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Tuesday, 28 February 2006

Planning: Deakin University Burwood campus

- 424.** Mr BAILLIEU to ask the Minister for Planning — With reference to the discussions with the Burwood campus of Deakin University regarding the ownership and use of the site known as the Northern Oval:
- (1) When did the discussions start.
 - (2) How many discussions or meetings have taken place.
 - (3) What specifically has been discussed so far.
 - (4) What is still to be discussed.
 - (5) What agreements have been reached.
 - (6) Is one of the points of discussion about a long term recreation space agreement and, if so, how long would that agreement last.
 - (7) Has the Government offered Deakin University a price for the land and, if so, how much.
 - (8) When will the Deakin-owned portion of the Northern Oval be transferred to public ownership as stated in an email from the Minister's office dated 22 November 2002 and has it been determined what it will take to make this now 15-month-old promise happen.

ANSWER:

I have no direct information in relation to any discussions with Deakin University regarding the transfer of ownership of the Northern Oval site from the University. I am informed that Deakin University has not agreed to requests from the local community on the basis that it cannot afford to gift the land to the Council.

The Government has not offered Deakin University a price for the land. It is the responsibility of the University to work with Whitehorse City Council to reach agreement on how public access to the land can be maintained.

Negotiations took place between Deakin University, Council and the Department of Sustainability and Environment on the most appropriate planning controls for the future development of Deakin University. This resulted in Amendment C24 introduced in December 2002 which protects the integrity and amenity of the Gardiner's Creek Linear Reserve, including the introduction of planning controls which prevents the construction of any building on the Northern Oval site.

There have been no agreements with respect to the land.

State and regional development: international travel

- 577.** Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for State and Regional Development —
- (1) Did the Minister take any international trips in —

- (a) 2003–2004;
 - (b) 2002–2003.
- (2) If so —
- (a) what were the dates of travel;
 - (b) what were the destinations of travel;
 - (c) what were the purposes for the travel.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

- (1) Yes
- (2) Dates, destinations and purposes of travel were as follows:

– 17–28 June 2003

(Dallas, Boston, Albany, Washington, Baltimore and Los Angeles)

To promote Victorian biotechnology capabilities and leverage off opportunities presented by attending BIO 2003 in Washington; promote Melbourne’s Film Studio; meet with international companies with substantial investments in Victoria and organisations involved in the delivery of Public Private Partnership projects; and visit centres of excellence in research and development and nanotechnology.

– 26 November–12 December 2003

(Berlin, Stuttgart, Frankfurt, Nurnberg, Shanghai, Nanjing and Hong Kong)

To present a Keynote address at the Public Private Partnerships Global Summit in Berlin, undertake investment related meetings, open the new Victorian Government Business Office in Nanjing; and sign the cooperative marketing program with China Eastern Airlines prior to commencement of services to Melbourne.

– 5–13 June 2004

(San Francisco, Seattle and Los Angeles)

To promote Victorian biotechnology capabilities and leverage off opportunities presented by attending BIO 2004 in San Francisco, promote Melbourne’s Film Studio and visit international companies with substantial investments in Victoria.

State and regional development: air warfare destroyer contract

- 768.** Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Victorian bid by Tenix Williamstown for the Navy’s Air Warfare Destroyer (AWD) contract — list the names of individuals and/or industry sources which provided advice in relation to the Victorian defence contract bid.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Firstly, the bid for the AWD contract was made by Tenix Defence, a private company, not the State Government. The role of the State Government was to support Tenix in its bid. The bid itself was confidential, and the Government was unable to know the details of the bid. Any advice from individuals and/or industry sources on the bid itself would be a matter for Tenix.

Secondly, in supporting the Tenix bid, the State Government received advice from a number of sources, for the purposes of economic modelling of the impacts of the AWD project to inform consideration of Government support for the project, advice on industry analysis on naval shipbuilding to allow the Government to develop an appropriate support package, advice and information to assist Government communications on the project, quality assurance on the structure and efficiency of the Government support package, advice on commercial negotiations between the Government and Tenix, and technical advice on the AWD tender process.

