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*Answers to the following questions on notice were circulated on the date shown.  
Questions have been incorporated from the notice paper of the Legislative Assembly.  
Answers have been incorporated in the form supplied by the departments on behalf of the appropriate ministers.  
The portfolio of the minister answering the question on notice starts each heading.*

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**Police and emergency services: Beach Road, Beaumaris, speed camera fines**

**385.** Mr THOMPSON to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to speed cameras operational in 2002–2003 which resulted in 2657 fines being issued following 195.77 hours of operation and raising \$403 864 — what were the comparable number of fines, hours of speed camera operation and dollars raised in the same location for each of 1999–2000, 2000–2001 and 2001–2002.

**ANSWER:**

In 1999–2000, during 129.4 hours of operation, there were 1995 infringements at a value of \$261 420. In 2000–2001, during 76.3 hours of operation, there were 968 infringements at a value of \$111 040. In 2001–2002, during 260 hours of operation, there were 2247 infringements at a value of \$304 290.

**Police and emergency services: Bluff Road, Hampton, speed camera fines**

**386.** Mr THOMPSON to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to speed cameras operational in 2002–2003 which resulted in 2522 fines being issued following 134.94 hours of operation and raising \$383 344 — what were the comparable number of fines, hours of speed camera operation and dollars raised in the same location for each of 1999–2000, 2000–2001 and 2001–2002.

**ANSWER:**

In 1999–2000 there were zero hours of operation, therefore the value of fines issued was zero. In 2000–2001 during 260.9 hours of operation, there were 2037 infringements at a value of \$233 825. In 2001–2002, during 107.3 hours of operation, there were 836 infringements at a value of \$113 810.

**State and regional development: Victorian industry participation policy**

**638.** Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Victorian Industry Participation Policy report for 2003–04 tabled on 30 November 2004 — further to ‘Table 1: Application of the VIPP since inception’ on page three —

- (1) What were each of the —
  - (a) 25 new projects that VIPP was applied to in 2001;
  - (b) 46 new projects that VIPP was applied to in 2001–02;
  - (c) 56 new projects that VIPP was applied to in 2002–03;
  - (d) 99 new projects that VIPP was applied to in 2003–04.
- (2) How many jobs were created from each of the —
  - (a) 25 new projects that VIPP was applied to in 2001;
  - (b) 46 new projects that VIPP was applied to in 2001–02;
  - (c) 56 new projects that VIPP was applied to in 2002–03;
  - (d) 99 new projects that VIPP was applied to in 2003–04.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

This matter is not part of my Ministerial responsibility.

**State and regional development: Victorian industry participation policy**

**639.** Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for State and Regional Development with reference to the Victorian Industry Participation Policy 2003–04 report to Parliament — further to point 3f on page five —

- (1) Why did VIPP not apply to 23 projects.
- (2) How many projects had VIPP partially applied to and why.
- (3) How many projects had VIPP incorrectly applied.
- (4) Which projects had VIPP incorrectly applied.
- (5) Why did some projects have VIPP incorrectly applied.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

This matter is not part of my Ministerial responsibility.

**Education services: ministerial trips**

**829(b).** Mr PERTON to ask the Minister for Education Services —

What overseas and interstate trips on ministerial business has the Minister undertaken since 16 September 2003 and what were the purposes of each such trip.

**ANSWER:**

Between 16 September 2003 and 11 August 2005, as Minister for Education Services I undertook the following interstate trips:

- 7 May 2004 — Sydney — Future Summit 2004, Creating a Better World, where I was a speaker, and
- 12 July 2005 — Brisbane — a meeting with the Queensland Minister for Education and the Arts regarding the State Government Resources program.

**Innovation: consultancies**

**961(b).** Mr KOTSIRAS to ask the Minister for Innovation —

With reference to the Department and each agency and authority within the Minister's administration — what are the details of each consultancy commissioned since 1 January 2005, indicating —

- (1) Date.
- (2) Cost.
- (3) Purpose.
- (4) Name and address of consultant.
- (5) Recommendations made.

- (6) Action taken in response to any recommendations.
- (7) Whether tenders were called.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

Details of consultancies over \$100 000 are provided in the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development's Annual Report. The Government cannot justify diversion of the Department's time and resources required to provide the level of detail requested with respect to consultancies under \$100 000.

