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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Answers to the following questions on notice were circulated on the date shown.

Questions have been incorporated from the notice paper of the Legislative Assembly.

Answers have been incorporated in the form supplied by the departments on behalf of the appropriate ministers.

The portfolio of the minister answering the question on notice starts each heading.

Tuesday, 5, May 2009

Roads and ports: demerit points database

- 135.** **Mr MULDER** to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports with reference to motor car licences, motorcycle licences (class R), light rigid licences (class LR), medium rigid licences (class MR), heavy rigid licences (class HR), heavy combination licences (class HC) and multi combination licences (class MC) —
- (1) How many Victorian motorists held each category of licence as at —
 - (a) 30 June 2005;
 - (b) 30 June 2006;
 - (c) 30 April 2007.
 - (2) How many full licence holders and probationary licence holders in each licence category had demerit points against their licences as at —
 - (a) 30 June 2005;
 - (b) 30 June 2006;
 - (c) 30 April 2007.
 - (3) How many licence holders in each licence category had demerit points, listed from 1 to 12 demerit points, including those who chose the option of continuing to drive once reaching their maximum demerit points before licence cancellation, as at —
 - (a) 30 June 2005;
 - (b) 30 June 2006;
 - (c) 30 April 2007.
 - (4) How many drivers in each licence category lost their licence for exceeding their demerit point limit in —
 - (a) 2004–05;
 - (b) 2005–06;
 - (c) 1 July 2006 to 30 April 2007.
 - (5) How many cases of demerit points being allocated to the wrong driver were detected by VicRoads for each licence category in —
 - (a) 2004–05;
 - (b) 2005–06;
 - (c) 1 July 2006 to 30 April 2007.
 - (6) On a case by case basis what caused the incorrect allocation of demerit points for each instance of demerit points being allocated to the wrong driver in —
 - (a) 2004–05;
 - (b) 2005–06;
 - (c) 1 July 2006 to 30 April 2007.

- (7) How many licence holders in each licence category were informed in writing as to the incorrect allocation of demerit points as in —
- (a) 2004–05;
 - (b) 2005–06;
 - (c) 1 July 2006 to 30 April 2007.

ANSWER:

I am informed that, as at the date the question was raised:

The scope and details required to answer this question would constitute an unreasonable commitment of resources and costs associated with its preparation which cannot be justified.

Roads and ports: Department of Infrastructure — staff appointment

150. **Mr THOMPSON** (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports with reference to the appointment of Glenyys Romanes as community relations manager for the Department of Infrastructure —

- (1) In which newspaper was the job advertised.
- (2) How many applications for the job were received.
- (3) What is the public service grade level at which the appointment was made.
- (4) What were the terms of the job description that was prepared prior to the job being advertised.
- (5) What is the correlation between the selection criteria and the skill set of the appointee.

ANSWER:

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

The engagement of staff within the Victorian Public Service is governed by the Public Administration Act 2004. Further information about the appointment of staff within the Victorian Public Service can be found in the aforementioned act.

Roads and ports: Department of Infrastructure — staff appointment

151. **Mr THOMPSON** (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports with reference to the appointment of Elaine Carbines as a community consultation facilitator for the Department of Infrastructure —

- (1) In which newspaper was the job advertised.
- (2) How many applications for the job were received.
- (3) What is the public service grade level at which the appointment was made.
- (4) What were the terms of the job description that was prepared prior to the job being advertised.
- (5) What is the correlation between the selection criteria and the skill set of the appointee.

ANSWER:

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

The engagement of staff within the Victorian Public Service is governed by the Public Administration Act 2004. Further information about the appointment of staff within the Victorian Public Service can be found in the aforementioned act.

Roads and ports: VicRoads — traffic controllers

248. Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports with reference to each of Rural City of Ararat, Shire of Central Goldfields, Shire of Northern Grampians, Shire of Pyrenees, City of Ballarat, Shire of Hepburn, Shire of Mount Alexander, City of Greater Bendigo, City of Greater Geelong, Shire of Golden Plains, Colac-Otway Shire, Shire of Mitchell, City of Glen Eira, City of Kingston, City of Whitehorse and City of Frankston — how many VicRoads controller jobs relating to intersections or pedestrian crossings were reported to VicRoads during May 2007 for traffic signal problems; causing traffic delays; graffiti; and other damage such as vandalism, and for each —

- (1) At which intersection or pedestrian crossing was the job reported.
- (2) On what date was the job reported.
- (3) On what date was the job completed.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The number of controller jobs reported to and recorded by VicRoads in May 2007 for the municipalities in question is 411. The attached table lists the locations of the traffic signals, the municipality, the date of the report and the date on which work was completed.

Site location	Municipality	Report date	Completion date
Curtis St and Peel St	Ballarat City	4/05/2007	10/05/2007
Curtis St near Lowe	Ballarat City	4/05/2007	10/05/2007
Drummond near Mair	Ballarat City	29/05/2007	3/07/2007
Gillies and Lake Gardens	Ballarat City	15/05/2007	14/07/2007
Hertford near Alfred	Ballarat City	2/05/2007	10/05/2007
Hertford near Alfred	Ballarat City	15/05/2007	3/07/2007
Hertford near Alfred	Ballarat City	29/05/2007	7/06/2007
Little-Bridge St and Peel St	Ballarat City	18/05/2007	3/07/2007
Mair and Armstrong	Ballarat City	15/05/2007	20/05/2007
Mair and Lydiard	Ballarat City	4/05/2007	10/05/2007
Mair and Lydiard	Ballarat City	17/05/2007	17/05/2007
Mair and Lydiard	Ballarat City	14/05/2007	3/07/2007
Mair and Peel	Ballarat City	4/05/2007	10/05/2007
Mair and Peel	Ballarat City	16/05/2007	3/07/2007
Midland Hwy and Macarthur	Ballarat City	29/05/2007	3/07/2007
Midland Hwy and Mair	Ballarat City	8/05/2007	10/05/2007
Midland Hwy and Mair	Ballarat City	9/05/2007	10/05/2007
Midland Hwy and Mair	Ballarat City	28/05/2007	3/07/2007
Midland Hwy, Sunraysia and Howitt	Ballarat City	28/05/2007	3/07/2007
Sturt and Drummond	Ballarat City	23/05/2007	3/07/2007
Sturt and Pleasant	Ballarat City	27/05/2007	3/07/2007
Sturt and Pleasant	Ballarat City	21/05/2007	3/07/2007
Sturt and Pleasant	Ballarat City	23/05/2007	3/07/2007
Sturt St and Lydiard St	Ballarat City	4/05/2007	10/05/2007
Sturt St and Lydiard St	Ballarat City	7/05/2007	10/05/2007
Sturt St and Lydiard St	Ballarat City	18/05/2007	3/07/2007
Victoria near King and Otway	Ballarat City	4/05/2007	10/05/2007
Victoria, Fussell and Water	Ballarat City	27/05/2007	30/05/2007

