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Tuesday, 6 June 2006

Commonwealth Games: Commonwealth Games entertainment expenses

1019(p). **Mr HONEYWOOD** to ask the Minister for Environment for the Minister for Commonwealth Games — 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 —

- (1) Alcohol.
- (2) Food.
- (3) Admission to Commonwealth Games events.
- (4) Admission to other entertainment events.
- (5) Special gifts.
- (6) All transport and corporate box leasing.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Victorian Government and the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Corporation jointly provided hosting opportunities for Ministers and senior Departmental officers during the Commonwealth Games. These entertainment expenses form part of the whole of Games budget. The accounts are still being received and when collated will be included in the Government's financial report on the Games.

Sport and recreation: Commonwealth Games entertainment expenses

1019(r). **Mr HONEYWOOD** to ask the Minister for Environment for the Minister for Sport and Recreation — 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 —

- (1) Alcohol.
- (2) Food.
- (3) Admission to Commonwealth Games events.
- (4) Admission to other entertainment events.
- (5) Special gifts.
- (6) All transport and corporate box leasing.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Victorian Government and the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Corporation jointly provided hosting opportunities for Ministers and senior Departmental officers during the Commonwealth Games. These entertainment expenses form part of the whole of Games budget. The accounts are still being received and when collated will be included in the Government's financial report on the Games.

Local government: ministerial staff

1026(q). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Environment for the Minister for Local Government — 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.

Children: credit cards

1027(h). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Children — 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:

No credit cards are held by myself or any ministerial staff.

Community services: credit cards

1027(i). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Community Services — 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:

Please see response for Question No 1027h.

Community services: training expenditure

1028(h). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to expenditure on conferences, seminars, workshops and training courses or like events by each department, agency or authority within their administration for the period 1 January 2004 to 1 March 2006 —

- (1) What was the name of each conference, course seminar, workshop or like event attended indicating —
 - (a) the locality;
 - (b) the venue;
 - (c) the purpose;
- (2) What was the cost of each event including —
 - (a) accommodation;
 - (b) entertainment;
 - (c) meals and refreshments;
 - (d) travel;
 - (e) taxis and hire cars;
 - (f) other expenses.
- (3) Was the event externally organised; if so, by which company and at what cost.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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

Community services: training expenditure

1028(i). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to expenditure on conferences, seminars, workshops and training courses or like events by each department, agency or authority within their administration for the period 1 January 2004 to 1 March 2006 —

- (1) What was the name of each conference, course seminar, workshop or like event attended indicating —
 - (a) the locality;
 - (b) the venue;
 - (c) the purpose;
- (2) What was the cost of each event including —
 - (a) accommodation;
 - (b) entertainment;

- (c) meals and refreshments;
 - (d) travel;
 - (e) taxis and hire cars;
 - (f) other expenses.
- (3) Was the event externally organised; if so, by which company and at what cost.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see response for Question 1028h.

Children: departmental publications

1029(h). **Mr HONEYWOOD** to ask the Minister for Children — with reference to each department, agency, and authority under the Minister’s administration from 1 January 2005 to 1 March 2006 — what are the details of all publications produced indicating in each case —

- (1) The title.
- (2) The date of issue.
- (3) Details of distribution.
- (4) The numbers printed.
- (5) The cost of production.
- (6) The purpose of production.
- (7) Who it was printed by.
- (8) Whether tenders were called.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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

Community services: departmental publications

1029(i). **Mr HONEYWOOD** to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to each department, agency, and authority under the Minister’s administration from 1 January 2005 to 1 March 2006 — what are the details of all publications produced indicating in each case —

- (1) The title.
- (2) The date of issue.
- (3) Details of distribution.
- (4) The numbers printed.
- (5) The cost of production.
- (6) The purpose of production.
- (7) Who it was printed by.
- (8) Whether tenders were called.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see response for Question No. 1029h.

Children: external legal advice

1033(h). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Children — what was the total amount spent on external legal advice by each department, agency or other authority under the Minister's administration in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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

Community services: external legal advice

1033(i). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Community Services — what was the total amount spent on external legal advice by each department, agency or other authority under the Minister's administration in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see response for Question No 1033h.

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Wednesday, 7 June 2006

Financial services: Haystac Public Affairs Pty Ltd

595(q). Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Financial Services Industry — with reference to Haystac Public Affairs Pty Ltd —

- (1) What payments have been made to the company by the Minister's department or private office or any agency or statutory body under the Minister's administration since 26 August 2003.
- (2) On what dates were the payments made.
- (3) Briefly describe the project for which payment was made.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

No payments were made to Haystac Public Affairs Pty Ltd since 26 August 2003.