The following external parties advised the Government:

- The Allen Consulting Group (principal Jon Stanford);
- Centre for Policy Studies (principal Professor Philip Adams);
- The Clifton Coney Group (principal John Ridley);
- Hintons and Associates (principal Tim Duncan);
- PricewaterhouseCoopers (principal David Cochrane) ;
- Deloitte (principal Michael Gastevich);
- Charles River Associates (principal Henry Ergas) and Firecone Ventures (principal Jamie Carstairs); and
- Major General (rtd) Peter Haddad AO.

Major Gen Haddad also chaired a liaison group to inform Government on the project. This group included:

- Mr Neil Edwards, Chairman Port of Melbourne Corporation;
- Professor Elizabeth Harman, Vice-Chancellor, Victoria University;
- Mr Bill Jaboor, Chief Executive Officer Hobson’s Bay Council;
- Mrs Sue Smith, Executive officer, Australian Industry Defence Network–Victoria;
- Dr Bill Schofield, Principal, Schofield Science and technology Pty Ltd;
- Commodore (Retired) Denis Mole, Naval Adviser; and
- Peter Yates, Industry Capability Network (Vic) Ltd.

Environment: Second Street, Black Rock, seawall

890. Mr THOMPSON to ask the Minister for Environment with reference to the sea wall opposite Second Street and the significant damage to the wall on the seaward side visible only from the beach and noting the significantly increased costs in the event of the wall further breaking —

- (1) What assessment has been made by the Department of the damage.
- (2) What is the program for the repair of the wall.
- (3) What is the estimated cost of repairs.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Following representations to the Minister for Environment from the Member for Higinbotham Province, Noel Pullen, MP:

- (1) Department of Sustainability and Environment officers have met with contractors to assess the damage to the Black Rock Seawall.
- (2) Works are expected to be completed by the second week of February 2006, weather permitting.
- (3) Estimated cost of repairs is \$10,000. Funding for these works has been made available by the Bracks Government under the Emergency Asset Repairs in the Protecting our Bays Program. This Program aims to

reduce coastal erosion and improve foreshore protection around Port Phillip Bay and Western Port. The Protecting our Bays Program will make beaches and foreshores safer and more enjoyable places to visit and allow for proper planning and repair works.

Planning: Nicholson Street, East Melbourne, office

934. Mr BAILLIEU to ask the Minister for Planning how many days in each month since assuming the position of Minister for Planning has the Minister attended the office of the Minister for Planning at 8 Nicholson Street, East Melbourne.

ANSWER:

Generally every working day except for days working in rural and regional Victoria or representing the Victorian Government at Ministerial conferences or meetings outside of the State of Victoria.

Community services: disability services needs register

938. Mrs SHARDEY to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to people on the Disability Services Needs Register as at 30 June 2005 —

- (1) How many have a carer.
- (2) How many do not have a carer.
- (3) How many have their carer's age recorded.
- (4) How many do not have their carer's age recorded.
- (5) How many of the carers with their age recorded are aged —
 - (a) under 55 years;
 - (b) 55 to 64;
 - (c) 65 to 69;
 - (d) over 70 years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

With reference to people on the Disability Services Needs Register as at 30 June 2005 —

- (1) 2,780 have a carer recorded.
- (2) 1,981 do not have a carer recorded.
- (3) 2,307 have their carer's age recorded.
- (4) 473 do not have their carer's age recorded.
- (5) The ages of carers with their age recorded are —
 - (a) Under 55 years, 1,126;
 - (b) 55 to 64, 571;
 - (c) 65 to 69, 180;
 - (d) over 70 years, 430.

