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Tuesday, 15 April 2008

Environment and climate change: fuel reduction burns

166. Mr RYAN to ask the Minister for Community development for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change — what are the reasons for the discrepancy between the Minister’s claim in Parliament on 23 May 2007 that ‘in the last two years of the previous Kennett Government the fuel reduction burns were some 25,000 hectares and 84,000 hectares’ and the annual reports of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment for 1997–98 and 1998–99 which show the area of fuel reduction burning completed in these years was 40,000 hectares and 104,584 hectares respectively.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The figures of 25,000 hectares and 84,000 hectares that the former Minister for Water, Environment and Climate Change referred to were for fuel reduction burns only, not including regeneration or ecological burns. These figures were provided to the former Minister from the departmental fire information system.

The figures contained in the 1997–98 and 1998–99 DSE (DNRE) Annual Reports of 40,000 hectares and 104,584 hectares respectively, relate to the entire burning program including ecological and regeneration burns as well as fuel reduction burns.

Roads and ports: VicRoads — registration renewals

551. Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports —

- (1) How many motorists had to provide roadworthy certificates for vehicles whose registrations had expired in October 2006 or October 2007.
- (2) Has VicRoads waived the requirement for roadworthy certificates due to motorists claiming that they had not received registration renewal notices; if so —
 - (a) in what months were any such waivers agreed to;
 - (b) how many were agreed to in each month in which waivers were agreed to.
- (3) How many roadworthy certificates for vehicles were received by VicRoads in each month between October 2006 and October 2007.

ANSWER:

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

The registered operator of a vehicle is not required to provide a roadworthy certificate when the registration of a vehicle is renewed at the expiry of the registration period.

Roadworthy certificates are generally required when the registration of a vehicle is transferred and upon re-registration of a vehicle (where the registration has been cancelled). Cancellation results from the renewal payment not being received within the 3 month period after the expiry date. In this circumstance it is not VicRoads’

practice to waive the requirement for a roadworthy certificate because the motorist has claimed that he/she did not receive a renewal notice.

Roads and ports: Nepean Highway–Bay Road–Karen Street, Cheltenham — traffic lights

786. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports — with reference to the amber time settings for right-hand turn arrows at the intersection of Nepean Highway, Bay Road and Karen Street in Cheltenham —

- (1) When was the timing last changed.
- (2) What were the time phases for the amber light in —
 - (a) 2006;
 - (b) 2007.

ANSWER:

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

The time setting for the amber phase for right turns at this intersection has not changed in recent years.

As advised previously, the time setting for the amber phase for right turns from Bay Road and Karen Street into the Nepean Highway and from the Nepean Highway into Bay Road was 3 seconds. The time setting for the amber phase for the right turn from the Nepean Highway into Karen Street is either 3 or 4.5 seconds, depending on the traffic signal sequence.

Roads and ports: noise measurement testing — Doncaster

816. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports — how many Doncaster residents sought noise measurement testing in 2006–07 through VicRoads or its agencies and what —

- (1) Were the locations of the tests.
- (2) Were the noise level readings on the tests.
- (3) Action is being taken as a result.

ANSWER:

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

According to VicRoads' records, one Doncaster resident requested that VicRoads carry out noise testing in 2006-07. VicRoads is unable to comment on noise testing requests that may have been made direct to external consultants without VicRoads' knowledge.

In June 2007, VicRoads commissioned an independent traffic noise consultant to undertake noise testing in McLeod Street, Doncaster.

VicRoads' Traffic Noise Reduction Policy states that noise attenuation measures are only considered along existing freeways when the noise level from the freeway exceeds 68 dB(A) for 10 per cent of the time between the hours of 6.00 a.m. and midnight. The noise levels recorded at McLeod Street, Doncaster, were below the threshold of 68 dB(A).

Roads and ports: road safety audit

872. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports — with reference to suggested action point 7.2 located on page nine of the road safety audit prepared by Road Safety Audits Pty Ltd, dated

27 June 2007 — what consideration has been given to the suggestion that King Street be upgraded to two lanes in each direction.

ANSWER:

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

VicRoads has developed a draft concept plan for possible long-term future improvements to King Street. The plan gives consideration to the future function of the road and includes the provision of additional traffic lanes and bicycle facilities.

Proposals for improvement projects must be considered and evaluated on a state wide basis. Any improvements to King Street, Doncaster will be considered in this context.

