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Tuesday, 8 April 2008

Public transport: train drivers

321. Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to each of Connex and V/Line train drivers —

- (1) As at 30 June 2007 —
 - (a) how many drivers were employed —
 - (i) full time;
 - (ii) part time;
 - (iii) casual.
 - (b) how many drivers were in training;
 - (c) how many drivers, employed or in training, were on —
 - (i) sick leave;
 - (ii) WorkCover.
- (2) Between 1 May 2007 and 30 June 2007 —
 - (a) how many drivers were paid a bonus to postpone retirement;
 - (b) how much in total was paid for driver bonus payments;
 - (c) how many trains were cancelled due to drivers being unavailable;
 - (d) how many trains were late due to drivers being unavailable.
- (3) How many train drivers retired due to age in —
 - (a) 2003–04;
 - (b) 2004–05;
 - (c) 2005–06;
 - (d) 2006–07.
- (4) How many train drivers retired due to ill health in —
 - (a) 2003–04;
 - (b) 2004–05;
 - (c) 2005–06;
 - (d) 2006–07.
- (5) How many train drivers resigned in —
 - (a) 2003–04;
 - (b) 2004–05;
 - (c) 2005–06;
 - (d) 2006–07.

- (6) Did any train drivers who were paid a bonus to postpone retirement in 2005–06 go on —
- (a) WorkCover; if so, how many drivers and for what period;
 - (b) long service leave; if so, how many drivers and for what period;
 - (c) sick leave; if so, how many drivers and for what period.
- (7) Did any train drivers who were paid a bonus to postpone retirement in 2006–07 go on —
- (a) WorkCover; if so, how many train drivers and for what period;
 - (b) long service leave; if so, how many train drivers and for what period;
 - (c) sick leave; if so, how many train drivers and for what period.
- (8) At 30 June 2007 how many train drivers were aged —
- (a) 18–21;
 - (b) 21–30;
 - (c) 31–40;
 - (d) 40–49;
 - (e) 50–59;
 - (f) 60–65;
 - (g) 66 or above.
- (9) What was the month and year of birth of the oldest driver employed at 30 June 2007 by —
- (a) V/Line;
 - (b) Connex.
- (10) How many train drivers, during each quarter of 2007–08, are —
- (a) expected to retire;
 - (b) forecast to transfer from Connex to V/Line;
 - (c) forecast to transfer from V/Line to Connex.
- (11) How many full time train driver positions were required to operate a normal weekly roster at each company as at 30 June 2007.
- (12) Did each company have sufficient train drivers to operate their normal weekly rosters as at 30 June 2007; if not —
- (a) what was the shortage as at 30 June 2007;
 - (b) what will the projected shortage be at —
 - (i) 30 September 2007;
 - (ii) 31 December 2007;
 - (iii) 31 March 2008;
 - (iv) 30 June 2008.

ANSWER:

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

- (1-12) In relation to the 49 requests that you have made for information, Connex and V/Line have advised that much of the requested information is not readily available and to manually extract the data would require an unnecessary diversion of resources.

Roads and ports: Nepean Highway–Bay Road–Karen Street, Cheltenham — red light cameras

373(b). Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports with reference to the red light camera monitoring west bound traffic turning right from Karen Street in a northerly direction into the Nepean Highway —

- (1) When was the camera first installed.
- (2) For each month since the installation of the camera how many infringement notices have been issued to motorists completing the turn.
- (3) Due to the angle and width of the turn, have the additional time and slower speed required been taken into account when issuing infringement notices.
- (4) Due to the physical characteristics of the intersection is there any plan to adjust the time allowance at which a fine is imposed.
- (5) How does the number of fines issued compare with comparable intersections.

ANSWER:

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

The Department of Justice is responsible for installing and operating red light cameras and issuing related infringement notices. As such, this question would be more appropriately answered by the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

Roads and ports: Nepean Highway–Bay Road–Karen Street, Cheltenham — red light cameras

374(b). Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports with reference to the red light camera monitoring south bound traffic turning right from the Nepean Highway in an easterly direction into Bay Road —

- (1) When was the camera first installed.
- (2) For each month since the installation of the camera how many infringement notices have been issued to motorists completing the turn.
- (3) Due to the angle and width of the turn, have the additional time and slower speed required been taken into account when issuing infringement notices.
- (4) Due to the physical characteristics of the intersection is there any plan to adjust the time allowance at which a fine is imposed.
- (5) How does the number of fines issued compare with comparable intersections.

ANSWER:

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

The Department of Justice is responsible for installing and operating red light cameras and issuing related infringement notices. As such, this question would be more appropriately answered by the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

Roads and ports: Nepean Highway–Bay Road–Karen Street, Cheltenham — red light cameras

376(b). Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports with reference to red light cameras monitoring right hand turns at intersections in Melbourne —

- (1) Which intersections have cameras monitoring right hand turns.
- (2) What is the monthly number of infringement notices issued for each intersection.

- (3) How does the number of monthly infringement notices issued for each intersection compare to the Nepean Highway, Bay Road and Karen Street intersection.

ANSWER:

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

The Department of Justice is responsible for installing and operating red light cameras and issuing related infringement notices. As such, this question would be more appropriately answered by the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

Community services: Victorian aids and equipment grant

526. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Community Services —

- (1) By what percentage did the Victorian Aids and Equipment Grant increase between the —
- (a) 2001–02 and 2002–03 budgets;
 - (b) 2002–03 and 2003–04 budgets;
 - (c) 2003–04 and 2004–05 budgets;
 - (d) 2004–05 and 2005–06 budgets;
 - (e) 2005–06 and 2006–07 budgets.
- (2) Was the increase to the Victorian Aids and Equipment Grant less than the CPI between the —
- (a) 2001–02 and 2002–03 budgets;
 - (b) 2002–03 and 2003–04 budgets;
 - (c) 2003–04 and 2004–05 budgets;
 - (d) 2004–05 and 2005–06 budgets;
 - (e) 2005–06 and 2006–07 budgets; if so, why.
- (3) What is the projected percentage increase to the Victorian Aids and Equipment Grant between the 2006–07 and 2007–08 budgets.
- (4) Is the projected increase to the Victorian Aids and Equipment Grant between the 2006–07 and 2007–08 budgets less than the projected CPI; if so, why.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) In relation to the percentage increase for the Victorian Aids & Equipment Grant:
- (a) 6.1% increase
 - (b) 3.8% increase
 - (c) 12.0% increase
 - (d) 12.0% reduction
 - (e) 49.8% increase
- (2) Information relating to the CPI is available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics.
- (3) The percentage increase to the Victorian Aids and Equipment Grant between the 2006–07 and 2007–08 budgets cannot be projected at this point in the financial year.
- (4) The percentage increase to the Victorian Aids and Equipment Grant between the 2006–07 and 2007–08 budgets cannot be projected at this point in the financial year.

Public transport: V/Line express services

552. Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to the once a day weekday 'flagship' express services being the 7.46 am up Ballarat, 4.36 pm down Ballarat, 6.02 am or 6.05 am up Bendigo, 4.53 pm down Bendigo, 7.17 am up South Geelong, 5.29 pm down Marshall, 5.38 am up Traralgon and 4.47 pm down Traralgon — between 4 March 2007 and 22 October 2007

- (1) How many times has each service operated.
- (2) On how many occasions was each service arriving at its terminus, according to the timetable on the relevant date, —
 - (a) between one second and five minutes 59 seconds late;
 - (b) between six minutes and 10 minutes 59 seconds late;
 - (c) between 11 minutes and 19 minutes 59 seconds late;
 - (d) 20 minutes or more late.
- (3) By date, what reasons were officially recorded for each time one of the services was six minutes or more late and how many minutes was each separate cause of delay accorded.

ANSWER:

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

- (1-3) I refer you to the detailed performance information on punctuality and reliability which is available at www.vline.com.au.

Roads and ports: Nepean Highway–Bay Road–Karen Street, Cheltenham — red light cameras

558(b). Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports with reference to the red light camera operating equipment which monitors right hand turns from the Nepean Highway into Bay Road and from Karen Street into the Nepean Highway — what repairs or modifications were made to the operating equipment on 24 October 2007.

ANSWER:

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

The repair and maintenance of red light cameras is managed by the Department of Justice. As such, this question would be more appropriately answered by the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

Public transport: seniors concessions

611. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport — for each of 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) In metropolitan Melbourne —
 - (a) how many seniors daily passes were sold;
 - (b) what was the average number of trips estimated to be made per seniors daily pass.
- (2) In regional and rural Victoria —
 - (a) how many seniors daily passes were sold;
 - (b) what was average number of trips estimated to be made per seniors daily pass.
- (3) What was the total number of seniors daily passes sold.
- (4) What was the average number of trips estimated to be made per seniors daily pass.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) Sales of the Seniors Daily (formerly the 60 Plus ticket) are given in the table below along with the average number of trips made.

Year	Sales	Avg trips
2001	4,145,214	2.6
2002	4,334,853	2.7
2003	4,489,609	2.6
2004	4,457,131	2.6
2005	4,436,998	2.6
2006	4,335,196	2.6
2007*	3,471,725	2.5

Notes: *2007 data from 01/01/07 to 27/10/07

- (2) Seniors Daily tickets are only available in metropolitan Melbourne as the price of concession fares on public transport within regional cities and towns is normally lower than the cost of the Seniors Daily ticket.
- (3) Refer to response to question 1.
- (4) Refer to response to question 1.

Community services: Slow to Recover program

629. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the Slow to Recover Program —

- (1) How much funding was committed to the Program 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.
- (2) How long is the current waiting list to access the Program and how is this calculated.
- (3) How many people from other Australian states and territories have accessed the Program in Victoria.
- (4) What is the Government doing to expand the Program.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The funding that was committed to the Acquired Brain Injury Slow to Recover Program (ABI:STR) was —
- (a) 2000–01; \$4m
 - (b) 2001–02; \$5m

- (c) 2002–03; \$4m
- (d) 2003–04; \$4m
- (e) 2004–05; \$5.1m
- (f) 2005–06; \$5.5m
- (g) 2006–07; \$5.6m
- (h) 2007–08. \$6.3m

NOTE: An additional \$500,000 was allocated to ABI:STR in September 2007 to bring the 2007/2008 allocated funds to \$6.3M

- (2) The current waiting list for access to the ABI:STR program is 75 people. The waiting list represents the number of people who have been accepted as eligible on the program.
- (3) The ABI:STR program assists Victorian residents. On one occasion, it assisted a young man who sustained an injury interstate but returned to be supported by his family in Victoria.
- (4) The Government will provide \$9m over four years to expand the program.