Manufacturing and export: Haystac Public Affairs Pty Ltd

595(y). Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Manufacturing and Export — with reference to Haystac Public Affairs Pty Ltd —

- (1) What payments have been made to the company by the Minister's department or private office or any agency or statutory body under the Minister's administration since 26 August 2003.
- (2) On what dates were the payments made.
- (3) Briefly describe the project for which payment was made.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

No payments were made to Haystac Public Affairs Pty Ltd since 26 August 2003.

Small business: Haystac Public Affairs Pty Ltd

595(ak). Ms ASHER to ask the Treasurer for the Minister for Small Business — with reference to Haystac Public Affairs Pty Ltd —

- (1) What payments have been made to the company by the Minister's department or private office or any agency or statutory body under the Minister's administration since 26 August 2003.
- (2) On what dates were the payments made.
- (3) Briefly describe the project for which payment was made.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

No payments were made to Haystac Public Affairs Pty Ltd since 26 August 2003.

Financial services: Shannon's Way Pty Ltd

596(q). Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Financial Services Industry — with reference to Shannon's Way Pty Ltd —

- (1) What payments have been made to the company by the Minister's department or private office or any agency or statutory body under the Minister's administration since 28 October 2003.
- (2) On what dates were the payments made.
- (3) Briefly describe the project for which payment was made.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

No payments were made to Shannon's Way Pty Ltd since 28 October 2003.

Manufacturing and export: Shannon's Way Pty Ltd

596(y). Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Manufacturing and Export — with reference to Shannon's Way Pty Ltd —

- (1) What payments have been made to the company by the Minister's department or private office or any agency or statutory body under the Minister's administration since 28 October 2003.
- (2) On what dates were the payments made.
- (3) Briefly describe the project for which payment was made.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

No payments were made to Shannon's Way Pty Ltd since 28 October 2003.

Small business: Shannon's Way Pty Ltd

596(ak). Ms ASHER to ask the Treasurer for the Minister for Small Business — with reference to Shannon's Way Pty Ltd —

- (1) What payments have been made to the company by the Minister's department or private office or any agency or statutory body under the Minister's administration since 28 October 2003.
- (2) On what dates were the payments made.
- (3) Briefly describe the project for which payment was made.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

No payments were made to Shannon's Way Pty Ltd since 28 October 2003.

Financial services: Social Shift Pty Ltd

597(q). Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Financial Services Industry — with reference to Social Shift Pty Ltd —

- (1) What payments have been made to the company by the Minister's department or private office or any agency or statutory body under the Minister's administration since 28 October 2003.
- (2) On what dates were the payments made.
- (3) Briefly describe the project for which payment was made.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

No payments were made to Social Shift Pty Ltd since 26 August 2003.

Manufacturing and export: Social Shift Pty Ltd

597(y). Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Manufacturing and Export — with reference to Social Shift Pty Ltd —

- (1) What payments have been made to the company by the Minister's department or private office or any agency or statutory body under the Minister's administration since 28 October 2003.
- (2) On what dates were the payments made.
- (3) Briefly describe the project for which payment was made.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

No payments were made to Social Shift Pty Ltd since 28 October 2003

Small business: Social Shift Pty Ltd

597(ak). Ms ASHER to ask the Treasurer for the Minister for Small Business — with reference to Social Shift Pty Ltd —

- (1) What payments have been made to the company by the Minister's department or private office or any agency or statutory body under the Minister's administration since 28 October 2003.
- (2) On what dates were the payments made.
- (3) Briefly describe the project for which payment was made.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

No payments were made to Social Shift Pty Ltd since 28 October 2003

Children: leasing arrangements

1034(h). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Children — as at 1 March 2006 what is the total cost of leasing arrangements over the term of each contract for head office accommodation that has been entered into by all departments, agencies and authorities under the Minister's administration.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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

Community services: leasing arrangements

1034(i). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Community Services — as at 1 March 2006 what is the total cost of leasing arrangements over the term of each contract for head office accommodation that has been entered into by all departments, agencies and authorities under the Minister's administration.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see response for Question No 1034h.

Children: stress leave

1035(h). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Children — 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:

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

Community services: stress leave

1035(i). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Community Services — 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:

Please see response for Question No. 1035h.

Children: workers compensation costs

1037(h). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Children — 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:

Provision of details would be an unreasonable diversion of Department's resources.

Community services: workers compensation costs

1037(i). **Mr HONEYWOOD** to ask the Minister for Community Services — 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:

Please see response for Question 1037h.

