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Tuesday, 8 April 2008

Community services: residential aged-care facilities

- 273.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Health for the Minister for Community Services with reference to closure of public sector residential aged care facilities in Victoria —
- (1) How many facilities closed in 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 and for each closure —
 - (a) what was the name of the facility;
 - (b) how many high care licences did the facility hold;
 - (c) how many low care licences did the facility hold.
 - (2) How many facilities are currently earmarked for closure.
 - (3) How many facilities have been identified as in need of redevelopment or upgrade.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) In 2002 one public sector residential aged care facility ceased to operate.
 In 2003 one public sector residential aged care facility ceased to operate.
 In 2007 one public sector residential aged care facility ceased to operate.
 - (a) Frankston Aged Care.
 - (b) 30 high care licences.
 - (a) Midland Hostel.
 - (c) 23 low care licences.
 - (a) Pleasant Homes
 - (c) 39 low Care
- (2) None
- (3) Over the life of all facilities maintenance and upgrading is continually required. All public sector residential aged care facilities meet current standards as set by the Commonwealth Government. Since 2000, 45 residential aged care facilities have been identified for redevelopment and a total of \$424.1 million allocated for that purpose. Of these 39 have been completed and six are under way. In addition the Government has committed to the redevelopment of a further two facilities in the current term.

Public transport: signal and point failures

- 363.** Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to the sections of track (such as Caulfield to Frankston or Frankston to Stony Point) that are not controlled by Metrol on Connex's 15

electrified suburban rail lines and one non-electrified suburban line — for each line what was the number of —

- (1) Signal failures for each month between November 2006 and July 2007.
- (2) Point failures for each month between November 2006 and July 2007.

ANSWER:

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

The only area not controlled by Metrol referenced in the question is the Stony Point line (Frankston to Stony Point).

- (1) For the one line not controlled by Metrol, the total number of signal failures between November 2006 and July 2007 was 80.

Train Line	Section	Nov-06	Dec-06	Jan-07	Feb-07	Mar-07	Apr-07	May-07	Jun-07	Jul-07	Total
Stony Point	Frankston to Stony Point	6	4	13	9	5	8	13	12	10	80

- (2) The total number of point failures between November 2006 and July 2007 was 2.

Train Line	Section	Nov-06	Dec-06	Jan-07	Feb-07	Mar-07	Apr-07	May-07	Jun-07	Jul-07	Total
Stony Point	Frankston to Stony Point	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2

It is important to note that signal or points failures do not create safety risks. Each incident resulted in the signalling system reverting to a safe state (level crossing operating, signal at stop) ensuring the safety of trains is not compromised.

The types of signal and points faults include such things as:

- vandalism;
- level crossing equipment operating continuously after passage of train;
- difficulty in operation of electric staff machines;
- signal circuit failure resulting in signal displaying stop; and
- weather affecting staff locking bars on points.

Public transport: rail — New Street, Brighton, gates

452. Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to the New Street railway gates in Brighton, noting a train crash on 10 September 2007 —

- (1) Has a decision been made to install an interlocking system; if so —
 - (a) on what date was the decision made;
 - (b) what is the cost of such a system;
 - (c) has construction started on the interlocking system; if so, on what date did it start and has it been completed; if not, on what date will construction start.
- (2) Are there plans to fully install a fully functioning interlocking system; if so, on what date will this occur.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) No decision has been made to install an interlocking system.
- (2) Connex has been investigating the possibility of an interlocking system for the railway gates but no suitable solution has been identified to date.

Police and emergency services: police powers

510. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to amendments to s 464B of the *Crimes Act 1958* which give police increased powers to interview suspects — how many prisoners have been interviewed through the use of this power in —

- (1) Commencement to 30 June 2001.
- (2) 2001–02.
- (3) 2002–03.
- (4) 2003–04.
- (5) 2004–05.
- (6) 2005–06.
- (7) 2006–07.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Victoria Police started to keep statistical records of the number of interviews conducted in accordance with section 464 B of the *Crimes Act 1958* on 1 August 2001. Victoria Police has provided the following statistics and advised that there are no statistics on the number of interviews conducted under s464B prior to that date.

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (1) Commencement to 30 June 2001: | No statistics available. |
| (2) 2001–02: | 141. |
| (3) 2002–03: | 295. |
| (4) 2003–04: | 335. |
| (5) 2004–05: | 545. |
| (6) 2005–06: | 687. |
| (7) 2006–07: | 813. |

Health: equivalent full-time nurses

575. Mrs SHARDEY to ask the Minister for Health with reference to the Government’s statement that 8,000 additional equivalent full time nurses have been employed in the public hospital system since 1999 —

- (1) At which hospitals have the additional nurses been employed.
- (2) How many nurses have been employed per hospital.
- (3) How many nurses were employed in equivalent full time positions in —
 - (a) 1999;
 - (b) 2000;
 - (c) 2001;
 - (d) 2002;

- (e) 2003;
- (f) 2004;
- (g) 2005;
- (h) 2006;
- (i) 2007.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

(1) Hospitals at which additional nurses have been employed	(2) Increases from June 1999 FTE
Metropolitan Health Services	
Austin	496
Bayside	562
Eastern	955
Royal Melbourne	550
Mercy	263
Northern	374
Peninsula	385
Peter MacCallum	69
Royal Vic Eye and Ear	25
Southern	855
Western	548
Women and Children's	455
St Vincents (incl. St Georges and Caritas Christie)	325
Bethlehem	14
Barwon South Western	
Barwon Health (inc. Hesse & Lorne)	369
Casterton	6
Colac CH	21
Heywood	4
Moyne	11
Otway H&C	5
Portland	29
South West Healthcare	79
Timboon	4
Western District (incl. Coleraine)	77
Grampians	
Ballarat HS (incl. Hospice)	128
Beaufort & Skipton	21
Djerriwarrh HS	43

Dunmunkle HS	10
East Grampians H	17
East Wimmera H	48
Edenhope Dist	5
Hepburn HS	29
Rural Northwest H	30
Stawell	9
West Wimmera H	22
Wimmera HC	69
Loddon Mallee	
Bendigo HC	218
Boort	5
Cohuna	8
Echuca Regional	16
Inglewood	4
Kerang	14
Kyabram	26
Kyneton	24
Maldon	6
Mallee Track	3
Maryborough Dist	36
McIvor H&C	10
Mildura Base	21
Mt Alexander	40
Robinvale and District	10
Rochester	8
Swan Hill	30
Hume	
Alexandra	4
Alpine Health	6
Beechworth	38
Benalla (incl. Cooyinda)	26
Cobram District	16
Darlingford Upper Goulburn	3
Glenview Community	11
Goulburn Valley (incl. Waranga)	111
Kilmore	27
Mansfield	23
Nathalia	8
Northeast	101
Numurkah	2
Seymour	21

Tallangatta	14
Upper Murray	31
Wodonga Regional	56
Yarrawonga Dist	13
Yea	3

Gippsland

Bairnsdale Regional	37
Bass Coast (Wonthaggi)	30
Central Gippsland	19
Gippsland Southern Health	1
Latrobe Regional	129
Omeo	4
Orbost	4
South Gippsland	4
West Gippsland	67
Yarram	6

(3) Nurses employed in equivalent full time positions:

- (a) 1999 - 21,154
- (b) 2000 - 21,684
- (c) 2001 - 23,952
- (d) 2002 - 25,071
- (e) 2003 - 25,841
- (f) 2004 - 26,920
- (g) 2005 - 27,720
- (h) 2006 - 28,418
- (i) 2007 - 29,215 increase since 1999 = 8,061

Nurse numbers are published regularly in Your Hospitals.

Public transport: trams — North Balwyn to Doncaster

604. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to the answer provided to question on notice 129 regarding the proposed tramline extension from North Balwyn to Doncaster —

- (1) Does any of the existing tramline in Melbourne exceed a grade limitation of more than six per cent; if so, where.
- (2) Do any of the existing tram stops in Melbourne exceed a grade maximum of 2.5 per cent or more; if so, which stops.
- (3) What is the unit cost for the tramline extensions at —
 - (a) Box Hill;
 - (b) Vermont South.
- (4) What do the extra costs expected for Doncaster Road consist of and how much was allowed for each extra cost.
- (5) How many additional trams would need to be purchased if the tramline was extended from Balwyn North to Doncaster Shoppingtown using the current service schedule.

ANSWER:

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

(1-2) The Disability Discrimination Act, referred to in the answer to LA129, applies to new infrastructure.

(3a) The 2.2 kilometre Box Hill tram extension cost \$12.7 million/km in 2003.

(3b) The 3.0 kilometre Vermont South tram extension cost \$10.2 million/km in 2005.

These figures only cover the capital cost of the projects. The costs do not include any additional operating or maintenance costs associated with extending tram services to Box Hill or Vermont South.

(4) It is not possible to identify “extra costs” associated with a tram extension along Doncaster Road, as the project has not been scoped.

(5) The number of additional trams required if the tramline was extended from Balwyn North to Doncaster Shoppingtown has not been identified as the project has not been scoped.

Community services: Kew Residential Services — expenditure

657. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the redevelopment of Kew Residential Services — as at 30 June 2007 —

- (1) What was the total recurrent expenditure incurred.
- (2) What was the total capital expenditure incurred.
- (3) What was the total redevelopment expenditure which is to be offset against the proceeds of the sale of the site

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

(1) For the year to 30 June 2007, the total recurrent expenditure incurred for the redeveloped KRS was \$19.0 million.

(2) The total capital expenditure as at 30 June 2007 was \$70.0 million.

(3) The total redevelopment expenditure as at 30 June 2007, which is to be offset against the proceeds of the sale of the site, was \$70.0 million.