Public transport: Flinders Street station

632. Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to Flinders Street Station —

- (1) Do the stairs leading down to platforms 12 and 13 from the Swanston Street and St Kilda Road concourse comply with federal disability legislation and Australian standards.
- (2) Will the stairs leading down to platforms 12 and 13 from the Swanston Street and St Kilda Road concourse be upgraded and partly replaced by escalators; if so, when and at what cost.
- (3) Can signage from platforms 12 and 13 directing passengers to platform 10 be improved; if so, how and when will this occur.
- (4) Does Connex roster at least one staff member on platforms 12 and 13 at all times when Sandringham trains are operating; if not, at what hours are staff rostered.
- (5) Who decided to close off the access area between platforms 10 and 12.
- (6) What date was the access area between platforms 10 and 12 fenced off and at what cost.
- (7) Can the access area between platforms 10 and 12 be reopened by repairing the asphalt platform surface or through other works; if so, at what cost.
- (8) Can the ventilation of platforms 12 and 13 be improved; if so —
 - (a) what options have been considered;
 - (b) what is the cost of the options considered;
 - (c) when will improvements be funded and installed.
- (9) Did the lift from the Swanston Street and St Kilda Road concourse to platforms 12 and 13 fail on 5 November 2007 at approximately 1.00 pm.
- (10) Since 30 September 2007 —
 - (a) how many times has the lift between the Swanston Street and St Kilda Road concourse and platforms 12 and 13 failed;
 - (b) for how many hours in total has the lift between the Swanston Street and St Kilda Road concourse and platforms 12 and 13 been out of service.
- (11) How many complaints about the weekday change in platforms for Sandringham trains have been received since 30 September 2007 by —
 - (a) the Minister;
 - (b) the Department of Infrastructure;

- (c) Connex Melbourne;
- (d) Metlink Melbourne;
- (e) the Public Transport Ombudsman.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) Federal disability legislation applies to new infrastructure.
- (2) The Government will make announcements about future work at the appropriate time.
- (3) Directional signage to platform 10, from platforms 12 and 13, is currently being reviewed.
- (4) Roving platform staff are deployed across Flinders Street Station as needs determine.
- (5) The decision to close off the access area between platforms 10 and 12 was jointly agreed between Connex and the Department of Infrastructure for safety reasons.
- (6) The access area between platforms 10 and 12 was closed off in November 2007. The cost for supply and installation of the fence was approximately \$1,900.
- (7) No.
- (8) The ventilation on platforms 12 and 13 is currently deemed to be adequate.
- (9) No fault was reported to indicate that the lift from the Swanston Street and St Kilda Road concourse to platforms 12 and 13 failed on 5 November 2007 at approximately 1.00 pm.
- (10) Since 30 September 2007, the lift between the Swanston Street and St Kilda Road concourse and platforms 12 and 13:
 - (a) was reported to have failed twice, but on both occasions no fault was identified and the lift was operating when the technician arrived.
 - (b) has been out of service for 1 hour and 52 minutes.
- (11)
 - (a) 11.
 - (b) 8.
 - (c) 26.
 - (d) Metlink is unable to provide this data as it only reports on a system / industry wide basis (it does not hold metropolitan train specific data);
 - (e) the Public Transport Ombudsman has not received any complaints.

Community services: disability services — shared supported accommodation

642. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to Shared Supported Accommodation and people with disabilities in each of the Eastern Region, Southern Region, Northern Region, Western Region, Barwon South Western Region, Grampians Region, Hume Region, Gippsland Region and Loddon Mallee Region — in the 2006–07 financial year —

- (1) What was the total funding allocated to Shared Supported Accommodation.
- (2) How much funding was allocated for Department managed accommodation.
- (3) How many people were residents in Department managed accommodation.
- (4) How much funding was allocated for non-government managed accommodation.
- (5) How many people were residents in non-government managed accommodation.

ANSWER:

- (1) The total funding allocated to Shared Supported Accommodation in 2006-07 for the following regions was:
 - Eastern—\$105.1M
 - Southern—\$72.9M
 - North and West (combined)—\$111.2M
 - Barwon South Western—\$22.2M
 - Grampians—\$31.5M
 - Hume—\$23.1M
 - Gippsland—\$17.0M
 - Loddon Mallee - \$19.6M

- (2) The total funding allocated to Department managed accommodation in 2006-07 for the following regions was:
 - Eastern—\$54.7M
 - Southern—\$34.5M
 - North and West (combined)—\$78.2M
 - Barwon South Western—\$13.3M
 - Grampians—\$27.0M
 - Hume—\$15.8M
 - Gippsland—\$10.5M
 - Loddon Mallee - \$12.6M

- (3) This is not a standard data set reported by Disability Services Division.

- (4) The total funding allocated to non-government managed accommodation in 2006-07 for the following regions was:
 - Eastern—\$50.4M
 - Southern—\$38.4M
 - North and West (combined)—\$33.0M
 - Barwon South Western—\$8.9M
 - Grampians—\$4.5M
 - Hume—\$7.3M
 - Gippsland—\$6.5M
 - Loddon Mallee - \$7.0M

- (5) This is not a standard data set reported by Disability Services Division.

Community services: disability support register

643. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — in 2006–07 —

- (1) With reference to the Disability Support Register —
 - (a) How many people were registered for the first time;
 - (b) How many people were moved off the register because they obtained services;
 - (c) How many people were moved off the register because it was ascertained they no longer needed to obtain services.

- (2) How many people with disabilities waiting for shared supported accommodation obtained a place in a community residential unit and of these —
 - (a) on average, how many days had they been waiting for a place;
 - (b) how many were relocated from congregate care to community based care.
- (3) How many people in each of the Eastern Region, Southern Region, Northern Region, Western Region, Barwon South Western Region, Grampians Region, Hume Region, Gippsland Region and Loddon Mallee Region have moved from shared supported accommodation through the Support and Choice/Individualised Planning and Support Initiative.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.

Community services: disability services — residential care

644. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to disability services residential care —

- (1) What is the total capacity at any one time.
- (2) What is the capacity at any one time of government managed shared supported accommodation.
- (3) What is the capacity at any one time of non-government managed shared supported accommodation.
- (4) What is the capacity at any one time of government managed congregate care.
- (5) What is the capacity at any one time of non-government managed congregate care.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The capacity of disability services residential care varies over time due to a variety of circumstances, especially the decommissioning/recommissioning of facilities as they are upgraded or redeveloped.

Information on the number of clients in Shared Supported Accommodation and Training Centres (congregate care) is available in the Annual Report of the Department of Human Services.

Community services: shared supported accommodation — funding

645. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — as at 30 June 2007 —

- (1) How many clients in government managed shared supported accommodation were aged —
 - (a) under 25 years;
 - (b) 25 to 44 years;
 - (c) 45 to 55 years;
 - (d) 56 to 64 years;
 - (e) 65 to 74 years;
 - (f) 75 years or more.
- (2) How many clients in non-government managed shared supported accommodation were aged —
 - (a) under 25 years;
 - (b) 25 to 44 years;

- (c) 45 to 55 years;
- (d) 56 to 64 years;
- (e) 65 to 74 years;
- (f) 75 years or more.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The requested information is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.

Community services: Kew Residential Services

646. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to people with disabilities at Kew Residential Services — as at 30 June 2007 how many were aged —

- (1) Under 40 years.
- (2) 40 to 44 years.
- (3) 45 to 55 years.
- (4) 56 to 65 years.
- (5) 66 to 75 years.
- (6) Over 75 years of age.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The requested information is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.

Community services: disability support register

648. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — how many people registered on the Disability Support Register as at 30 June 2007 —

- (1) Were aged —
 - (a) under 18 years;
 - (b) 18 to 24 years;
 - (c) 25 to 29 years;
 - (d) 30 to 39 years;
 - (e) 40 to 49 years;
 - (f) 50 or more years.
- (2) Have a carer.
- (3) Do not have a carer.
- (4) Have their carer's age recorded.
- (5) Do not have their carer's age recorded.
- (6) Have a carer whose age is recorded as —
 - (a) under 55 years;
 - (b) 55 to 64 years;
 - (c) 65 to 69 years;
 - (d) 70 years or more.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The requested information is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.

Information on the Disability Support Register for 2007 is available and published on the Disability Services Division website.

Community services: disability services — capital expenditure

649. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — what was the Disability Services Division total capital expense in 2006–07.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The total capital expense in 2006-07 for Disability Services was \$32.2m, inclusive of capital grants.

Community services: disability services — advocacy organisations

650. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to organisations funded as advocacy organisations for people with a disability — in 2006–07 —

- (1) Which organisations were funded.
- (2) What was the funding for each organisation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In 2006-07 Disability Services Division funded the organisations below for the provision of disability advocacy support.

ORGANISATION	TOTAL \$
ACTION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING INC CONSORTIUM	\$ 310,000
ACTION ON DISABILITY WITHIN ETHNIC COMMUNITIES INC	\$ 113,200
ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN WITH A DISABILITY INC	\$ 107,900
BARWON DISABILITY RESOURCE COUNCIL INC	\$ 47,600
BEAR IN MIND INC	\$ 27,800
BLIND CITIZENS AUSTRALIA	\$ 45,500
CAUS INC	\$ 90,400
COLLECTIVE OF SELF HELP GROUPS INC	\$ 12,200
CYSTIC FIBROSIS VICTORIA INC	\$ 45,000
DISABILITY ADVOCACY AND INFORMATION SERVICE INC	\$ 45,500
EASTERN ACCESS COMMUNITY HEALTH INC	\$ 10,800
GRAMPIANS DISABILITY ADVOCACY ASSOCIATION INC	\$ 90,400
LARYNGECTOMEE ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INC	\$ 2,200
LATROBE CITY COUNCIL	\$ 1,800
MIGRANT RESOURCE CENTRE NORTH WEST REGION INC	\$ 144,400
REGIONAL INFORMATION & ADVOCACY COUNCIL INC	\$ 89,900

ORGANISATION	TOTAL \$
REINFORCE INC THE VICTORIAN ASSOCIATION OF INTELLECTUALLY DISADVANTAGED CITIZENS	\$ 46,300
STAR VICTORIA INC	\$ 47,500
VALID INC	\$ 263,300
VICTORIAN COUNCIL OF DEAF PEOPLE INC-VCOD	\$ 50,900
VICTORIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE CONSORTIUM (DISABILITY ADVOCACY RESOURCE UNIT)	\$ 225,300
WESTERNPORT SPEAKING OUT INCCONSORTIUM (SELF ADVOCACY RESOURCE UNIT)	\$ 221,200
WOMEN'S HEALTH VICTORIA INC (VICTORIAN WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES NETWORK ADVOCACY INFORMATION SERVICE)	\$ 149,400
YOUTH AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF VICTORIA INC CONSORTIUM	\$ 150,300

Community services: disability services — information service providers

- 651.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to organisations funded to provide information services for people with a disability — in 2006–07 —
- (1) Which organisations were funded.
 - (2) What was the funding for each organisation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In 2006-07 Disability Services Division funded the organisations below to provide Information Services.