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Thursday, 8 June 2006

Manufacturing and export: agenda for new manufacturing

147. Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Manufacturing and Exports with reference to the Business Innovation Workshops funded under the Agenda for New Manufacturing —

- (1) How much of the allocated \$240,000 has been distributed in 2002–03.
- (2) Of the funds distributed, what —
 - (a) is the name of each business/organisation that received assistance;
 - (b) is the value of assistance granted to each named business/organisation;
 - (c) is the purpose for which the funds were granted; and
 - (d) are the conditions, if any, the business/organisation had to satisfy to receive assistance.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The time and resources required to answer this question could not be justified on the grounds the Department's resources would be diverted from their core functions.

Manufacturing and export: agenda for new manufacturing

148. Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Manufacturing and Exports with reference to the Export Value Chain Networks and Consortia funded under the Agenda for New Manufacturing —

- (1) How much of the allocated \$320,000 has been distributed in 2002–03.
- (2) Of the funds distributed, what —
 - (a) is the name of each business/organisation that received assistance;
 - (b) is the value of assistance granted to each named business/organisation;
 - (c) is the purpose for which the funds were granted; and
 - (d) are the conditions, if any, the business/organisation had to satisfy to receive assistance.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The time and resources required to answer this question could not be justified on the grounds the Department's resources would be diverted from their core functions.

Manufacturing and export: agenda for new manufacturing

149. Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Manufacturing and Exports with reference to Finance for Growth funded under the Agenda for New Manufacturing —

- (1) How much of the allocated \$60,000 has been distributed in 2002–03.
- (2) Of the funds distributed, what —
 - (a) is the name of each business/organisation that received assistance;
 - (b) is the value of assistance granted to each named business/organisation;
 - (c) is the purpose for which the funds were granted; and
 - (d) are the conditions, if any, the business/organisation had to satisfy to receive assistance.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The time and resources required to answer this question could not be justified on the grounds the Department's resources would be diverted from their core functions.

Manufacturing and export: agenda for new manufacturing

150. Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Manufacturing and Exports with reference to the First Step Export Program funded under the Agenda for New Manufacturing —

- (1) How much of the allocated \$480,000 has been distributed in 2002–03.
- (2) Of the funds distributed, what —
 - (a) is the name of each business/organisation that received assistance;
 - (b) is the value of assistance granted to each named business/organisation;
 - (c) is the purpose for which the funds were granted; and
 - (d) are the conditions, if any, the business/organisation had to satisfy to receive assistance.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The time and resources required to answer this question could not be justified on the grounds the Department's resources would be diverted from their core functions.

Manufacturing and export: agenda for new manufacturing

151. Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Manufacturing and Exports with reference to the Global Purchasing Strategy funded under the Agenda for New Manufacturing —

- (1) How much of the allocated \$110,000 has been distributed in 2002–03.
- (2) Of the funds distributed, what —
 - (a) is the name of each business/organisation that received assistance;
 - (b) is the value of assistance granted to each named business/organisation;
 - (c) is the purpose for which the funds were granted; and
 - (d) are the conditions, if any, the business/organisation had to satisfy to receive assistance.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The time and resources required to answer this question could not be justified on the grounds the Department's resources would be diverted from their core functions.

Manufacturing and export: agenda for new manufacturing

152. Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Manufacturing and Exports with reference to Going Global funded under the Agenda for New Manufacturing —

- (1) How much of the allocated \$480,000 has been distributed in 2002–03.
- (2) Of the funds distributed, what —
 - (a) is the name of each business/organisation that received assistance;
 - (b) is the value of assistance granted to each named business/organisation;
 - (c) is the purpose for which the funds were granted; and
 - (d) are the conditions, if any, the business/organisation had to satisfy to receive assistance.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The time and resources required to answer this question could not be justified on the grounds the Department's resources would be diverted from their core functions.

Manufacturing and export: agenda for new manufacturing

153. Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Manufacturing and Exports with reference to the High Performance Manufacturing Consortia funded under the Agenda for New Manufacturing —

- (1) How much of the allocated \$190,000 has been distributed in 2002–03.
- (2) Of the funds distributed, what —
 - (a) is the name of each business/organisation that received assistance;
 - (b) is the value of assistance granted to each named business/organisation;
 - (c) is the purpose for which the funds were granted; and
 - (d) are the conditions, if any, the business/organisation had to satisfy to receive assistance.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The time and resources required to answer this question could not be justified on the grounds the Department's resources would be diverted from their core functions.