Public transport: train stabling compounds

683. Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Public Transport — at each of the North Melbourne, Ringwood, Bayswater, Belgrave, Lilydale, Newport Workshops, Werribee, Watergardens, Broadmeadows, Craigieburn, Upfield, Epping, Eltham, Hurstbridge, Ashburton, Camberwell, Glen Waverley, Dandenong, Pakenham, Cranbourne, Mordialloc, Carrum, Frankston, Macaulay, Burnley and Newport train stabling compounds, between 1 July 2007 and 22 November 2007 —

- (1) On how many occasions —
 - (a) was heavy gauge wire surrounding the compound believed to have been cut or otherwise interfered with to allow unauthorised entry;
 - (b) were gates left open allowing unauthorised entry.
- (2) How many persons have been apprehend for —

- (a) cutting or interfering with heavy gauge wire surrounding the compound to gain unauthorised entry;
- (b) unauthorised entry after gates had been left open.
- (3) How many separate offences does each apprehended case of —
 - (a) cutting or interfering with heavy gauge wire surrounding the compound to gain unauthorised entry allegedly relate to;
 - (b) unauthorised entry after gates had been left open allegedly relate to.

ANSWER:

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

(1, 2 & 3)

Connex has advised that it does not hold the necessary data to respond to these questions. These questions should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services as data on criminal activity at railway stations and other public transport infrastructure is collated and held by Victoria Police.

Community services: child protection workers

698. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to funds of \$4.2 million for additional child protection workers in the 2002–03 budget —

- (1) How much of the funding was expended in 2002–03.
- (2) How many additional full-time equivalent child protection workers were employed in 2002–03 as a direct result of the funds and in what locations were the additional workers employed.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The entire allocation of \$4.2m was expended in 2002-03
- (2) As a result of the additional \$4.2m in 2002-03, a total of 60 additional Child Protection workers were employed by the Department as follows: Barwon 5, Eastern 8, Gippsland 3, Grampians 3, Hume 3, Loddon 4, North-West 17, Southern 13 and Head Office 4.

Community services: child protection service

700. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to funding of \$300,000 for child protection service improvements in the 2002–03 budget —

- (1) How much of the funding was expended in 2002–03.
- (2) What specific improvements were carried out using the funds in 2002–03.
- (3) Which specific services, in what locations, received the funding.
- (4) How much funding did each service receive.
- (5) Over what timeframe did each service receive funding.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The entire allocation of \$300,000 was expended in 2002-03

- (2) The money was utilised to fund reviews of policies, guidelines and training packages for child protection workers.
- (3) The funding provided was utilised for Head Office facilitated training for Child Protection workers
- (4) The funding was utilised centrally, rather than allocated to individual Regions
- (5) The funding was expended progressively during the course of the year

Roads and ports: King Street, East Doncaster — traffic safety

716. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports with reference to the road safety audit of King Street, East Doncaster, that identified the need for 50 remedial actions, which are the responsibility of VicRoads, to improve traffic safety —

- (1) How many of the actions will be carried out.
- (2) When will the actions be carried out.
- (3) What is the estimated cost of these works.

ANSWER:

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

Since the road safety audit was undertaken, VicRoads has installed traffic signals at the intersection of King Street and Victoria Street, and has resurfaced the King Street road pavement from Victoria Street to Blackburn Road.

The other recommendations of the road safety audit will be taken into account when considering possible options to improve safety on King Street. Proposals for improvement projects must be considered and prioritised on a state wide basis. Any improvements to King Street will be considered in this context.

Premier: Manningham community cabinet

717. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Premier with reference to the Community Cabinet visit to Manningham on 16 October 2007 —

- (1) What was the total cost of the visit.
- (2) How many ministers attended.
- (3) How many meetings did ministers hold with community groups.
- (4) How many meetings did departmental officials hold with community groups.
- (5) How many groups were not offered a meeting with either a minister or departmental official.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Community Cabinet is an integral part of the core functions of Department of Premier and Cabinet, with associated costs absorbed within existing programs and budgets and delivered through the Strategic Policy Advice and Projects output. Therefore, there is no separate costing available for the Manningham Community Cabinet visit.
- (2) There were 15 Ministers in attendance at the Manningham Community Cabinet.
- (3) Ministers held 21 formal submission meetings with community groups. In addition Ministers undertook 8 visits to community groups and held 4 community forums and roundtables on youth, business, multicultural affairs and women's affairs. Two submitter groups were invited to forums in lieu of individual meetings.

- (4) Departmental officials held 4 meetings with community groups.
- (5) There were 9 submissions that did not receive a meeting with either a Minister or a departmental official, however 2 of these were offered a meeting and declined or were unable to attend. Of the 7 submissions that were not offered a meeting, 1 submitter had 2 other submissions for which he was offered meetings. All 9 submissions that did not receive a meeting have received formal communication from the Minister's office or department in response to their issue.

Community services: supported residential services — Barwon south region

721. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to SRS facilities in the Barwon South West Region —

- (1) How many facilities were registered with the Government in —
 - (a) 2000;
 - (b) 2001;
 - (c) 2002;
 - (d) 2003;
 - (e) 2004;
 - (f) 2005;
 - (g) 2006;
 - (h) 2007.
- (2) How many —
 - (a) above pension level beds were registered in —
 - (i) 2000;
 - (ii) 2001;
 - (iii) 2002;
 - (iv) 2003;
 - (v) 2004;
 - (vi) 2005;
 - (vii) 2006;
 - (viii) 2007;
 - (b) pension level beds were registered in —
 - (i) 2000;
 - (ii) 2001;
 - (iii) 2002;
 - (iv) 2003;
 - (v) 2004;
 - (vi) 2005;
 - (vii) 2006;
 - (viii) 2007.
- (3) How many pension level facilities were allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 31 June 2007.
- (4) For each pension level facility allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 31 June 2007 what —
 - (a) year was the administrator appointed;
 - (b) was the name of the appointed administrator;

- (c) was the name of the facility;
- (d) percentage of pension level beds do/did they have;
- (e) was the reason for the appointment of the administrator.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Response is made for the years 2003 and 2007 as comparable data does not exist for earlier years

- (1) As there have been changes to data collection and/or collation processes, it is not possible to provide easily comparable data across this timeframe. The current number of registered facilities in Victoria at December 2007 is 189.
- (2) Individual beds are not registered as 'above pension' or 'pension level'.
- (3) In Victoria, for pension level SRS facilities seven Administrators were appointed between August 2003 and December 2007.
- (4) In Victoria for pension level SRS facilities
 - (a) Administrators were appointed in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007
 - (b) The names of the Administrators appointed were
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Western Region Health Centre
 - Wesley Mission Melbourne
 - Sims Partners
 - (c) The names of the SRS facilities were
 - Terrapee Lodge
 - Elizabeth William
 - MacPherson House
 - Bellden Supported Residential Service
 - Western Lodge
 - Western Lodge
 - Maroondah Lodge
 - (d) The precise percentage of pension level beds at the time of closure can not be determined.
 - (e) The reason for the appointment of an administrator was that the Minister's delegate believed on reasonable grounds that the appointment of an administrator to a supported residential service was necessary to protect the interests of the residents of the service.

Community services: supported residential services — Loddon Mallee region

722. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to SRS facilities in the Loddon Mallee Region —

- (1) How many facilities were registered with the Government in —
 - (a) 2000;

- (b) 2001;
 - (c) 2002;
 - (d) 2003;
 - (e) 2004;
 - (f) 2005;
 - (g) 2006;
 - (h) 2007.
- (2) How many —
- (a) above pension level beds were registered in —
 - (i) 2000;
 - (ii) 2001;
 - (iii) 2002;
 - (iv) 2003;
 - (v) 2004;
 - (vi) 2005;
 - (vii) 2006;
 - (viii) 2007;
 - (b) pension level beds were registered in —
 - (i) 2000;
 - (ii) 2001;
 - (iii) 2002;
 - (iv) 2003;
 - (v) 2004;
 - (vi) 2005;
 - (vii) 2006;
 - (viii) 2007.
- (3) How many pension level facilities were allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 31 June 2007.
- (4) For each pension level facility allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 31 June 2007 what —
- (a) year was the administrator appointed;
 - (b) was the name of the appointed administrator;
 - (c) was the name of the facility;
 - (d) percentage of pension level beds do/did they have;
 - (e) was the reason for the appointment of the administrator.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Response is made for the years 2003 and 2007 as comparable data does not exist for earlier years

- (1) As there have been changes to data collection and/or collation processes, it is not possible to provide easily comparable data across this timeframe. The current number of registered facilities in Victoria at December 2007 is 189.

- (2) SRS facilities are registered without reference to the market they will target. Beds can change from 'pension level' to 'above pension' depending on the person offered accommodation. Where the Department is aware of how a proprietor targets their beds, the facility may be referred to as 'pension level' or 'above pension'.
- (3) In Victoria, for pension level SRS facilities seven Administrators were appointed between August 2003 and December 2007.
- (4) In Victoria for pension level SRS facilities
 - (a) Administrators were appointed in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.
 - (b) The names of the Administrators appointed were
 - Patrick Bowden
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 - (d) The precise percentage of pension level beds at the time of closure cannot be determined.
 - (e) The reason for the appointment of an administrator was that the Minister's delegate believed on reasonable grounds that the appointment of an administrator to a supported residential service was necessary to protect the interests of the residents of the service.

