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Tuesday, 30 May 2006

Planning: Kingston planning permit

556. Mr THOMPSON to ask the Minister for Planning with reference to the conditions of the Council's Planning Permit No 360/91 and the non-compliance by the owners/occupiers of the land situated at the corner of Tootal Road and Old Dandenong Road, Dingley Village with multiple Pollution Abatement Notices served on them by the Environment Protection Authority —

- (1) What action has the Government taken to alleviate the public health concerns of residents resulting from the discharge of pollutants from the site.
- (2) What steps will the Government take to protect the health interests of the local Dingley community and to enforce the terms of the Pollution Abatement Notices.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- In regard to the issue of non-compliance of planning permit 360/91, an application for a planning permit (KP340/04) to approve of the current operations on the site (Tootal Road) was lodged with the Kingston City Council and Council asked the Minister for Planning to decide the application. A Panel hearing will be reconvened by Planning Panels Victoria.
- The issues of pollutant discharge from the Tootal Road site, health concerns and the Pollution Abatement Notices do not fall within my Portfolio. These matters should be referred to the Minister for Environment for a response.

Police and emergency services: Bluff–Bay roads intersection

567. Mr THOMPSON to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to the intersection of Bluff and Bay Roads in Sandringham which is a high frequency accident intersection — according to Police Traffic Management data how many accidents have been recorded at the intersection in —

- (1) 2004 to date;
- (2) 2003;
- (3) 2002;
- (4) 2001;
- (5) 2000.

ANSWER:

I am advised that the number of accidents at the intersection of Bluff and Bay Roads, Sandringham that were reported to police during the calendar years set out below, are as follows:

	Year*	Injury	Non-Injury	Total
(1)	January 2004 to 3 November 2004**	3	2	5
(2)	2003		3	3
(3)	2002	3	2	5
(4)	2001	2	2	4
(5)	2000	1		1

*Based on the Calendar Year.

**The date that the question was asked.

Police and emergency services: Bluff–Bay roads intersection

734. Mr THOMPSON to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to the intersection of Bluff and Bay Roads in Sandringham which is a high frequency accident intersection — how many accidents have been reported to police in each of —

- (1) 2001–02.
- (2) 2002–03.
- (3) 2003–04.
- (4) 1 July 2004 to date.

ANSWER:

I am advised that the number of accidents at the intersection of Bluff and Bay Roads, Sandringham that were reported to police during the financial years below, are as follows:

	Year*	Injury	Non-Injury	Total
(1)	2001–02	3	3	6
(2)	2002–03	1	4	5
(3)	2003–04	1	2	3
(4)	1 July 2004 to 26 May 2005**	4	3	7

*Based on the Financial Year.

**The date that the question was asked.

Community services: disability services needs register — Barwon south-west

901. Dr NAPHTHINE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to individuals on the Disability Services Needs Register in the Barwon South West Region as at 1 October 2005 —

- (1) How many individuals were waiting for —
 - (a) shared supported accommodation;
 - (b) in-home accommodation support (HomeFirst or Support & Choice packages);
 - (c) day programs;
 - (d) foster care.
- (2) For each of shared supported accommodation, in-home accommodation support, day programs and foster care, how many individuals were classified as —
 - (a) urgent priority;

- (b) high priority;
 - (c) low priority.
- (3) For each of shared supported accommodation, in-home accommodation support, day programs and foster care, how many individuals were aged —
- (a) under 18 years;
 - (b) 18 to 24 years;
 - (c) 25 to 29 years;
 - (d) 30 or more years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Information from the Disability Service Needs Register as at 1 October 2005 is not available. The most recent information available is as at 30 June 2005.

Community services: disability services needs register — Greater Geelong

902. **Dr NAPTHINE** to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to individuals on the Disability Services Needs Register in the City of Greater Geelong as at 1 October 2005 —

- (1) How many individuals were waiting for —
 - (a) shared supported accommodation;
 - (b) in-home accommodation support (HomeFirst or Support & Choice packages);
 - (c) day programs;
 - (d) foster care.
- (2) For each of shared supported accommodation, in-home accommodation support, day programs and foster care, how many individuals were classified as —
 - (a) urgent priority;
 - (b) high priority;
 - (c) low priority.
- (3) For each of shared supported accommodation, in-home accommodation support, day programs and foster care, how many individuals were aged —
 - (a) under 18 years;
 - (b) 18 to 24 years;
 - (c) 25 to 29 years;
 - (d) 30 or more years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Information from the Disability Service Needs Register is not available by Local Government Area (LGA).