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Site location	Municipality	Report date	Completion date
Murray near McLennan	Colac Otway Shire	7/05/2007	8/05/2007
Ballarto and McClelland	Frankston City	5/05/2007	20/09/2007
Beach and McMahons	Frankston City	4/05/2007	20/09/2007
Cranbourne and Lee	Frankston City	8/05/2007	8/05/2007
Cranbourne and McClelland	Frankston City	2/05/2007	7/05/2007
Cranbourne and Playne	Frankston City	4/05/2007	7/05/2007
Cranbourne and Playne	Frankston City	24/05/2007	25/05/2007
Cranbourne, Moorooduc and Frankston Fwy	Frankston City	17/05/2007	21/05/2007
Cranbourne-Frankston and Southgateway	Frankston City	18/05/2007	3/07/2007
Cranbourne-Frankston and Southgateway	Frankston City	2/05/2007	3/05/2007
Cranbourne-Frankston and Southgateway	Frankston City	4/05/2007	16/07/2007
Cranbourne-Frankston and Warrandyte	Frankston City	4/05/2007	7/05/2007
Cranbourne-Frankston and Josephine	Frankston City	4/05/2007	7/05/2007
Cranbourne-Frankston, Union and Pindara	Frankston City	2/05/2007	3/05/2007
Davey and Young	Frankston City	8/05/2007	9/05/2007
Davey, Baxter and Hastings	Frankston City	16/05/2007	17/05/2007
Fletcher, Beach and Railway	Frankston City	28/05/2007	30/05/2007
Fletcher, Beach and Railway	Frankston City	8/05/2007	9/05/2007
Frankston-Dandenong and Klauer	Frankston City	10/05/2007	20/09/2007
Frankston-Dandenong, Lathams and Hall	Frankston City	11/05/2007	15/05/2007
Frankston-Dandenong, Seaford and Ballarto	Frankston City	7/05/2007	20/09/2007
Frankston-Dandenong, Seaford and Ballarto	Frankston City	7/05/2007	8/05/2007
Frankston-Dandenong, Skye, Overton and Wells	Frankston City	17/05/2007	18/05/2007
Moorooduc, Golf Links and Towerhill	Frankston City	2/05/2007	2/05/2007
Moorooduc, Golf Links and Towerhill	Frankston City	12/05/2007	15/05/2007
Nepean and Davey	Frankston City	4/05/2007	17/09/2007
Nepean and Fletcher	Frankston City	23/05/2007	25/05/2007
Nepean and Fletcher	Frankston City	24/05/2007	25/05/2007
Nepean and Humphries	Frankston City	7/05/2007	8/05/2007
Nepean and Station	Frankston City	16/05/2007	18/05/2007
Nepean and Station	Frankston City	21/05/2007	1/06/2007
Nepean and Wells	Frankston City	24/05/2007	25/05/2007
Nepean near Reserve	Frankston City	18/05/2007	22/05/2007
Nepean near Wells	Frankston City	24/05/2007	25/05/2007
Seaford, Railway and Fortescue	Frankston City	11/05/2007	11/05/2007
Seaford, Railway and Fortescue	Frankston City	8/05/2007	11/05/2007
Balaclava near Empress	Glen Eira City	21/05/2007	24/05/2007
Balaclava near Hawthorn	Glen Eira City	14/05/2007	15/05/2007
Balaclava near Labassa	Glen Eira City	7/05/2007	9/05/2007
Balaclava near Orrong	Glen Eira City	4/05/2007	7/05/2007
Centre and East Boundary	Glen Eira City	20/05/2007	6/06/2007
Centre and Jasper	Glen Eira City	24/05/2007	25/05/2007
Centre and Jasper	Glen Eira City	4/05/2007	7/05/2007
Centre near Bignell	Glen Eira City	8/05/2007	9/05/2007
Dandenong and Wattletree	Glen Eira City	15/05/2007	23/08/2007
Dandenong and Wattletree	Glen Eira City	17/05/2007	21/05/2007
East Boundary near Margareta	Glen Eira City	1/05/2007	4/05/2007

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Site location	Municipality	Report date	Completion date
East Boundary near Margaretta	Glen Eira City	9/05/2007	11/05/2007
East Boundary near Margaretta	Glen Eira City	18/05/2007	21/05/2007
Glenhuntly and Bamba	Glen Eira City	1/05/2007	4/05/2007
Glenhuntly and Kooyong	Glen Eira City	7/05/2007	9/05/2007
Glenhuntly and Orrong	Glen Eira City	11/05/2007	15/05/2007
Glenhuntly, Grange and Watson	Glen Eira City	11/05/2007	15/05/2007
Hawthorn and Glen Eira	Glen Eira City	7/05/2007	9/05/2007
Hawthorn and Glenhuntly	Glen Eira City	14/05/2007	15/05/2007
Hawthorn near Ellington	Glen Eira City	17/05/2007	21/05/2007
Hawthorn near Ellington	Glen Eira City	19/05/2007	21/05/2007
Hawthorn near Ellington	Glen Eira City	14/05/2007	15/05/2007
Inkerman and Orrong	Glen Eira City	28/05/2007	28/05/2007
Jasper and Patterson	Glen Eira City	25/05/2007	28/05/2007
Mackie near Deakin	Glen Eira City	11/05/2007	11/05/2007
Murrumbeena and Neerim	Glen Eira City	15/05/2007	16/05/2007
North near Dalmor	Glen Eira City	26/05/2007	29/05/2007
North, Booran and Wheatley	Glen Eira City	10/05/2007	21/05/2007
North, Booran and Wheatley	Glen Eira City	1/05/2007	11/05/2007
North, Jasper and Grange	Glen Eira City	4/05/2007	7/05/2007
Orrong and Glen Eira	Glen Eira City	7/05/2007	15/05/2007
Orrong and Glen Eira	Glen Eira City	16/05/2007	14/08/2007
Princes Hwy East near Sutherland	Glen Eira City	9/05/2007	11/05/2007
Poath and Neerim	Glen Eira City	24/05/2007	25/05/2007
Princes Hwy East and Grange	Glen Eira City	29/05/2007	30/05/2007
Princes Hwy East and Kooyong	Glen Eira City	6/05/2007	24/09/2007
Princes Hwy East and Kooyong	Glen Eira City	4/05/2007	7/05/2007
Princes Hwy East and Waverley	Glen Eira City	22/05/2007	1/06/2007
Princes Hwy East and Waverley	Glen Eira City	3/05/2007	11/05/2007
Princes Hwy East and Waverley	Glen Eira City	4/05/2007	24/09/2007
Princes Hwy East and Waverley	Glen Eira City	28/05/2007	29/05/2007
Princes Hwy East, Burke and Sir John Monash	Glen Eira City	28/05/2007	24/09/2007
Princes Hwy East, Finch and Derby	Glen Eira City	10/05/2007	21/05/2007
Princes Hwy East, Normanby and Station	Glen Eira City	4/05/2007	7/05/2007
Princes Hwy East, Normanby and Station	Glen Eira City	4/05/2007	4/05/2007
Princes Hwy East, Normanby and Station	Glen Eira City	28/05/2007	29/05/2007
South and Chesterville	Glen Eira City	1/05/2007	4/05/2007
South and Station	Glen Eira City	21/05/2007	25/05/2007
South and Station	Glen Eira City	4/05/2007	7/05/2007
Warrigal and South	Glen Eira City	1/05/2007	2/05/2007
Barnard and View	Greater Bendigo City	10/05/2007	17/05/2007
Calder Hwy and Loddon Valley	Greater Bendigo City	1/05/2007	2/05/2007
Calder Hwy and Loddon Valley	Greater Bendigo City	8/05/2007	1/06/2007
Calder Hwy and Loddon Valley	Greater Bendigo City	17/05/2007	18/05/2007
Calder Hwy and Oak	Greater Bendigo City	29/05/2007	1/06/2007
Calder Hwy and Thistle-Bendigo	Greater Bendigo City	29/05/2007	1/06/2007
Calder Hwy, Lockwood and Camp	Greater Bendigo City	24/05/2007	1/06/2007
Condon and Reservoir	Greater Bendigo City	1/05/2007	1/05/2007