ORGANISATION	TOTAL \$
ACTION ON DISABILITY WITHIN ETHNIC COMMUNITIES INC	\$ 112,400
ARBIAS LIMITED	\$ 56,900
ARTS ACCESS SOCIETY INC	\$ 187,100
ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN WITH A DISABILITY INC	\$ 176,700
AUSTRALIAN HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION VIC INC	\$ 89,900
AUTISM VICTORIA INC	\$ 150,600
BETTER HEARING AUSTRALIA VICTORIA BRANCH INC	\$ 89,900
BLIND CITIZENS AUSTRALIA	\$ 45,000
BRAIN FOUNDATION VICTORIA LIMITED (MERGED WITH BRAINLINK SERVICES LTD. IN LATE 2006-07)	\$ 45,500
BRAINLINK SERVICES LTD	\$ 67,500
CARERS ASSOCIATION VICTORIA INC	\$ 15,400
CAUS INC	\$ 89,900
CEREBRAL PALSY SUPPORT NETWORK INC	\$ 45,000
CYSTIC FIBROSIS VICTORIA INC	\$ 90,400
DEAF CHILDREN AUSTRALIA	\$ 261,000
DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INC	\$ 103,900
EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF VICTORIA INC	\$ 353,800
HEADWAY VICTORIA	\$ 68,000
INFOXCHANGE AUSTRALIA INC	\$ 8,800

ORGANISATION	TOTAL \$
LARYNGECTOMEE ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INC	\$ 4,100
MELBOURNE CITY MISSION INC.	\$ 2,200
MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INC	\$ 89,900
MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF VICTORIA LIMITED	\$ 119,900
MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION INC	\$ 89,900
PARAQUAD VICTORIA	\$ 176,100
PARKINSON'S VICTORIA INC	\$ 176,600
SCOPE VIC LTD	\$ 45,000
VALID-THE VICTORIAN ADVOCACY LEAGUE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES	\$ 18,500
VICTORIAN COUNCIL OF DEAF PEOPLE INC-VCOD	\$ 45,000
VICTORIAN DEAF SOCIETY	\$ 369,700
VISION AUSTRALIA	\$ 1,056,300
WIMMERA HEARING SOCIETY INC	\$ 2,200
YOORALLA SOCIETY OF VICTORIA	\$ 75,500

Community services: respite services

653. Ms **WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Community Services — in 2006–07 —

- (1) How many individuals received respite services.
- (2) What was the disability services total expenditure for respite services.
- (3) What was the disability services expenditure for Government managed and non-Government managed facility-based respite.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Respite services data is recorded in the Department of Human Services Annual Report 2006-2007.

Community services: disability services — aids and equipment

654. Ms **WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Community Services — as at 30 June 2007 —

- (1) How many people with disabilities were accessing aids and equipment.
- (2) How many people with disabilities accessing aids and equipment were aged 65 years or more.
- (3) What was the disability services total expenditure for aids and equipment.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The number of people accessing aids and equipment is reported in the Annual Report of the Department of Human Services.
- (2) The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.
- (3) The disability services total expenditure for aids and equipment in 2006/07 was \$34.4M.

Community services: disability services — support initiative

655. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the Support and Choice/Individualised Planning and Support initiative for people with disabilities — as at 30 June 2007 —

- (1) How many people were assisted by the funding.
- (2) How many people were allocated funding —
 - (a) up to \$10,000;
 - (b) between \$10,001 and \$25,000;
 - (c) between \$25,001 and \$55,000;
 - (d) of \$55,001 and above.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The number of people accessing aids and equipment is reported in the Annual Report of the Department of Human Services.
- (2) The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.
- (3) The disability services total expenditure for aids and equipment in 2006/07 was \$34.4M.

Community services: disability services — flexible care packages

656. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to flexible care packages for people with disabilities — as at 30 June 2007 —

- (1) How many people were in receipt of —
 - (a) a short-term assistance package;
 - (b) an on-going assistance package.
- (2) What was Disability Services total expenditure for —
 - (a) short-term assistance packages;
 - (b) on-going assistance packages.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.

Community services: disability services — support services

658. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference people with disabilities — as at 30 June 2007 —

- (1) How many people with disabilities were in receipt of —
 - (a) accommodation outreach support;
 - (b) family options support;
 - (c) flexible support packages;
 - (d) home first:

- (e) individualised support packages;
 - (f) shared supported accommodation;
 - (g) transitional accommodation support.
- (2) What was the total expenditure for —
- (a) accommodation outreach support;
 - (b) family options support;
 - (c) flexible support packages;
 - (d) home first;
 - (e) individualised support packages;
 - (f) shared supported accommodation;
 - (g) transitional accommodation support.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Information on the number of people receiving these services is reported in the Annual Report of the Department of Human Services.
- (2) In the financial year ending 30 June 2007, the total expenditure for —
 - (a) accommodation outreach support was \$11.4 million;
 - (b) family options support is included in the expenditure for flexible support packages;
 - (c) flexible support packages was \$35.4 million;
 - (d) home first was \$46.2 million;
 - (e) individualised support packages was \$40.1 million;
 - (f) shared supported accommodation was \$409.2 million;
 - (g) transitional accommodation support is included in the expenditure for shared supported accommodation.

Community services: disability services — community participation programs

660. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to programs conducted by Disability Services for community participation and inclusion for people with disabilities — as at 30 June 2007 —

- (1) How many people with disabilities were —
 - (a) clients with day activities;
 - (b) Futures for Young Adults clients.
- (2) What was the total Disability Services expenditure for —
 - (a) clients with day activities;
 - (b) Futures for Young Adults clients.
- (3) How many clients with day activities are also Disability Services residential accommodation clients.
- (4) How many Futures for Young Adults clients are also Disability Services residential accommodation clients.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The information requested is reported in the Annual Report of the Department of Human Services.
- (2) The total Disability Services expenditure in 2006/07 for —
 - (a) clients with day activities was \$96.2M;
 - (b) Futures for Young Adults clients was \$70.3M.
- (3) The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.
- (4) The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.

Community services: disability services — respite care

661. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the bilateral agreement under the terms of the Commonwealth States/Territories Disability Agreement for respite for ageing parent carers —

- (1) What funds did Victoria receive in 2006–07 from the Commonwealth for the agreement.
- (2) What funds did Victoria contribute in 2006–07 to meet its responsibilities under the agreement.
- (3) How many carers aged 65 years and above benefited from the respite funding provided by the agreement as recorded by the Disability Services quarterly data collection for 2005–06.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Victoria received \$4.8M in 2006–07 from the Commonwealth for the Bilateral Agreement for respite for ageing parent carers.
- (2) Victoria contributed \$5.5M in 2006–07 to meet its responsibilities under the Bilateral Agreement for respite for ageing parent carers.
- (3) The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.

Community services: disability services — respite care

662. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — as at 30 June 2007, how many people with disabilities, accommodated in respite beds, were requiring a permanent placement.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The information requested is not a standard data set reported by Disability Services Division.

Community services: disability services — support services

663. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to people with disabilities — as at 30 June 2006, how many people were in receipt of —

- (1) Accommodation outreach support.
- (2) Family options support.

- (3) Flexible support packages.
- (4) Home first.
- (5) Individualised support packages.
- (6) Shared supported accommodation.
- (7) Transitional accommodation support.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The information requested is reported in the 2005-06 Annual Report of the Department of Human Services.

Community services: disability services — Colanda

664. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to people with disabilities at Colanda —

- (1) As at 30 June 2007 —
 - (a) how many people were in residence.
 - (b) what was the total recurrent funding provided by the Department of Human Services.
 - (c) how many people received on-site day programs.
 - (d) how many people were —
 - (i) under 40 years of age;
 - (ii) 40 to 44 years of age;
 - (iii) 45 to 55 years of age;
 - (iv) 56 to 65 years of age;
 - (v) 66 to 75 years of age;
 - (vi) over 75 years of age;
- (2) What was the total expenditure in 2006–07 for on-site day programs.

ANSWER:

The Minister for Community Services: I am informed that:

- (1) With reference to people with disabilities at Colanda as at 30 June 2007 —
 - (a) 131 people were in residence.
 - (b) the total recurrent funding provided by the Department of Human Services was \$15.4M.
 - (c) 74 people received on-site day programs.
 - (d) Number of people were —
 - (i) under 40 years of age - 21;
 - (ii) 40 to 44 years of age - 29;
 - (iii) 45 to 55 years of age - 52;
 - (iv) 56 to 65 years of age - 19;
 - (v) 66 to 75 years of age - 4;
 - (vi) over 75 years of age - 6;
- (2) The total expenditure in 2006–07 for on-site day programs was \$0.56M.

Community services: disability services — information sessions

665. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the community information sessions held to provide information about the *Disability Act 2006* — how many people with a disability, parents, carers, family representatives and other interested members of the community registered for the session held on —

- (1) 18 July 2007 at Bendigo, 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm.
- (2) 19 July 2007 at Ringwood East, 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm.
- (3) 23 July 2007 at Colac, 10.00 am to 12.00 noon.
- (4) 24 July 2007 at Warragul, 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm.
- (5) 25 July 2007 at Frankston, 10.00 am to 12.00 noon.
- (6) 27 July 2007 at Geelong, 10.00 am to 12.00 noon.
- (7) 30 July 2007 at Mildura, 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm.
- (8) 1 August 2007 at Sale, 10.00 am to 12.00 noon.
- (9) 1 August 2007 at Traralgon, 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm.
- (10) 7 August 2007 at Ringwood East, 10.00 am to 12.00 noon.
- (11) 9 August 2007 at Wodonga, 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of registrations by date and location are:

- | | | |
|------|----------------------------------|---|
| (1) | 18 July 2007 at Bendigo - | 47 registrations |
| (2) | 19 July 2007 at Ringwood East - | 34 registrations |
| (3) | 23 July 2007 at Colac - | 41 registrations |
| (4) | 24 July 2007 at Warragul | No session held in Warragul on 24 July 2007 |
| (5) | 25 July 2007 at Frankston - | 105 registrations |
| (6) | 27 July 2007 at Geelong - | 62 registrations |
| (7) | 30 July 2007 at Mildura - | 29 registrations |
| (8) | 1 August 2007 at Sale - | 15 registrations |
| (9) | 1 August 2007 at Traralgon - | 24 registrations |
| (10) | 7 August 2007 at Ringwood East - | 82 registrations |
| (11) | 9 August 2007 at Wodonga - | 41 registrations |

Public transport: V/Line — service delays

674. Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to V/Line's 12.13 pm service from Southern Cross Station to Albury on the 19 November 2007 —

- (1) Did the service run approximately two hours late; if so —
 - (a) why;
 - (b) how many minutes delay did each reason cause.

- (2) What time did the service arrive in Wodonga.
- (3) Did the service terminate at Wodonga and run empty cars back to Southern Cross Station; if so —
 - (a) what time did the empty cars arrive at Southern Cross Station;
 - (b) did two conductors/buffet car attendants travel back on coaches to either Southern Cross Station or Seymour.

ANSWER:

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

Yes, the 12.13pm Southern Cross to Albury train ran late on 19 November 2007. Two sets of carriages became defective due to a broken air pipe.

The service arrived in Wodonga at 6:24 pm.

The train terminated at Wodonga and returned to Southern Cross Station as a passenger service.

Public transport: trains — graffiti

682. **Mr MULDER** to ask the Minister for Public Transport — for graffiti attacks on interior passenger saloon walls, interior passenger saloon windows, interior of passenger saloon doors, exterior walls or fluting, exterior of passenger saloon doors, exterior of passenger saloon windows, interior of drivers' compartments, exterior of drivers' compartments and couplers on all Connex trains — between 1 July 2007 and 22 November 2007 —

- (1) How many separate incidents of graffiti have been recorded for each category.
- (2) What was the cost to Connex to clean each incident of graffiti.
- (3) How many attacks occurred in each category while trains were stabled at —
 - (a) North Melbourne;
 - (b) Ringwood;
 - (c) Bayswater;
 - (d) Belgrave;
 - (e) Lilydale;
 - (f) Newport Workshops;
 - (g) Werribee;
 - (h) Watergardens;
 - (i) Broadmeadows;
 - (j) Craigieburn;
 - (k) Upfield;
 - (l) Epping;
 - (m) Eltham;
 - (n) Hurstbridge;
 - (o) Ashburton;
 - (p) Camberwell;
 - (q) Glen Waverley;
 - (r) Dandenong;
 - (s) Pakenham;
 - (t) Cranbourne;
 - (u) Mordialloc;

- (v) Carrum;
- (w) Frankston;
- (x) Macaulay;
- (y) Burnley;
- (z) Newport.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) Connex has advised that it does not hold the necessary data to respond to the question. Graffiti is cleaned from rolling stock as part of a fixed price contract and units are not returned to service until they have been fully cleaned. The type and location of graffiti removed is therefore not recorded as it does not impact upon the cost of removal.
- (2) Connex has advised that individual graffiti cleaning costs are not available as cleaning is conducted as part of a larger cleaning and maintenance contract.
- (3) Connex has advised that it does not record graffiti incidents to this level of detail and therefore is unable to respond to the question.