Senior Victorians: elder abuse prevention initiative

876. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Senior Victorians — with reference to the Elder Abuse Prevention Initiative —

- (1) How much does the Government intend to spend on the initiative.
- (2) How much has been spent as at February 2008.
- (3) Excluding the community education and older persons' legal service, what other services and projects will be funded under the initiative.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) \$5.9 million.
- (2) From 1 July 2007 to 29 February 2008, \$274,956.60 has been spent.
- (3) In addition to the community education and older people's legal service, other projects that are being funded under the Elder Abuse Prevention Initiative include:
 - an elder abuse prevention advisory group;
 - elder abuse prevention communications strategy;
 - professional education and support for workers in the field;
 - revision of the elder abuse prevention guide; and
 - financial literacy training for older Victorians.

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Thursday, 17 April 2008

Community services: supported residential services

605. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the supported residential services (SRS) in the Barwon South West Region, Loddon Mallee Region, Grampians Region, Hume Region, Gippsland Region, North-West Region, Eastern Region, and the Southern Region —

- (1) How many pension level SRS facilities, as defined by the SAVVI initiative, closed in —
 - (a) 2000;
 - (b) 2001;
 - (c) 2002;
 - (d) 2003;
 - (e) 2004;
 - (f) 2005;
 - (g) 2006;
 - (h) 2007 to date.
- (2) As a result of the closure of pension level SRS facilities, as defined by the SAVVI initiative, how many pension level beds, and above-pension level beds were closed in —
 - (a) 2000;
 - (b) 2001;
 - (c) 2002;
 - (d) 2003;
 - (e) 2004;
 - (f) 2005;
 - (g) 2006;
 - (h) 2007 to date.
- (3) How many pension level facilities, as defined by the SAVVI initiative, 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 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 did the facility have;
 - (e) was the reason for the appointment of the administrator.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Data is provided for the years 2006 and 2007 as the SAVVI project did not commence until 2006

- (1) In Victoria for the 2006 calendar year
 - 2 pension level SRS facilities closed
 In Victoria for the 2007 calendar year:
 - 3 pension level SRS facilities closed
- (2) In Victoria as a result of the closure of pension level SRS facilities
 - for the 2006 calendar year 26 beds were closed
 - for the 2007 calendar year 197 beds were closed
- (3) In Victoria for the 2006 & 2007 calendar year
 - Administrator appointments were made at 3 pension level SRS facilities.
- (4) In Victoria for pension level SRS facilities
 - (a) Administrators were appointed in 2006 and 2007
 - (b) The Administrators appointed were
 - Sims Partners
 - Patrick Bowden
 - Wesley Mission Melbourne
 - Western Region Health Centre
 - (c) The names of the SRS facilities were
 - Maroondah Lodge
 - Bellden Supported Residential Service
 - Western Lodge
 - Western Lodge
 - (d) The percentage of pension level beds at the time of closure cannot be precisely 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

608. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to above-pension level supported residential services (SRS) in the Barwon South West Region, Loddon Mallee Region, Hume Region, Grampians Region, Gippsland Region, North West Region, Eastern Region, and the Southern Region —

- (1) How many above-pension level SRS facilities, not pension level as defined by the SAVVI initiative, closed in —
 - (a) 2000;
 - (b) 2001;
 - (c) 2002;
 - (d) 2003;
 - (e) 2004;
 - (f) 2005;
 - (g) 2006;

- (h) 2007 to date.
- (2) As a result of the closure of above-pension level SRS facilities, how many above-pension level beds and pension level beds were closed in —
 - (a) 2000;
 - (b) 2001;
 - (c) 2002;
 - (d) 2003;
 - (e) 2004;
 - (f) 2005;
 - (g) 2006;
 - (h) 2007 to date.
- (3) How many above-pension level facilities were allocated a state appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 31 June 2007.
- (4) For each facility allocated a state appointed administrator what —
 - (a) year was the administrator appointed;
 - (b) was the name of the administrator;
 - (c) was the name of the facility;
 - (d) percentage of pension level beds did the facility have;
 - (e) was the reason for the appointment of the administrator.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Data is provided for the years 2006 and 2007 as the SAVVI project did not commence until 2006

- (1) In Victoria for the 2006 calendar year:
 - 4 above pension level SRS facilities closed

In Victoria for the 2007 calendar year:

 - 6 above pension level SRS facilities closed
- (2) In Victoria as a result of the closure of above pension level SRS facilities,
 - for the 2006 calendar year
 - 239 beds were closed
 - for the 2007 calendar year
 - 143 beds were closed
- (3) State appointed administrator was appointed to four above pension SRS facilities
- (4) For above pension SRS facility
 - (a) Administrators were appointed in 2006 and 2007
 - (b) The names of the administrators appointed were
 - Ernst & Young
 - Ernst & Young
 - Ernst & Young

- Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu
- (c) The above pension facilities were
 - Anderly Aged Care
 - Care Life Australia Heidelberg
 - Care Life Australia Ringwood
 - Abbey Court
- (d) The precise percentage of pension or above pension level beds can not be determined at the time of closure.
- (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.