**Innovation: advertising**

**962(b).** Mr KOTSIRAS to ask the Minister for Innovation —

With reference to the Department and each agency and authority within the Minister's administration — what are the details of all advertising campaigns indicating the purpose and total costs of each campaign since 1 January 2005.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

This is one of a number of questions seeking information with respect to advertising campaigns across Government agencies and authorities.

The Government cannot justify diversion of the Department's time and resources required to gather this information and answer these questions.

**Innovation: publications**

**963(a).** Mr KOTSIRAS to ask the Minister for Innovation —

What are the details of all publications produced by the Department since 1 January 2005 to date, indicating —

- (1) Title.
- (2) Date of issue or distribution.
- (3) Cost of production.
- (4) Number printed.
- (5) Name of printer.
- (6) Details of distribution, including numbers and cost.
- (7) Purpose of production.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

This information forms part of the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development's Annual Report as additional information available on request. A list of publications is attached.

**Details of DIIRD Publications**

The Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development publications listed below are available for distribution to clients.

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<b>Publication</b>	<b>Type</b>
Child Employment General Information	Booklet
Child Employment — Police Checks	Brochure
Work and Family Balance	Brochure
Workplace Excellence Awards	Brochure
Common Rule Awards	Brochure
Long Service Leave Provisions Discussion Paper	
Quality Part-Time Work Report: Working Better for Everyone	Brochure
Report to Inquiry-Owner Drivers and Forestry Contractors	Brochure
Outworker information brochures (five separate brochures targeted at specific stakeholders — general, manufacturers and contractors, outworkers, retailers, and government agencies. The brochures for outworkers and manufacturers and contractors are also available in Vietnamese, Chinese, Cambodian, Turkish, Korean, Laotian, Arabic, Filipino, Greek, Bosnian and Thai).	Brochures
Opening Doors to Export	Brochure
Opening Doors to Export—Export Access China	Brochure
Opening Doors to Export—Export Access America	Brochure
Opening Doors to Export — First Step Exporter	Flyer
Regional Revival — Shared Growth: Regional Infrastructure Development Fund	Brochure
Regional Development Victoria Annual Report 2004/05	Report
Jobs for Victorians Victorian Industry Participation Policy	Brochure
Export Discussion Paper	Booklet
Opening Doors to Export Plan	Plan
The Long Goodbye	Brochure
State of Design Initiative	Brochure
Risk and Reward Issue 14	Newsletter
Risk and Reward Issue 15	Newsletter
Risk and Reward Issue 16	Newsletter
Risk and Reward Issue 17	Newsletter
VEN	Newsletter
2005 Biotechnology Entrepreneur Program	Flyer
RMIT Business Lecture Series Invitation	Brochure
Risk and Reward Issue 18	Newsletter
Victorian Biotechnology Directory 2004/05	CD-ROM & booklet
Biotechnology Strategic Development Plan for Victoria 2004	Booklet
Victorian Biotechnology Industry report	Booklet
Teacher Resource Kit for the Careers in Manufacturing strategy.	
Defence Industry Capability	Brochure
Aerospace Industry Capability	Brochure
Victoria's Naval Shipbuilding Capability	Brochure
The Marine Manufacturing Industry	Brochure
Professional and technical Services	Newsletter
Invest Victoria Flagship Brochure	Brochure