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Site location	Municipality	Report date	Completion date
High, Don and Myrtle	Greater Bendigo City	10/05/2007	1/06/2007
Loddon Valley and Victoria	Greater Bendigo City	17/05/2007	18/05/2007
McIvor Hwy near Vine	Greater Bendigo City	15/05/2007	1/06/2007
McIvor, Powells and Reservoir	Greater Bendigo City	11/05/2007	1/06/2007
McIvor, Powells and Reservoir	Greater Bendigo City	10/05/2007	1/06/2007
McIvor, View and Mitchell	Greater Bendigo City	8/05/2007	8/05/2007
Mitchell, Wills and Myers	Greater Bendigo City	10/05/2007	17/05/2007
Pall Mall and Williamson	Greater Bendigo City	17/05/2007	1/06/2007
Strathfieldsaye, Edwards and Condon	Greater Bendigo City	19/05/2007	1/06/2007
Aberdeen and Shannon	Greater Geelong City	7/05/2007	15/05/2007
Aberdeen and Shannon	Greater Geelong City	21/05/2007	28/12/2007
Anakie and Separation	Greater Geelong City	22/05/2007	24/05/2007
Anakie and Separation	Greater Geelong City	23/05/2007	23/05/2007
Barwon Heads and Breakwater	Greater Geelong City	1/05/2007	3/05/2007
Bellarine and Moolap Station	Greater Geelong City	4/05/2007	15/05/2007
Bellarine Hwy and Kensington	Greater Geelong City	21/05/2007	28/05/2007
Bellarine Hwy and Wallington-Ocean Grove	Greater Geelong City	25/05/2007	28/05/2007
Church and Weddell	Greater Geelong City	23/05/2007	24/05/2007
Church and Weddell	Greater Geelong City	24/05/2007	9/07/2007
Clifton Springs and Hancock	Greater Geelong City	5/05/2007	7/05/2007
Garden and McKillop	Greater Geelong City	7/05/2007	15/05/2007
Garden and McKillop	Greater Geelong City	4/05/2007	15/05/2007
Geelong-Portarlington, Ryrie and Boundary	Greater Geelong City	3/05/2007	10/05/2007
Geelong-Portarlington, Ryrie and Boundary	Greater Geelong City	19/05/2007	24/05/2007
Geelong-Portarlington, Ryrie and Boundary	Greater Geelong City	9/05/2007	24/05/2007
High and Mt Pleasant	Greater Geelong City	23/05/2007	30/05/2007
High and Mt Pleasant	Greater Geelong City	16/05/2007	18/05/2007
High and Regent	Greater Geelong City	14/05/2007	15/05/2007
High and Regent	Greater Geelong City	20/05/2007	24/05/2007
High near Roslyn	Greater Geelong City	24/05/2007	24/05/2007
High near Roslyn	Greater Geelong City	24/05/2007	28/05/2007
High, Roslyn, Thomson and Corio	Greater Geelong City	16/05/2007	16/05/2007
Latrobe and Gordon	Greater Geelong City	7/05/2007	8/05/2007
Latrobe and Gordon	Greater Geelong City	14/05/2007	30/05/2007
Latrobe and McKillop	Greater Geelong City	17/05/2007	18/05/2007
Latrobe, Fyans and West Fyans	Greater Geelong City	14/05/2007	15/05/2007
Latrobe, Kilgour and Noble	Greater Geelong City	26/05/2007	28/05/2007
Latrobe, Myers and Roebuck	Greater Geelong City	21/05/2007	27/07/2007
Lt Malop and Gheringhap	Greater Geelong City	29/05/2007	31/05/2007
Midland Hwy and Anakie	Greater Geelong City	4/05/2007	15/05/2007
Midland Hwy and Church	Greater Geelong City	9/05/2007	14/08/2007
Midland Hwy and Church	Greater Geelong City	4/05/2007	15/05/2007
Midland Hwy, Shannon and Thompson	Greater Geelong City	9/05/2007	9/05/2007
Moorabool and Fyans	Greater Geelong City	24/05/2007	30/05/2007
Moorabool and Little Malop	Greater Geelong City	4/05/2007	15/05/2007
Moorabool and Malop	Greater Geelong City	21/05/2007	24/05/2007
Moorabool and Myers	Greater Geelong City	4/05/2007	15/05/2007

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Myers and Fenwick	Greater Geelong City	14/05/2007	16/05/2007
Myers and Fenwick	Greater Geelong City	4/05/2007	15/05/2007
Ormond Rd and Humble	Greater Geelong City	2/05/2007	24/05/2007
Ormond Rd and Humble	Greater Geelong City	24/05/2007	30/05/2007
Ormond Rd, Garden and Myers	Greater Geelong City	4/05/2007	17/07/2007
Pakington and Noble	Greater Geelong City	13/05/2007	18/05/2007
Pakington and Noble	Greater Geelong City	17/05/2007	18/05/2007
Pioneer and Geelong Baseball Centre	Greater Geelong City	21/05/2007	24/05/2007
Pioneer and Waurnvale Sc West Entrance	Greater Geelong City	22/05/2007	30/05/2007
Princes Hwy West and Bell	Greater Geelong City	9/05/2007	10/05/2007
Princes Hwy West and Broderick	Greater Geelong City	29/05/2007	31/05/2007
Princes Hwy West and Sparks	Greater Geelong City	4/05/2007	24/05/2007
Princes Hwy West, Pioneer and South Valley	Greater Geelong City	8/05/2007	15/05/2007
Princes Hwy West, Purnell and Station	Greater Geelong City	19/05/2007	24/05/2007
Roslyn and Roberts	Greater Geelong City	19/05/2007	22/05/2007
Ryrie and Bellarine	Greater Geelong City	4/05/2007	15/05/2007
Ryrie and Bellarine	Greater Geelong City	21/05/2007	24/05/2007
Ryrie and Garden	Greater Geelong City	14/05/2007	16/05/2007
Ryrie and Gheringhap	Greater Geelong City	14/05/2007	15/05/2007
Ryrie and Moorabool	Greater Geelong City	19/05/2007	22/05/2007
Ryrie and Moorabool	Greater Geelong City	9/05/2007	15/05/2007
Ryrie and Moorabool	Greater Geelong City	21/05/2007	24/05/2007
Ryrie and Yarra	Greater Geelong City	28/05/2007	31/05/2007
Ryrie and Yarra	Greater Geelong City	7/05/2007	15/05/2007
Separation and Douro	Greater Geelong City	28/05/2007	31/05/2007
Separation and Thompson	Greater Geelong City	4/05/2007	15/05/2007
Separation and Thompson	Greater Geelong City	4/05/2007	15/05/2007
Settlement and Barwon Heads	Greater Geelong City	9/05/2007	15/05/2007
Shannon and Aphrasia	Greater Geelong City	16/05/2007	18/05/2007
Shannon and Aphrasia	Greater Geelong City	21/05/2007	25/05/2007
Shannon and Aphrasia	Greater Geelong City	21/05/2007	24/05/2007
Shannon and Aphrasia	Greater Geelong City	22/05/2007	28/05/2007
Shannon and Aphrasia	Greater Geelong City	24/05/2007	30/05/2007
Shannon and Aphrasia	Greater Geelong City	28/05/2007	30/05/2007
Shannon and Aphrasia	Greater Geelong City	28/05/2007	28/05/2007
Shannon and Aphrasia	Greater Geelong City	4/05/2007	4/05/2007
Shannon and Church	Greater Geelong City	23/05/2007	24/05/2007
Shannon and Noble	Greater Geelong City	8/05/2007	10/05/2007
Surf Coast Hwy and Marshalltown	Greater Geelong City	2/05/2007	18/05/2007
Sydney, Swanston and Ryrie	Greater Geelong City	4/05/2007	11/12/2007
Thompson and Donnybrook	Greater Geelong City	24/05/2007	30/05/2007
Thompson near Sparks	Greater Geelong City	8/05/2007	15/05/2007
Thompson near Vistula	Greater Geelong City	24/05/2007	30/05/2007
Yarra and Little Malop	Greater Geelong City	4/05/2007	15/05/2007
Midland near Water	Hepburn Shire	5/05/2007	10/05/2007
Balcombe and Swanston	Kingston City	18/05/2007	22/05/2007
Beach near Centreway	Kingston City	8/05/2007	11/05/2007