Community services: shared supported accommodation — total funding

939. Mrs SHARDEY to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to funding for people with disabilities in shared supported accommodation as at June 30 2005 —

- (1) What was the total funding allocated to shared supported accommodation.
- (2) How much of the funding was for Department managed accommodation.
- (3) How much of the funding is the amount of capital asset charged attributed to Secretary-owned accommodation.
- (4) How much of the funding is a proportion of statewide corporate infrastructure costs attributed to Secretary-owned accommodation.
- (5) How much of the funding is revenue offsets applied to support the accommodation of residents.
- (6) How many people were residents in Department managed accommodation.
- (7) How much of the funding was for non-government managed accommodation.
- (8) How many people were residents in non-government managed accommodation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

With reference to funding for people with disabilities in shared supported accommodation as at 30 June 2005 —

- (1) The total funding allocated to the Shared Supported Accommodation for 2004–05 is shown in the Department of Human Services Annual Report 2004–05.
- (2) The funding allocated to shared supported accommodation for Department managed accommodation was \$205.8m.
- (3) The amount of funding attributed to capital asset charge was \$11.9m for the shared supported accommodation output.
- (4) The corporate infrastructure costs attributed to the Shared Supported Accommodation Output was \$34.2m. This overall cost is applied at an output level only and covers both the government and non-government services.
- (5) The amount of the funding, which is revenue offsets applied to support the accommodation of departmental residents was \$4.5m.
- (6) The number of residents in Department managed shared supported accommodation was 2303.
- (7) The funding allocated to both shared supported accommodation and transitional accommodation support for non-Government managed accommodation was \$137.0m.
- (8) The number of residents in non-Government managed shared supported accommodation and transitional accommodation support was 2126.

Community services: shared supported accommodation — eastern region

940. Mrs SHARDEY to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to people with disabilities and in the Eastern Region as at 30 June 2005 —

- (1) What was the total funding allocated to shared supported accommodation.

- (2) How much of the funding allocated to shared supported accommodation was for Department managed accommodation.
- (3) How many people were residents in Department managed shared supported accommodation.
- (4) How much of the funding allocated to shared supported accommodation was for non-Government managed accommodation.
- (5) How many people were residents in non-Government managed shared supported accommodation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In the Eastern Region as at 30 June 2005 —

- (1) The total funding allocated to shared supported accommodation was \$82.9m.
- (2) The funding allocated to shared supported accommodation for Department managed accommodation was \$42.5m.
- (3) The number of residents in Department managed shared supported accommodation was 426.
- (4) The funding allocated to shared supported accommodation for non-Government managed accommodation was \$40.4m.
- (5) The number of residents in non-Government managed shared supported accommodation was 621.

Community services: shared supported accommodation — northern region

941. Mrs SHARDEY to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to people with disabilities in the Northern Region as at 30 June 2005 —

- (1) What was the total funding allocated to shared supported accommodation.
- (2) How much of the funding allocated to shared supported accommodation was for Department managed accommodation.
- (3) How many people were residents in Department managed shared supported accommodation.
- (4) How much of the funding allocated to shared supported accommodation was for non-Government managed accommodation.
- (5) How many people were residents in non-Government managed shared supported accommodation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Northern and Western Regions merged and are now the North and Western Region.

In the North and Western Region as at 30 June 2005:

- (1) The total funding allocated to shared supported accommodation was \$95.5m.
- (2) The funding allocated to shared supported accommodation for Department managed accommodation was \$63.9m.
- (3) The number of residents in Department managed shared supported accommodation was 672.

- (4) The funding allocated to shared supported accommodation for non-Government managed accommodation was \$31.6m.
- (5) The number of residents in non-Government managed shared supported accommodation was 513.

Community services: shared supported accommodation — western region

- 942.** Mrs SHARDEY to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to people with disabilities in the Western Region as at 30 June 2005 —
- (1) What was the total funding allocated to shared supported accommodation.
 - (2) How much of the funding allocated to shared supported accommodation was for Department managed accommodation.
 - (3) How many people were residents in Department managed shared supported accommodation.
 - (4) How much of the funding allocated to shared supported accommodation was for non-Government managed accommodation.
 - (5) How many people were residents in non-Government managed shared supported accommodation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Northern and Western Regions merged and are now the North and Western Region.

