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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

*Answers to the following questions on notice were circulated on the date shown.
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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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Tuesday, 1 May 2007

Roads and ports: VicRoads traffic controllers

56. Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports with reference to VicRoads traffic controller jobs for each month between October 2005 and December 2006 — how many jobs were for —

- (1) Traffic signals.
- (2) Major signal fault.
- (3) Hardware failure.
- (4) Causing traffic delays.
- (5) Accident damage.
- (6) Graffiti.
- (7) Programmed works.
- (8) Other damage such as vandalism.
- (9) Other causes.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The number of VicRoads traffic controller jobs for each month between October 2005 and December 2006 are as set out in the tables below.

Traffic Controller Jobs
October 2005

<i>Traffic signals</i>	532
<i>Major signal fault</i>	337
<i>Hardware failure</i>	0
<i>Causing traffic delays</i>	0
<i>Accident damage</i>	10
<i>Graffiti</i>	61
<i>Programmed works</i>	54
<i>Damages (e.g. Vandalism)</i>	28
<i>Other matters</i>	81
<i>TOTAL</i>	1103

Traffic Controller Jobs
November 2005

<i>Traffic signals</i>	437
<i>Major signal fault</i>	368
<i>Hardware failure</i>	0
<i>Causing traffic delays</i>	0
<i>Accident damage</i>	11
<i>Graffiti</i>	52
<i>Programmed works</i>	79
<i>Damages (e.g. Vandalism)</i>	15
<i>Other matters</i>	73
<i>TOTAL</i>	1035

Traffic Controller Jobs
December 2005

<i>Traffic signals</i>	392
<i>Major signal fault</i>	458
<i>Hardware failure</i>	1
<i>Causing traffic delays</i>	0
<i>Accident damage</i>	8
<i>Graffiti</i>	126
<i>Programmed works</i>	66
<i>Damages (e.g. Vandalism)</i>	10
<i>Other matters</i>	56
<i>TOTAL</i>	1117

Traffic Controller Jobs
January 2006

<i>Traffic signals</i>	439
<i>Major signal fault</i>	378
<i>Hardware failure</i>	0
<i>Causing traffic delays</i>	0
<i>Accident damage</i>	5
<i>Graffiti</i>	74
<i>Programmed works</i>	47
<i>Damages (e.g. Vandalism)</i>	16
<i>Other matters</i>	96
<i>TOTAL</i>	1055

Traffic Controller Jobs
February 2006

<i>Traffic signals</i>	408
<i>Major signal fault</i>	349
<i>Hardware failure</i>	0
<i>Causing traffic delays</i>	0
<i>Accident damage</i>	9
<i>Graffiti</i>	42
<i>Programmed works</i>	112
<i>Damages (e.g. Vandalism)</i>	12
<i>Other matters</i>	86
<i>TOTAL</i>	1018

Traffic Controller Jobs
March 2006

<i>Traffic signals</i>	612
<i>Major signal fault</i>	329
<i>Hardware failure</i>	0
<i>Causing traffic delays</i>	0
<i>Accident damage</i>	27
<i>Graffiti</i>	28
<i>Programmed works</i>	83
<i>Damages (e.g. Vandalism)</i>	25
<i>Other matters</i>	76
<i>TOTAL</i>	1180

Traffic Controller Jobs
April 2006

<i>Traffic signals</i>	434
<i>Major signal fault</i>	317
<i>Hardware failure</i>	1
<i>Causing traffic delays</i>	0
<i>Accident damage</i>	13
<i>Graffiti</i>	19
<i>Programmed works</i>	42
<i>Damages (e.g. Vandalism)</i>	22
<i>Other matters</i>	59
<i>TOTAL</i>	907

Traffic Controller Jobs
May 2006

<i>Traffic signals</i>	619
<i>Major signal fault</i>	319
<i>Hardware failure</i>	0
<i>Causing traffic delays</i>	0
<i>Accident damage</i>	24
<i>Graffiti</i>	51
<i>Programmed works</i>	53
<i>Damages (e.g. Vandalism)</i>	13
<i>Other matters</i>	79
<i>TOTAL</i>	1158