Community services: disability services needs register — Colac-Otway

903. **Dr NAPTHINE** to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to individuals on the Disability Services Needs Register in the Shire of Colac-Otway as at 1 October 2005 —

- (1) How many individuals were waiting for —
 - (a) shared supported accommodation;
 - (b) in-home accommodation support (HomeFirst or Support & Choice packages);
 - (c) day programs;
 - (d) foster care.
- (2) For each of shared supported accommodation, in-home accommodation support, day programs and foster care, how many individuals were classified as —
 - (a) urgent priority;
 - (b) high priority;
 - (c) low priority.
- (3) For each of shared supported accommodation, in-home accommodation support, day programs and foster care, how many individuals were aged —
 - (a) under 18 years;
 - (b) 18 to 24 years;
 - (c) 25 to 29 years;
 - (d) 30 or more years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Information from the Disability Service Needs Register is not available by Local Government Area (LGA).

Community services: disability services needs register — Corangamite

904. Dr NAPHTHINE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to individuals on the Disability Services Needs Register in the Shire of Corangamite as at 1 October 2005 —

- (1) How many individuals were waiting for —
 - (a) shared supported accommodation;
 - (b) in-home accommodation support (HomeFirst or Support & Choice packages);
 - (c) day programs;
 - (d) foster care.
- (2) For each of shared supported accommodation, in-home accommodation support, day programs and foster care, how many individuals were classified as —
 - (a) urgent priority;
 - (b) high priority;
 - (c) low priority.
- (3) For each of shared supported accommodation, in-home accommodation support, day programs and foster care, how many individuals were aged —
 - (a) under 18 years;
 - (b) 18 to 24 years;
 - (c) 25 to 29 years;
 - (d) 30 or more years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Information from the Disability Service Needs Register is not available by Local Government Area (LGA).

Community services: disability services needs register — Moyne

905. **Dr NAPHTHINE** to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to individuals on the Disability Services Needs Register in the Shire of Moyne as at 1 October 2005 —

- (1) How many individuals were waiting for —
 - (a) shared supported accommodation;
 - (b) in-home accommodation support (HomeFirst or Support & Choice packages);
 - (c) day programs;
 - (d) foster care.
- (2) For each of shared supported accommodation, in-home accommodation support, day programs and foster care, how many individuals were classified as —
 - (a) urgent priority;
 - (b) high priority;
 - (c) low priority.
- (3) For each of shared supported accommodation, in-home accommodation support, day programs and foster care, how many individuals were aged —
 - (a) under 18 years;
 - (b) 18 to 24 years;
 - (c) 25 to 29 years;
 - (d) 30 or more years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Information from the Disability Service Needs Register is not available by Local Government Area (LGA).

Planning: Camberwell railway station costs

936. **Mr BAILLIEU** to ask the Minister for Planning — what was the total cost of consultancies and contractors incurred by the Government since October 1999 with regard to the heritage, legal and works issues associated with the Camberwell Railway Station.

ANSWER:

I am informed that the Department of Sustainability and Environment has not incurred any cost for consultancies and contractors with regard to the heritage, legal and works issues associated with the Camberwell Railway Station proposed development.

Environment: salinity

975. **Mr WALSH** to ask the Minister for Environment — has the Government quantified the environmental and economic impacts of salinity; if so, what is the latest estimate of these impacts.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

According to the National Land and Water Resources Audit (2000) an estimated 260,000 hectares of Victoria are affected by dryland salinity.

There are significant environmental impacts on native flora and fauna, waterways and wetlands across the State, which cannot be determined in monetary terms.

Economic estimates of the impact of salinity were reported by the Victorian Auditor General in the 2001 report 'Managing Victoria's growing salinity problem'. It was estimated that the annual cost to agricultural production then was \$27 million per annum with an expected rise to between \$77 million and \$166 million depending on the forecasted extent and severity of salinity in the landscape by 2050.

The Auditor General also recognised the difficulty of estimating the costs of salinity in this report noting that:

There are major challenges and constraints faced by government authorities and the community in managing the salinity problem. These challenges are shared nationally, and relate to:

- *Substantial uncertainties in assessing the extent and impact of dryland salinity, the management options and their effectiveness due to imperfect scientific knowledge in the area.*

One important factor in estimating the impacts of salinity is climate. The current thinking is that the dry years experienced since 1996 have had a significant impact on lowering the level of water tables in Victoria, which is giving some respite to the salinity problem.