Community services: service needs register — Gippsland region

739. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the Service Needs Register in the Gippsland Region —

- (1) How many people registered with the Service Needs Register —
 - (a) had a carer in —
 - (i) 2003;
 - (ii) 2004;
 - (iii) 2005;
 - (iv) 2006;
 - (v) 2007;
 - (b) did not have a carer in —
 - (i) 2003;
 - (ii) 2004;
 - (iii) 2005;
 - (iv) 2006;
 - (v) 2007;
 - (c) had their carer's age recorded in —
 - (i) 2003;
 - (ii) 2004;
 - (iii) 2005;
 - (iv) 2006;
 - (v) 2007;
 - (d) did not have their carer's age recorded in —
 - (i) 2003;
 - (ii) 2004;

- (iii) 2005;
 - (iv) 2006;
 - (v) 2007;
- (5) How many carers with their age recorded —
- (a) in 2003 were —
 - (i) under 21 years;
 - (ii) under 55 years;
 - (iii) 55 to 64 years;
 - (iv) 65 to 69 years;
 - (v) 70 years or more;
 - (b) in 2004 were —
 - (i) under 21 years;
 - (ii) under 55 years;
 - (iii) 55 to 64 years;
 - (iv) 65 to 69 years;
 - (v) 70 years or more;
 - (c) in 2005 were —
 - (i) under 21 years;
 - (ii) under 55 years;
 - (iii) 55 to 64 years;
 - (iv) 65 to 69 years;
 - (v) 70 years or more;
 - (d) in 2006 were —
 - (i) under 21 years;
 - (ii) under 55 years;
 - (iii) 55 to 64 years;
 - (iv) 65 to 69 years;
 - (v) 70 years or more;
 - (e) in 2007 were —
 - (i) under 21 years;
 - (ii) under 55 years;
 - (iii) 55 to 64 years;
 - (iv) 65 to 69 years;
 - (v) 70 years or more.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Disability Support Register (DSR) replaced the Service Needs Register (SNR) in 2006.

The DSR records individuals' current need for ongoing support and does not enable a response to the information requested in this question. The DSR is also not directly comparable with the SNR because the latter included both people who were registering a current need as well as people who were registering a potential future need and registrations were recorded against different service types.

Community services: service needs register — Barwon south-west region

740. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the Service Needs Register in the Barwon South West Region —

(1) How many people registered with the Service Needs Register —

(a) had a carer in —

- (i) 2003;
- (ii) 2004;
- (iii) 2005;
- (iv) 2006;
- (v) 2007;

(b) did not have a carer in —

- (i) 2003;
- (ii) 2004;
- (iii) 2005;
- (iv) 2006;
- (v) 2007;

(c) had their carer's age recorded in —

- (i) 2003;
- (ii) 2004;
- (iii) 2005;
- (iv) 2006;
- (v) 2007;

(d) did not have their carer's age recorded in —

- (i) 2003;
- (ii) 2004;
- (iii) 2005;
- (iv) 2006;
- (v) 2007;

(5) How many carers with their age recorded —

(a) in 2003 were —

- (i) under 21 years;
- (ii) under 55 years;
- (iii) 55 to 64 years;
- (iv) 65 to 69 years;
- (v) 70 years or more;

(b) in 2004 were —

- (i) under 21 years;
- (ii) under 55 years;
- (iii) 55 to 64 years;
- (iv) 65 to 69 years;
- (v) 70 years or more;

- (c) in 2005 were —
 - (i) under 21 years;
 - (ii) under 55 years;
 - (iii) 55 to 64 years;
 - (iv) 65 to 69 years;
 - (v) 70 years or more;
- (d) in 2006 were —
 - (i) under 21 years;
 - (ii) under 55 years;
 - (iii) 55 to 64 years;
 - (iv) 65 to 69 years;
 - (v) 70 years or more;
- (e) in 2007 were —
 - (i) under 21 years;
 - (ii) under 55 years;
 - (iii) 55 to 64 years;
 - (iv) 65 to 69 years;
 - (v) 70 years or more.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Disability Support Register (DSR) replaced the Service Needs Register (SNR) in 2006.

The DSR records individuals' current need for ongoing support and does not enable a response to the information requested in this question. The DSR is also not directly comparable with the SNR because the latter included both people who were registering a current need as well as people who were registering a potential future need and registrations were recorded against different service types.

Community services: service needs register — Loddon Mallee region

741. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the Service Needs Register in the Loddon Mallee Region —

- (1) How many people registered with the Service Needs Register —
 - (a) had a carer in —
 - (i) 2003;
 - (ii) 2004;
 - (iii) 2005;
 - (iv) 2006;
 - (v) 2007;
 - (b) did not have a carer in —
 - (i) 2003;
 - (ii) 2004;
 - (iii) 2005;
 - (iv) 2006;

- (v) 2007;
- (c) had their carer's age recorded in —
 - (i) 2003;
 - (ii) 2004;
 - (iii) 2005;
 - (iv) 2006;
 - (v) 2007;
- (d) did not have their carer's age recorded in —
 - (i) 2003;
 - (ii) 2004;
 - (iii) 2005;
 - (iv) 2006;
 - (v) 2007;
- (5) How many carers with their age recorded —
 - (a) in 2003 were —
 - (i) under 21 years;
 - (ii) under 55 years;
 - (iii) 55 to 64 years;
 - (iv) 65 to 69 years;
 - (v) 70 years or more;
 - (b) in 2004 were —
 - (i) under 21 years;
 - (ii) under 55 years;
 - (iii) 55 to 64 years;
 - (iv) 65 to 69 years;
 - (v) 70 years or more;
 - (c) in 2005 were —
 - (i) under 21 years;
 - (ii) under 55 years;
 - (iii) 55 to 64 years;
 - (iv) 65 to 69 years;
 - (v) 70 years or more;
 - (d) in 2006 were —
 - (i) under 21 years;
 - (ii) under 55 years;
 - (iii) 55 to 64 years;
 - (iv) 65 to 69 years;
 - (v) 70 years or more;
 - (e) in 2007 were —
 - (i) under 21 years;
 - (ii) under 55 years;

- (iii) 55 to 64 years;
- (iv) 65 to 69 years;
- (v) 70 years or more.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Disability Support Register (DSR) replaced the Service Needs Register (SNR) in 2006.

The DSR records individuals' current need for ongoing support and does not enable a response to the information requested in this question. The DSR is also not directly comparable with the SNR because the latter included both people who were registering a current need as well as people who were registering a potential future need and registrations were recorded against different service types.

Community services: service needs register — Grampians region

742. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the Service Needs Register in the Grampians Region —

- (1) How many people registered with the Service Needs Register —
 - (a) had a carer in —
 - (i) 2003;
 - (ii) 2004;
 - (iii) 2005;
 - (iv) 2006;
 - (v) 2007;
 - (b) did not have a carer in —
 - (i) 2003;
 - (ii) 2004;
 - (iii) 2005;
 - (iv) 2006;
 - (v) 2007;
 - (c) had their carer's age recorded in —
 - (i) 2003;
 - (ii) 2004;
 - (iii) 2005;
 - (iv) 2006;
 - (v) 2007;
 - (d) did not have their carer's age recorded in —
 - (i) 2003;
 - (ii) 2004;
 - (iii) 2005;
 - (iv) 2006;
 - (v) 2007;
- (5) How many carers with their age recorded —
 - (a) in 2003 were —

- (i) under 21 years;
 - (ii) under 55 years;
 - (iii) 55 to 64 years;
 - (iv) 65 to 69 years;
 - (v) 70 years or more;
- (b) in 2004 were —
- (i) under 21 years;
 - (ii) under 55 years;
 - (iii) 55 to 64 years;
 - (iv) 65 to 69 years;
 - (v) 70 years or more;
- (c) in 2005 were —
- (i) under 21 years;
 - (ii) under 55 years;
 - (iii) 55 to 64 years;
 - (iv) 65 to 69 years;
 - (v) 70 years or more;
- (d) in 2006 were —
- (i) under 21 years;
 - (ii) under 55 years;
 - (iii) 55 to 64 years;
 - (iv) 65 to 69 years;
 - (v) 70 years or more;
- (e) in 2007 were —
- (i) under 21 years;
 - (ii) under 55 years;
 - (iii) 55 to 64 years;
 - (iv) 65 to 69 years;
 - (v) 70 years or more.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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The DSR records individuals' current need for ongoing support and does not enable a response to the information requested in this question. The DSR is also not directly comparable with the SNR because the latter included both people who were registering a current need as well as people who were registering a potential future need and registrations were recorded against different service types.

Community services: service needs register — Hume region

743. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the Service Needs Register in the Hume Region —

- (1) How many people registered with the Service Needs Register —

- (a) had a carer in —
 - (i) 2003;
 - (ii) 2004;
 - (iii) 2005;
 - (iv) 2006;
 - (v) 2007;
- (b) did not have a carer in —
 - (i) 2003;
 - (ii) 2004;
 - (iii) 2005;
 - (iv) 2006;
 - (v) 2007;
- (c) had their carer's age recorded in —
 - (i) 2003;
 - (ii) 2004;
 - (iii) 2005;
 - (iv) 2006;
 - (v) 2007;
- (d) did not have their carer's age recorded in —
 - (i) 2003;
 - (ii) 2004;
 - (iii) 2005;
 - (iv) 2006;
 - (v) 2007;
- (5) How many carers with their age recorded —
 - (a) in 2003 were —
 - (i) under 21 years;
 - (ii) under 55 years;
 - (iii) 55 to 64 years;
 - (iv) 65 to 69 years;
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 - (ii) under 55 years;
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 - (v) 70 years or more;
 - (c) in 2005 were —
 - (i) under 21 years;
 - (ii) under 55 years;
 - (iii) 55 to 64 years;
 - (iv) 65 to 69 years;

- (v) 70 years or more;
- (d) in 2006 were —
 - (i) under 21 years;
 - (ii) under 55 years;
 - (iii) 55 to 64 years;
 - (iv) 65 to 69 years;
 - (v) 70 years or more;
- (e) in 2007 were —
 - (i) under 21 years;
 - (ii) under 55 years;
 - (iii) 55 to 64 years;
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 - (v) 70 years or more.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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Community services: service needs register — north-west region

744. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the Service Needs Register in the North West Region —

- (1) How many people registered with the Service Needs Register —
 - (a) had a carer in —
 - (i) 2003;
 - (ii) 2004;
 - (iii) 2005;
 - (iv) 2006;
 - (v) 2007;
 - (b) did not have a carer in —
 - (i) 2003;
 - (ii) 2004;
 - (iii) 2005;
 - (iv) 2006;
 - (v) 2007;
 - (c) had their carer's age recorded in —
 - (i) 2003;
 - (ii) 2004;
 - (iii) 2005;

- (iv) 2006;
- (v) 2007;
- (d) did not have their carer's age recorded in —
 - (i) 2003;
 - (ii) 2004;
 - (iii) 2005;
 - (iv) 2006;
 - (v) 2007;
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 - (a) in 2003 were —
 - (i) under 21 years;
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ANSWER:

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Community services: service needs register — eastern region

745. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the Service Needs Register in the Eastern Region —

(1) How many people registered with the Service Needs Register —

(a) had a carer in —

- (i) 2003;
- (ii) 2004;
- (iii) 2005;
- (iv) 2006;
- (v) 2007;

(b) did not have a carer in —

- (i) 2003;
- (ii) 2004;
- (iii) 2005;
- (iv) 2006;
- (v) 2007;

(c) had their carer's age recorded in —

- (i) 2003;
- (ii) 2004;
- (iii) 2005;
- (iv) 2006;
- (v) 2007;

(d) did not have their carer's age recorded in —

- (i) 2003;
- (ii) 2004;
- (iii) 2005;
- (iv) 2006;
- (v) 2007;

(5) How many carers with their age recorded —

(a) in 2003 were —

- (i) under 21 years;
- (ii) under 55 years;
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- (i) under 21 years;
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ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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The DSR records individuals' current need for ongoing support and does not enable a response to the information requested in this question. The DSR is also not directly comparable with the SNR because the latter included both people who were registering a current need as well as people who were registering a potential future need and registrations were recorded against different service types.