Senior Victorians: older persons high-rise support program

808. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Senior Victorians — with reference to the Older Persons High Rise 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:

I am informed that:

- (1)
 - (a) \$500,000
 - (b) \$1.47m.
- (2) \$1.47m in 2007-08.
- (3) Yes

Community services: youth justice programs and initiatives

862. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to the \$34.2 million worth of funding promised on 17 August 2000 for youth justice programs and initiatives —

- (1) How much of the funding was expended by the end of 2003–04.
- (2) How was the use of the funds evaluated.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) \$34.2 million
- (2) Via an effectiveness review.

Community services: One Community scheme

864. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to the \$50 million worth of funding promised on 15 September 2000 for the *One Community* scheme — in 2000–01 —

- (1) How much funding was provided to HomeFirst and how many Victorians benefited from the program.
- (2) How much funding was provided to GreatBreak and how many Victorians benefited from the program.
- (3) How many extra flexible care packages were provided.
- (4) How much of the funding went to providing more supported community accommodation.
- (5) How many new units were built with the funds.
- (6) How many more people were able to be accommodated.
- (7) How much extra funding was provided to the Futures for Young Adults program.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) This initiative contributed to the output and financial performance reported in the Department of Human Services Annual Reports for 2000-01 and 2002-03. Retrospective disaggregation of this reported performance would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.
- (2) Refer to Question (1)
- (3) Refer to Question (1)
- (4) Refer to Question (1)
- (5) Refer to Question (1)
- (6) Refer to Question (1)
- (7) Refer to Question (1)

Mental health: recovered memory therapy

868. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — with reference to the Health Services Commissioner’s 2005 Inquiry into the Practice of Recovered Memory Therapy —

- (1) Did the Government accept each of the Commissioner’s five recommendations; if not, what were the reasons for opposing recommendations.
- (2) What specific action has been taken by the Government regarding each recommendation that was accepted.
- (3) What specific action has been taken on the measures put forward in the Government’s response to the recommendations, specifically the community education campaign and review of practice guidelines and training.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

(1 – 3)

The Government’s response to the Health Services Commissioner’s report is available on the Department of Human Services website at the following address: www.health.vic.gov.au/pracreg

Some progress has been made in the preparation of public education materials and consultations are under way to finalise the content. Once the public education materials are completed, further work will be undertaken to encourage the respective professional bodies to prepare joint practice guidelines in relation to memory and therapy.

Senior Victorians: cognitive dementia and memory services — Barwon south-west region

886. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Senior Victorians — with reference to waiting lists for access to Cognitive Dementia and Memory Services (CDAMS) in the Barwon South West Region —

- (1) How many people were on a waiting list in —
 - (a) 2007–08;
 - (b) 2005–06.
- (2) What percentage of current demand does CDAMS meet.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The data is not available.

Senior Victorians: cognitive dementia and memory services — Loddon Mallee region

887. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Senior Victorians — with reference to waiting lists for access to Cognitive Dementia and Memory Services (CDAMS) in the Loddon Mallee Region —

- (1) How many people were on a waiting list in —
 - (a) 2007–08;
 - (b) 2005–06.
- (2) What percentage of current demand does CDAMS meet.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The data is not available.

Senior Victorians: cognitive dementia and memory services — Hume region

888. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Senior Victorians — with reference to waiting lists for access to Cognitive Dementia and Memory Services (CDAMS) in the Hume Region —

- (1) How many people were on a waiting list in —
 - (a) 2007–08;
 - (b) 2005–06.
- (2) What percentage of current demand does CDAMS meet.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The data is not available.

Senior Victorians: cognitive dementia and memory services — Grampians region

889. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Senior Victorians — with reference to waiting lists for access to Cognitive Dementia and Memory Services (CDAMS) in the Grampians Region —

- (1) How many people were on a waiting list in —
 - (a) 2007–08;
 - (b) 2005–06.
- (2) What percentage of current demand does CDAMS meet.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The data is not available.