Long term climate change is also a significant issue to consider in forecasting. If the current climate cycle becomes the norm, there will be significant changes to our view of the salinity threat.

This uncertainty is being addressed through specific research and development projects. These aim to improve the scientific knowledge of land and water interactions and to better understand the influence of factors like land use change and climate variability.

The Bracks government is investing \$152 million over 7 years into the National Action Plan program for salinity and water quality. This commitment has leveraged a further \$152 million from the Commonwealth government, giving a total of \$304 million over 7 years.

Water: authority dividends

985. Mr RYAN to ask the Minister for Water — how much in dividends did Victoria's water authorities pay into the consolidated fund in the each of 1998–99, 1999–2000, 2000–01, 2001–02, 2002–03, 2003–04 and 2004–05 in accordance with their obligations under the *Public Authorities (Dividends) Act 1983*.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The following dividends were transferred by the regional water authorities into the consolidated fund:

- 1998–99 = \$11.257 million
- 1999–00 = \$11.566 million
- 2000–01 = \$ 9.910 million
- 2001–02 = \$ 7.339 million
- 2002–03 = \$ 2.219 million
- 2003–04 = \$ 1.178 million
- 2004–05 = \$ 1.795 million

Gaming: entertainment expenses

1025(t). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Gaming — with reference to the entertainment expenses incurred by Ministers and ministerial staff—

- (1) What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (2) What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (3) What expenses were incurred by each department and agency under the Minister's administration for the purchase of alcohol for the Minister, ministerial staff and the Minister's office in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) According to the financial records of the Department of Justice, no entertainment expenses were incurred in 2005.
- (2) According to the financial records of the Department of Justice, no alcohol expenses were incurred in 2005.
- (3) According to the financial records of the Department of Justice and the Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation, no alcohol expenses were incurred in 2004–05.

Multicultural affairs: ministerial staff

1026(aa). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Multicultural Affairs — with reference to the total cost and engagement of ministerial staff —

- (1) How many ministerial staff were employed by the Minister as at 1 March 2006.
- (2) What was the total cost associated with the engagement of ministerial staff including salaries, superannuation and WorkCover for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (3) How many public servants were on secondment to the Minister's private office as at 1 March 2006 and were not counted within the ministerial staffing budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) As Minister for Multicultural Affairs, I do not employ Ministerial staff
- (2) Costs for the engagement of Ministerial staff are managed by the Department of Premier and Cabinet
- (3) Nil

Victorian communities: ministerial staff

1026(an). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Victorian Communities — with reference to the total cost and engagement of ministerial staff —

- (1) How many ministerial staff were employed by the Minister as at 1 March 2006.
- (2) What was the total cost associated with the engagement of ministerial staff including salaries, superannuation and WorkCover for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (3) How many public servants were on secondment to the Minister's private office as at 1 March 2006 and were not counted within the ministerial staffing budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) I do not employ Ministerial staff.
- (2) Costs for the engagement of Ministerial staff are managed by the Department of Premier and Cabinet.
- (3) Nil.

Commonwealth Games: credit cards

1027(p). **Mr HONEYWOOD** to ask the Minister for Environment for the Minister for Commonwealth Games — does the Minister and/or staff of the Minister hold one or more credit cards issued by the Government; if so, what is the total value of purchases on each such credit card since 1 January 2005 to 1 March 2006 and of the purchases made —

- (1) What was the date of each purchase.
- (2) What was the cost of each purchase.
- (3) Who is the credit card provider.
- (4) What was the criteria for issue.
- (5) What was the criteria for usage.
- (6) What is the spending limit.
- (7) What type of authority is required for purchase.

ANSWER:

I am informed that with respect to the question as to whether the Minister and/or staff of the Minister holds one or more credit cards issued by the Government, the answer is 'no'. Therefore, there is a nil response to the subsequent questions relating to purchases using a Government issued credit card.

Sport and recreation: credit cards

1027(r). **Mr HONEYWOOD** to ask the Minister for Environment for the Minister for Sport and Recreation — does the Minister and/or staff of the Minister hold one or more credit cards issued by the Government; if so, what is the total value of purchases on each such credit card since 1 January 2005 to 1 March 2006 and of the purchases made —

- (1) What was the date of each purchase.
- (2) What was the cost of each purchase.
- (3) Who is the credit card provider.
- (4) What was the criteria for issue.
- (5) What was the criteria for usage.
- (6) What is the spending limit.
- (7) What type of authority is required for purchase.