In the North and Western Region as at 30 June 2005:

- (1) The total funding allocated to shared supported accommodation was \$95.5m.
- (2) The funding allocated to shared supported accommodation for Department managed accommodation was \$63.9m.
- (3) The number of residents in Department managed shared supported accommodation was 672.
- (4) The funding allocated to shared supported accommodation for non-Government managed accommodation was \$31.6m.
- (5) The number of residents in non-Government managed shared supported accommodation was 513.

Community services: shared supported accommodation — Barwon south western region

- 943.** Mrs SHARDEY to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to people with disabilities in the Barwon South Western Region as at 30 June 2005 —
- (1) What was the total funding allocated to shared supported accommodation.
 - (2) How much of the funding allocated to shared supported accommodation was for Department managed accommodation.
 - (3) How many people were residents in Department managed shared supported accommodation.
 - (4) How much of the funding allocated to shared supported accommodation was for non-Government managed accommodation.
 - (5) How many people were residents in non-Government managed shared supported accommodation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In the Barwon South Western Region as at 30 June 2005 —

- (1) The total funding allocated to shared supported accommodation was \$18.1m.
- (2) The funding allocated to shared supported accommodation for Department managed accommodation was \$10.2m.
- (3) The number of residents in Department managed shared supported accommodation was 119.
- (4) The funding allocated to shared supported accommodation for non-Government managed accommodation was \$7.9m.
- (5) The number of residents in non-Government managed shared supported accommodation was 107.

Community services: shared supported accommodation — Grampians region

944. Mrs SHARDEY to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to people with disabilities in the Grampians Region as at 30 June 2005 —

- (1) What was the total funding allocated to shared supported accommodation.
- (2) How much of the funding allocated to shared supported accommodation was for Department managed accommodation.
- (3) How many people were residents in Department managed shared supported accommodation.
- (4) How much of the funding allocated to shared supported accommodation was for non-Government managed accommodation.
- (5) How many people were residents in non-Government managed shared supported accommodation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In the Grampians Region as at 30 June 2005 —

- (1) The total funding allocated to shared supported accommodation was \$27.9m.
- (2) The funding allocated to shared supported accommodation for Department managed accommodation was \$23.9m.
- (3) The number of residents in Department managed shared supported accommodation was 307.
- (4) The funding allocated to shared supported accommodation for non-Government managed accommodation was \$4.0m.
- (5) The number of residents in non-Government managed shared supported accommodation was 70.

Community services: shared supported accommodation — Hume region

945. Mrs SHARDEY to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to people with disabilities in the Hume Region as at 30 June 2005 —

- (1) What was the total funding allocated to shared supported accommodation.
- (2) How much of the funding allocated to shared supported accommodation was for Department managed accommodation.
- (3) How many people were residents in Department managed shared supported accommodation.
- (4) How much of the funding allocated to shared supported accommodation was for non-Government managed accommodation.
- (5) How many people were residents in non-Government managed shared supported accommodation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In the Hume Region as at 30 June 2005 —

- (1) The total funding allocated to shared supported accommodation was \$21.0m.
- (2) The funding allocated to shared supported accommodation for Department managed accommodation was \$13.9m.
- (3) The number of residents in Department managed shared supported accommodation was 202.
- (4) The funding allocated to shared supported accommodation for non-Government managed accommodation was \$7.1m.
- (5) The number of residents in non-Government managed shared supported accommodation was 150.

Community services: shared supported accommodation — Loddon Mallee region

946. Mrs SHARDEY to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to people with disabilities in the Loddon Mallee Region as at 30 June 2005 —

- (1) What was the total funding allocated to shared supported accommodation.
- (2) How much of the funding allocated to shared supported accommodation was for Department managed accommodation.
- (3) How many people were residents in Department managed shared supported accommodation.
- (4) How much of the funding allocated to shared supported accommodation was for non-Government managed accommodation.
- (5) How many people were residents in non-Government managed shared supported accommodation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In the Loddon Mallee Region as at 30 June 2005 —

- (1) The total funding allocated to shared supported accommodation was \$17.4m.
- (2) The funding allocated to shared supported accommodation for Department managed accommodation was \$11.0m.
- (3) The number of residents in Department managed shared supported accommodation was 135.