Community services: service needs register — southern region

746. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the Service Needs Register in the Southern Region —

- (1) How many people registered with the Service Needs Register —
- (a) had a carer in —
 - (i) 2003;
 - (ii) 2004;
 - (iii) 2005;
 - (iv) 2006;
 - (v) 2007;

- (b) did not have a carer in —
 - (i) 2003;
 - (ii) 2004;
 - (iii) 2005;
 - (iv) 2006;
 - (v) 2007;
- (c) had their carer's age recorded in —
 - (i) 2003;
 - (ii) 2004;
 - (iii) 2005;
 - (iv) 2006;
 - (v) 2007;
- (d) did not have their carer's age recorded in —
 - (i) 2003;
 - (ii) 2004;
 - (iii) 2005;
 - (iv) 2006;
 - (v) 2007;
- (5) How many carers with their age recorded —
 - (a) in 2003 were —
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 - (i) under 21 years;
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ANSWER:

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Community services: service needs register

747. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the Service Needs Register —

- (1) How many people registered with the Service Needs Register —
 - (a) had a carer in —
 - (i) 2003;
 - (ii) 2004;
 - (iii) 2005;
 - (iv) 2006;
 - (v) 2007;
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 - (c) had their carer's age recorded in —
 - (i) 2003;
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 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.*

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Roads and ports: Crown land — Doncaster

92(h). Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports with reference to Crown-owned land in the electorate of Doncaster relating to the Minister's portfolio —

- (1) What is the description of and, where available, the address of all such land.
- (2) Does the Government intend to sell any of this land or acquire any new land in the electorate.

ANSWER:

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

The sale of Crown land is the responsibility of the Minister for Finance.

Environment and climate change: political fundraising event refund

232. Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Community Development (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change) with reference to the political fundraising event, for which a \$1,100 refund was paid to an alpine resort board member for attending, as noted on page 42 of the Auditor-General's report on Results of Financial Statements Audits for Agencies with other than 30 June 2006 Balance Dates —

- (1) What is the name of the board member who claimed the refund.
- (2) What was the name of the event.
- (3) What was the name of the person hosting the event.
- (4) What is the name of the member of Parliament for whose benefit the event was held.
- (5) What was the date of the event.
- (6) What was the date of the claim made by the member for the refund.
- (7) On what date was the claim paid to the board member.
- (8) Was the reimbursement paid to the board member refunded back to the Resort Board; if so, on what date.
- (9) What documentation was provided by the board member in support of the refund.
- (10) Who approved the refund.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The attendance of individuals at a political fundraising event is not an issue that lies within my portfolio responsibilities but is a private matter for the person in question.

In 2007, the Department of Sustainability and Environment commissioned KPMG to undertake an independent audit of financial procedures and policies at the Alpine Resort Management Boards and the Alpine Resorts Co-ordinating Council. The report's findings and recommendations were released in December 2007. The Boards

and the Council welcomed KPMG's recommendations and committed to introducing stringent management actions to address the recommendations.

The reimbursement in question was one of the matters KPMG's review considered. KPMG noted that the Board's policies have been updated to prevent a recurrence of this situation.

Regional and rural development: Shannon's Way Pty Ltd

249(u). Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Regional and Rural Development 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.

[Question published in substitution of no. 249 published in questions on notice dated 21 June 2007]

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

DIIRD has not entered into any contracts with Shannon's Way Pty Ltd since 1 January 2000.

Information on contracts entered into by the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development can be found at the website www.contracts.vic.gov.au.

Skills and workforce participation: Shannon's Way Pty Ltd

249(w). Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Skills and Workforce Participation 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.
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Regional and rural development: Growth Solutions Group

250(x). Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Regional and Rural Development 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 the records for the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development are as follows:

The Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development has entered into six contracts with Growth Solutions Group for research, strategy and marketing consultancy services.

These contracts have ranged in value from \$9,001 to \$440,000, totalling \$593,141.

The contract for \$440,000 was awarded following a competitive quotation process utilising the DPC Whole of Victorian Government Marketing Services panel contract.

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

There were no contract extensions, variations or renewals for these contracts.

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Skills and workforce participation: Growth Solutions Group

250(z). Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Skills and Workforce Participation 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.
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ANSWER:

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Multicultural affairs: multicultural education

384. Mr KOTSIRAS to ask the Minister for Multicultural Affairs — whether the Government has implemented educational programs in government schools since 2002 to reinforce the advantages of living in a multicultural and multilingual society; if so —

- (1) What is the name of each program.
- (2) When did each program commence.
- (3) What is the timeframe for each program.
- (4) What is the cost of each program.
- (5) How is each program evaluated.

ANSWER:

I am informed that Victorian schools continuously strive to live and teach the values that underpin the *Racial and Religious Tolerance Act 2001*, the *Multicultural Victoria Act 2004* and the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities*. These values are central to the work of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development in building respect for others and social cohesion.

Schools undertake a number of programs and events designed to promote community harmony including Celebrate our Cultural Diversity Week, Courage to Care, Goodness and Kindness Project, the Citizen of Humanity Project, the Keynotes Project and utilisation of the Racism No Way website.

Further questions relating to programs offered in Government schools regarding living in a multicultural and multilingual society should be directed to the Minister for Education.

Police and emergency services: Victorian Law Enforcement Drug Fund

491. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to the Victorian Law Enforcement Drug Fund — in each of 1999–2000, 2000–01, 2001–02, 2002–03, 2003–04, 2004–05, 2005–06 and 2006–07 —

- (1) How much funding went into the Fund and from what source.
- (2) How much from the Fund was spent on programs and initiatives.
- (3) What initiatives and programs were funded from the Fund and for how much.
- (4) What was the remaining balance of the Fund.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) The table below shows how much funding went into the Victorian Law Enforcement Drug Fund (VLEDF) for each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2006–07. The source of the funds was the Department of Human Services.

Financial year	Revenue
1999-2000	\$1,026,800
2000-01	\$1,118,341
2001-02	\$1,026,800
2002-03	-
2003-04	\$1,026,800
2004-05	-
2005-06	-
2006-07	-

Note that there is no requirement to hold a VLEDF funding round each year.

- (2) Four funding rounds were held during the period in which information is requested. The total amount of funds allocated to programs/initiatives were:

Funding round initiated	Funding allocated to programs/initiatives
1999-2000	\$900,329
2000-01	\$1,183,242
2001-02	\$1,125,795
2003-04	\$959,337

Funds under each of these rounds were expended across more than one financial year, and project lengths and commencement dates varied.

While the majority of funds were expended on programs and initiatives selected by the VLEDF Committee, some funds were also expended on the promotion and administration of the VLEDF, including costs associated with advertising each funding round.

- (3) The attached table lists the programs and initiatives funded in each round and the organisations funded to implement them.
- (4) The table below provides the balance of VLEDF funds at the end of each financial year.

Financial year	Closing balance
1999-2000	\$924,060
2000-01	\$1,298,279
2001-02	\$2,031,215
2002-03	\$1,687,500
2003-04	\$1,965,225
2004-05	\$1,402,506
2005-06	\$1,072,998
2006-07	\$641,704

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Title	Organisation	Funds	Objectives
2003-04 round			
'Best Practice' and effective drug and alcohol responses for young people in public places	Victoria Police Licensing Services Branch	93,500	Identify security personnel interactions with at risk young people involved in alcohol or drug abuse in recreational settings. Come up with a best practice response framework as a blueprint for management of drug and alcohol affected young people in entertainment venues.
Empowering Young Crime Stoppers	Crime Stoppers Victoria Ltd	127,900	Increase the proportion of calls to Crime Stoppers by young people by encouraging them to report crime, including drug and alcohol related offences in which young people are over-represented and more exposed to.
Evaluation: Empowering Young Crime Stoppers	RLP consulting	16,000	Evaluation of the Empowering Young Crime Stoppers program
Frankston Drink Safe Project	Frankston City Council	32,000	Develop individual and community focused strategies to target risky alcohol consumption and its effects on the community in order to reduce the incidence of alcohol related violence and crime. Raise awareness around alcohol consumption and increase the community's capacity to manage anti-social behaviours attributed to intoxicification, particularly around the entertainment precinct of Frankston.
Right Time, Right Place	Monashlink Community Health Service Inc.–EDAS (Eastern Drug and Alcohol Service)	89,737	Build on a series of trial programs that deliver alcohol and drug counselling, prevention and education. Target high risk young people aged 15-19 attending a Year 10 equivalent course who do not attend other educational settings for reasons including drug use, criminal activity, homelessness, etc.
Evaluation: Right Time, Right Place	Independent	15,000	Evaluation of the Right Time, Right Place program
Reassurance Policing Project: Braybrook and Maidstone	DHS, Northern and West Metropolitan Region	94,000	Address critical residence crime and safety related issues and respond to the poor community perceptions of the police. Provide local residents with a positive sense of security by identifying and targeting 'signal crimes and disorders' (crimes that negatively impact on perceptions of public safety) that influence public behaviour. Focus on helping the community to identify these crimes and work with local police to address not only crimes themselves but also causal factors.
Evaluation: Reassurance Policing Project: Braybrook and Maidstone	MGN Consultancy	25,000	Evaluation of the Neighbourhood Renewal Reassurance Policing Project in Braybrook and Maidstone

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Title	Organisation	Funds	Objectives
2003-04 cont...			
Alternative Options for underage drinkers in the Macedon Ranges Shire	COBAW Community Health Service Inc	91,200	Locally based diversion model to target young people under 18 residing in the Macedon Ranges Shire who come to the attention of police for alcohol consumption. Focus not on arrests but on those who 'come to the attention' of police. Based on best practice models of diversion. Focuses on developing a model that provides referral pathways between police and the service system.
Evaluation: Alternative Options for underage drinkers in the Macedon Ranges Shire	Turning Point	25,000	Evaluation of the alternative Options for underage drinkers in the Macedon Ranges Shire project
The Chaos Effect	Goulburn Valley Community Health Service Inc	144,008	Employ a coordinator to provide mentoring to address drug, alcohol and violent crime, with a specific focus on Indigenous Youth in and around the Shepparton community. Create broad community facilitation in addressing alcohol and drug related violent crime specific to Koori youth, using a mentoring model involving both Koori and non-Koori local people.
Evaluation: The Chaos Effect	Independent	15,992	Evaluation of the Chaos Effect project
Plenty Valley Community Health	NART	90,000	Work collaboratively with the police in a harm minimisation framework to reduce arrestees' involvement with the criminal justice system and reduce the risk of re-offending. Implement across 2004-05.
Plenty Valley Community Health	NART	100,000	Work collaboratively with the police in a harm minimisation framework to reduce arrestees' involvement with the criminal justice system and reduce the risk of re-offending. Implement across 2005-06.
2003-04 TOTAL		959,337	

Title	Organisation	Funds	Objectives
2001-02 round			
Advanced Drink Driver	Kelrick Group	85,613	Trial a new, advanced education program tailored to repeat drink driving offenders, which is specifically geared towards addressing the factors underlying recidivist drink driving behaviour. Evaluative the efficacy of repeat drink driver education, and identify best practice in education and alcohol/psychological screening to change attitudes in repeat offenders about drinking and driving.
Evaluation: Advanced Drink Driver	Dynamic Outcomes	15,000	Evaluate the new Advanced Drink Driver program.