ANSWER:

I am informed that with respect to the question as to whether the Minister and/or staff of the Minister holds one or more credit cards issued by the Government, the answer is 'no'. Therefore, there is a nil response to the subsequent questions relating to purchases using a Government issued credit card.

Agriculture: stress leave

1035(b). **Mr HONEYWOOD** to ask the Minister for Agriculture — with reference to each department, agency, and authority under the Minister’s administration — what is the total number of staff that have taken time off because of stress-related illnesses and of these —

- (1) What is the total number of days taken off by these staff.
- (2) What is the estimated cost of these staff absences
- (3) What are the details of each case.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The personal medical records of staff are in-confidence between that staff member and their doctor, and therefore I have no intention of relaying details of staff members’ personal circumstances.

Agriculture: workers compensation costs

1037(b). **Mr HONEYWOOD** to the Minister for Agriculture — with reference to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s jurisdiction, including the Ministerial Office — how many employees, both permanent and non-permanent, are currently on workers compensation as a result of workplace injury and what is the estimated cost resulting from these claims.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The health and medical circumstances of staff members is personal and confidential information which I have no intention of relaying.

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Community services: disability services needs register — Glenelg

- 906.** **Dr NAPHTHINE** to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to individuals on the Disability Services Needs Register in the Shire of Glenelg as at 1 October 2005 —
- (1) How many individuals were waiting for —
 - (a) shared supported accommodation;
 - (b) in-home accommodation support (HomeFirst or Support & Choice packages);
 - (c) day programs;
 - (d) foster care.
 - (2) For each of shared supported accommodation, in-home accommodation support, day programs and foster care, how many individuals were classified as —
 - (a) urgent priority;
 - (b) high priority;
 - (c) low priority.
 - (3) For each of shared supported accommodation, in-home accommodation support, day programs and foster care, how many individuals were aged —
 - (a) under 18 years;
 - (b) 18 to 24 years;
 - (c) 25 to 29 years;
 - (d) 30 or more years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Information from the Disability Service Needs Register is not available by Local Government Area (LGA).

Community services: disability services needs register — Southern Grampians

- 907.** **Dr NAPHTHINE** to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to individuals on the Disability Services Needs Register in the Shire of Southern Grampians as at 1 October 2005 —
- (1) How many individuals were waiting for —
 - (a) shared supported accommodation;
 - (b) in-home accommodation support (HomeFirst or Support & Choice packages);
 - (c) day programs;
 - (d) foster care.

- (2) For each of shared supported accommodation, in-home accommodation support, day programs and foster care, how many individuals were classified as —
 - (a) urgent priority;
 - (b) high priority;
 - (c) low priority.

- (3) For each of shared supported accommodation, in-home accommodation support, day programs and foster care, how many individuals were aged —
 - (a) under 18 years;
 - (b) 18 to 24 years;
 - (c) 25 to 29 years;
 - (d) 30 or more years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Information from the Disability Service Needs Register is not available by Local Government Area (LGA).

Community services: disability services needs register — Golden Plains

908. **Dr NAPHTHINE** to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to individuals on the Disability Services Needs Register in the Shire of Golden Plains as at 1 October 2005 —

- (1) How many individuals were waiting for —
 - (a) shared supported accommodation;
 - (b) in-home accommodation support (HomeFirst or Support & Choice packages);
 - (c) day programs;
 - (d) foster care.

- (2) For each of shared supported accommodation, in-home accommodation support, day programs and foster care, how many individuals were classified as —
 - (a) urgent priority;
 - (b) high priority;
 - (c) low priority.

- (3) For each of shared supported accommodation, in-home accommodation support, day programs and foster care, how many individuals were aged —
 - (a) under 18 years;
 - (b) 18 to 24 years;
 - (c) 25 to 29 years;
 - (d) 30 or more years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Information from the Disability Service Needs Register is not available by Local Government Area (LGA).

