians.
(Pages 11-13 of the verified transcript)
2. Provision of data on impact to date of congestion levy on city parking spaces and status of planned review of levy.
(Pages 14-15 of the verified transcript)
3. Extent to which teachers' enterprise bargaining agreement will add to estimated increased expenditure in budget over the period 2007-08 to 2010-11.
(Pages 18-19 of the verified transcript)
4. Information on changes in value of superannuation plan assets in the general government sector between the 2007-08 budget update document and the 2008-09 budget papers.
(Pages 21-22 of the verified transcript)
5. Information on the comparative unit cost of water delivered to Melbourne via the desalination plant and north-south pipeline, and recycling and the impact of changing underlying assumptions on water savings.
(Pages 23-24 of the verified transcript)
6. Estimated breakdown of infrastructure program of almost \$30 billion over the next four years between projects under direct government procurement and those under public/private partnerships.
(Pages 27-28 of the verified transcript)
7. Number of firms with 20 employees or less who will now pay payroll tax under existing threshold.
(Pages 29-31 of the verified transcript)
8. Phasing of estimated expenditure under the Regional Infrastructure Investment Fund for 2007-08 and 2008-09.
(Pages 33-34 of the verified transcript)
9. Reconciliation of different budget figures relating to employee benefit expenses.
(Pages 37-38 of the verified transcript)

10. Reconciliation of different figures for general government sector borrowings shown in Table 1.2 on page 12 of Budget Paper 4 and Table 3.6 on page 51 of Budget Paper 2.

(Pages 38-39 of the verified transcript)