- (4) The funding allocated to shared supported accommodation for non-Government managed accommodation was \$6.4m.
- (5) The number of residents in non-Government managed shared supported accommodation was 73.

Community services: state disability plan

947. Mrs SHARDEY to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the answer to question 486 given on 9 December 2004 about the development of a second Victorian State Disability Plan Implementation Plan for 2006–08 — has the comprehensive review of the progress of initiatives under the 2002–05 plan been completed; if so, on what date was it completed and when will the Minister make a copy publicly available.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Work has commenced on the development of a second Implementation Plan for 2006–2008. As part of this work, a review of the progress of initiatives under the broader State Plan for 2002–2005 is being undertaken. This will provide a valuable indication of the types of real changes taking place in the lives of people with a disability and will be publicly available.

Community services: disability needs register

949. Mrs SHARDEY to ask the Minister for Community Services — of the 100 carers aged 65 to 69 and the 269 carers aged 70 or more years whose disabled relative has been identified on the Disability Needs Register, how many have been contacted and advised of the growth funding for respite services and services which have a respite effect for carers in their age group, agreed to by the Victorian and Commonwealth governments in a bilateral agreement under the terms of the Commonwealth States/Territories disability agreement.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Of the 100 carers aged 65 to 69 and 269 carers aged 70 or more years on the Service Needs Register (SNR):

It is not possible to specify how many of these ageing carers have been contacted to date.

DHS Regions are working with a range of Community Service Organisations, Carers Victoria and the Commonwealth Carer Respite Centres, to identify and engage with all ageing carers to meet their respite needs and provide respite as agreed under the Bilateral Agreement.

Community services: ageing parent carers

950. Mrs SHARDEY to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the Disability Services Quarterly Data Collection data 2003–04 — what is the base level of services provided to the ageing parent carers who are the target group for the growth funding for respite services and services which have a respite effects for carers in their age group, agreed to by the Victorian and Commonwealth governments in a bilateral agreement under the terms of the Commonwealth States/Territories disability agreement.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In 2003–04, 501 older carers in the targeted age group of 65 years and above benefited from the respite growth funding provided under the bilateral agreement.

For the purpose of this performance reporting it has been assumed there is a one to one relationship between the individuals receiving respite and the older parent carer. It is possible that an older parent carer supports more than one adult child with a disability.

Community services: ageing parent carers

951. Mrs SHARDEY to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference the bilateral agreement under the terms of the Commonwealth States/Territories disability agreement for respite for ageing parent carers —

- (1) What funds did Victoria receive from the Commonwealth for 2004–05.
- (2) What funds did Victoria contribute in 2004–05 to meet its responsibilities under the agreement.
- (3) What funds does Victoria expect to receive from the Commonwealth for 2005–06.
- (4) What funds does Victoria expect to contribute for 2005–06.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Victoria received \$2 million from the Commonwealth for the Bilateral Agreement for respite for ageing parent carers in 2004–05.
- (2) Victoria contributed \$2 million toward the Bilateral Agreement for respite for ageing parent carers in 2004–05.
- (3) Victoria received an additional \$3 million from the Commonwealth for the Bilateral Agreement for respite for ageing parent carers in 2005–06, bringing the total funding from the Commonwealth in 2005–06 to \$5 million.
- (4) Victoria contributed an additional \$3 million toward the Bilateral Agreement for respite for ageing parent carers in 2005–06, bringing the total contribution from Victoria in 2005–06 to \$5 million.