Community services: disability services needs register — Queenscliffe

909. **Dr NAPTHINE** to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to individuals on the Disability Services Needs Register in the Borough of Queenscliffe as at 1 October 2005 —

- (1) How many individuals were waiting for —
 - (a) shared supported accommodation;
 - (b) in-home accommodation support (HomeFirst or Support & Choice packages);
 - (c) day programs;
 - (d) foster care.
- (2) For each of shared supported accommodation, in-home accommodation support, day programs and foster care, how many individuals were classified as —
 - (a) urgent priority;
 - (b) high priority;
 - (c) low priority.
- (3) For each of shared supported accommodation, in-home accommodation support, day programs and foster care, how many individuals were aged —
 - (a) under 18 years;
 - (b) 18 to 24 years;
 - (c) 25 to 29 years;
 - (d) 30 or more years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Information from the Disability Service Needs Register is not available by Local Government Area (LGA).

Community services: disability services needs register — Warrnambool

910. **Dr NAPTHINE** to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to individuals on the Disability Services Needs Register in the City of Warrnambool as at 1 October 2005 —

- (1) How many individuals were waiting for —
 - (a) shared supported accommodation;
 - (b) in-home accommodation support (HomeFirst or Support & Choice packages);
 - (c) day programs;
 - (d) foster care.
- (2) For each of shared supported accommodation, in-home accommodation support, day programs and foster care, how many individuals were classified as —
 - (a) urgent priority;
 - (b) high priority;
 - (c) low priority.
- (3) For each of shared supported accommodation, in-home accommodation support, day programs and foster care, how many individuals were aged —
 - (a) under 18 years;
 - (b) 18 to 24 years;

- (c) 25 to 29 years;
- (d) 30 or more years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Information from the Disability Service Needs Register is not available by Local Government Area (LGA).

Community services: disability services needs register — Surf Coast

911. Dr NAPHTHINE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to individuals on the Disability Services Needs Register in the Surf Coast Shire as at 1 October 2005 —

- (1) How many individuals were waiting for —
 - (a) shared supported accommodation;
 - (b) in-home accommodation support (HomeFirst or Support & Choice packages);
 - (c) day programs;
 - (d) foster care.
- (2) For each of shared supported accommodation, in-home accommodation support, day programs and foster care, how many individuals were classified as —
 - (a) urgent priority;
 - (b) high priority;
 - (c) low priority.
- (3) For each of shared supported accommodation, in-home accommodation support, day programs and foster care, how many individuals were aged —
 - (a) under 18 years;
 - (b) 18 to 24 years;
 - (c) 25 to 29 years;
 - (d) 30 or more years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Information from the Disability Service Needs Register is not available by Local Government Area (LGA).

Children: minister's private office

1017(h). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Children — what furniture items, including moveable furniture, fixed furniture and electrical goods were purchased for the Minister's private office in 2004–05 and what was the total cost of all such items purchased.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The total cost of the items purchased was \$415.

Community services: minister's private office

1017(i). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Community Services — what furniture items, including moveable furniture, fixed furniture and electrical goods were purchased for the Minister's private office in 2004–05 and what was the total cost of all such items purchased.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see response for Question 1017h.

Children: Commonwealth Games entertainment expenses

1019(h). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Children — what was the total amount spent by all Government departments for invited guests and those who were hosting guests on entertainment expenses at the Commonwealth Games including —

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The broad nature of this question and given that identical questions have been asked across government indicates that this is not a genuine inquiry but a speculative question and, as such a response would require an unreasonable diversion of time and resources.

Community services: Commonwealth Games entertainment expenses

1019(i). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Community Services — what was the total amount spent by all Government departments for invited guests and those who were hosting guests on entertainment expenses at the Commonwealth Games including —

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see response for 1019h.

Children: charter flights

1020(h). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Children — what are the details of all chartered flights, including helicopters and light planes, used by the Minister in 2004–05, indicating for each flight —

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The total cost was \$5,922.

Community services: charter flights

1020(i). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Community Services — what are the details of all chartered flights, including helicopters and light planes, used by the Minister in 2004–05, indicating for each flight —

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see response for Question 1020h.

Information and communication technology: charter flights

1020(al). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Treasurer for the Minister for Information and Communication Technology — what are the details of all chartered flights, including helicopters and light planes, used by the Minister in 2004–05, indicating for each flight —

ANSWER:

As at the date the question was raised, the answer is:

The Minister for Information and Communication Technology did not use any chartered flights in 2004–05.