Manufacturing and export: agenda for new manufacturing

154. Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Manufacturing and Exports with reference to the Industry Capability Missions funded under the Agenda for New Manufacturing —

- (1) How much of the allocated \$930,000 has been distributed in 2002–03.
- (2) Of the funds distributed, what —
 - (a) is the name of each business/organisation that received assistance;
 - (b) is the value of assistance granted to each named business/organisation;
 - (c) is the purpose for which the funds were granted; and
 - (d) are the conditions, if any, the business/organisation had to satisfy to receive assistance.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The time and resources required to answer this question could not be justified on the grounds the Department's resources would be diverted from their core functions.

Manufacturing and export: agenda for new manufacturing

155. Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Manufacturing and Exports with reference to the Innovation Insights Visits Program funded under the Agenda for New Manufacturing —

- (1) How much of the allocated \$320,000 has been distributed in 2002–03.
- (2) Of the funds distributed, what —
 - (a) is the name of each business/organisation that received assistance;
 - (b) is the value of assistance granted to each named business/organisation;
 - (c) is the purpose for which the funds were granted; and
 - (d) are the conditions, if any, the business/organisation had to satisfy to receive assistance.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The time and resources required to answer this question could not be justified on the grounds the Department's resources would be diverted from their core functions.

Manufacturing and export: agenda for new manufacturing

156. Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Manufacturing and Exports with reference to keynote conference and seminars funded under the Agenda for New Manufacturing —

- (1) How much of the allocated \$200,000 has been distributed in 2002–03.
- (2) Of the funds distributed, what —
 - (a) is the name of each business/organisation that received assistance;
 - (b) is the value of assistance granted to each named business/organisation;
 - (c) is the purpose for which the funds were granted; and
 - (d) are the conditions, if any, the business/organisation had to satisfy to receive assistance.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The time and resources required to answer this question could not be justified on the grounds the Department's resources would be diverted from their core functions.

Manufacturing and export: agenda for new manufacturing

157. Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Manufacturing and Exports with reference to new technology demonstrations funded under the Agenda for New Manufacturing —

- (1) How much of the allocated \$310,000 has been distributed in 2002–03.
- (2) Of the funds distributed, what —

- (a) is the name of each business/organisation that received assistance;
- (b) is the value of assistance granted to each named business/organisation;
- (c) is the purpose for which the funds were granted; and
- (d) are the conditions, if any, the business/organisation had to satisfy to receive assistance.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The time and resources required to answer this question could not be justified on the grounds the Department's resources would be diverted from their core functions.

Manufacturing and export: agenda for new manufacturing

158. Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Manufacturing and Exports with reference to Partners at Work (High Performance Workplaces) funded under the Agenda for New Manufacturing —

- (1) How much of the allocated \$900,000 has been distributed in 2002–03.
- (2) Of the funds distributed, what —
 - (a) is the name of each business/organisation that received assistance;
 - (b) is the value of assistance granted to each named business/organisation;
 - (c) is the purpose for which the funds were granted; and
 - (d) are the conditions, if any, the business/organisation had to satisfy to receive assistance.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The time and resources required to answer this question could not be justified on the grounds the Department's resources would be diverted from their core functions.

Manufacturing and export: agenda for new manufacturing

159. Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Manufacturing and Exports with reference to promoting the Image of Manufacturing and Manufacturing Hall of Fame funded under the Agenda for New Manufacturing —

- (1) How much of the allocated \$500,000 has been distributed in 2002–03.
- (2) Of the funds distributed, what —
 - (a) is the name of each business/organisation that received assistance;
 - (b) is the value of assistance granted to each named business/organisation;
 - (c) is the purpose for which the funds were granted; and
 - (d) are the conditions, if any, the business/organisation had to satisfy to receive assistance.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The time and resources required to answer this question could not be justified on the grounds the Department's resources would be diverted from their core functions.

Manufacturing and export: agenda for new manufacturing

160. **Ms ASHER** to ask the Minister for Manufacturing and Exports with reference to Strategic Audit of Victorian Industry Plans implementation (Partners at Work) funded under the Agenda for New Manufacturing —

- (1) How much of the allocated \$1,600,000 has been distributed in 2002–03.
- (2) Of the funds distributed, what —
 - (a) is the name of each business/organisation that received assistance;
 - (b) is the value of assistance granted to each named business/organisation;
 - (c) is the purpose for which the funds were granted; and
 - (d) are the conditions, if any, the business/organisation had to satisfy to receive assistance.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The time and resources required to answer this question could not be justified on the grounds the Department's resources would be diverted from their core functions.