Community services: Colanda centre

952. Mrs SHARDEY to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to people with disabilities at Colanda as at 30 June 2005 —

- (1) What was the number of people in residence.
- (2) What was the total recurrent expenditure provided by the Department.
- (3) How many people received on-site day programs.
- (4) What was the total expenditure in 2004–05 for on-site day programs.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In relation to people with disabilities at Colanda as at 30 June 2005:

- (1) The number of people in residence was 140.
- (2) The total recurrent funding provided by the Department (including on site day programs) was \$14.2m.

- (3) The number of people that received on-site day programs was 72.
- (4) The total expenditure in 2004–05 for on-site day programs was \$0.5m

Community services: Sandhurst centre

953. Mrs SHARDEY to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to people with disabilities at Sandhurst as at 30 June 2005 —

- (1) What was the number of people in residence.
- (2) What was the total recurrent expenditure provided by the Department.
- (3) How many people received on-site day programs.
- (4) What was the total expenditure in 2004–05 for on-site day programs.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In relation to people with disabilities at Sandhurst as at 30 June 2005:

- (1) The number of people in residence was 44.
- (2) The total recurrent funding provided by the Department was \$4.7m.
- (3) All day programs are provided off-site.
- (4) No on-site day program expenditure is applicable in 2004–05.

Community services: Kew Residential Services

954. Mrs SHARDEY to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to people with disabilities at Kew Residential Services as at 30 June 2005 —

- (1) What was the number of people in residence.
- (2) What was the total recurrent expenditure provided by the Department.
- (3) How many people received on-site day programs.
- (4) What was the total expenditure in 2004–05 for on-site day programs.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In relation to people with disabilities at Kew Residential Services, which is under redevelopment, as at 30 June 2005:

- (1) The number of people in residence was 278.
- (2) The total recurrent funding provided by the Department (including on-site day programs and redevelopment funding) was \$39.8m.
- (3) The number of people that received on-site day programs was 106.
- (4) The total expenditure in 2004–05 for on-site day programs was \$1.2m

Community services: Plenty Residential Services

955. Mrs SHARDEY to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to people with disabilities at Plenty Residential Services as at 30 June 2005 —

- (1) What was the number of people in residence.
- (2) What was the total recurrent expenditure provided by the Department.
- (3) How many people received on-site day programs.
- (4) What was the total expenditure in 2004–05 for on-site day programs.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In relation to people with disabilities at Plenty Residential Services as at 30 June 2005:

- (1) The number of people in residence was 99.
- (2) The total recurrent funding provided by the Department (including on-site day programs) was \$10.1m.
- (3) The number of people that received on-site day programs was 4.
- (4) The total expenditure in 2004–05 for on-site day programs was \$0.1m.

Community services: Redlands centre

956. Mrs SHARDEY to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to people with disabilities at Redlands as at 30 June 2005 —

- (1) What was the number of people in residence.
- (2) What was the total recurrent expenditure provided by the Department.
- (3) How many people received on-site day programs.
- (4) What was the total expenditure in 2004–05 for on-site day programs.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The site of congregate care facility Redlands Wandin East closed down during December 2004. At this time, there were 9 remaining residents at this site. These residents progressively moved to their new, purpose build accommodation at Hereford Rd., Mt Evelyn, over the period 13–16 December 2004.

During this time of closure, there [were] no on-site day programs reported on the Redlands site.

Community services: Woodbine centre

957. Mrs SHARDEY to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to people with disabilities at Woodbine as at 30 June 2005 —

- (1) What was the number of people in residence.
- (2) What was the total recurrent expenditure provided by the Department.

- (3) How many people received on-site day programs.
- (4) What was the total expenditure in 2004–05 for on-site day programs.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In relation to people with disabilities at Woodbine as at 30 June 2005:

- (1) The number of people in congregate care was 9.
- (2) The total recurrent funding provided by the Department for congregate care and on-site day programs was \$0.9m.
- (3) The number of people that received on-site day programs was 9.
- (4) The total expenditure in 2004–05 for on-site day programs was \$0.2m.