Traffic Controller Jobs
June 2006

<i>Traffic signals</i>	451
<i>Major signal fault</i>	317
<i>Hardware failure</i>	0
<i>Causing traffic delays</i>	0
<i>Accident damage</i>	6
<i>Graffiti</i>	102
<i>Programmed works</i>	60
<i>Damages (e.g. Vandalism)</i>	20
<i>Other matters</i>	82
<i>TOTAL</i>	1038

Traffic Controller Jobs
July 2006

<i>Traffic signals</i>	489
<i>Major signal fault</i>	355
<i>Hardware failure</i>	0
<i>Causing traffic delays</i>	0
<i>Accident damage</i>	19
<i>Graffiti</i>	54
<i>Programmed works</i>	77
<i>Damages (e.g. Vandalism)</i>	12
<i>Other matters</i>	101
<i>TOTAL</i>	1107

Traffic Controller Jobs
August 2006

<i>Traffic signals</i>	629
<i>Major signal fault</i>	327
<i>Hardware failure</i>	0
<i>Causing traffic delays</i>	0
<i>Accident damage</i>	15
<i>Graffiti</i>	52
<i>Programmed works</i>	94
<i>Damages (e.g. Vandalism)</i>	19
<i>Other matters</i>	133
<i>TOTAL</i>	1269

Traffic Controller Jobs
September 2006

<i>Traffic signals</i>	443
<i>Major signal fault</i>	327
<i>Hardware failure</i>	0
<i>Causing traffic delays</i>	0
<i>Accident damage</i>	22
<i>Graffiti</i>	47
<i>Programmed works</i>	84
<i>Damages (e.g. Vandalism)</i>	22
<i>Other matters</i>	90
<i>TOTAL</i>	1035

Traffic Controller Jobs
October 2006

<i>Traffic signals</i>	598
<i>Major signal fault</i>	341
<i>Hardware failure</i>	0
<i>Causing traffic delays</i>	0
<i>Accident damage</i>	15
<i>Graffiti</i>	56
<i>Programmed works</i>	93
<i>Damages (e.g. Vandalism)</i>	26
<i>Other matters</i>	137
<i>TOTAL</i>	1266

Traffic Controller Jobs
November 2006

<i>Traffic signals</i>	563
<i>Major signal fault</i>	415
<i>Hardware failure</i>	0
<i>Causing traffic delays</i>	0
<i>Accident damage</i>	15
<i>Graffiti</i>	62
<i>Programmed works</i>	86
<i>Damages (e.g. Vandalism)</i>	31
<i>Other matters</i>	89
TOTAL	1261

Traffic Controller Jobs
December 2006

<i>Traffic signals</i>	500
<i>Major signal fault</i>	429
<i>Hardware failure</i>	0
<i>Causing traffic delays</i>	0
<i>Accident damage</i>	19
<i>Graffiti</i>	39
<i>Programmed works</i>	79
<i>Damages (e.g. Vandalism)</i>	28
<i>Other matters</i>	83
TOTAL	1177

Roads and ports: level crossings

65(b). Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports with reference to the 20 busiest level crossings, by number of road vehicles crossing over them each 24 hours, that are ‘passively protected’ (equipped only with warning signs) —

- (1) What is the location by name of road and suburb, town or locality of each crossing.
- (2) How many vehicles pass over each crossing on a typical —
 - (a) weekday;
 - (b) Saturday;
 - (c) Sunday.
- (3) How many scheduled passenger train movements pass over each of the crossings on a typical —
 - (a) weekday;
 - (b) Saturday;
 - (c) Sunday.
- (4) How many scheduled freight train movements pass over each of the crossings on a typical —
 - (a) weekday;
 - (b) Saturday;
 - (c) Sunday.

- (5) What date was the latest road traffic count conducted for each crossing and who conducted each count.
- (6) For how many of the further 1448 passively protected level crossings are traffic and road counts available.