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Beach near Centreway	Kingston City	18/05/2007	22/05/2007
Beach near Naples	Kingston City	12/05/2007	15/05/2007
Beach near Nepean	Kingston City	9/05/2007	25/09/2007
Beach near Nepean	Kingston City	24/05/2007	24/05/2007
Bernard near Cavanagh	Kingston City	7/05/2007	7/05/2007
Boundary, Malcolm and White	Kingston City	13/05/2007	15/05/2007
Bourke, Clayton and Osborne	Kingston City	2/05/2007	3/05/2007
Bourke, Clayton and Osborne	Kingston City	5/05/2007	7/05/2007
Centre Dandenong and Boundary	Kingston City	16/05/2007	25/09/2007
Centre Dandenong and Chifley	Kingston City	29/05/2007	30/05/2007
Centre Dandenong and Grange	Kingston City	3/05/2007	3/05/2007
Centre Dandenong and Kingston Central	Kingston City	3/05/2007	4/05/2007
Charman and Park	Kingston City	15/05/2007	17/05/2007
Chesterville and Cochranes	Kingston City	1/05/2007	4/05/2007
Chesterville, Argus and Tennyson	Kingston City	28/05/2007	8/10/2007
Heatherton and Westall	Kingston City	21/05/2007	28/05/2007
Kingston and Old Dandenong	Kingston City	9/05/2007	11/05/2007
Kingston near Ball	Kingston City	9/05/2007	11/05/2007
Lower Dandenong and Centre Dandenong	Kingston City	28/05/2007	29/05/2007
Nepean and Bondi	Kingston City	4/05/2007	8/05/2007
Nepean and Centre Dandenong	Kingston City	4/05/2007	7/05/2007
Nepean and Chelsea	Kingston City	7/05/2007	11/05/2007
Nepean and Edithvale	Kingston City	11/05/2007	15/05/2007
Nepean and Edithvale	Kingston City	15/05/2007	17/05/2007
Nepean and Station	Kingston City	8/05/2007	12/09/2007
Nepean and Station	Kingston City	29/05/2007	8/10/2007
Nepean and Station (Carrum South)	Kingston City	10/05/2007	10/05/2007
Nepean and Station (Carrum South)	Kingston City	4/05/2007	8/05/2007
Nepean and Station (Carrum South)	Kingston City	7/05/2007	15/05/2007
Nepean and Station (Carrum South)	Kingston City	8/05/2007	9/05/2007
Nepean and Station (Carrum South)	Kingston City	11/05/2007	17/09/2007
Nepean and Station (Carrum South)	Kingston City	22/05/2007	17/09/2007
Nepean and Station (Carrum South)	Kingston City	8/05/2007	9/05/2007
Nepean and White	Kingston City	7/05/2007	8/05/2007
Nepean and Wickham	Kingston City	16/05/2007	21/05/2007
Nepean and Wickham	Kingston City	4/05/2007	7/05/2007
Nepean Hwy near Latrobe	Kingston City	28/05/2007	29/05/2007
Nepean near Swanpool	Kingston City	7/05/2007	11/05/2007
Nepean near Third	Kingston City	29/05/2007	30/05/2007
Nepean near Third	Kingston City	10/05/2007	15/05/2007
Nepean, Argyle and Maury	Kingston City	7/05/2007	12/09/2007
Nepean, Argyle and Maury	Kingston City	10/05/2007	11/05/2007
Nepean, Bay and Karen	Kingston City	4/05/2007	7/05/2007
Nepean, Chesterville and Charman	Kingston City	4/05/2007	7/05/2007
Nepean, Lochiel and Station	Kingston City	25/05/2007	12/09/2007
Nepean, Lochiel and Station	Kingston City	29/05/2007	8/06/2007
Nepean, Station and Keiller	Kingston City	14/05/2007	15/05/2007

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Nepean, Warrigal and Balcombe	Kingston City	17/05/2007	18/05/2007
Nepean, Warrigal and Balcombe	Kingston City	23/05/2007	24/05/2007
South and East Boundary	Kingston City	1/05/2007	4/05/2007
South and East Boundary	Kingston City	15/05/2007	7/06/2007
South and East Boundary	Kingston City	4/05/2007	8/05/2007
Springvale and Mornington Peninsula Fwy	Kingston City	10/05/2007	15/05/2007
Springvale and Mornington Peninsula Fwy	Kingston City	8/05/2007	9/05/2007
Springvale, Governor and Hutton	Kingston City	11/05/2007	15/05/2007
Springvale, Governor and Hutton	Kingston City	4/05/2007	7/05/2007
Springvale, Wells and Edithvale	Kingston City	28/05/2007	29/05/2007
Springvale, Wells and Edithvale	Kingston City	4/05/2007	7/05/2007
Springvale, Wells and Edithvale	Kingston City	9/05/2007	15/05/2007
Station and McLeod	Kingston City	7/05/2007	15/05/2007
Station and McLeod	Kingston City	28/05/2007	29/05/2007
Station and McLeod	Kingston City	8/05/2007	9/05/2007
Warrigal and Centre Dandenong	Kingston City	22/05/2007	17/08/2007
Warrigal and Cochranes	Kingston City	29/05/2007	4/06/2007
Warrigal and Farm	Kingston City	15/05/2007	16/05/2007
Warrigal and Farm	Kingston City	15/05/2007	16/05/2007
Warrigal, Keys and Corporate	Kingston City	7/05/2007	8/05/2007
Wells and Chelsea Heights Hotel	Kingston City	3/05/2007	7/05/2007
Wells and Chelsea Heights Hotel	Kingston City	9/05/2007	12/09/2007
Westall and Fairbank	Kingston City	18/05/2007	21/05/2007
Barker and Forest	Mount Alexander Shire	7/05/2007	1/06/2007
Barker and Forest	Mount Alexander Shire	2/05/2007	1/06/2007
Barker and Forest	Mount Alexander Shire	15/05/2007	1/06/2007
Barker and Forest	Mount Alexander Shire	25/05/2007	1/06/2007
Western Hwy and Lawrence	Pyrenees Shire	29/05/2007	3/07/2007
Barkly and Vincent	Rural City of Ararat	4/05/2007	4/05/2007
Barkly and Vincent	Rural City of Ararat	4/05/2007	10/05/2007
Barkly and Vincent	Rural City of Ararat	15/05/2007	3/07/2007
High and Vincent	Rural City of Ararat	4/05/2007	10/05/2007
Beresford near Earle	Whitehorse City	29/05/2007	30/05/2007
Blackburn and South	Whitehorse City	9/05/2007	11/05/2007
Blackburn and South	Whitehorse City	7/05/2007	19/09/2007
Blackburn and South	Whitehorse City	9/05/2007	9/05/2007
Blackburn and South	Whitehorse City	4/05/2007	8/05/2007
Blackburn and South	Whitehorse City	29/05/2007	19/09/2007
Blackburn near Bindy	Whitehorse City	22/05/2007	4/06/2007
Blackburn near Bindy	Whitehorse City	24/05/2007	3/07/2007
Boronia near Lusk	Whitehorse City	28/05/2007	29/05/2007
Boronia near Lusk	Whitehorse City	27/05/2007	29/05/2007
Burwood Hwy and Blackburn	Whitehorse City	8/05/2007	11/05/2007
Burwood Hwy and Livingstone	Whitehorse City	17/05/2007	21/05/2007
Burwood Hwy and Middleborough	Whitehorse City	3/05/2007	7/05/2007
Burwood Hwy and Middleborough	Whitehorse City	28/05/2007	29/06/2007
Burwood Hwy and Middleborough	Whitehorse City	10/05/2007	16/05/2007