Community services: supported residential services — Grampians region

723. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to SRS facilities in the Grampians Region —

- (1) How many facilities were registered with the Government in —
 - (a) 2000;
 - (b) 2001;
 - (c) 2002;
 - (d) 2003;
 - (e) 2004;
 - (f) 2005;
 - (g) 2006;
 - (h) 2007.
- (2) How many —
 - (a) above pension level beds were registered in —
 - (i) 2000;

- (ii) 2001;
- (iii) 2002;
- (iv) 2003;
- (v) 2004;
- (vi) 2005;
- (vii) 2006;
- (viii) 2007;
- (b) pension level beds were registered in —
 - (i) 2000;
 - (ii) 2001;
 - (iii) 2002;
 - (iv) 2003;
 - (v) 2004;
 - (vi) 2005;
 - (vii) 2006;
 - (viii) 2007.
- (3) How many pension level facilities were allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 31 June 2007.
- (4) For each pension level facility allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 31 June 2007 what —
 - (a) year was the administrator appointed;
 - (b) was the name of the appointed administrator;
 - (c) was the name of the facility;
 - (d) percentage of pension level beds do/did they have;
 - (e) was the reason for the appointment of the administrator.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Response is made for the years 2003 and 2007 as comparable data does not exist for earlier years

- (1) As there have been changes to data collection and/or collation processes, it is not possible to provide easily comparable data across this timeframe. The current number of registered facilities in Victoria at December 2007 is 189.
- (2) Individual beds are not registered as ‘above pension’ or ‘pension level’.
- (3) In Victoria, for pension level SRS facilities seven Administrators were appointed between August 2003 and December 2007.
- (4) In Victoria for pension level SRS facilities
 - (a) Administrators were appointed in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.
 - (b) The names of the Administrators appointed were
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Western Region Health Centre

- Wesley Mission Melbourne
 - Sims Partners
- (c) The names of the SRS facilities were
- Terrapee Lodge
 - Elizabeth William
 - MacPherson House
 - Bellden Supported Residential Service
 - Western Lodge
 - Western Lodge
 - Maroondah Lodge
- (d) The precise percentage of pension level beds at the time of closure can not be determined.
- (e) The reason for the appointment of an administrator was that the Minister's delegate believed on reasonable grounds that the appointment of an administrator to a supported residential service was necessary to protect the interests of the residents of the service.

Community services: supported residential services — Hume region

724. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to SRS facilities in the Hume Region —

- (1) How many facilities were registered with the Government in —
- (a) 2000;
 - (b) 2001;
 - (c) 2002;
 - (d) 2003;
 - (e) 2004;
 - (f) 2005;
 - (g) 2006;
 - (h) 2007.
- (2) How many —
- (a) above pension level beds were registered in —
 - (i) 2000;
 - (ii) 2001;
 - (iii) 2002;
 - (iv) 2003;
 - (v) 2004;
 - (vi) 2005;
 - (vii) 2006;
 - (viii) 2007;
 - (b) pension level beds were registered in —
 - (i) 2000;
 - (ii) 2001;
 - (iii) 2002;
 - (iv) 2003;
 - (v) 2004;
 - (vi) 2005;

- (vii) 2006;
- (viii) 2007.
- (3) How many pension level facilities were allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 31 June 2007.
- (4) For each pension level facility allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 31 June 2007 what —
 - (a) year was the administrator appointed;
 - (b) was the name of the appointed administrator;
 - (c) was the name of the facility;
 - (d) percentage of pension level beds do/did they have;
 - (e) was the reason for the appointment of the administrator.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) As there have been changes to data collection and/or collation processes, it is not possible to provide easily comparable data across this timeframe. The current number of registered facilities in Victoria at December 2007 is 189.
- (2) Individual beds are not registered as 'above pension' or 'pension level'.
- (3) In Victoria, for pension level SRS facilities seven Administrators were appointed between August 2003 and December 2007.
- (4) In Victoria for pension level SRS facilities
 - (a) Administrators were appointed in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.
 - (b) The names of the Administrators appointed were
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Western Region Health Centre
 - Wesley Mission Melbourne
 - Sims Partners
 - (c) The names of the SRS facilities were
 - Terrapee Lodge
 - Elizabeth William
 - MacPherson House
 - Bellden Supported Residential Service
 - Western Lodge
 - Western Lodge
 - Maroondah Lodge
 - (d) The precise percentage of pension level beds at the time of closure can not be determined.
 - (e) The reason for the appointment of an administrator was that the Minister's delegate believed on reasonable grounds that the appointment of an administrator to a supported residential service was necessary to protect the interests of the residents of the service.

Community services: supported residential services — Gippsland region

- 725. Ms WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to SRS facilities in the Gippsland Region —
- (1) How many facilities were registered with the Government in —
 - (a) 2000;
 - (b) 2001;
 - (c) 2002;
 - (d) 2003;
 - (e) 2004;
 - (f) 2005;
 - (g) 2006;
 - (h) 2007.
 - (2) How many —
 - (a) above pension level beds were registered in —
 - (i) 2000;
 - (ii) 2001;
 - (iii) 2002;
 - (iv) 2003;
 - (v) 2004;
 - (vi) 2005;
 - (vii) 2006;
 - (viii) 2007;
 - (b) pension level beds were registered in —
 - (i) 2000;
 - (ii) 2001;
 - (iii) 2002;
 - (iv) 2003;
 - (v) 2004;
 - (vi) 2005;
 - (vii) 2006;
 - (viii) 2007.
 - (3) How many pension level facilities were allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 31 June 2007.
 - (4) For each pension level facility allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 31 June 2007 what —
 - (a) year was the administrator appointed;
 - (b) was the name of the appointed administrator;
 - (c) was the name of the facility;
 - (d) percentage of pension level beds do/did they have;
 - (e) was the reason for the appointment of the administrator.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) As there have been changes to data collection and/or collation processes, it is not possible to provide easily comparable data across this timeframe. The current number of registered facilities in Victoria at December 2007 is 189.
- (2) Individual beds are not registered as ‘above pension’ or ‘pension level’.
- (3) In Victoria, for pension level SRS facilities seven Administrators were appointed between August 2003 and December 2007.
- (4) In Victoria for pension level SRS facilities
 - (a) Administrators were appointed in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.
 - (b) The names of the Administrators appointed were
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Western Region Health Centre
 - Wesley Mission Melbourne
 - Sims Partners
 - (c) The names of the SRS facilities were
 - Terrapee Lodge
 - Elizabeth William
 - MacPherson House
 - Bellden Supported Residential Service
 - Western Lodge
 - Western Lodge
 - Maroondah Lodge
 - (d) The precise percentage of pension level beds at the time of closure can not be determined.
 - (e) The reason for the appointment of an administrator was that the Minister’s delegate believed on reasonable grounds that the appointment of an administrator to a supported residential service was necessary to protect the interests of the residents of the service.

Community services: supported residential services — north-west region

726. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to SRS facilities in the North West Region —

- (1) How many facilities were registered with the Government in —
 - (a) 2000;
 - (b) 2001;
 - (c) 2002;
 - (d) 2003;
 - (e) 2004;
 - (f) 2005;
 - (g) 2006;
 - (h) 2007.
- (2) How many —

- (a) above pension level beds were registered in —
 - (i) 2000;
 - (ii) 2001;
 - (iii) 2002;
 - (iv) 2003;
 - (v) 2004;
 - (vi) 2005;
 - (vii) 2006;
 - (viii) 2007;
- (b) pension level beds were registered in —
 - (i) 2000;
 - (ii) 2001;
 - (iii) 2002;
 - (iv) 2003;
 - (v) 2004;
 - (vi) 2005;
 - (vii) 2006;
 - (viii) 2007.
- (3) How many pension level facilities were allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 31 June 2007.
- (4) For each pension level facility allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 31 June 2007 what —
 - (a) year was the administrator appointed;
 - (b) was the name of the appointed administrator;
 - (c) was the name of the facility;
 - (d) percentage of pension level beds do/did they have;
 - (e) was the reason for the appointment of the administrator.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) As there have been changes to data collection and/or collation processes, it is not possible to provide easily comparable data across this timeframe. The current number of registered facilities in Victoria at December 2007 is 189.
- (2) Individual beds are not registered as ‘above pension’ or ‘pension level’.
- (3) In Victoria, for pension level SRS facilities seven Administrators were appointed between August 2003 and December 2007.
- (4) In Victoria for pension level SRS facilities
 - (a) Administrators were appointed in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.
 - (b) The names of the Administrators appointed were
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Patrick Bowden

- Western Region Health Centre
 - Wesley Mission Melbourne
 - Sims Partners
- (c) The names of the SRS facilities were
- Terrapee Lodge
 - Elizabeth William
 - MacPherson House
 - Bellden Supported Residential Service
 - Western Lodge
 - Western Lodge
 - Maroondah Lodge
- (d) The precise percentage of pension level beds at the time of closure can not be determined.
- (e) The reason for the appointment of an administrator was that the Minister's delegate believed on reasonable grounds that the appointment of an administrator to a supported residential service was necessary to protect the interests of the residents of the service.