Community services: Kindilan centre

958. Mrs SHARDEY to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to people with disabilities at Kindilan as at 30 June 2005 —

- (1) What was the number of people in residence.
- (2) What was the total recurrent expenditure provided by the Department.
- (3) How many people received on-site day programs.
- (4) What was the total expenditure in 2004–05 for on-site day programs.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In relation to people with disabilities at Kindilan as at 30 June 2005:

- (1) The number of people in congregate care was 35.
- (2) The total funding provided by the Department for congregate care and on-site day programs was \$3.0m.
- (3) The number of people that received on-site day programs was 35.
- (4) The total expenditure in 2004–05 for on-site day programs was \$0.7m

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Thursday, 2 March 2006

Major projects: hazardous waste sites

378. Mr RYAN to ask the Minister for Major Projects —

- (1) Why is the Hazardous Waste Siting Advisory Committee not mentioned in any of the material released by the Government and did it play any role in the site selection.
- (2) Where were the other 100, 14 and six sites that were originally identified before the Government came up with the final three at Violet Town, Pittong and Tiega.
- (3) Why is it that the soil recycling facility at Dutson Downs will not be subject to an environmental effects statement when these three sites will be.
- (4) What were the '30 stringent criteria' used by the Government to identify the three sites.
- (5) On what criteria was two-thirds of the State ruled out through computer mapping alone.
- (6) How can it be possible that no suitable Crown land could be found.
- (7) Why is it that, given the Government expects the facility to be highly secure, no sites were short-listed in the metropolitan area where the bulk of the waste will come from.
- (8) How long has this process been under way and were any tests taken on private land without the consent of landholders.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The more than 30 siting criteria were adopted by government in December 2000 after significant community consultation.

The siting criteria for the Containment Facility were published in the Final Report of the Hazardous Waste Consultative Committee in April 2000.

Attorney-General: Metlink and V/Line fare evasion

924(a). Mr MULDER to ask the Attorney-General —

With reference to individuals who have been fined a second or greater number of times for a public transport related offence since the graduated fines came into existence in July 2004 —

- (1) How many individuals were fined for offences committed in —
 - (a) the Melbourne metropolitan area;
 - (b) rural Victoria.

- (2) What offence did each repeat fine involve.
- (3) What was the postcode of residence, if known, of each offender.
- (4) How much is the total amount of fines imposed upon repeat offenders since July 2004.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

This matter falls within the responsibility of the Minister for Transport. My Department does not have access to the data requested.

Attorney-General: Alex Baptist

931. Mr PERTON to ask the Attorney-General with reference to the *Herald Sun* article on 28 October 2005 entitled 'Death Answer Wanted' relating to the death of a four year old, Alex Baptist, which stated that 'The Baptists have more than 3000 signatures on a petition seeking a full inquiry into Alex's death and better allergy awareness in schools and preschools. The couple have also requested a meeting with Attorney-General Rob Hulls in their push for an inquest into Alex's death. Mr Hulls's spokeswoman, Sally Finlay, said a meeting was being arranged, but in the meantime the coroner's office would decide whether an inquest would be held' —

- (1) Has a meeting with the Minister and the Baptists taken place; if so, what resulted from that meeting.
- (2) Has a coronial inquest taken place; if not, is an inquest expected.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) I have spoken to Mr and Mrs Baptist regarding the tragic death of their son Alex Baptist. Ms Jenny Mikakos MP also met with the Baptists on 9 November 2005 during which the Baptists presented a petition calling for an inquest into Alex's death. Unfortunately, the petition did not meet the requirements for tabling in either House of Parliament. However, Ms Mikakos did deliver a Member's Statement in the other place, to draw attention to the petition and to express the sympathy we all feel towards the Baptists over the loss of their son.
- (2) It is a matter for the coroner investigating a death to determine whether an inquest should take place. In making that decision, a coroner takes a number of things into account including the circumstances surrounding a death and whether there is a matter of public importance to be considered. I can advise Mr Perton that the coroner has made a decision and that a coronial inquest will be held into the death of Alex Baptist. Mr and Mrs Baptist have been informed of this outcome.