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Burwood Hwy and Station	Whitehorse City	24/05/2007	25/05/2007
Burwood Hwy At Bunnings	Whitehorse City	7/05/2007	9/05/2007
Burwood Hwy At Deakin University	Whitehorse City	28/05/2007	29/06/2007
Burwood Hwy near PLC	Whitehorse City	4/05/2007	16/05/2007
Burwood Hwy near PLC	Whitehorse City	10/05/2007	11/05/2007
Burwood Hwy near Starling	Whitehorse City	4/05/2007	8/05/2007
Burwood Hwy near Starling	Whitehorse City	18/05/2007	22/05/2007
Burwood Hwy, Elgar and McIntyre	Whitehorse City	4/05/2007	7/05/2007
Burwood Hwy, Elgar and McIntyre	Whitehorse City	5/05/2007	9/05/2007
Burwood Hwy, Elgar and McIntyre	Whitehorse City	28/05/2007	8/10/2007
Burwood Hwy, Elgar and McIntyre	Whitehorse City	24/05/2007	8/10/2007
Burwood Hwy, Hanover and Hartland	Whitehorse City	10/05/2007	11/05/2007
Canterbury and Middleborough	Whitehorse City	29/05/2007	30/05/2007
Canterbury and Middleborough	Whitehorse City	29/05/2007	31/05/2007
Canterbury and Middleborough	Whitehorse City	1/05/2007	3/05/2007
Canterbury and Middleborough	Whitehorse City	17/05/2007	21/05/2007
Canterbury and Middleborough	Whitehorse City	21/05/2007	29/05/2007
Canterbury and Middleborough	Whitehorse City	21/05/2007	22/05/2007
Canterbury and Blackburn	Whitehorse City	28/05/2007	20/09/2007
Canterbury and Elgar	Whitehorse City	4/05/2007	24/05/2007
Canterbury and Elgar	Whitehorse City	7/05/2007	24/05/2007
Canterbury and Elgar	Whitehorse City	9/05/2007	24/05/2007
Canterbury and Elgar	Whitehorse City	17/05/2007	21/05/2007
Canterbury and Glebe	Whitehorse City	3/05/2007	17/05/2007
Canterbury and Glebe	Whitehorse City	14/05/2007	21/05/2007
Canterbury and Station	Whitehorse City	28/05/2007	1/06/2007
Canterbury and Station	Whitehorse City	24/05/2007	24/09/2007
Canterbury near Andrew	Whitehorse City	28/05/2007	19/06/2007
Canterbury near Branksome	Whitehorse City	24/05/2007	31/05/2007
Canterbury near Brentford	Whitehorse City	24/05/2007	31/05/2007
Canterbury near Clydesdale	Whitehorse City	25/05/2007	31/05/2007
Canterbury near Clydesdale	Whitehorse City	29/05/2007	31/05/2007
Canterbury near Clydesdale	Whitehorse City	24/05/2007	25/09/2007
Canterbury near Gibson	Whitehorse City	18/05/2007	22/05/2007
Canterbury near Gibson	Whitehorse City	24/05/2007	25/09/2007
Canterbury near Orchard	Whitehorse City	15/05/2007	17/05/2007
Canterbury, Mitcham and Boronia	Whitehorse City	24/05/2007	25/05/2007
Canterbury, Mitcham and Boronia	Whitehorse City	28/05/2007	5/07/2007
Doncaster East near Mitcham	Whitehorse City	29/05/2007	1/06/2007
Eastern Fwy and Middleborough	Whitehorse City	10/05/2007	17/05/2007
Elgar and Belmore	Whitehorse City	7/05/2007	9/05/2007
Elgar and Uganda	Whitehorse City	28/05/2007	18/06/2007
Elgar near Erasmus	Whitehorse City	3/05/2007	4/05/2007
Elgar near Erasmus	Whitehorse City	7/05/2007	8/05/2007
Elgar near Erasmus	Whitehorse City	8/05/2007	9/05/2007
Highbury, Stephenson and Middleborough	Whitehorse City	17/05/2007	21/05/2007
Highbury, Stephenson and Middleborough	Whitehorse City	24/05/2007	28/05/2007

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Maroondah and Civic Centre	Whitehorse City	15/05/2007	16/05/2007
Maroondah and Dorking	Whitehorse City	15/05/2007	16/05/2007
Maroondah and Dorking	Whitehorse City	29/05/2007	30/05/2007
Maroondah and Elgar	Whitehorse City	28/05/2007	30/05/2007
Maroondah and Elgar	Whitehorse City	7/05/2007	9/05/2007
Maroondah and High	Whitehorse City	4/05/2007	7/05/2007
Maroondah and Linsley	Whitehorse City	5/05/2007	9/05/2007
Maroondah and Middleborough	Whitehorse City	1/05/2007	3/05/2007
Maroondah and Mitcham	Whitehorse City	8/05/2007	9/05/2007
Maroondah and Mitcham	Whitehorse City	2/05/2007	3/05/2007
Maroondah and Mitcham	Whitehorse City	11/05/2007	15/05/2007
Maroondah and Mitcham	Whitehorse City	15/05/2007	16/05/2007
Maroondah and Mitcham	Whitehorse City	17/05/2007	29/05/2007
Maroondah and Mitcham	Whitehorse City	17/05/2007	21/05/2007
Maroondah and Mitcham	Whitehorse City	25/05/2007	28/05/2007
Maroondah and Rooks	Whitehorse City	29/05/2007	31/05/2007
Maroondah and Station	Whitehorse City	2/05/2007	4/05/2007
Maroondah and Station	Whitehorse City	5/05/2007	7/05/2007
Maroondah and Station	Whitehorse City	29/05/2007	30/05/2007
Maroondah and Station	Whitehorse City	4/05/2007	12/09/2007
Maroondah and Surrey	Whitehorse City	10/05/2007	11/05/2007
Maroondah and Surrey	Whitehorse City	17/05/2007	21/05/2007
Middleborough and Springfield	Whitehorse City	19/05/2007	21/05/2007
Middleborough and Springfield	Whitehorse City	8/05/2007	9/05/2007
Mitcham and Doncaster East	Whitehorse City	21/05/2007	22/05/2007
Mitcham and Doncaster East	Whitehorse City	21/05/2007	19/09/2007
Mitcham and Springfield	Whitehorse City	24/05/2007	19/09/2007
Mitcham and Victoria	Whitehorse City	7/05/2007	16/05/2007
Mitcham Between Brunswick and Barkly	Whitehorse City	4/05/2007	7/05/2007
Mitcham Between Brunswick and Barkly	Whitehorse City	10/05/2007	15/05/2007
Mitcham near Orient	Whitehorse City	22/05/2007	24/05/2007
Riversdale and Elgar	Whitehorse City	13/05/2007	15/05/2007
Rooks near Maurice	Whitehorse City	18/05/2007	24/05/2007
Springfield near Heppner	Whitehorse City	24/05/2007	17/09/2007
Springvale and Canterbury	Whitehorse City	13/05/2007	13/05/2007
Springvale and Hawthorn	Whitehorse City	4/05/2007	7/05/2007
Springvale and Highbury	Whitehorse City	1/05/2007	14/09/2007
Springvale near Walkers and Silver	Whitehorse City	29/05/2007	14/09/2007
Springvale, Eastern Fwy and EastLink	Whitehorse City	9/05/2007	17/05/2007
Springvale, Eastern Fwy and EastLink	Whitehorse City	7/05/2007	8/05/2007
Station and Highbury	Whitehorse City	14/05/2007	16/05/2007
Station and Thames	Whitehorse City	15/05/2007	17/05/2007
Station and Thames	Whitehorse City	15/05/2007	25/09/2007
Station and Woodhouse	Whitehorse City	8/05/2007	25/09/2007
Station near Kent	Whitehorse City	24/05/2007	25/09/2007
Station near Paisley	Whitehorse City	4/05/2007	22/05/2007
Station near Paisley	Whitehorse City	19/05/2007	22/05/2007