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Title	Organisation	Funds	Objectives
2001-02 cont...			
Drug Encryption Project	VicPol	163,861	Increase expertise and knowledge of encryption and capabilities relating to encrypted information in order to develop and gather intelligence on sophisticated drug trafficking.
Ballarat Wanderers Mentoring Program	Athlete Development Australia	70,400	Build resiliency and decision making skills of young Indigenous people of the Ballarat region to reduce their involvement in drugs, alcohol and other anti-social behaviours. Develop increased individual skill sets through involvement in programs that are of a positive diversionary nature.
Evaluation: Ballarat Wanderers Mentoring Program	Beyond blue	14,895	Evaluate the Ballarat Wanderers Mentoring Program
Research into Family Violence in Indigenous Communities relating to drug and alcohol abuse	VicPol - Family Violence Unit	77,125	Identify evidence-based good practice strategies to deal with family incidents in which alcohol and other drugs are implicated, where strategies are consistent with a criminal justice response and in keeping with indigenous community values.
Evaluation: Research into Family Violence	Independent	10,000	Process and qualitative evaluation of the Research into Family Violence project, including stakeholder consultation.
Getting Out and How To Survive It	Victorian Assoc'n for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders	118,514	Provide useful information via a video for prisoners to assist in the transition back into the community, resulting in decreased risk of reoffending and substance abuse.
Evaluation: Getting Out and How To Survive It	Turning Point	14,861	Evaluation assessing the appropriateness of the information in the "Getting out and How to Survive it" video and the perceived effectiveness of the video and subsequent use by ex-prisoners.
Purple Room Support Services	Whitelion	57,838	Provide young women who are in custody and leaving custody with opportunities to participate in positive activities, relationship and community involvement. Provide support services and linkages which will ultimately aim to reduce reoffending and risky behaviours and the incidence of drug overdoses and other harm-related incidents, which often result from social alienation and disconnection.
Evaluation: Purple Room Support Service	Anne Markiewicz	10,000	Evaluation of the Purple Room Support Services, building on previous evaluations.
Project Taylor - Offender/suspect Alcohol & Drug Data Collection System	VicPol - State Traffic Advisors Office	190,000	Develop a new Offender/Suspect Drink and Drug Survey data set for Victoria Police LEAP data collection system. The system provides a "real time" picture of the involvement of alcohol, and to a lesser extent other licit and illicit drugs, in crime across Victoria.

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Title	Organisation	Funds	Objectives
2001-02 cont...			
Evaluation: Project Taylor	Independent	10,000	Process and qualitative evaluation of the Project Taylor project, including stakeholder consultation.
Hustling for Health	Inner Self Community Health Services	27,241	Encourage increased levels of reporting of offences (in particular assault) against sex workers and reduce the impact of drug use resulting in improved amenity and community safety.
High Water Theatre - Breaking the Cycle Rural Youth Project	Somebody's Daughter Theatre Co	120,175	Encourage increased levels of self esteem through participation and involvement in live theatre performance and workshops resulting in reduced substance abuse.
Evaluation: High Water Theatre	Independent	15,000	Evaluation of the High Water Theatre project - process/qualitative evaluation including interviews.
Narrowcast Community Education program to Reduce Harms Associated with Drink Spiking	Convenience Advertising	121,422	Conduct an education program to promote awareness of risks relating to drink spiking in licenses premises through the prominent display of information in toilets.
Evaluation: Narrowcast Community Education program to Reduce Harms Associated with Drink Spiking	Independent	3,850	Evaluation of the Narrowcast Community Education program to Reduce Harms Associated with Drink Spiking.
2001-02 TOTAL		1,125,795	

Title	Organisation	Funds	Objectives
2000-01 round			
Breathing Easy - The Eastern Region Licit Substance Community Safety Project	Salvation Army	83,392	Build up the community's capacity to cope with violence and harm caused by young people's alcohol and inhalant use. Develop and trial a number of resources to assist the local community, offering practical harm reduction and supply reduction strategies.
Place and Space	Kingston City Council	69,960	Conduct research to inform the development of a set of guidelines for public management. Identify 14 locations within three LGA's for implementation and then evaluate the impact of these interventions by comparing perceptions of crime and safety and reported crime with those at 14 'control' locations.
Making the Difference	Inner Eastern City Health Service Inc	145,750	Using an assertive outreach model, provide post release support to women leaving the Dame Phyllis Frost Centre who have had a history of illicit drug use.

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Title	Organisation	Funds	Objectives
2000-01 cont...			
Extending Prisoners' survival guide to the community	Victorian Assoc'n for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders	54,510	Produce and <i>Ex-prisoners' Survival Guide</i> to the Community to assist men and women to navigate their reintegration into the community. Provide ex-prisoners with a concise, comprehensive resource to facilitate easy access to community resources.
Ballarat Arrest Referral Program	Uniting Care Outreach Centre	28,032	Direct persons with substance issues, who are in custody in Ballarat police cells, to emotional, social and welfare support services in order to reduce problematic behaviour.
Can It	Darebin City Council	27,836	Develop a local area strategy for the complex issue of inhalant misuse through an innovative action research model. Develop a partnership approach between all stakeholders to establish a working model that can be applied at the local level.
Kids and Chroming	VicPol	7,165	Address the practice of inhalant abuse by Aboriginal children in the Swan Hill Area. Conduct a workshop to provide education regarding the dangers of this practice and a forum to exchange information between the relevant parties including the Aboriginal community, Police and support agencies.
Community Education to reduce harm associated with drink spiking	Convenience Advertising	71,360	Establish a public health and safety partnership to reduce drug related harm and crime within the community. Deliver and evaluate targeted messages to patrons for licensed venues about drink spiking and sexual assault.
Program to reduce assaults in entertainment venues and other licensed premises	VicPol	110,000	Collect information in partnership with hospitals regarding all assault victims and incidents at licensed premises in order to reduce injuries and incidents, reduce demand for police and hospital services, and enhance community safety. Undertake qualitative and quantitative analysis to support prevention strategies.
Urban Dreaming Recovery Project	Centre for Creative Ministries	60,500	Assist the recovery from drug and alcohol addiction of a group of Koori men and women using music therapy including: songwriting; the acquisition of musical and vocal skills' the recording of a CD; and a tour of recovery centres in Victoria.
The Open Gate Project	Strathbogie Shire Council	15,356	Reduce offending and anti-social behaviour in young people by involving them in a community theatre project and public forum based on young people's stories about drugs.

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Title	Organisation	Funds	Objectives
2000-01 cont...			
Role Model/Mentor Program	Whitelion Inc	63,400	Promote community connectedness as a demand reduction strategy to reduce the incidence of drug taking and subsequent offending. Target young people within the Custodial Juvenile Justice System and young people living in isolated rural communities.
Drug Use Monitoring in Australia (DUMA)	Crime Prevention Victoria	174,772	Interview and test people arrested by police to provide timely, accurate information on the extent of their drug use, the nature of the local drug market and the demand for treatment amongst arrestees. Provide data for local agencies and allow comparisons with those jurisdictions (NSW, WA and QLD) which already have implemented such a program.
Drug-drive evaluation and video resource development	Moreland Hall - Uniting Care Outreach Centre	105,593	Undertake a detailed content, process and outcome evaluation of the pilot phase of the Drug Driver Education Program (education prevention for 'impaired driving legislation'), then develop an audiovisual education aid to support the education program.
Evaluation of Bendigo Prison Drug Treatment Program	Melbourne Enterprises International Ltd	165,616	Establish the Bendigo Prison Drug Treatment Program as a model for in-prison drug treatment programs by analysing issues such as: How successful the program is in changing prisoners' drug-using behaviour and offending behaviour; and How the program's clinical, environmental, cultural and management elements contribute to the achievement of its goals?
2000-01 TOTAL		1,183,242	

Title	Organisation	Funds	Objectives
1999-00 round			
Drink Drive and Other Drugs Resources Materials	Victorian Association of Drink Driver Services	108,900	Develop a video and educational materials to be used in drink/driving and drug/driving education programs for persons convicted of drink driving. Develop drink driver education resources for use in programs provided for culturally and linguistically diverse communities.
Mapping the Impact of Drug Abuse	City of Greater Dandenong	140,500	Establish and evaluate an integrated local database on the impact of drug abuse in the Greater Dandenong area. Help local agencies address issues, and plan and implement innovative responses to emerging trends in drug and alcohol use. Provide a model for future data analysis and leverage multi-agency support.
Wyndham Youth Justice Project	Werribee Legal Service	79,563	Pilot a youth legal service, produce research on drug and crime issues, facilitate a Youth Justice Group and set up a volunteer register for the Independent Person program.