Community services: supported residential services — eastern region

727. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to SRS facilities in the Eastern Region —

- (1) How many facilities were registered with the Government in —
- (a) 2000;
 - (b) 2001;
 - (c) 2002;
 - (d) 2003;
 - (e) 2004;
 - (f) 2005;
 - (g) 2006;
 - (h) 2007.
- (2) How many —
- (a) above pension level beds were registered in —
 - (i) 2000;
 - (ii) 2001;
 - (iii) 2002;
 - (iv) 2003;
 - (v) 2004;
 - (vi) 2005;
 - (vii) 2006;
 - (viii) 2007;
 - (b) pension level beds were registered in —
 - (i) 2000;
 - (ii) 2001;
 - (iii) 2002;
 - (iv) 2003;

- (v) 2004;
 - (vi) 2005;
 - (vii) 2006;
 - (viii) 2007.
- (3) How many pension level facilities were allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 31 June 2007.
- (4) For each pension level facility allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 31 June 2007 what —
- (a) year was the administrator appointed;
 - (b) was the name of the appointed administrator;
 - (c) was the name of the facility;
 - (d) percentage of pension level beds do/did they have;
 - (e) was the reason for the appointment of the administrator.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) As there have been changes to data collection and/or collation processes, it is not possible to provide easily comparable data across this timeframe. The current number of registered facilities in Victoria at December 2007 is 189.
- (2) Individual beds are not registered as 'above pension' or 'pension level'.
- (3) In Victoria, for pension level SRS facilities seven Administrators were appointed between August 2003 and December 2007.
- (4) In Victoria for pension level SRS facilities
- (a) Administrators were appointed in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.
 - (b) The names of the Administrators appointed were
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Western Region Health Centre
 - Wesley Mission Melbourne
 - Sims Partners
 - (c) The names of the SRS facilities were
 - Terrapee Lodge
 - Elizabeth William
 - MacPherson House
 - Bellden Supported Residential Service
 - Western Lodge
 - Western Lodge
 - Maroondah Lodge
 - (d) The precise percentage of pension level beds at the time of closure can not be determined.

- (e) The reason for the appointment of an administrator was that the Minister's delegate believed on reasonable grounds that the appointment of an administrator to a supported residential service was necessary to protect the interests of the residents of the service.

Community services: supported residential services — southern region

728. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to SRS facilities in the Southern Region —

- (1) How many facilities were registered with the Government in —
- (a) 2000;
 - (b) 2001;
 - (c) 2002;
 - (d) 2003;
 - (e) 2004;
 - (f) 2005;
 - (g) 2006;
 - (h) 2007.
- (2) How many —
- (a) above pension level beds were registered in —
 - (i) 2000;
 - (ii) 2001;
 - (iii) 2002;
 - (iv) 2003;
 - (v) 2004;
 - (vi) 2005;
 - (vii) 2006;
 - (viii) 2007;
 - (b) pension level beds were registered in —
 - (i) 2000;
 - (ii) 2001;
 - (iii) 2002;
 - (iv) 2003;
 - (v) 2004;
 - (vi) 2005;
 - (vii) 2006;
 - (viii) 2007.
- (3) How many pension level facilities were allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 31 June 2007.
- (4) For each pension level facility allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 31 June 2007 what —
- (a) year was the administrator appointed;
 - (b) was the name of the appointed administrator;
 - (c) was the name of the facility;
 - (d) percentage of pension level beds do/did they have;
 - (e) was the reason for the appointment of the administrator.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) As there have been changes to data collection and/or collation processes, it is not possible to provide easily comparable data across this timeframe. The current number of registered facilities in Victoria at December 2007 is 189.
- (2) Individual beds are not registered as 'above pension' or 'pension level'.
- (3) In Victoria, for pension level SRS facilities seven Administrators were appointed between August 2003 and December 2007.
- (4) In Victoria for pension level SRS facilities
 - (a) Administrators were appointed in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.
 - (b) The names of the Administrators appointed were
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Western Region Health Centre
 - Wesley Mission Melbourne
 - Sims Partners
 - (c) The names of the SRS facilities were
 - Terrapee Lodge
 - Elizabeth William
 - MacPherson House
 - Bellden Supported Residential Service
 - Western Lodge
 - Western Lodge
 - Maroondah Lodge
 - (d) The precise percentage of pension level beds at the time of closure can not be determined.
 - (e) The reason for the appointment of an administrator was that the Minister's delegate believed on reasonable grounds that the appointment of an administrator to a supported residential service was necessary to protect the interests of the residents of the service.

Community services: supported residential services

729. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to SRS in Victoria —

- (1) How many facilities were registered with the Government in —
 - (a) 2000;
 - (b) 2001;
 - (c) 2002;
 - (d) 2003;
 - (e) 2004;
 - (f) 2005;
 - (g) 2006;

- (h) 2007.
- (2) How many —
- (a) above pension level beds were registered in —
- (i) 2000;
 - (ii) 2001;
 - (iii) 2002;
 - (iv) 2003;
 - (v) 2004;
 - (vi) 2005;
 - (vii) 2006;
 - (viii) 2007;
- (b) pension level beds were registered in —
- (i) 2000;
 - (ii) 2001;
 - (iii) 2002;
 - (iv) 2003;
 - (v) 2004;
 - (vi) 2005;
 - (vii) 2006;
 - (viii) 2007.
- (3) How many pension level facilities were allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 31 June 2007.
- (4) For each pension level facility allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 31 June 2007 what —
- (a) year was the administrator appointed;
 - (b) was the name of the appointed administrator;
 - (c) was the name of the facility;
 - (d) percentage of pension level beds do/did they have;
 - (e) was the reason for the appointment of the administrator.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) As there have been changes to data collection and/or collation processes, it is not possible to provide easily comparable data across this timeframe. The current number of registered facilities in Victoria at December 2007 is 189.
- (2) Individual beds are not registered as ‘above pension’ or ‘pension level’.
- (3) In Victoria, for pension level SRS facilities seven Administrators were appointed between August 2003 and December 2007.
- (4) In Victoria for pension level SRS facilities
- (a) Administrators were appointed in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.
 - (b) The names of the Administrators appointed were
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Patrick Bowden

- Patrick Bowden
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Western Region Health Centre
 - Wesley Mission Melbourne
 - Sims Partners
- (c) The names of the SRS facilities were
- Terrapee Lodge
 - Elizabeth William
 - MacPherson House
 - Bellden Supported Residential Service
 - Western Lodge
 - Western Lodge
 - Maroondah Lodge
- (d) The precise percentage of pension level beds at the time of closure can not be determined.
- (e) The reason for the appointment of an administrator was that the Minister's delegate believed on reasonable grounds that the appointment of an administrator to a supported residential service was necessary to protect the interests of the residents of the service.

Community services: supported residential services

730. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to above pension level SRS in Victoria —

- (1) How many facilities were registered with the Government in —
- (a) 2000;
 - (b) 2001;
 - (c) 2002;
 - (d) 2003;
 - (e) 2004;
 - (f) 2005;
 - (g) 2006;
 - (h) 2007.
- (2) How many —
- (a) above pension level beds were registered in —
 - (i) 2000;
 - (ii) 2001;
 - (iii) 2002;
 - (iv) 2003;
 - (v) 2004;
 - (vi) 2005;
 - (vii) 2006;
 - (viii) 2007;
 - (b) pension level beds were registered in —
 - (i) 2000;
 - (ii) 2001;
 - (iii) 2002;

- (iv) 2003;
 - (v) 2004;
 - (vi) 2005;
 - (vii) 2006;
 - (viii) 2007.
- (3) How many facilities were allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 31 June 2007.
- (4) For each facility allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 31 June 2007 what —
- (a) year was the administrator appointed;
 - (b) was the name of the appointed administrator;
 - (c) was the name of the facility;
 - (d) percentage of pension level beds do/did they have;
 - (e) was the reason for the appointment of the administrator.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) As there have been changes to data collection and/or collation processes, it is not possible to provide easily comparable data across this timeframe. The current number of registered facilities in Victoria at December 2007 is 189.
- (2) Individual SRS beds are not registered as ‘above pension’ or ‘pension level’.
- (3) Seven above pension level SRS facilities had an administrator appointed between August 2003 and December 2007.
- (4) In Victoria for above pension level SRS facilities
- (a) Administrators were appointed in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.
 - (b) The Administrators appointed were
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Ernst & Young
 - Ernst & Young
 - Ernst & Young
 - Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu
 - (c) The names of the SRS facilities were
 - Mildura Special Accommodation House
 - Graceview Lodge
 - Mossgiel Park
 - Anderly Aged Care
 - Care Life Australia Heidelberg
 - Care Life Australia Ringwood
 - Abbey Court
 - (d) The precise percentage of pension or above pension level beds at the time of closure cannot be determined.

- (e) The reason for the appointment of an administrator was that the Minister's delegate believed on reasonable grounds that the appointment of an administrator to a supported residential service was necessary to protect the interests of the residents of the service.

Community services: supported residential services — Barwon south-west region

731. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to above pension level SRS in the Barwon South West Region —

- (1) How many facilities were registered with the Government in —
 - (a) 2000;
 - (b) 2001;
 - (c) 2002;
 - (d) 2003;
 - (e) 2004;
 - (f) 2005;
 - (g) 2006;
 - (h) 2007.
- (2) How many —
 - (a) above pension level beds were registered in —
 - (i) 2000;
 - (ii) 2001;
 - (iii) 2002;
 - (iv) 2003;
 - (v) 2004;
 - (vi) 2005;
 - (vii) 2006;
 - (viii) 2007;
 - (b) pension level beds were registered in —
 - (i) 2000;
 - (ii) 2001;
 - (iii) 2002;
 - (iv) 2003;
 - (v) 2004;
 - (vi) 2005;
 - (vii) 2006;
 - (viii) 2007.
- (3) How many facilities were allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 31 June 2007.
- (4) For each facility allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 31 June 2007 what —
 - (a) year was the administrator appointed;
 - (b) was the name of the appointed administrator;
 - (c) was the name of the facility;
 - (d) percentage of pension level beds do/did they have;
 - (e) was the reason for the appointment of the administrator.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) As there have been changes to data collection and/or collation processes, it is not possible to provide easily comparable data across this timeframe. The current number of registered facilities in Victoria at December 2007 is 189.
- (2) Individual SRS beds are not registered as 'above pension' or 'pension level'.
- (3) Seven above pension level SRS facilities had an administrator appointed between August 2003 and December 2007.
- (4) In Victoria for above pension level SRS facilities
 - (a) Administrators were appointed in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.
 - (b) The Administrators appointed were
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Ernst & Young
 - Ernst & Young
 - Ernst & Young
 - Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu
 - (c) The names of the SRS facilities were
 - Mildura Special Accommodation House
 - Graceview Lodge
 - Mossgiel Park
 - Anderly Aged Care
 - Care Life Australia Heidelberg
 - Care Life Australia Ringwood
 - Abbey Court
 - (d) The precise percentage of pension or above pension level beds at the time of closure cannot be determined.
 - (e) The reason for the appointment of an administrator was that the Minister's delegate believed on reasonable grounds that the appointment of an administrator to a supported residential service was necessary to protect the interests of the residents of the service.