Children: media research and public opinion polls

1021(h). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Children — with reference to each department, agency and authority under the Minister’s administration — what are the details of all media research and public opinion polling conducted in 2004–05, including —

- (1) The title of each poll or item of research.
- (2) The date approved and duration of contract.
- (3) The personnel conducting the project.
- (4) Whether it was put to tender.
- (5) The recommendations made.
- (6) Any actions taken by the department or the Minister.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The broad nature of this question and given that identical questions have been asked across government indicates that this is not a genuine inquiry but a speculative question and, as such a response would require an unreasonable diversion of time and resources.

Community services: media research and public opinion polls

1021(i). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to each department, agency and authority under the Minister’s administration — what are the details of all media research and public opinion polling conducted in 2004–05, including —

- (1) The title of each poll or item of research.
- (2) The date approved and duration of contract.
- (3) The personnel conducting the project.

- (4) Whether it was put to tender.
- (5) The recommendations made.
- (6) Any actions taken by the department or the Minister.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see response for Question 1021h.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Answers have been incorporated in the form supplied by the departments on behalf of the appropriate ministers.
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Thursday, 1 June 2006

Children: international travel

1022(h). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Children — what was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all international travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The total cost was \$25,534.

Community services: international travel

1022(i). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Community Services — what was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all international travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see response for Question 1022h.

Children: interstate travel

1023(h). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Children — what was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all interstate travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The total cost was \$6,000.

Community services: interstate travel

1023(i). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Community Services — what was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all interstate travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see response for Question 1023h.

Children: intrastate travel

1024(h). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Children — what was the cost, including airfares, air charter, accommodation and expenses, of all intrastate travel undertaken by the Ministers and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The total cost was \$2,261.00.

Community services: intrastate travel

1024(i). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Community Services — what was the cost, including airfares, air charter, accommodation and expenses, of all intrastate travel undertaken by the Ministers and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see response for Question 1024h.

Children: entertainment expenses

1025(h). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Children — with reference to the entertainment expenses incurred by Ministers and ministerial staff —

- (1) What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (2) What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (3) What expenses were incurred by each department and agency under the Minister's administration for the purchase of alcohol for the Minister, ministerial staff and the Minister's office in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The broad nature of this question and given that identical questions have been asked across government indicates that this is not a genuine inquiry but a speculative question and, as such a response would require an unreasonable diversion of time and resources.

Community services: entertainment expenses

1025(i). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to the entertainment expenses incurred by Ministers and ministerial staff —

- (1) What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (2) What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (3) What expenses were incurred by each department and agency under the Minister's administration for the purchase of alcohol for the Minister, ministerial staff and the Minister's office in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see response for Question 1025h.

Corrections: ministerial staff

1026(j). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Corrections — with reference to the total cost and engagement of ministerial staff —

- (1) How many ministerial staff were employed by the Minister as at 1 March 2006.
- (2) What was the total cost associated with the engagement of ministerial staff including salaries, superannuation and WorkCover for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (3) How many public servants were on secondment to the Minister's private office as at 1 March 2006 and were not counted within the ministerial staffing budget.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) Ministerial staff are employed by the Premier.
- (2) Ministerial staff are employed by the Premier.
- (3) There were no public servants on secondment to the Minister's private office as at 1 March 2006 that were not counted within the Ministerial staffing budget.

Police and emergency services: ministerial staff

1026(ac). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — with reference to the total cost and engagement of ministerial staff —

- (1) How many ministerial staff were employed by the Minister as at 1 March 2006.
- (2) What was the total cost associated with the engagement of ministerial staff including salaries, superannuation and WorkCover for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (3) How many public servants were on secondment to the Minister's private office as at 1 March 2006 and were not counted within the ministerial staffing budget.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) Ministerial staff are employed by the Premier.
- (2) Ministerial staff are employed by the Premier.
- (3) There were no public servants on secondment to the Minister's private office as at 1 March 2006 that were not counted within the Ministerial staffing budget.

Children: web site costs

1038(h). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Children — what is the total number of websites currently owned, operated or administered by each department, agency or authority within the Minister's

jurisdiction what has been the total cost for the design, administration and maintenance of each web site from 1 March 2004 to 1 March 2006.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

To provide details would be an unreasonable diversion of my Department's resources.

Community services: web site costs

1038(i). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Community Services — what is the total number of websites currently owned, operated or administered by each department, agency or authority within the Minister's jurisdiction what has been the total cost for the design, administration and maintenance of each web site from 1 March 2004 to 1 March 2006.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see response for Question No 1038h.