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Title	Organisation	Funds	Objectives
1999-00 cont...			
Involvement of Alcohol & Other Drugs in Violent and Unexplained Deaths	Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine	90,640	Study the involvement of drugs in violent deaths, focusing on understanding the role of amphetamines (including ecstasy), heroin, methadone, morphine, cocaine, cannabis, benzo-diazapines and anti-psychotic drugs. Revise the Coroner-s Court inquests and related trial materials from the County and Supreme Courts.
Sentinel surveillance of Hepatitis C virus infection in Victorian correction facilities	Macfarlane Burnet Centre for Medical Research	164,482	Estimate the prevalence of Hepatitis C in prisons. Develop conclusions in consultation with the Office of Correctional Services Commissioner and the Corrections Health Board.
City of Glen Eira Public Space Safety Strategy	Glen Eira City Council	11,000	Develop a sound understanding of safety in public spaces, identify real and perceived threats, and develop sustainable strategies that include young people while reducing the fears of older people.
RAVE On	Mornington Peninsula Shire Council	33,258	Reduce the incidence of injury at parties and develop a resource guide for young people and families to help them discuss alcohol consumption, and its effect on driving, parties and relationships, with particular consideration to the use of drugs and 'gate crashing' at rave parties. Develop an Internet site promoting safer party strategies.
Ethnospecific drug and crime information strategy for the Indochinese community	Cambodian Association of Victoria	59,829	Develop a drug and crime information strategy specific to the needs of the Cambodian community in South East Melbourne. Design information materials for use by schools, welfare bodies and police.
Families Helping Families	Lakes Entrance Community Health Centre	130,983	Support isolated rural families who are victims of substance abuse, including alcohol, in Bairnsdale, Lakes Entrance, Orbost, Cann River, Mallacoota, Omeo and Swifts Creek.
Operation counterfoil	Victoria Police	81,174	Provide policy-makers with a good understanding of the reasons provided by young people for carrying knives, syringes and bladed weapons, and their perceptions and attitudes towards crime involving these weapons. Recommend strategies to reduce the carrying of these weapons.
1999-00 TOTAL		900,329	

Roads and ports: VicRoads — licence renewals

550. Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports — in October 2006 and October 2007 —

- (1) How many licence renewals did VicRoads issue.
- (2) How many licence renewals were for —
 - (a) car;

- (b) motorcycle;
 - (c) light rigid;
 - (d) medium rigid;
 - (e) heavy rigid;
 - (f) heavy combination;
 - (g) multi combination.
- (3) Were all car, motorcycle, light rigid, medium rigid, heavy rigid, heavy combination and multi combination licences issued prior to their expiry dates; if not, how many in each category were late.
- (4) Did VicRoads send out licence renewals late; if so —
- (a) what postcodes featured 10 or more times;
 - (b) how many instances of late renewals were there for each postcode which featured 10 or more times;
 - (c) how many complaints were received by VicRoads as a result of late renewals.

ANSWER:

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

The number of licence renewal notices issued was:

October 2006	-	55,503
October 2007	-	23,473

VicRoads advises that it is unable to provide the information requested in question 2 as it would place an unnecessary burden on its resources.

I am also advised that in relation to questions 3 and 4 there were no late renewal notices sent.

Public transport: trains — graffiti

684. Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to security measures to deter graffiti vandals —

- (1) What additional measures are being considered.
- (2) What is the expected cost of any additional measures being considered.
- (3) When will any additional measures being considered be implemented.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) To reduce the number of graffiti-related cancellations the following measures are being introduced or considered:
 - ‘Tripwire units’ (which allow remote monitoring of rail sidings) are currently being trialled by Connex.
 - The Government is also currently considering public comment with regard to its Graffiti Prevention Draft Bill. The Bill establishes: specific criminal offences for writing graffiti; provides search and seizure powers for members of Victoria Police; and provides powers for authorised persons to enter private property to remove publicly-visible graffiti.

(2)

- Tripwire Units Trial—Approximately \$5,000.
- High security stabling fencing at Craigieburn—the costs associated with the enhanced stabling fence were included as part of the Craigieburn Rail Project.
- No costs are available for the Graffiti Prevention Bill.

(3)

- The Tripwire Units Trial began in late 2007.
- High security stabling fencing at Craigieburn was implemented in September 2007.
- The Graffiti Prevention Bill is to be debated and considered.

Community services: kinship and permanent care funding

703. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to funds of \$2 million in the 2003–04 budget for additional kinship and permanent care places —

- (1) How much of the funding was expended in 2003–04.
- (2) How many new kinship and permanent care places were created in 2003–04 as a direct result of the funds.
- (3) How many new places in 2003–04 were located in each Department of Human Services region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) This funding was fully expended in 2003-04.
- (2) Between 30 June 2003 and 30 June 2004 the number of kinship care and permanent care placements increased by 234.
- (3) The new places were located in each of the Department of Human Services regions.

Public transport: trains and trams — window damage

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

- (1) For each class of tram, Connex suburban train, V/Line locomotive, V/Line carriage and V/Line railcar, between 1 January 2007 and 4 December 2007 —
 - (a) how many windows were replaced due to —
 - (i) vandalism;
 - (ii) planned refurbishment;
 - (iii) maintenance issues;
 - (b) what was the total cost to have windows replaced due to —
 - (i) vandalism;
 - (ii) planned refurbishment;
 - (iii) maintenance issues;
 - (c) in each month, due to window replacements, how many —
 - (i) trams were withdrawn from service;
 - (ii) locomotives were withdrawn from service;

- (iii) carriages were withdrawn from service;
 - (iv) railcars were withdrawn from service.
- (2) In each month between 1 January 2007 and 4 December 2007, due to vandalised windows or oors, how many —
- (a) tram services were cancelled;
 - (b) Connex train services were cancelled;
 - (c) V/Line train services were cancelled.
- (3) In each month between 1 January 2007 and 4 December 2007 what percentage of —
- (a) cancelled trams were due to window replacements and vandalised windows and doors;
 - (b) cancelled Connex train services were due to window replacements and vandalised windows and doors;
 - (c) cancelled V/Line train services were due to window replacements and vandalised windows and doors.

ANSWER:

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

You seek information on 18 classes of vehicles over 12 separate months, by categories which include:

- Number of windows replaced;
- Cost of replacement windows;
- Number of vehicles withdrawn from service;
- Cancelled services; and
- Percentage of cancelled services.

A number of operators have advised that the information requested is not readily available and would take an unreasonable amount of time and resources to extract the data.

I encourage you to refine the field of your enquiry.

Roads and ports: Nepean Highway–Bay Road–Karen Street, Cheltenham — red light cameras

764(b). Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports what repairs and/or modifications were made to the red light camera, sensor and/or operating equipment monitoring right hand turning traffic from Nepean Highway into Bay Road and from Karen Street into Nepean Highway on 23 November 2007.

ANSWER:

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

The repair and maintenance of red light cameras is managed by the Department of Justice. As such, this question would be more appropriately answered by the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

Police and emergency services: Nepean Highway–Bay Road, Cheltenham — video camera

825. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — with reference to the installation of a video camera at the intersection of Nepean Highway and Bay Road in Cheltenham —

- (1) Why was the camera installed.

- (2) Who recommended the installation of the camera.
- (3) Who monitors the camera.
- (4) Where is the exact location of the camera.
- (5) Can members of the public view images or obtain information from the camera.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- 1) The video camera was installed as part of an ongoing program to assess the application of different technologies in the road safety camera environment.
- 2) The installation of the video camera was approved by a senior Department of Justice officer.
- 3) The oversight of the speed camera system is the responsibility of the Department of Justice.
- 4) The video camera is located on the central median strip on the Melbourne side of the Nepean Hwy as it crosses Bay Rd, in the same cabinet as the fixed digital camera road safety camera.
- 5) While vision from the camera cannot be used for evidentiary purposes, members of the public can view images of infringements from Civic Compliance.

Police and emergency services: traffic video cameras

826. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — how many video cameras are installed at right-hand turn red light camera intersections in Melbourne.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Seven trial video cameras have been installed at Melbourne intersections.

Community services: adoption agreements — China

840. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — how many Chinese children have been placed with Victorian families each year since 1999 as a result of the adoption agreement announced on 27 July 2000.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

These figures are readily available through the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—the national health and welfare statistics and information agency.

Community services: juvenile justice diversion strategy

845. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to the \$34.2 million worth of funding promised in the 2000–01 budget for the Juvenile Justice Diversion Strategy —

- (1) How much of the funding was expended in 2000–01.
- (2) How much of the funding was expended between 2000–01 and 2003–04.
- (3) How was the use of the funding evaluated.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

1. \$4.8 million
2. \$34.2 million
3. An effectiveness review of the diversion strategy.

Community services: sexual assault services

848. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to the \$500,000 worth of funding promised in the 2000–01 budget to expand sexual assault services —

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in 2000–01.
- (2) What was the average waiting time for crisis care and counselling services —
 - (a) prior to the expenditure of the additional funding;
 - (b) following the expenditure of the additional funding.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) \$500,000
- (2) (a) Approximately 16 weeks
 - (b) Approximately 11 weeks

Community services: placement and support capital project

849. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to the \$5 million worth of funding promised in the 2000–01 budget for the Placement and Support Capital Project — in 2000–01 how much of the funding —

- (1) Was expended.
- (2) Went to purchasing new facilities.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) \$5 million.
- (2) \$1.5 million

Community services: juvenile justice — capital works

850. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to the \$2.2 million worth of funding promised in the 2000–01 budget for Juvenile Justice capital works —

- (1) In 2000–01 how much of the funding —
 - (a) was provided to existing community housing;
 - (b) went to purchasing new properties.

- (2) How was the use of the funds evaluated.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

1.
 - (a) \$1.42 million
 - (b) \$717,000
2. Via a review program

Roads and ports: King Street, Doncaster

- 871.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports — what are the other possible future improvements, referred to in the Minister’s letter file number LB103423A.12 dated 11 February 2008, that could be made to King Street which are being discussed by VicRoads and the Manningham City Council

ANSWER:

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

VicRoads has examined possible long-term future improvements to King Street and considered the future function of the road. Future improvements may include the provision of additional traffic lanes and bicycle facilities.

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

Community services: disability services — Barwon south-west region

- 878.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to people recorded on the Disability Support Register as waiting for day time activities in the Barwon South West Region —

- (1) How many people were recorded as at —
 - (a) 30 June 2005;
 - (b) 30 June 2007.
- (2) How many people recorded as at 30 June 2007 were classified as urgent or high priority.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

With reference to people waiting for day time activities in the Barwon South West Region —

- (1) The number of people recorded —
 - (a) on the Service Needs Register at 30 June 2005 was 63;
 - (b) on the Disability Support Register at 30 June 2007 was 50.

The Disability Support Register replaced the Service Needs Register in April 2006.

- (2) The number of people on the Disability Support Register as at 30 June 2007 who were classified as urgent or high priority is not available as the Disability Support Register does not include this breakdown of priority classification.

Community services: disability services — Loddon Mallee region

879. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to people recorded on the Disability Support Register as waiting for day time activities in the Loddon Mallee Region —

- (1) How many people were recorded as at —
 (a) 30 June 2005;
 (b) 30 June 2007.
- (2) How many people recorded as at 30 June 2007 were classified as urgent or high priority.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

With reference to people waiting for day time activities in the Loddon Mallee Region —

- (1) The number of people recorded —
 (a) on the Service Needs Register at 30 June 2005 was 33;
 (b) on the Disability Support Register at 30 June 2007 was 3.

The Disability Support Register replaced the Service Needs Register in April 2006.

- (2) The number of people on the Disability Support Register as at 30 June 2007 who were classified as urgent or high priority is not available as the Disability Support Register does not include this breakdown of priority classification.

Community services: disability services — Hume region

880. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to people recorded on the Disability Support Register as waiting for day time activities in the Hume Region —

- (1) How many people were recorded as at —
 (a) 30 June 2005;
 (b) 30 June 2007.
- (2) How many people recorded as at 30 June 2007 were classified as urgent or high priority.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

With reference to people waiting for day time activities in the Hume Region —

- (1) The number of people recorded —
 (a) on the Service Needs Register at 30 June 2005 was 36;
 (b) on the Disability Support Register at 30 June 2007 was 21.

The Disability Support Register replaced the Service Needs Register in April 2006.

- (2) The number of people on the Disability Support Register as at 30 June 2007 who were classified as urgent or high priority is not available as the Disability Support Register does not include this breakdown of priority classification.