Community services: supported residential services — Loddon Mallee region

732. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to above pension level SRS in the Loddon Mallee Region —

- (1) How many facilities were registered with the Government in —
 - (a) 2000;
 - (b) 2001;
 - (c) 2002;
 - (d) 2003;
 - (e) 2004;
 - (f) 2005;

- (g) 2006;
- (h) 2007.
- (2) How many —
 - (a) above pension level beds were registered in —
 - (i) 2000;
 - (ii) 2001;
 - (iii) 2002;
 - (iv) 2003;
 - (v) 2004;
 - (vi) 2005;
 - (vii) 2006;
 - (viii) 2007;
 - (b) pension level beds were registered in —
 - (i) 2000;
 - (ii) 2001;
 - (iii) 2002;
 - (iv) 2003;
 - (v) 2004;
 - (vi) 2005;
 - (vii) 2006;
 - (viii) 2007.
- (3) How many facilities were allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 31 June 2007.
- (4) For each facility allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 31 June 2007 what —
 - (a) year was the administrator appointed;
 - (b) was the name of the appointed administrator;
 - (c) was the name of the facility;
 - (d) percentage of pension level beds do/did they have;
 - (e) was the reason for the appointment of the administrator.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) As there have been changes to data collection and/or collation processes, it is not possible to provide easily comparable data across this timeframe. The current number of registered facilities in Victoria at December 2007 is 189.
- (2) Individual SRS beds are not registered as 'above pension' or 'pension level'.
- (3) Seven above pension level SRS facilities had an administrator appointed between August 2003 and December 2007.
- (4) In Victoria for above pension level SRS facilities
 - (a) Administrators were appointed in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.
 - (b) The Administrators appointed were
 - Patrick Bowden

- Patrick Bowden
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Ernst & Young
 - Ernst & Young
 - Ernst & Young
 - Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu
- (c) The names of the SRS facilities were
- Mildura Special Accommodation House
 - Graceview Lodge
 - Mossgiel Park
 - Anderly Aged Care
 - Care Life Australia Heidelberg
 - Care Life Australia Ringwood
 - Abbey Court
- (d) The precise percentage of pension or above pension level beds at the time of closure cannot be determined.
- (e) The reason for the appointment of an administrator was that the Minister's delegate believed on reasonable grounds that the appointment of an administrator to a supported residential service was necessary to protect the interests of the residents of the service.

Community services: supported residential services — Hume region

733. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to above pension level SRS in the Hume Region —

- (1) How many facilities were registered with the Government in —
- (a) 2000;
 - (b) 2001;
 - (c) 2002;
 - (d) 2003;
 - (e) 2004;
 - (f) 2005;
 - (g) 2006;
 - (h) 2007.
- (2) How many —
- (a) above pension level beds were registered in —
 - (i) 2000;
 - (ii) 2001;
 - (iii) 2002;
 - (iv) 2003;
 - (v) 2004;
 - (vi) 2005;
 - (vii) 2006;
 - (viii) 2007;
 - (b) pension level beds were registered in —
 - (i) 2000;

- (ii) 2001;
 - (iii) 2002;
 - (iv) 2003;
 - (v) 2004;
 - (vi) 2005;
 - (vii) 2006;
 - (viii) 2007.
- (3) How many facilities were allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 31 June 2007.
- (4) For each facility allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 31 June 2007 what —
- (a) year was the administrator appointed;
 - (b) was the name of the appointed administrator;
 - (c) was the name of the facility;
 - (d) percentage of pension level beds do/did they have;
 - (e) was the reason for the appointment of the administrator.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) As there have been changes to data collection and/or collation processes, it is not possible to provide easily comparable data across this timeframe. The current number of registered facilities in Victoria at December 2007 is 189.
- (2) Individual SRS beds are not registered as ‘above pension’ or ‘pension level’.
- (3) Seven above pension level SRS facilities had an administrator appointed between August 2003 and December 2007.
- (4) In Victoria for above pension level SRS facilities
- (a) Administrators were appointed in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.
 - (b) The Administrators appointed were
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Ernst & Young
 - Ernst & Young
 - Ernst & Young
 - Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu
 - (c) The names of the SRS facilities were
 - Mildura Special Accommodation House
 - Graceview Lodge
 - Mossgiel Park
 - Anderly Aged Care
 - Care Life Australia Heidelberg
 - Care Life Australia Ringwood
 - Abbey Court

- (d) The precise percentage of pension or above pension level beds at the time of closure cannot be determined.
- (e) The reason for the appointment of an administrator was that the Minister's delegate believed on reasonable grounds that the appointment of an administrator to a supported residential service was necessary to protect the interests of the residents of the service.

Community services: supported residential services — Grampians region

734. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to above pension level SRS in the Grampians Region —

- (1) How many facilities were registered with the Government in —
 - (a) 2000;
 - (b) 2001;
 - (c) 2002;
 - (d) 2003;
 - (e) 2004;
 - (f) 2005;
 - (g) 2006;
 - (h) 2007.
- (2) How many —
 - (a) above pension level beds were registered in —
 - (i) 2000;
 - (ii) 2001;
 - (iii) 2002;
 - (iv) 2003;
 - (v) 2004;
 - (vi) 2005;
 - (vii) 2006;
 - (viii) 2007;
 - (b) pension level beds were registered in —
 - (i) 2000;
 - (ii) 2001;
 - (iii) 2002;
 - (iv) 2003;
 - (v) 2004;
 - (vi) 2005;
 - (vii) 2006;
 - (viii) 2007.
- (3) How many facilities were allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 31 June 2007.
- (4) For each facility allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 31 June 2007 what —
 - (a) year was the administrator appointed;
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- (e) was the reason for the appointment of the administrator.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) As there have been changes to data collection and/or collation processes, it is not possible to provide easily comparable data across this timeframe. The current number of registered facilities in Victoria at December 2007 is 189.
- (2) Individual SRS beds are not registered as 'above pension' or 'pension level'.
- (3) Seven above pension level SRS facilities had an administrator appointed between August 2003 and December 2007.
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 - (d) The precise percentage of pension or above pension level beds at the time of closure cannot be determined.
 - (e) The reason for the appointment of an administrator was that the Minister's delegate believed on reasonable grounds that the appointment of an administrator to a supported residential service was necessary to protect the interests of the residents of the service.

Community services: supported residential services — Gippsland region

735. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to above pension level SRS in the Gippsland Region —

- (1) How many facilities were registered with the Government in —
 - (a) 2000;
 - (b) 2001;
 - (c) 2002;
 - (d) 2003;

- (e) 2004;
 - (f) 2005;
 - (g) 2006;
 - (h) 2007.
- (2) How many —
- (a) above pension level beds were registered in —
 - (i) 2000;
 - (ii) 2001;
 - (iii) 2002;
 - (iv) 2003;
 - (v) 2004;
 - (vi) 2005;
 - (vii) 2006;
 - (viii) 2007;
 - (b) pension level beds were registered in —
 - (i) 2000;
 - (ii) 2001;
 - (iii) 2002;
 - (iv) 2003;
 - (v) 2004;
 - (vi) 2005;
 - (vii) 2006;
 - (viii) 2007.
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ANSWER:

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Community services: supported residential services — north-west region

736. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to above pension level SRS in the North West Region —

- (1) How many facilities were registered with the Government in —
- (a) 2000;
 - (b) 2001;
 - (c) 2002;
 - (d) 2003;
 - (e) 2004;
 - (f) 2005;
 - (g) 2006;
 - (h) 2007.
- (2) How many —
- (a) above pension level beds were registered in —
 - (i) 2000;
 - (ii) 2001;
 - (iii) 2002;
 - (iv) 2003;
 - (v) 2004;
 - (vi) 2005;
 - (vii) 2006;
 - (viii) 2007;

- (b) pension level beds were registered in —
 - (i) 2000;
 - (ii) 2001;
 - (iii) 2002;
 - (iv) 2003;
 - (v) 2004;
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ANSWER:

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Community services: supported residential services — eastern region

737. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to above pension level SRS in the Eastern Region —

- (1) How many facilities were registered with the Government in —
- (a) 2000;
 - (b) 2001;
 - (c) 2002;
 - (d) 2003;
 - (e) 2004;
 - (f) 2005;
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 - (h) 2007.
- (2) How many —
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 - (ii) 2001;
 - (iii) 2002;
 - (iv) 2003;
 - (v) 2004;
 - (vi) 2005;
 - (vii) 2006;
 - (viii) 2007;
 - (b) pension level beds were registered in —
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 - (iii) 2002;
 - (iv) 2003;
 - (v) 2004;
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Community services: supported residential services — southern region

738. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to above pension level SRS in the Southern Region —

- (1) How many facilities were registered with the Government in —
 - (a) 2000;
 - (b) 2001;

- (c) 2002;
 - (d) 2003;
 - (e) 2004;
 - (f) 2005;
 - (g) 2006;
 - (h) 2007.
- (2) How many —
- (a) above pension level beds were registered in —
 - (i) 2000;
 - (ii) 2001;
 - (iii) 2002;
 - (iv) 2003;
 - (v) 2004;
 - (vi) 2005;
 - (vii) 2006;
 - (viii) 2007;
 - (b) pension level beds were registered in —
 - (i) 2000;
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 - (iii) 2002;
 - (iv) 2003;
 - (v) 2004;
 - (vi) 2005;
 - (vii) 2006;
 - (viii) 2007.
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- (a) year was the administrator appointed;
 - (b) was the name of the appointed administrator;
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 - (e) was the reason for the appointment of the administrator.