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Station near Paisley	Whitehorse City	22/05/2007	24/05/2007
Station near Paisley	Whitehorse City	28/05/2007	29/05/2007
Warrigal and Highbury	Whitehorse City	14/05/2007	15/05/2007
Warrigal near Gleeson	Whitehorse City	2/05/2007	4/05/2007
Warrigal near Gleeson	Whitehorse City	7/05/2007	8/05/2007
Warrigal near Loudon	Whitehorse City	24/05/2007	25/05/2007
Whitehorse near Marlborough	Whitehorse City	14/05/2007	15/05/2007

Education: specialist schools review — eastern metropolitan region

942. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Education with reference to the Specialist School Provision Review being undertaken in the Eastern Metropolitan Region —

- (1) What are the time frames of the review including how long parents will be given to submit their views in writing.
- (2) How many public meetings are planned and where the meetings will be held.
- (3) What is the time line for completion.
- (4) What is the estimated cost of the review.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

When the Eastern Metropolitan Region of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development commissioned the review to inform the regional planning for meeting the needs for the education of students with a range of disabilities, it sought and encouraged input from all interested parents and community members.

Public transport: fare concession

1077. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport does the Government support the Fair Go for Pensioners Coalition’s 2008–09 budget submission recommending free public transport for pensioners during off peak hours —

- (1) If so, how much extra funding will the Government commit in the 2008–09 budget.
- (2) If not, what are the Government’s reasons for opposing the recommendation.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) \$100,000 per annum has been provided in the 2008-09 Budget to extend the popular Seniors Sunday Pass to Disability Pensioners and Carers in receipt of a pension. They will also receive two off-peak travel vouchers each year, in line with the vouchers provided to Seniors. This package of initiatives will be implemented later in 2008.
- (2) Pensioners over the age of 60 are generally eligible for a Victorian Seniors Card and already receive free travel on Sundays and two off-peak travel vouchers each year.

There are no plans to provide free travel for pensioners at other off-peak times.

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

1133. **Mr THOMPSON** (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports between May 2007 and May 2008, what have been the traffic light time sequences for right hand turns for each of the green, red and amber lights at the intersection of Nepean Highway and Bay Road and Nepean Highway and Karen Street, Cheltenham during —

- (1) Peak hours.
- (2) Off-peak hours.
- (3) Weekends.

ANSWER:

I am informed that, as at the date the question was raised:

All traffic signals managed by VicRoads are maintained to a consistent standard, with routine inspections and maintenance undertaken regularly. The vast majority, including the signals at the intersection of Nepean Highway and Karen Street, are monitored 24 hours a day to ensure they are functioning properly and faults are fixed as quickly as possible. The remaining few sites are monitored by regular inspections.

The time setting for the amber phase for the right turn from Nepean Highway into Karen Street is safe and appropriate for this intersection and is a similar arrangement to many other intersections around Melbourne.

VicRoads main focus is keeping traffic flowing on Nepean Highway. If the length of the amber light was changed even slightly at this intersection, it would impact on the light sequence along the length of the Nepean Highway, causing further congestion on this busy road.

Consumer affairs: adjournment debate responses

1180(j). **Mr HODGETT** to ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs what is the usual length of time taken for the Minister to respond to matters raised during the adjournment debate in the House.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The Adjournment Debates in the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council play an important role where members raise matters for Ministers which they consider require attention.

The time taken to respond varies depending on the complexity of the matter being raised and the accessibility of relevant information.

I am advised that there are no Adjournment Debate matters that you have raised within my portfolio responsibilities currently outstanding.

Gaming: adjournment debate responses

1180(p). **Mr HODGETT** to ask the Minister for Gaming what is the usual length of time taken for the Minister to respond to matters raised during the adjournment debate in the House.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The adjournment debates in the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council play an important role where members raise matters for Ministers which they consider require attention.

The time taken to respond varies depending on the complexity of the matter being raised and the accessibility of relevant information.

I am advised that there are no adjournment debate matters that you have raised within my portfolio responsibilities currently outstanding.

Small business: adjournment debate responses

1180(ag). Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Small Business what is the usual length of time taken for the Minister to respond to matters raised during the adjournment debate in the House.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The adjournment debates in the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council play an important role where members raise matters for Ministers which they consider requires attention. If information is sought in relation to a particular adjournment debate matter which relates to my portfolio, this should be asked by a specific and direct question.

Public transport: rail — North Melbourne station

1181. Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to passenger transfers at North Melbourne Station —

- (1) How many passengers transfer to Connex trains from V/Line trains on the —
 - (a) Seymour, Shepparton or Albury lines on —
 - (i) weekday mornings;
 - (ii) weekday early afternoons;
 - (b) Ballarat or Ararat lines on —
 - (i) weekday mornings;
 - (ii) weekday early afternoons;
 - (c) Bendigo, Swan Hill or Echuca lines on —
 - (i) weekday mornings;
 - (ii) weekday early afternoons;
 - (d) Geelong, Marshall or Warrnambool lines on —
 - (i) weekday mornings;
 - (ii) weekday early afternoons.
- (2) How many passengers transfer from Connex trains on weekday afternoons to V/Line trains on the —
 - (a) Seymour, Shepparton or Albury lines;
 - (b) Ballarat or Ararat lines;
 - (c) Bendigo, Swan Hill or Echuca lines;
 - (d) Geelong, Marshall or Warrnambool lines.

ANSWER:

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

- (1 & 2) The Department of Transport does not have detailed information relating to the number of passengers transferring between V/Line and Connex services at North Melbourne Station.

Senior Victorians: national reciprocal transport scheme

- 1183.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Senior Victorians with reference to the \$50 million National Reciprocal Public Transport Entitlement, which was announced in the Federal Budget 2008–09, as part of the Making Ends Meet package —
- (1) How much funding will Victoria receive.
 - (2) Will the Government commit any funding to the Entitlement; if so, how much.
 - (3) When is the Entitlement expected to begin.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

1. The Victorian Government will receive \$6.27 million in funding.
2. The initiative is funded by the Commonwealth Government.
3. The entitlement began from 1 January 2009.

Community services: refugees and asylum seekers — funding

- 1198.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to \$1.1 million worth of funding for refugees and asylum seekers promised on 27 October 2002 —
- (1) By what date was the funding expended.
 - (2) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

With reference to \$100,000 worth of funding for a mental health clinic for refugees contained in this announcement, see response to LA 1199.

The other programs do not fall under the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Community Services.

[*Hansard reference: Legislative Assembly, 7 October 2008, page 4092*]

Consumer affairs: small business — capped cost recovery

- 1404(a).** Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs with reference to capped cost recovery amounts from defaulters for small businesses —
- (1) What is the maximum amount awarded through mediation from defaulters to small businesses.
 - (2) What is the maximum amount awarded through court from defaulters to small businesses.
 - (3) Is the Government currently reviewing capped cost amounts for businesses from defaulters.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

This question falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Small Business.

Police and emergency services: answer to question on notice 1117(i)

1410. Mr SMITH (*Warrantyte*) to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services: why was the answer to question on notice 1117(i), signed by the Minister on 18 July 2008, not submitted until 2 September 2008.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Due to an administrative oversight, this response was not tabled in the sitting week immediately following signing.

Local government: answer to question on notice 1117(h)

1411. Mr SMITH (*Warrantyte*) to ask the Minister for Local Government: why was the answer to question on notice 1117(h), signed by the Minister on 23 June 2008, not submitted until 2 September 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The time between the signing of a response and when it is actually tabled differs from question to question.

There was a delay in the tabling of the response mentioned in your question.