Community services: disability services — Grampians region

881. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to people recorded on the Disability Support Register as waiting for day time activities in the Grampians Region —

- (1) How many people were recorded as at —
 (a) 30 June 2005;
 (b) 30 June 2007.
- (2) How many people recorded as at 30 June 2007 were classified as urgent or high priority.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

With reference to people waiting for day time activities in the Grampians Region —

- (1) The number of people recorded —
 (a) on the Service Needs Register at 30 June 2005 was 73;
 (b) on the Disability Support Register at 30 June 2007 was 36.

The Disability Support Register replaced the Service Needs Register in April 2006.

- (2) The number of people on the Disability Support Register as at 30 June 2007 who were classified as urgent or high priority is not available as the Disability Support Register does not include this breakdown of priority classification.

Community services: disability services — Gippsland region

882. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to people recorded on the Disability Support Register as waiting for day time activities in the Gippsland Region —

- (1) How many people were recorded as at —
 (a) 30 June 2005;
 (b) 30 June 2007.
- (2) How many people recorded as at 30 June 2007 were classified as urgent or high priority.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

With reference to people waiting for day time activities in the Gippsland Region —

- (1) The number of people recorded —
 (a) on the Service Needs Register at 30 June 2005 was 13;
 (b) on the Disability Support Register at 30 June 2007 was 33.

The Disability Support Register replaced the Service Needs Register in April 2006.

- (2) The number of people on the Disability Support Register as at 30 June 2007 who were classified as urgent or high priority is not available as the Disability Support Register does not include this breakdown of priority classification.

Community services: disability services — north-west region

883. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to people recorded on the Disability Support Register as waiting for day time activities in the North-West Region —

- (1) How many people were recorded as at —
 (a) 30 June 2005;
 (b) 30 June 2007.
- (2) How many people recorded as at 30 June 2007 were classified as urgent or high priority.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

With reference to people waiting for day time activities in the North and West Metropolitan Region —

- (1) The number of people recorded —
 (a) on the Service Needs Register at 30 June 2005 was 83;
 (b) on the Disability Support Register at 30 June 2007 was 64.

The Disability Support Register replaced the Service Needs Register in April 2006.

- (2) The number of people on the Disability Support Register as at 30 June 2007 who were classified as urgent or high priority is not available as the Disability Support Register does not include this breakdown of priority classification.

Community services: disability services — eastern region

884. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to people recorded on the Disability Support Register as waiting for day time activities in the Eastern Region —

- (1) How many people were recorded as at —
 (a) 30 June 2005;
 (b) 30 June 2007.
- (2) How many people recorded as at 30 June 2007 were classified as urgent or high priority.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

With reference to people waiting for day time activities in the Eastern Region —

- (1) The number of people recorded —
 (a) on the Service Needs Register at 30 June 2005 was 50;
 (b) on the Disability Support Register at 30 June 2007 was 24.

The Disability Support Register replaced the Service Needs Register in April 2006.

- (2) The number of people on the Disability Support Register as at 30 June 2007 who were classified as urgent or high priority is not available as the Disability Support Register does not include this breakdown of priority classification.

Community services: disability services — southern region

885. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to people recorded on the Disability Support Register as waiting for day time activities in the Southern Region —

- (1) How many people were recorded as at —
 (a) 30 June 2005;
 (b) 30 June 2007.
 (2) How many people recorded as at 30 June 2007 were classified as urgent or high priority.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

With reference to people waiting for day time activities in the Southern Region —

- (1) The number of people recorded —
 (a) on the Service Needs Register at 30 June 2005 was 156;
 (b) on the Disability Support Register at 30 June 2007 was 144.

The Disability Support Register replaced the Service Needs Register in April 2006.

- (2) The number of people on the Disability Support Register as at 30 June 2007 who were classified as urgent or high priority is not available as the Disability Support Register does not include this breakdown of priority classification.

Community services: disability support register

896. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to the Disability Support Register as at 31 December 2007 —

- (1) How many individuals were registered in total.
 (2) How many individuals registered were recommended for priority status.
 (3) How many individuals were registered for —
 (a) support to move from disability services supported accommodation;
 (b) support to move to non-disability services supported accommodation;
 (c) support to continue to live in non-disability services supported accommodation;
 (d) family support options;
 (e) support to achieve personal goals (non-housing);
 (f) part-time activities;
 (g) part-time activities with flexible support;
 (h) full-time activities;
 (i) full-time activities with flexible support;
 (j) disability services supported accommodation;
 (k) disability services supported accommodation with part-time activities
 (l) disability services supported accommodation with full-time activities;

- (m) disability services supported accommodation with Intensive Support Packages.
- (4) How many individuals registered were aged —
 - (a) under 18 years;
 - (b) 18–24 years;
 - (c) 25–29 years;
 - (d) 30–39 years;
 - (e) 40–49 years;
 - (f) 50 or more years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

With reference to the Disability Support Register as at 31 December 2007 —

- (1) The total number of individuals registered was 3,072.
- (2) The number of individuals registered that were recommended for priority status was 490.
- (3) The number of individuals that were registered for —
 - (a) support to move from disability services supported accommodation was 30;
 - (b) support to move to non-disability services supported accommodation was 81;
 - (c) support to continue to live in non-disability services supported accommodation was 772;
 - (d) family support options was 147;
 - (e) support to achieve personal goals (non-housing) was 296;
 - (f) part-time activities was 142;
 - (g) part-time activities with flexible support was 47;
 - (h) full-time activities was 169;
 - (i) full-time activities with flexible support was 20;
 - (j) disability services supported accommodation (or interim individual support) was 1,251;
 - (k) disability services supported accommodation with part-time activities was 28;
 - (l) disability services supported accommodation with full-time activities was 71;
 - (m) disability services supported accommodation with Intensive Support Packages is not available as this is not a category of support on the Disability Support Register; however, the number of individuals that were registered for disability services supported accommodation with flexible support was 18.
- (4) The number of individuals registered that were aged —
 - (a) under 18 years was 269;
 - (b) 18–24 years was 457;
 - (c) 25–29 years was 325;
 - (d) 30–39 years was 640;
 - (e) 40–49 years was 644;
 - (f) 50 or more years was 737.

Health: Ranges Community Health Centre — dental chairs

- 914. Mrs FYFFE to ask the Minister for Health — are there plans to increase the number of dental chairs at Ranges Community Health Centre during the term of the Government.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Government constantly monitors service demand and overall dental service capacity in the Outer East Primary Care Partnership area.

Community services: Australian Greek Welfare Society — funding

918. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to \$500,000 worth of funding for the Australian Greek Welfare Society announced by the Government on 20 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) \$500,000.
- (2) Standard review and evaluation procedures required by the service agreement with the Department of Human Services were followed, and no issues were noted.

Community services: refugee funding

919. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to \$100,000 worth of funding for refugees on temporary protection visas announced by the Government on 6 February 2001 —

- (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) \$100,000.
- (2) Standard review and evaluation procedures required by service agreements with the Department of Human Services were followed, and no issues were noted.

Community services: disability services — Vietnamese people

920. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to \$55,000 worth of funding to help Vietnamese people who have a disability announced by the Government on 21 February 2001 —

- (1) How much of the funding was expended in 2000–01.
- (2) How much of the funding was expended as at 30 June 2003.
- (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: community support services — Apollo Bay

921. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to \$113,000 worth of funding to boost community support services in Apollo Bay announced by the Government on 8 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) The Department of Planning and Community Development has advised that \$113,000 was provided through the Community Support Fund to Otway Health and Community Services.
- (2) The Department of Planning and Community Development has advised that a detailed report against project objectives and financials as required by Community Support Fund guidelines was requested, and the results were satisfactory.

Community services: south-east Asian background people — grants

924. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to the \$10,000 worth of grants for people from South East Asian backgrounds announced by the Government on 10 April 2001 — how much of the funding was expended as at 30 June 2001.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

\$10,000.

Community services: kinship and permanent care — funding

926. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to \$200,000 worth of funding and 25 extra places to cater for service demands in kinship and permanent care promised in the 2000–01 budget —

- (1) How much of the funding was expended in 2001–02.
- (2) How many extra places were delivered 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) All funding was expended
- (2) 164
- (3) No

Community services: family support services — funding

928. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to \$1.6 million worth of funding to expand family support services to provide support to over 1,000 additional families promised in the 2000–01 budget —

- (1) How much of the funding was expended in 2001–02.
- (2) How many additional families received support 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) The department did not receive \$1.6m to expand family support services in the 2000-01 budget. However, the department did receive \$1.7m to expand family support services, which was fully expended.
- (2) It is not possible to quantify the number of additional families supported due to data system limitations at that time.
- (3) Through existing program and funding review mechanisms.

Community services: Victorian parenting strategy — funding

929. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to \$2.05 million worth of funding for the Victorian Parenting Strategy 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:

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

Community services: early intervention services — funding

930. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to \$1 million worth of funding for improved early intervention services 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:

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

Community services: placement and support project — funding

932. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to \$12 million worth of funding for the Placement and Support Capital Project—Stage 2 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 as at 30 June 2004.
- (3) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

There was not \$12 million worth of funding for the Placement and Support Capital Project—Stage 2 in the 2000-01 budget.

Senior Victorians: elder abuse prevention initiative

938. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Senior Victorians — with reference to the Elder Abuse Prevention Initiative — can the Minister provide a copy of the implementation plan prepared by the Department of Planning and Community Development in collaboration with the Department of Human Services, Victorian Legal Aid and Victoria Police which identifies the timetable for implementation of the key initiatives over three years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

1. The Elder Abuse Strategic Implementation Plan is available on the Office of Senior Victorians (OSV) website.

Community services: Nathalia District Hospital and aged care — redevelopment

940. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to the Nathalia District Hospital and Aged Care redevelopment —

- (1) Has construction commenced; if so, how much has the Government spent on the aged care redevelopment to date.
- (2) What is the expected date of completion.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Construction is scheduled to commence in April 2008; 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.

- (2) Completion of construction is scheduled for December 2009.

Community services: disability carers action plan — disability online

- 945.** Ms **WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to the policy and program development of the Disability Carers Action Plan — which carer organisations have been consulted to review the accessibility of and information on Disability Online.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Disability Online is currently under redevelopment. This has been informed by a user requirement research project in 2007 on the accessibility of Disability Online information, which involved extensive consultation with people with a disability and their carers. This consultation included an online survey, stakeholder interviews and focus groups. Further consultation with people with a disability and a range of relevant organisations will occur at various stages as the redevelopment is finalised over 2008.

Agriculture: fair payments policy

- 958(b).** Ms **ASHER** to ask the Minister for Agriculture with reference to penalty interest paid by the Minister's department since the 2002 election as result of the Government's Fair Payments Policy which requires a Government department or agency to pay invoices for work done by small businesses within 30 days or pay penalty interest —

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received on which penalty interest was paid.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Primary Industries has not received any claims for penalty interest from small businesses.

Energy and resources: fair payments policy

- 958(i).** Ms **ASHER** to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources with reference to penalty interest paid by the Minister's department since the 2002 election as result of the Government's Fair Payments Policy which requires a Government department or agency to pay invoices for work done by small businesses within 30 days or pay penalty interest —

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received on which penalty interest was paid.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Primary Industries has not received any claims for penalty interest from small businesses.