Senior Victorians: cognitive dementia and memory services — Gippsland region

890. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Senior Victorians — with reference to waiting lists for access to Cognitive Dementia and Memory Services (CDAMS) in the Gippsland Region —

- (1) How many people were on a waiting list in —
 - (a) 2007–08;
 - (b) 2005–06.
- (2) What percentage of current demand does CDAMS meet.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The data is not available.

Senior Victorians: cognitive dementia and memory services — north-west region

891. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Senior Victorians — with reference to waiting lists for access to Cognitive Dementia and Memory Services (CDAMS) in the North West Region —

- (1) How many people were on a waiting list in —
 - (a) 2007–08;
 - (b) 2005–06.
- (2) What percentage of current demand does CDAMS meet.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The data is not available.

Senior Victorians: cognitive dementia and memory services — eastern region

892. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Senior Victorians — with reference to waiting lists for access to Cognitive Dementia and Memory Services (CDAMS) in the Eastern Region —

- (1) How many people were on a waiting list in —

- (a) 2007–08;
 - (b) 2005–06.
- (2) What percentage of current demand does CDAMS meet.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The data is not available.

Senior Victorians: cognitive dementia and memory services — southern region

893. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Senior Victorians — with reference to waiting lists for access to Cognitive Dementia and Memory Services (CDAMS) in the Southern Region —

- (1) How many people were on a waiting list in —
 - (a) 2007–08;
 - (b) 2005–06.
- (2) What percentage of current demand does CDAMS meet.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The data is not available.

Community services: disability services — inclusive communities

917. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to \$420,000 worth of funding for local governments to plan communities that are inclusive of people with disabilities announced by the Government on 17 November 2000 —

- (1) How much of the funding was expended in 2000–01.
- (2) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) This initiative contributed to the output and financial performance reported in the Department of Human Services Annual Report for the relevant financial years. Retrospective disaggregation of this reported performance would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.
- (2) The use of the funds forms part of ongoing service and demand evaluation undertaken by the Department.

Community services: acquired brain injury strategic plan

922. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to \$5 million worth of funding for the Acquired Brain Injury Strategic Plan announced by the Government on 29 March 2001 —

- (1) How much of the funding was expended as at 30 June 2003.
- (2) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) This initiative contributed to the output and financial performance reported in the Department of Human Services Annual Report for the relevant financial years. Retrospective disaggregation of this reported performance would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.
- (2) The use of the funds forms part of ongoing service and demand evaluation undertaken by the Department.

Community services: disability services — mobility funding

923. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to \$3.5 million worth of funding to mobilise people with disabilities announced by the Government on 10 April 2001 —

- (1) How much of the funding was expended as at 30 June 2004.
- (2) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) This initiative contributed to the output and financial performance reported in the Department of Human Services Annual Report for the relevant financial years. Retrospective disaggregation of this reported performance would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.
- (2) The use of the funds forms part of ongoing service and demand evaluation undertaken by the Department.

Community services: residential care

925. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to \$7.5 million worth of funding for improved service provision for young people in residential care promised in the 2000–01 budget —

- (1) How much of the funding was expended in 2001–02.
- (2) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) This initiative contributed to the output and financial performance reported in the Department of Human Services Annual Report for the relevant financial years. Retrospective disaggregation of this reported performance would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.
- (2) The use of the funds forms part of ongoing service and demand evaluation undertaken by the Department.

Community services: supported accommodation

933. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to \$6 million worth of funding to address growth in the urgent waiting list for supported accommodation promised in the 2000–01 budget —

- (1) How much of the funding was expended in 2001–02.

- (2) How much of the funding was expended in 2002–03.
- (3) How many people gained a supported accommodation place in 2001–02 as a result of the funds.
- (4) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) This initiative contributed to the output and financial performance reported in the Department of Human Services Annual Report for the relevant financial years. Retrospective disaggregation of this reported performance would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.
- (2) Refer to Question (1)
- (3) Refer to Question (1)
- (4) The use of the funds forms part of ongoing service and demand evaluation undertaken by the Department.

Community services: Futures for Young Adults program

934. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to the \$7 million worth of funding for the Futures for Young Adults Program promised in the 2000–01 budget —

- (1) How much of the funding was expended in 2001–02.
- (2) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) This initiative contributed to the output and financial performance reported in the Department of Human Services Annual Report for the relevant financial years. Retrospective disaggregation of this reported performance would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.
- (2) The use of the funds forms part of ongoing service and demand evaluation undertaken by the Department.