Sports, recreation and youth affairs: answer to question on notice 1117(m)

1413. Mr SMITH (*Warrantyte*) to ask the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs: why was the answer to question on notice 1117(m), signed by the Minister on 10 July 2008, not submitted until 2 September 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The answer was not submitted until 2 September 2008 due to an oversight in the administration system for processing signed questions on notice.

Education: specialist schools review — eastern metropolitan region

1417. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Education with reference to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's Victoria Eastern Metropolitan Region Specialist Schools Review Report conducted by Saratoga Professional Services and the Government's position on recommendations —

- (1) Does the Government agree with recommendation —
 - (a) one; if so, when will it be implemented; if not, why does the Government disagree; and
 - (b) three; if not, why does the Government disagree.
- (2) Does the Government agree with the recommendation and implementation of recommendation —
 - (a) two; if so, when will it be implemented; if not, why does the Government disagree;
 - (b) four; if so, when will it be implemented; if not, why does the Government disagree;

- (c) five; if so, when will it be implemented; if not, why does the Government disagree;
- (d) six; if so, when will it be implemented; if not, why does the Government disagree;
- (e) seven; if so, when will it be implemented; if not, why does the Government disagree;
- (f) eight; if so, when will it be implemented; if not, why does the Government disagree;
- (g) nine; if so, when will it be implemented; if not, why does the Government disagree;
- (h) ten; if so, when will it be implemented; if not, why does the Government disagree; and
- (i) eleven; if so, when will it be implemented; if not, why does the Government disagree.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The recommendations are for the consideration of the Regional Director of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's Eastern Metropolitan Region as part of considering future directions in special education provision in the Eastern Metropolitan Region.

Police and emergency services: answer to question on notice 1044(i)

1422. Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services: why was the answer to question on notice 1044(i), signed by the Minister on 18 July 2008, not submitted until 2 September 2008.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Due to an administrative oversight, this response was not tabled in the sitting week immediately following signing.

Sports, recreation and youth affairs: answer to question on notice 1044m

1423. Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs why was the answer to question on notice 1044(m), signed by the Minister on 2 June 2008, not submitted until 2 September 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The answer was not submitted until 2 September 2008 due to an oversight in the administration system for processing signed questions on notice.

Police and emergency services: police — Mooroolbark station

1459. Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to Mooroolbark Police Station —

- (1) When was the last time the Minister visited the station.
- (2) When was the last time a Minister for Police visited the station.
- (3) When is the Minister's next scheduled visit to the station.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

I can advise that I visited the station in December 2007.

Police and emergency services: police — Croydon station

1460. Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to Croydon Police Station —

- (1) When was the last time the Minister visited the station.
- (2) When was the last time a Minister for Police visited the station.
- (3) When is the Minister's next scheduled visit to the station.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

I can advise that I visited the station in December 2007.

Community services: Geelong drug action plan committee

1542. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the \$1 million announced for Action on Alcohol in 11 regional cities in Victoria — what local responses and initiatives have been delivered as a result of the \$100,000 funding given to Geelong Drug Action Plan Committee.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

A range of local initiatives have been delivered in regional communities and there is ongoing work to tackle alcohol addiction through Victoria's Alcohol Action Plan.

Community services: Gippsland Lakes community health services

1550. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the \$1 million announced for Action on Alcohol in 11 regional cities in Victoria: what local responses and initiatives have been delivered as a result of the \$100,000 funding given to Gippsland Lakes Community Health Services in Lakes Entrance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

A range of local initiatives have been delivered in regional communities and there is ongoing work to tackle alcohol addiction through Victoria's Alcohol Action Plan.

Public transport: rail — Frankston line

1556. Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Public Transport: was Connex's SMS advice to Frankston line passengers that the 8.22 a.m. up Cheltenham train commenced its journey at Moorabbin not Cheltenham on 13 October 2008 correct; if so —

- (1) Did the 'short working' occur because a previous train arrived late at Moorabbin —
 - (a) if so —
 - (i) what was its scheduled time;
 - (ii) what time did it arrive at Moorabbin;

- (iii) was it an empty car working a Passenger Services Requirements or non-Passenger Services Requirements service; and
- (iv) how many minutes late did it arrive;
- (b) if not, why was the service truncated.
- (2) What Passenger Weighted Minutes related or other penalty in whole dollars was levied upon Connex for the 'short working'.

ANSWER:

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

Connex has advised that two SMS notices were sent regarding the 8.22 a.m. up Cheltenham train. The first SMS was sent at 7.38 a.m. advising passengers that the service was to originate from Moorabbin. At 7.47 a.m., a second SMS was sent advising that the train had been cancelled.

Roads and ports: answer to question on notice 954

- 1561.** Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports with reference to the answer to question on notice 954 lodged on 8 April 2008, how much duty was paid in respect of the transfer of second hand motor vehicles in —
- (1) 2004–05.
 - (2) 2005–06.
 - (3) 2006–07.

ANSWER:

I am informed that, as at the date the question was raised:

The amount of stamp duty collected by VicRoads in respect of the transfer of second hand motor vehicles for the period 2004-2007 is \$684,882,668.

Roads and ports: Stud Road, Rowville — street lighting

- 1564.** Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports with reference to street lighting along Stud Road between Burwood Highway in Wantirna and Fulham Road in Rowville —
- (1) What lighting is currently provided.
 - (2) How often are lights checked to ensure they are operational.
 - (3) Are there any plans to increase the number of street lights; if so —
 - (a) how many lights are to be installed;
 - (b) where will the lights be located; and
 - (c) what is the expected date of installation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that, as at the date the question was raised:

- (1) The lighting provided on Stud Road, between the Burwood Highway and Fulham Road, consists of double 250-watt high-pressure sodium lights along the centre median and at major signalised intersections, with single 150-watt high-pressure sodium lights in the vicinity of minor intersections.
- (2) Street lighting on this route is currently operated and maintained by two power distribution businesses.

The maintenance of such assets is the responsibility of the relevant power distribution business, as specified in the Public Lighting Code issued by the Essential Services Commission.

- (3) Planning for road improvements is undertaken with regard to the objectives of the Government's planning, transport and road safety strategies. Proposals for improvements are considered and evaluated on a statewide basis.

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

1566. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to pension level SRS facilities, where pension level is defined as an SRS that charges no more than full pension plus Commonwealth rental assistance for 80–100 per cent of its beds, in the Barwon South West region —

- (1) For each year between 2000–2008 inclusive —
 - (a) how many facilities closed;
 - (b) what was the name of each facility that closed; and
 - (c) how many beds were lost as a result of closures.
- (2) How many facilities were allocated a state appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 30 June 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Collating, cross-referencing and validating this data across multiple regions and multiple financial years would be an unreasonable diversion of the department's resources.

Community services: supported residential services — Loddon Mallee region

1567. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to pension level SRS facilities, where pension level is defined as an SRS that charges no more than full pension plus Commonwealth rental assistance for 80–100 per cent of its beds, in the Loddon Mallee Region —

- (1) For each year between 2000–2008 inclusive —
 - (a) how many facilities closed;
 - (b) what was the name of each facility that closed; and
 - (c) how many beds were lost as a result of closures.
- (2) How many facilities were allocated a state appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 30 June 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- Collating, cross-referencing and validating this data across multiple regions and multiple financial years would be an unreasonable diversion of the department's resources.

Community services: supported residential services — Grampians region

1568. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to pension level SRS facilities, where pension level is defined as an SRS that charges no more than full pension plus Commonwealth rental assistance for 80–100 per cent of its beds, in the Grampians Region —

- (1) For each year between 2000–2008 inclusive —
 - (a) how many facilities closed;
 - (b) what was the name of each facility that closed; and
 - (c) how many beds were lost as a result of closures.
- (2) How many facilities were allocated a state appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 30 June 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Collating, cross-referencing and validating this data across multiple regions and multiple financial years would be an unreasonable diversion of the department's resources.