ANSWER:

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Public transport: train and tram glass windows

753. Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Public Transport —

- (1) What quality and thickness of glass is fitted to —
 - (a) drivers' compartments of each class of tram;
 - (b) passenger saloons including doors and windows of each class of tram;
 - (c) drivers' compartments of —
 - (i) Hitachi trains;
 - (ii) Comeng trains;
 - (iii) Siemens trains;
 - (iv) X'Trapolis trains;
 - (v) V/Line Sprinter railcars;
 - (vi) V/Line VLocity railcars;
 - (d) passenger saloons including doors and windows of —
 - (i) Hitachi trains;
 - (ii) Comeng trains;
 - (iii) Siemens trains;
 - (vi) X'Trapolis trains;
 - (v) V/Line N set carriages;
 - (vi) V/Line H set carriages;
 - (vii) V/Line MTH set carriages;

- (viii) V/Line Sprinter railcars;
- (ix) V/Line VLocity railcars;
- (e) the cabs of V/Line's —
 - (i) N Class locomotives;
 - (ii) A Class locomotives;
 - (iii) P Class locomotives;
- (f) the buffet compartments of N set carriages.
- (2) Are windows double glazed or otherwise treated to offer maximum impact resistance for —
 - (a) drivers' compartments of each class of tram;
 - (b) passenger saloons including doors and windows of each class of tram;
 - (c) drivers' compartments of —
 - (i) Hitachi trains;
 - (ii) Comeng trains;
 - (iii) Siemens trains;
 - (iv) X'Trapolis trains;
 - (v) V/Line Sprinter railcars;
 - (vi) V/Line VLocity railcars;
 - (d) passenger saloons including doors and windows of —
 - (i) Hitachi trains;
 - (ii) Comeng trains;
 - (iii) Siemens trains;
 - (iv) X'Trapolis trains;
 - (v) V/Line N set carriages;
 - (vi) V/Line H set carriages;
 - (vii) V/Line MTH set carriages;
 - (viii) V/Line Sprinter railcars;
 - (ix) V/Line VLocity railcars;
 - (e) the cabs of V/Line's —
 - (i) N Class locomotives;
 - (ii) A Class locomotives;
 - (iii) P Class locomotives;
 - (f) the buffet compartments of N set carriages.
- (3) What Australian Standard does each type of glass installed on trams and trains meet.

ANSWER:

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

(1-3) The train and tram fleets meet Australian Standard AS/NZS 2080 – safety glazing for land vehicles.

The Office of the Chief Investigator made the following recommendation in Rail Safety Investigation Report No. 2007 / 09:

“RSA 2007011 That V/Line Passenger Pty Ltd considers alternatives treatments which have the potential to reduce glass related injury.”

The Government accepted that recommendation and V/Line is considering alternative treatments.

Education: private tutors

768. Mr DIXON to ask the Minister for Education —

- (1) Are private educational tutors required to undergo police checks or ‘Working with Children’ registration.
- (2) What government controls are there over private education tutors.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not employ private educational tutors.

The Working With Children check is administered by the Department of Justice and is being phased in over five years. Those engaged in child related work by providing private tuition for children will be required to apply for a check by 30 June 2009.

Police and emergency services: rail — Ferntree Gully station

778. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —

- (1) How many incidents requiring police attendance occurred at Ferntree Gully Railway Station in —
 - (a) 2000–01;
 - (b) 2001–02;
 - (c) 2002–03;
 - (d) 2003–04;
 - (e) 2004–05;
 - (f) 2005–06;
 - (g) 2006–07;
 - (h) 2007–08 to date.
- (2) How many assaults, robberies or other violent crimes occurred at Ferntree Gully Railway Station in —
 - (a) 2000–01;
 - (b) 2001–02;
 - (c) 2002–03;
 - (d) 2003–04;
 - (e) 2004–05;
 - (f) 2005–06;
 - (g) 2006–07;
 - (h) 2007–08 to date.
- (3) How many times was an ambulance called to Ferntree Gully Railway Station in —
 - (a) 2000–01;
 - (b) 2001–02;
 - (c) 2002–03;
 - (d) 2003–04;
 - (e) 2004–05;
 - (f) 2005–06;
 - (g) 2006–07;

- (h) 2007–08 to date.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Collation of information in the specific format sought by the Honourable member represents an unreasonable diversion of resources by the Department of Justice. Information on the 2006-07 crime statistics for Victoria can be found on the Victoria Police website under *About Victoria Police, Statistics, Crime Statistics*. Further historical information is available in hard copy at the State Library of Victoria.

Community services: community residential units — Loddon Mallee region

787. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to CRU in the Loddon Mallee region —

- (1) How many CRU beds are there.
- (2) How many days did people waiting for shared supported accommodation who obtained a place in CRU have to wait on average in 2006–07.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) There are 191 CRU beds in the Loddon Mallee region.
- (2) It is not possible to disaggregate this information from the data source.

Community services: community residential units — Hume region

788. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to CRU in the Hume region —

- (1) How many CRU beds are there.
- (2) How many days did people waiting for shared supported accommodation who obtained a place in CRU have to wait on average in 2006–07.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) There are 296 CRU beds in the Hume region.
- (2) It is not possible to disaggregate this information from the data source.

Community services: community residential units — Grampians region

789. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to CRU in the Grampians region —

- (1) How many CRU beds are there.
- (2) How many days did people waiting for shared supported accommodation who obtained a place in CRU have to wait on average in 2006–07.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) There are 354 CRU beds in the Grampians region.
- (2) It is not possible to disaggregate this information from the data source.

Community services: community residential units — Gippsland region

790. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to CRU in the Gippsland region —

- (1) How many CRU beds are there.
- (2) How many days did people waiting for shared supported accommodation who obtained a place in CRU have to wait on average in 2006–07.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) There are 200 CRU beds in the Gippsland region.
- (2) It is not possible to disaggregate this information from the data source.

Community services: community residential units — Barwon–south western region

791. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to CRU in the Barwon–South Western region —

- (1) How many CRU beds are there.
- (2) How many days did people waiting for shared supported accommodation who obtained a place in CRU have to wait on average in 2006–07.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) There are 278 CRU beds in the Barwon-South Western region.
- (2) It is not possible to disaggregate this information from the data source.

Community services: community residential units — southern metropolitan region

792. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to CRU in the Southern Metropolitan region —

- (1) How many CRU beds are there.
- (2) How many days did people waiting for shared supported accommodation who obtained a place in CRU have to wait on average in 2006–07.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) There are 936 CRU beds in the Southern Metropolitan region.

- (2) It is not possible to disaggregate this information from the data source.

Community services: community residential units — north and west metropolitan region —

793. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to CRU in the North and West Metropolitan region —

- (1) How many CRU beds are there.
- (2) How many days did people waiting for shared supported accommodation who obtained a place in CRU have to wait on average in 2006–07.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) There are 1290 CRU beds in the North and West Metropolitan region.
- (2) It is not possible to disaggregate this information from the data source.

Community services: community residential units — eastern metropolitan region

794. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to CRU in the Eastern Metropolitan region —

- (1) How many CRU beds are there.
- (2) How many days did people waiting for shared supported accommodation who obtained a place in CRU have to wait on average in 2006–07.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) There are 1243 CRU beds in the Eastern Metropolitan region.
- (2) It is not possible to disaggregate this information from the data source.

Mental health: social workers

795. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — how many social workers equivalent full-time are currently employed in the public mental health workforce.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of effective full-time staff employed in each service within the public mental health system is determined by Health Services as the employer.

Mental health: division 1 nurses

796. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — how many division 1 nurses equivalent full-time are currently employed in the public mental health workforce.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of effective full-time staff employed in each service within the public mental health system is determined by Health Services as the employer.

Mental health: mental health treatments

797. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — with reference to mental health treatments —

- (1) How many treatments were carried out in 2000–01.
- (2) What timeframe did the Government adopt to carry out the 2,400 extra mental health treatments promised on page 94 of Budget Paper No 2, 2001–02.
- (3) Was the goal of 2,400 extra mental health treatments promised on page 94 of Budget Paper No 2, 2001–02 achieved; if so, on what date.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Service contact information can be found in the Your Hospitals report which can be found at: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/yourhospitals/>
- (2-3) As expected, the goal for the additional 2,400 mental health service contacts in hospital emergency departments was achieved in 2001-02.

Mental health: community care units

798. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health —

- (1) How much funding in the 2007–08 budget was allocated to Community Care Units.
- (2) How many equivalent full-time staff are currently employed in Community Care Units.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Funding for Community Care Unit activity is provided to Area Mental Health Services. Information on mental health funding to services can be found in the *Public Hospitals and Mental Health Services Policy and Funding Guidelines* at the following website: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/pfg/>.
- (2) The number of effective full-time staff employed in community care units is determined by Health Services as the employer.

Mental health: primary mental health teams

799. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health —

- (1) How much funding in the 2007–08 budget was allocated to Primary Mental Health Teams.
- (2) How many equivalent full-time staff are currently employed in Primary Mental Health Teams.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Funding for primary mental health teams is provided to Area Mental Health Services. Information on mental health funding to services can be found in the *Public Hospitals and Mental Health Services Policy and Funding Guidelines* at the following website: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/pfg/>.
- (2) The number of effective full-time staff employed in primary mental health teams is determined by Health Services as the employer.