Manufacturing and export: agenda for new manufacturing

162. **Ms ASHER** to ask the Minister for Manufacturing and Exports with reference to Technology Evaluation Projects funded under the Agenda for New Manufacturing —

- (1) How much of the allocated \$480,000 has been distributed in 2002–03.
- (2) Of the funds distributed, what —
 - (a) is the name of each business/organisation that received assistance;
 - (b) is the value of assistance granted to each named business/organisation;
 - (c) is the purpose for which the funds were granted; and
 - (d) are the conditions, if any, the business/organisation had to satisfy to receive assistance.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The time and resources required to answer this question could not be justified on the grounds the Department's resources would be diverted from their core functions.

Manufacturing and export: agenda for new manufacturing

163. **Ms ASHER** to ask the Minister for Manufacturing and Exports with reference to Technology Roadmap and Skills Studies funded under the Agenda for New Manufacturing —

- (1) How much of the allocated \$110,000 has been distributed in 2002–03.
- (2) Of the funds distributed, what —
 - (a) is the name of each business/organisation that received assistance;
 - (b) is the value of assistance granted to each named business/organisation;
 - (c) is the purpose for which the funds were granted; and
 - (d) are the conditions, if any, the business/organisation had to satisfy to receive assistance.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The time and resources required to answer this question could not be justified on the grounds the Department's resources would be diverted from their core functions.

Manufacturing and export: agenda for new manufacturing

164. Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Manufacturing and Exports with reference to the Value Chain Workshops funded under the Agenda for New Manufacturing —

- (1) How much of the allocated \$160,000 has been distributed in 2002–03.
- (2) Of the funds distributed, what —
 - (a) is the name of each business/organisation that received assistance;
 - (b) is the value of assistance granted to each named business/organisation;
 - (c) is the purpose for which the funds were granted; and
 - (d) are the conditions, if any, the business/organisation had to satisfy to receive assistance.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The time and resources required to answer this question could not be justified on the grounds the Department's resources would be diverted from their core functions.

Manufacturing and export: agenda for new manufacturing

165. Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Manufacturing and Exports with reference to the Export Communication Network funded under the Agenda for New Manufacturing —

- (1) How much of the allocated \$410,000 has been distributed in 2002–03.
- (2) Of the funds distributed, what —
 - (a) is the name of each business/organisation that received assistance;
 - (b) is the value of assistance granted to each named business/organisation;
 - (c) is the purpose for which the funds were granted; and
 - (d) are the conditions, if any, the business/organisation had to satisfy to receive assistance.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The time and resources required to answer this question could not be justified on the grounds the Department's resources would be diverted from their core functions.

Education services: Mill Park Lakes Primary School

304. Mr PERTON to ask the Minister for Education Services with reference to the current plans for the school —

- (1) On what date is the school proposed to be completed.
- (2) What works have been undertaken; if no works have been undertaken, when will works commence.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Please refer to the answer given for Question on Notice 786(b) which was tabled on 26 October 2005.

Education services: Mill Park Lakes Secondary School

305. Mr PERTON to ask the Minister for Education Services with reference to the current plans for the school —

- (1) On what date is the school proposed to be completed.
- (2) What works have been undertaken; if no works have been undertaken, when will works commence.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Please refer to the answer given for Question on Notice 786(b) which was tabled on 26 October 2005.

Education services: children's allergies

930. Mr PERTON to ask the Minister for Education Services with reference to the *Herald Sun* article on 28 October 2005 entitled 'Death Answer Wanted' which stated that 'Victoria's Education Department has sought tenders to develop a policy to protect children with allergies and inform teachers' —

- (1) Has the tender been advertised and/or awarded.
- (2) When does the Minister anticipate making public such a policy.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Following a public tender process the Department of Education and Training commissioned in November 2005, the Swinburne University of Technology, Centre for Health and Wellbeing, to conduct a comprehensive research project into: the incidence, causes and management of anaphylaxis in Victorian Government schools; and how to minimise the potential risks to students.

Through the same tender process, the Department also entered into an agreement with Ambulance Victoria First Aid, a reputable First Aid training organisation, to provide training to schools with an anaphylactic student or students.

Information about the Department's policy development in this area is publicly available on the Department's Student Wellbeing web site.

Corrections: minister's private office

1017(j). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Corrections — 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 advised that:

Two instances of expenditure relating to the 2004–05 period have been identified. These are a HP Compaq PC at a cost of \$1,489 and an office partition at a cost of \$580. The costs are not inclusive of GST.