ANSWER:

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

As the matters raised fall within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Public Transport, the Hon. Lynne Kosky, MP, will respond to these questions.

Roads and ports: level crossings

66(b). **Mr MULDER** to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports with reference to traffic and road counts undertaken on 'passively protected' (equipped only with warning signs) level crossings —

- (1) How often are traffic counts undertaken for the crossings.
- (2) How many traffic counts were undertaken in each from 1999 to 2007 to date.
- (3) Which organisation undertakes the counts.
- (4) What contractors, if any, have been engaged between 1999 and 2007 to date to undertake counts.
- (5) How many separate level crossing counts did each organisation or contractor performing the counts undertake in each year from 1999 to 2007 to date.

ANSWER:

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

As the matters raised fall within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Public Transport, the Hon. Lynne Kosky, MP, will respond to these questions.

Roads and ports: Hastings electorate traffic control signals

81. **Mr BURGESS** to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports — what month and year will the Government fulfil its election promise to install traffic control signals at the —

- (1) Intersection of Fultons, Hawkins and Baxter-Tooradin roads, Baxter.
- (2) Intersection of Stony Point and Frankston-Flinders roads, Bittern.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) The Government has asked VicRoads to proceed with the further development of a proposal for a roundabout at the intersection of Baxter-Tooradin Road, Fultons Road and Hawkins Road, Baxter. The proposal forms part of the Government's *Meeting Our Transport Challenges* plan.
- (2) VicRoads is currently completing the detailed design for the proposed signals at the intersection of Stony Point Road and Frankston-Flinders Road, Bittern.

Skills, education services and employment: Sandringham electorate primary schools

83. **Mr THOMPSON** to ask the Minister for Skills, Education Services and Employment with reference to the Labor Party commitment at the last state election to commit an extra \$1.9 billion in its next term, in

addition to the \$448 million committed in 2006–07, to deliver \$2.3 billion for education capital over five years —

- (1) When will the upgrade of Beaumaris North Primary School commence.
- (2) When will the upgrade of Black Rock Primary School commence.
- (3) When will the upgrade of Sandringham East Primary School commence.
- (4) When will the upgrade of the Beaumaris Campus of Sandringham College commence.
- (5) When will the upgrade of the Holloway Road Campus of Sandringham College commence.
- (6) When will the upgrade of the Highett Campus of Sandringham College commence.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This is a question best directed to the Minister for Education.

Police and emergency services: Crime Stoppers community education program

88. **Dr SYKES** to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to the community education program component of Crime Stoppers —

- (1) Does the Government intend to provide recurrent funding for the program in the 2007–08 budget.
- (2) Can the Minister provide details on the level of funding provided by the Government for the program over the past five financial years.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) The Government provides significant ongoing funding to the Crime Stoppers program, including the community education component, through Victoria Police, and will continue to do so in the 2007–08 financial year.
- (2) Over the past five years the Government, via Victoria Police, has contributed in excess of \$4.8M, in cash and in kind, to support Crime Stoppers related activities such as answering calls to Crime Stoppers, following up crime-related information received, providing material for Crime Stoppers' education and promotion and a small amount for discretionary spending. Victoria Police also provides office space and services for Crime Stoppers staff.

The Government has also provided in excess of \$550 000 over this period to provide additional support for community education about Crime Stoppers, including:

- multilingual officers to promote Crime Stoppers to culturally and linguistically diverse communities;
- an initiative to promote youth participation in the Crime Stoppers program; and
- a period of support for production of the Crime Stoppers television segment.

These and other initiatives have helped Crime Stoppers develop a very high brand recognition rate, with 94 per cent of Victorians surveyed familiar with the Crime Stoppers program and its purpose.

Victorian Government funding for Crime Stoppers compares very favourably with that provided to Crime Stoppers in other States. While all States support Crime Stoppers with Police resources, inquiries indicate other State governments contribute no or minimal cash funding.