Mental health: mobile support and treatment teams

800. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health —

- (1) How much funding in the 2007–08 budget was allocated to Mobile Support and Treatment Teams.
- (2) How many equivalent full-time staff are currently employed in Mobile Support and Treatment Teams.

ANSWER: :

I am informed that:

- (1) Funding for mobile support and treatment services is provided to Area Mental Health Services. Information on mental health funding to services can be found in the *Public Hospitals and Mental Health Services Policy and Funding Guidelines* at the following website: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/pfg/>.
- (2) The number of effective full-time staff employed in mobile support and treatment services is determined by Health Services as the employer.

Mental health: continuing care teams

801. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health —

- (1) How much funding in the 2007–08 budget was allocated to Continuing Care Teams.
- (2) How many equivalent full-time staff are currently employed in Continuing Care Teams.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Funding for continuing care teams is provided to Area Mental Health Services. Information on mental health funding to services can be found in the *Public Hospitals and Mental Health Services Policy and Funding Guidelines* at the following website: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/pfg/>.
- (2) The number of effective full-time staff employed in continuing care teams is determined by Health Services as the employer.

Mental health: secure extended care units

802. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health —

- (1) How much funding in the 2007–08 budget was allocated to Secure Extended Care Units.
- (2) How many equivalent full-time staff are currently employed in Secure Extended Care Units.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Funding for secure extended care units is provided to Area Mental Health Services. Information on mental health funding to services can be found in the *Public Hospitals and Mental Health Services Policy and Funding Guidelines* at the following website: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/pfg/>.
- (2) The number of effective full-time staff employed in secure extended care units is determined by Health Services as the employer.

Mental health: dual diagnosis services

803. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health —

- (1) How much funding in the 2007–08 budget was allocated to Dual Diagnosis Services.
- (2) How many equivalent full-time staff are currently employed in Dual Diagnosis Services.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Funding for Dual Diagnosis services is provided to Area Mental Health Services. Information on mental health funding to services can be found in the *Public Hospitals and Mental Health Services Policy and Funding Guidelines* at the following website: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/pfg/>.
- (2) The number of effective full-time staff employed in dual diagnosis teams is determined by Health Services as the employer.

Mental health: crisis assessment and treatment teams

804. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health —

- (1) How much funding in the 2007–08 budget was allocated to Crisis Assessment and Treatment Teams.
- (2) How many equivalent full-time staff are currently employed in Crisis Assessment and Treatment Teams.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Funding for Crisis Assessment and Treatment activity is provided to Area Mental Health Services. Information on mental health funding to services can be found in the *Public Hospitals and Mental Health Services Policy and Funding Guidelines* at the following website: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/pfg/>.
- (2) The number of effective full-time staff employed in crisis assessment and treatment teams is determined by Health Services as the employer.

Senior Victorians: Community Connection program

806. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Senior Victorians — with reference to the Community Connection program —

- (1) How much funding did the program receive in —
 - (a) 2000–01;
 - (b) 2007–08.
- (2) How much funding did each of the 16 service providers receive in 2007–08.

- (3) Are there any plans to expand the program.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1)
- (a) \$2.5m.
(b) \$4.45m.
- (2) Total funding for the 16 service providers in 2007–08 is \$4,445,001.
- (3) The Community Connection Program has been expanded in recent years to address client needs and demand.

Senior Victorians: supported residential services — service coordination and support program

809. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Senior Victorians — with reference to the SRS Service Coordination and Support program —

- (1) How much funding did the program receive in —
(a) 2000–01;
(b) 2007–08.
- (2) How much funding did the service providers receive in 2007–08.
- (3) Are there any plans to expand the program.

ANSWER:

- (1)
- (a) There was no funding for SRS service co-ordination & support in 2001.
(b) In 2007-08, it will receive \$0.37m.
- (2) In 2007-08, a total of \$0.37m.
- (3) Yes

Senior Victorians: integration program for aged persons with a mental illness

810. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Senior Victorians — with reference to the Integration Program for Aged Persons with a Mental Illness program —

- (1) How much funding did the program receive in —
(a) 2000–01;
(b) 2007–08.
- (2) How much funding did each of the service providers receive in 2007–08.
- (3) Are there any plans to expand the program.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

We have no knowledge of a program by the name of Integration Program for Aged Persons with a Mental Illness. The Government has numerous programs across the State under the Aged Persons Mental Health Services.

Community services: question on notice 612

- 811.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to the answer provided to question on notice 612 which stated that the requested data was not stored in a standard data set form — is it possible to create a report with the requested information; if so, will the Minister provide the report or a cost of providing the report.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The data requested is not a standard data set stored or reported by the department. It is not possible to establish the cost of providing the report without an undue diversion of resources.

Public transport: bus route 200

- 812.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport — with reference to bus route 200 City–Bulleen–Doncaster Shoppingtown — in 2006 and 2007 —
- (1) What were the patronage figures.
 - (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
 - (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) Total ticket validations on bus Route 200 were 462,643 for 2006 and 475,829 for 2007.

(2&3)

Information on the number of bus services cancelled and the number of bus services that ran late by more than five minutes is not collected on an individual route basis. Contracted bus operators provide the Department of Infrastructure with monthly service cancellations and late running data on an aggregate basis.

Public transport: bus route 201

- 813.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport — with reference to bus route 201 City–Doncaster Shoppingtown via Belmore Road — in 2006 and 2007 —
- (1) What were the patronage figures.
 - (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
 - (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) Total ticket validations on bus Route 201 were 400,672 for 2006 and 414,902 for 2007.

(2&3)

Information on the number of bus services cancelled and the number of bus services that ran late by more than five minutes is not collected on an individual route basis. Contracted bus operators provide the Department of Infrastructure with monthly service cancellations and late running data on an aggregate basis.

Community services: Doncaster family

815. **Ms WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to correspondence to the Minister’s office on 19 December 2007 regarding a Doncaster family which is seeking financial support, reference number 6574 —

- (1) What entitlements are the family entitled to.
- (2) When will the monies be paid.
- (3) What is the status of the detailed planning proposal prepared by the family and delivered to the Department of Human Services on 27 October 2006.
- (4) Will the Minister meet with the constituent in an effort to resolve this matter.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

It is not considered appropriate to reveal private information relating to departmental clients and their families.

Health: medical scientists strike

827. **Mr THOMPSON** (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Health — with reference to delayed elective surgical procedures at Sandringham Hospital as a consequence of the medical scientists strike on 8 February 2008 —

- (1) How many procedures have been delayed.
- (2) For what period has each procedure been delayed.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) No Elective surgery procedures were cancelled at Sandringham due to the medical scientists strike on 8th February 2008.
- (2) Nil

Health: foetal alcohol spectrum disorder

835. **Mr HODGETT** to ask the Minister for Health — with reference to Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder —

- (1) How many Victorians are currently diagnosed with the disorder.
- (2) Does the Government currently fund diagnostic services to establish whether any Victorian is at risk from the disorder.
- (3) How many Victorians access Government funded diagnostic services to establish whether they are at risk from the disorder.
- (4) What support services does the Government currently provide for Victorians diagnosed with the disorder.
- (5) Does the Government have any plans to establish diagnostic and support services for Victorians diagnosed with the disorder.

ANSWER: :

I am informed that:

The question raised sits within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Mental Health.

Community services: disability services — children

841. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to the extra funding for children with disabilities announced on 28 March 2000 —

- (1) What was the increase in funding to specialist health services for children with disabilities between March 2000 and March 2004.
- (2) How was the use of the funding evaluated.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The question raised sits within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development.

Community services: child protection and care services

842. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to the pledge of \$7.8 million for improved child protection and care services made in the 2000–01 budget —

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in 2000–01.
- (2) How was the use of the funding evaluated.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) \$7.8 million.
- (2) Through existing program and funding review mechanisms.

Community services: protective worker orientation and leadership development programs

843. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to the \$300,000 worth of funding promised in the 2000–01 budget to develop an improved protective worker orientation program and a leadership development program —

- (1) How much of the funding was expended in 2000–01.
- (2) How many workers went through the improved protective worker orientation program in 2000–01.
- (3) How many workers went through the leadership development program in 2000–01.
- (4) Were the programs ongoing; if so, for what period.
- (5) How was the use of the funding evaluated.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) \$0.3 million.
- (2) It is not possible to determine attendance due to manual data storage constraints.

- (3) It is not possible to determine attendance due to manual data storage constraints.
- (4) Yes, since 2000-01.
- (5) Through existing program and funding review mechanisms.

Community services: family support

844. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to the \$1.7 million worth of funding promised in the 2000–01 budget for the purpose of supporting vulnerable families —

- (1) How much of the funding was expended in 2000–01.
- (2) How many additional vulnerable families were assisted in 2000–01 using the funds.
- (3) How was the use of the funding evaluated.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The entire allocation of \$1.7m was expended in 2000-01.
- (2) It is not possible to quantify the number of vulnerable families supported due to data system limitations at that time.
- (3) Through existing program and funding review mechanisms.

Community services: early intervention services

846. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to the \$1.8 million worth of funding promised in the 2000–01 budget for improved early intervention services —

- (1) How much of the funding was expended in 2000–01.
- (2) What was the average waiting time for the services prior to the expenditure of the additional funding.
- (3) What was the average waiting time for the services following the expenditure of the additional funding.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The question raised sits within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development.

Community services: parent support

847. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to the \$250,000 worth of funding promised in the 2000–01 budget to strengthen parent support —

- (1) How much of the funding was expended in 2000–01.
- (2) How many extra Regional Parent Support workers were employed in 2000–01 with the funding.
- (3) What was the location of each extra Regional Parent Support worker employed with the funding.
- (4) How was the use of the funds evaluated.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The question raised sits within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development.