Community services: respite care

935. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to the \$3.3 million worth of funding for respite care to provide breaks for 250 families and other voluntary carers which was promised in the 2000–01 budget —

- (1) How much of the funding was expended in 2001–02.
- (2) How many families and other voluntary carers received respite in 2001–02 as a result of the funds.
- (3) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) This initiative contributed to the output and financial performance reported in the Department of Human Services Annual Report for the relevant financial years. Retrospective disaggregation of this reported performance would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.
- (2) Refer to Question (1)

- (3) The use of the funds forms part of ongoing service and demand evaluation undertaken by the Department.

Community services: flexible care packages

936. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services —with reference to \$3.1 million worth of funding for flexible care packages to provide 500 additional people with disabilities and families with packages as promised in the 2000–01 budget —

- (1) How much of the funding was expended in 2001–02.
- (2) How many people with disabilities and families received flexible care packages as a result of the funds in 2001–02.
- (3) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) This initiative contributed to the output and financial performance reported in the Department of Human Services Annual Report for the relevant financial years. Retrospective disaggregation of this reported performance would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.
- (2) Refer to Question (1)
- (3) The use of the funds forms part of ongoing service and demand evaluation undertaken by the Department.

Community services: disability services — quality improvement

937. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to the \$2.6 million worth of funding for disability service quality improvement promised in the 2000–01 budget —

- (1) How much of the funding was expended in 2001–02.
- (2) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) This initiative contributed to the output and financial performance reported in the Department of Human Services Annual Report for the relevant financial years. Retrospective disaggregation of this reported performance would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.
- (2) The use of the funds forms part of ongoing service and demand evaluation undertaken by the Department.

Community services: disability carers action plan

943. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services —with reference to the policy and program development of the Disability Carers Action Plan — which demographic groupings have been included in the Disability Support Register for better targeting of resources and support to families and carers.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The demographic groupings included in the Disability Support Register for better targeting of resources and support to families and carers are:

- person with a disability who has an ageing carer
- person with a disability who is ageing and has an ageing carer
- child requiring family based care
- family with children with a disability
- young person with a disability
- child/young person with a disability who has an ageing carer.

Community services: disability carers action plan

944. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to the policy and program development of the Disability Carers Action Plan — what have been the dates, times, and locations of consultations with carers to develop a framework for the participation of carers in service planning, delivery and reviews.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- Consultation with carers to develop a framework for the participation of carers in service planning, delivering and reviews has not yet commenced. This consultation is planned to coincide with the introduction of the Victorian Carers Charter in mid 2008.
- Precise dates, times and locations are yet to be confirmed.

Community services: disability carers action plan

946. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to the policy and program development of the Disability Carers Action Plan — what are the titles of the communication materials which have been reviewed and refined to address the information needs of families and carers regarding Support and Choice.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The following documents related to accessing ongoing support and effectively planning for individualised supports have been reviewed and updated:

- Individual Support Package Guidelines, October 2006
- Disability Services Access to Ongoing Disability Support, March 2007
- Disability Services Access Policy, July 2007
- Disability Services Planning Policy, July 2007

- Disability Services Planning Resource Kit and Implementation guide, November 2007

Community services: state disability plan

947. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services —which options has Disability Services considered to address the issues associated with consent and substitute decision-making to fulfil action 7 of action area 3, promotion and protection of people’s rights, as outlined in the 2006–08 Implementation Plan for the State Disability Plan.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- The *Guardianship and Administration Act 1986* has provisions related to the appointment of guardians and administrators. This Act also enables a ‘person responsible’ to act as a substitute decision-maker for a person with a disability in relation to most medical and dental treatment. The person responsible may be a person’s guardian, a person’s spouse or the person’s nearest relative.
- Issues associated with consent and substitute decision-making were considered during the review of disability legislation and
- the Government did not consider it was appropriate to make any further legislative provisions around substitute decision-making.
- Following the commencement of the *Disability Act 2006*, matters relating to the management of money have been addressed through new policy.

Community services: state disability plan

948. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services —what are the dates and titles of reports published to show the Government’s progress on the State Disability Plan 2002–2012.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Report on the implementation of the Victorian State Disability Plan 2002-2012 was published by the Victorian Government Department of Human Services in March 2006.

Victorian State Disability Plan Implementation Plan 2006-2008 was released in October 2006 by Disability Services Division.