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<b>Publication</b>	<b>Type</b>
Invest Victoria Sector Brochure — Automotive	Brochures
Invest Victoria Sector Brochure — Aerospace	
Invest Victoria Sector Brochure — Biotechnology	
Invest Victoria Sector Brochure — Financial Service	
Invest Victoria Sector Brochure — Food	
Invest Victoria Sector Brochure — Service Centres	
Invest Victoria Sector Brochure — ICT	
Invest Victoria Postcard — Melbourne livable city	
Invest Victoria Postcard — Access America program	
Export Awards	Booklet/flyer
DIIRD Annual Report 2004/05	Report
RMIT Business Lecture Series Invitation—postcard	Postcard
RMIT Business Lecture Series Invitation	Brochure
Biotechnology e-bulletins (	Newsletter
One Biotechnology promotional BIO2005	Brochure
Victorian Biotechnology Directory	CD-ROM
Parkville Precinct Strategic Plan project in 2004/05	E-bulletins
Infrastructure Grants Program 2005 (Round 3)	Booklet
Infrastructure Grants Program outcomes Round One	Brochure
Victoria Prize and Fellowships 2004	Booklet
Call for Victoria Prize and Fellowships 2005 Applications	Flyer
Call for Premier's Award for Medical Research 2005 Applications	Flyer
Premier's Award for Medical Research	Booklet
Australian Synchrotron: a Brighter Future	CD-ROM
The State of Design: a snapshot	Booklet
Koori Business Network	Newsletter
Under New Management (Winter Edition)	Brochure
Small Business Newsletter	Newsletter
Track A Project — Making E-business your business	Brochure
Better Business Access Leaflet	Leaflet
Small Business Counselling Leaflet	Leaflet
Better Business Access Leaflet	Leaflet
Starting a Business Booklet	Booklet
Showcasing Small Business — Winter Newsletter	Newsletter
Small Business Counselling DL	Leaflet
Small Business Now Has a Big Voice 2nd edition	Brochure
Grow Your Business	Brochure
Under New Management Brochure	Brochure
Under New Management Info Sheets — Buying a Small Business	Booklet
Under New Management Info Sheets — Buying a Franchise	Booklet
Under New Management Info Sheets — Selecting a Retail Location for Small Business	Booklet
Under New Management Info Sheets — Signing a Retail Lease	Booklet
Under New Management Info Sheets — Retail Leading in Shopping Centres	Booklet
Under New Management Info Sheets — Selling a Small Business	Booklet
Under New Management Info Sheets — Valuing a Small Business	Booklet

<b>Publication</b>	<b>Type</b>
State of Working Victoria Series: Report 1: The Challenge of Balancing Work and Family Responsibilities	Online research paper
State of Working Victoria Series: Report 2: The Low-Paid in Victoria	Online research paper

**Innovation: employment**

**964.** **Mr KOTSIRAS** to ask the Minister for Innovation to advise how many full-time equivalent, part-time staff and casual staff are employed in each of the following areas —

- (1) Business Development.
- (2) Business Support.
- (3) Economic Policy and Planning.
- (4) Invest Victoria.
- (5) Innovation Economy Advisory Board.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

I refer to Honourable Member to page 130 of the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development 2004/05 Annual Report.

**Employment and youth affairs: youth participation and access program**

**966.** **Mr KOTSIRAS** to ask the Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs — what is the total amount of money that has been allocated as part of the Youth Participation and Access Program in 2005 and 2006.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

\$4.1 million has been allocated to the Youth Participation and Access Program for the 2005–06 financial year.

**Tourism: Commonwealth Games tickets**

**968.** **Mr DIXON** to ask the Minister for Tourism — as at 1 November 2005, how many Commonwealth Games tickets have been sold to —

- (1) Overseas tourists.
- (2) Interstate tourists.
- (3) Visiting athletes' families and friends.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The sale of Commonwealth Games tickets is not part of my Tourism portfolio responsibilities. This matter should be directed to the Minister for Commonwealth Games.

**Health: illicit drug terminology**

**1005.** Mr THOMPSON to ask the Minister for Health with reference to the VicHealth web site where extensive use is made of the expression ‘recreational drugs’ — is the expression ‘recreational drugs’, which refers to illegal drugs in a recreational setting, a description which the Minister supports; if not, what steps is the Minister taking to review such references from Government publications.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- It is possible that Mr Thompson is referring to the Victorian Government Drug Information Website [www.health.vic.gov.au/drugs](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/drugs) where there are some references (although not extensive) to the term ‘recreational drugs’.
- There has been much debate regarding the continued use of terms such as ‘recreational drugs’ and ‘party drugs’ which some believe glamorise drug use.
- The term ‘recreational drugs’ is widely used by researchers and professionals and refers to the ‘recreational settings’ in which drugs such as amphetamines, ecstasy and GHB are used and does not in any way condone drug use.
- The Drugs and Crime Prevention Committee (DCPC) *Inquiry into Amphetamine and Party Drug Use in Victoria (Final Report May 2004)* investigated the appropriateness of terminology commonly used to describe some patterns of drug use (such as ‘recreational drugs’) although they did not make any recommendations regarding a review of this practice.
- The issue is not about the terminology but the ‘practice’ of using illicit drugs itself and the importance of understanding the social context in which they are used.
- To find solutions to these problems it is necessary to use language and the terms the users are familiar with in an endeavour to engage them.
- The Government will continue to monitor the use of this term and the settings in which it is used.