Community services: family support

863. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to the \$1.7 million worth of funding promised on 6 September 2000 for the Family Support Sector —

- (1) How much of the funding was expended 2000–01.
- (2) Are these the same funds that were announced as part of the 2000–01 budget.
- (3) How was the use of the funds evaluated.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The entire allocation of \$1.7m was expended in 2000-01.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Through existing program and funding review mechanisms.

Senior Victorians: Nathalia district hospital and aged care

874. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Senior Victorians — with reference to the construction of the district hospital and aged care redevelopment in Nathalia —

- (1) Has construction begun; if not, when is construction expected to begin.
- (2) What date is scheduled for completion of construction.
- (3) How much is expected to be spent by the Government on the redevelopment.
- (4) How much has been spent to date by the Government on the redevelopment.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Construction is scheduled to begin in April 2008.
- (2) Completion of construction is scheduled for December 2009.
- (3) The Government estimates that a total of \$18.0 million will be spent on the redevelopment.
- (4) A total of approximately \$1.1 million has been spent to date on the redevelopment. This includes expenditure on design fees, site surveying and preliminaries.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

*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.*

Wednesday, 9 April 2008

Attorney-General: Shannon’s Way Pty Ltd

249(b). Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Attorney-General with reference to contracts entered into by the Minister’s department with Shannon’s Way Pty Ltd since 1 January 2000 —

- (1) What contracts have been entered into.
- (2) What was the cost of each contract.
- (3) What was the cost of any contract extensions, variations or renewals.
- (4) Which contracts were offered for public tender.
- (5) What are the reasons given for any contracts not offered for public tender.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The Strategic Communications Branch (SCB) of the Department of Justice engaged Shannon's Way via the Whole of Government Marketing Services Panel (MSP) and undertook communications projects with them during 2006 relating to the “Fairer & Firmer Fines” policy. The total value of these projects was \$351,109.72.

Please also refer to my previous responses to Questions on Notice relating to Shannon’s Way, which are publicly available on Hansard.

Mental Health: Shannon’s Way Pty Ltd

249(p). Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Mental Health with reference to contracts entered into by the Minister’s department with Shannon’s Way Pty Ltd since 1 January 2000 —

- (1) What contracts have been entered into.
- (2) What was the cost of each contract.
- (3) What was the cost of any contract extensions, variations or renewals.
- (4) Which contracts were offered for public tender.
- (5) What are the reasons given for any contracts not offered for public tender.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In relation to contracts entered into by departmental divisions responsible to the Minister for Mental Health with Shannon’s Way Pty Ltd since 1 January 2000:

- (1) The department entered into four contracts, as follows:

Date	Description	Value (\$)
Jan 2003	Victorian Alcohol Strategy Stage 1	300,001

Date	Description	Value (\$)
Nov 2003	Drug Prevention Council's Directline 1800 888 236	99,677
Aug 2004	Production of material for 2004 Melbourne Fringe Festival	11,344
June 2006	Drug Prevention Campaign	9,571
Total		420,593

- (2) The cost of each contract is listed in the table response to question 1.
- (3) There were no extensions or renewals. There was one variation, as listed below.

Date	Description	Value (\$)
Jan 2003	Variation, additional works, Victorian Alcohol Strategy Stage 1	24,167

- (4) None of these contracts were offered for public tender.
- (5) The contracts prior to June 2005 were all entered into under the DHS panel arrangement, which was established following a public tender process. The contracts since June 2005 were all entered into under the Whole-of-Victorian Government Marketing Services panel managed by Department of Premier & Cabinet, which was also established following a public tender process. Under the guidelines for engaging a supplier from either panel, no further public tender process was required.

Attorney-General: Growth Solutions Group

250(b). Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Attorney-General with reference to contracts entered into by the Minister's department with Growth Solutions Group since 1 January 2000 —

- (1) What contracts have been entered into.
- (2) What was the cost of each contract.
- (3) What was the cost of any contract extensions, variations or renewals.
- (4) Which contracts were offered for public tender.
- (5) What are the reasons given for any contracts not offered for public tender.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

A number of Department of Justice business units and agencies under my portfolio engaged Growth Solutions Group to perform various professional services including the provision of project advice and leadership training during the period specified by the question. I have been advised that all expenses were paid by invoice. The total cost of all payments was \$45,980.00.

Planning: Growth Solutions Group

250(ah). Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Community Development for the Minister for Planning with reference to contracts entered into by the Minister's department with Growth Solutions Group since 1 January 2000 —

- (1) What contracts have been entered into.
- (2) What was the cost of each contract.
- (3) What was the cost of any contract extensions, variations or renewals.
- (4) Which contracts were offered for public tender.
- (5) What are the reasons given for any contracts not offered for public tender.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

At the date this question was asked, activities falling under my portfolio responsibilities as Minister for Planning were administered by the Department of Sustainability and Environment.

At the date this question was asked, the Department of Sustainability and Environment had entered into three contracts with Growth Solutions Group for strategy and independent consultancy services.

The value of each of these contracts was \$25,000, \$62,370 and \$86,240.

Given the value of the contracts, and in compliance with Victorian Government Purchasing Board policies, none were offered for public tender.

Treasurer: Growth Solutions Group

250(aj). Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer with reference to contracts entered into by the Minister's department with Growth Solutions Group since 1 January 2000 —

- (1) What contracts have been entered into.
- (2) What was the cost of each contract.
- (3) What was the cost of any contract extensions, variations or renewals.
- (4) Which contracts were offered for public tender.
- (5) What are the reasons given for any contracts not offered for public tender.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The Department of Treasury and Finance signed 4 contracts with the Growth Solutions Group, since 1 January 2000. They were:
 - (a) Funding a submission by organisations representing the public interest – engagement by Essential Services Commission;
 - (b) Partnerships Victoria Review;
 - (c) Communications workshop specifically for Corporate Communications staff across government; and
 - (d) Conference fees.
- (2) The value of the contracts ranged between \$4,800 and \$115,228.
- (3) There were no contract extensions, variations or renewals against any of the engagements.
- (4) None of the contracts were offered for public tender. One contract, the Partnerships Victoria Review, was exempted from public tender; the other contracts were of a value that did not require public tender.
- (5) The Partnerships Victoria Review was exempted from public tender on the basis that it was impracticable and inexpedient to go to public tender as permitted by Victorian Government Purchasing Board guidelines.

Senior Victorians: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day conference

877. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Senior Victorians — with reference to the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day conference hosted by the Department of Victorian Communities on 15 June 2007 —

- (1) How many people attended.
- (2) What was the estimated cost.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) On 15 June 2007, 136 participants attended the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.
- (2) The cost to conduct the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day conference was \$19,253

Environment and climate change: alpine accommodation

910. Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Community Development for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change —with reference to Mr John Thwaites' use of alpine accommodation at Falls Creek, Lake Mountain, Mt Baw Baw, Mt Stirling and Mt Hotham —

- (1) What was the total number of occasions and the total number of days Mr Thwaites stayed free of charge in accommodation, providing the name of the accommodation for each instance in —
 - (a) 2003;
 - (b) 2004;
 - (c) 2005;
 - (d) 2006;
 - (e) 2007.
- (2) Did Mr Thwaites receive any meals, alcohol, ski passes, ski lift passes or ski hire free of charge; if so, what was received in —
 - (a) 2003;
 - (b) 2004;
 - (c) 2005;
 - (d) 2006;
 - (e) 2007.
- (3) How many times did Mr Thwaites stay free of charge with staff in —
 - (a) 2003;
 - (b) 2004;
 - (c) 2005;
 - (d) 2006;
 - (e) 2007.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Ms Asher was supplied with a response to the above questions in February 2008 as part of the response to her Freedom of Information (FOI) request relating to former Minister Thwaites' visits to alpine regions.
- (2) The following information indicates former Minister Thwaites' attendance at the alpine resorts between 2003 and 2007. The information is further documented in the response to Ms Asher's FOI request.

2007

- 9 June Opening of the Snow Season – Light Up Mt Buller
- 10 June Summer Bushfire effort 'Thank You Ceremony for Mt Buller community'
- 10 June Launch of Mt Buller Waste Water Reuse and Water Conservation Project

2006

- 10 June Mount Hotham Waste Water Reuse Project – Stage One Opening
- 10 June Official Opening of the Ski Season
- 11 June Dinner Plain Central and Spa Facility Opening
- 26 August Medal Ceremony for Kangaroo Hoppet Race and Release of Alpine Economic Impact Statement

2005

- 11 June Launch of Rebuilt Federation & Michell Huts – Alpine National Park
- 11 June New Hotham Media Conference and Masterplan Unveiling
- 11 June Official Opening of the Ski Season
- 30 July Launch Mt Hotham Recycled Water Scheme/Ovens Alpine Nursery Announcement

2004

- 12 June Opening of 2004 Snow Season and Launch of Alpine Resorts 2020 Strategy
- 17 July Opening of Alpine Visitor Centre at Lake Mountain
- 28 August Falls Kangaroo Hoppet Race Presentation and Announcement that Falls Creek is to become home to Australia's Cross-Country Ski Team
- 21 October Alpine Reflections Forum at Lake Mountain Visitors Centre

2003

- 7 June Official opening of the Victorian Snow Season and new Children's Centre Cloud 9 (Falls Creek)
- 8 June Presentation of Falls Creek Film Festival Awards (Falls Creek)
- 18 August Announcement of Government's new ski brochure and inspection of snow making facilities at Lake Mountain
- 30 August Launch of Alpine Resorts 2020 Draft Strategy (Falls Creek)