Community services: supported residential services — Hume region

1569. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to pension level SRS facilities, where pension level is defined as an SRS that charges no more than full pension plus Commonwealth rental assistance for 80–100 per cent of its beds, in the Hume Region —

- (1) For each year between 2000–2008 inclusive —
 - (a) how many facilities closed;
 - (b) what was the name of each facility that closed; and
 - (c) how many beds were lost as a result of closures.
- (2) How many facilities were allocated a state appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 30 June 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Collating, cross-referencing and validating this data across multiple regions and multiple financial years would be an unreasonable diversion of the department's resources.

Community services: supported residential services — Gippsland region

1570. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to pension level SRS facilities, where pension level is defined as an SRS that charges no more than full pension plus Commonwealth rental assistance for 80–100 per cent of its beds, in the Gippsland Region —

- (1) For each year between 2000–2008 inclusive —
 - (a) how many facilities closed;
 - (b) what was the name of each facility that closed; and
 - (c) how many beds were lost as a result of closures.
- (2) How many facilities were allocated a state appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 30 June 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Collating, cross-referencing and validating this data across multiple regions and multiple financial years would be an unreasonable diversion of the department's resources.

Community services: supported residential services — north-west region

1571. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to pension level SRS facilities, where pension level is defined as an SRS that charges no more than full pension plus Commonwealth rental assistance for 80–100 per cent of its beds, in the North West Region —

- (1) For each year between 2000–2008 inclusive —
 - (a) how many facilities closed;
 - (b) what was the name of each facility that closed; and
 - (c) how many beds were lost as a result of closures.
- (2) How many facilities were allocated a state appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 30 June 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Collating, cross-referencing and validating this data across multiple regions and multiple financial years would be an unreasonable diversion of the department’s resources.

Community services: supported residential services — southern region

1572. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to pension level SRS facilities, where pension level is defined as an SRS that charges no more than full pension plus Commonwealth rental assistance for 80–100 per cent of its beds, in the Southern Region —

- (1) For each year between 2000–2008 inclusive —
 - (a) how many facilities closed;
 - (b) what was the name of each facility that closed; and
 - (c) how many beds were lost as a result of closures.
- (2) How many facilities were allocated a state appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 30 June 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Collating, cross-referencing and validating this data across multiple regions and multiple financial years would be an unreasonable diversion of the department’s resources.

Community services: supported residential services — eastern region

1573. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to pension level SRS facilities, where pension level is defined as an SRS that charges no more than full pension plus Commonwealth rental assistance for 80–100 per cent of its beds, in the Eastern Region —

- (1) For each year between 2000–2008 inclusive —
 - (a) how many facilities closed;
 - (b) what was the name of each facility that closed; and
 - (c) how many beds were lost as a result of closures.
- (2) How many facilities were allocated a state appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 30 June 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Collating, cross-referencing and validating this data across multiple regions and multiple financial years would be an unreasonable diversion of the department's resources.

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

1574. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to SRS facilities registered with the Government between 2000 and 2008 in the Barwon South West Region — in each year —

- (1) How many facilities were registered.
- (2) How many facilities were classed as pension level, where pension level is defined as an SRS that charges no more than full pension plus Commonwealth rental assistance for 80–100 per cent of its beds.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Collating, cross-referencing and validating this data across multiple regions and multiple financial years would be an unreasonable diversion of the department's resources.

Community services: supported residential services — Gippsland region

1575. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to SRS facilities registered with the Government between 2000 and 2008 in the Gippsland Region — in each year —

- (1) How many facilities were registered.
- (2) How many facilities were classed as pension level, where pension level is defined as an SRS that charges no more than full pension plus Commonwealth rental assistance for 80–100 per cent of its beds.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Collating, cross-referencing and validating this data across multiple regions and multiple financial years would be an unreasonable diversion of the department's resources.

Community services: supported residential services — Grampians region

1576. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to SRS facilities registered with the Government between 2000 and 2008 in the Grampians region — in each year —

- (1) How many facilities were registered.
- (2) How many facilities were classed as pension level, where pension level is defined as an SRS that charges no more than full pension plus Commonwealth rental assistance for 80–100 per cent of its beds.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Collating, cross-referencing and validating this data across multiple regions and multiple financial years would be an unreasonable diversion of the department's resources.

Community services: supported residential services — Loddon Mallee region

1577. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to SRS facilities registered with the Government between 2000 and 2008 in the Loddon Mallee Region — in each year —

- (1) How many facilities were registered.
- (2) How many facilities were classed as pension level, where pension level is defined as an SRS that charges no more than full pension plus Commonwealth rental assistance for 80–100 per cent of its beds.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Collating, cross-referencing and validating this data across multiple regions and multiple financial years would be an unreasonable diversion of the department's resources.

Community services: supported residential services — Hume region

1578. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to SRS facilities registered with the Government between 2000 and 2008 in the Hume Region — in each year —

- (1) How many facilities were registered.
- (2) How many SRS facilities were classed as pension level, where pension level is defined as an SRS that charges no more than full pension plus Commonwealth rental assistance for 80–100 per cent of its beds.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Collating, cross-referencing and validating this data across multiple regions and multiple financial years would be an unreasonable diversion of the department's resources.

Community services: supported residential services — north-west region

1579. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to SRS facilities registered with the Government between 2000 and 2008 in the North-West Region — in each year —

- (1) How many facilities were registered.
- (2) How many SRS facilities were classed as pension level, where pension level is defined as an SRS that charges no more than full pension plus Commonwealth rental assistance for 80–100 per cent of its beds.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Collating, cross-referencing and validating this data across multiple regions and multiple financial years would be an unreasonable diversion of the department's resources.

Community services: supported residential services — southern region

1580. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to SRS facilities registered with the Government between 2000 and 2008 in the Southern Region — in each year —

- (1) How many facilities were registered.
- (2) How many SRS facilities were classed as pension level, where pension level is defined as an SRS that charges no more than full pension plus Commonwealth rental assistance for 80–100 per cent of its beds.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Collating, cross-referencing and validating this data across multiple regions and multiple financial years would be an unreasonable diversion of the department's resources.

Community services: supported residential services — eastern region

1581. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to SRS facilities registered with the Government between 2000 and 2008 in the Eastern Region — in each year —

- (1) How many facilities were registered.
- (2) How many SRS facilities were classed as pension level, where pension level is defined as an SRS that charges no more than full pension plus Commonwealth rental assistance for 80–100 per cent of its beds.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Collating, cross-referencing and validating this data across multiple regions and multiple financial years would be an unreasonable diversion of the department's resources.

Community services: VicRoads — Drivers' Guide to Rural Victoria

1591. Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports: is the VicRoads Drivers' Guide to Rural Victoria print edition still out of stock as indicated on the VicRoads website; if so —

- (1) What date will printed copies be available again.
- (2) How many copies are being printed.
- (3) Who is undertaking the reprinting.
- (4) What will be the total cost of reprinting.

ANSWER:

I am informed that, as at the date the question was raised:

The Drivers' Guide to Rural Victoria is currently available on VicRoads website and free copies can be obtained from VicRoads.

Police and emergency services: Croydon fire station

1617. Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to the new Croydon fire station —

- (1) When did the Government announce the upgrade of the station.
- (2) What was the initial time frame given for the station to open.
- (3) What date was given for the opening of the station.
- (4) How was the site for the station chosen.
- (5) Did the Government consider prospective properties presented by the station's staff when choosing the site for the station.
- (6) Did the station open on schedule; if not, what were the reasons for the delay.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) The upgrade of the station was announced in 2002, when the land was purchased.
- (2) The initial time frame given was 4 years.
- (3) The date given for the opening of the station was October 2008.
- (4) A Strategic Location Plan report was conducted by an independent consultant in 2003, which determined the optimal location for the new station.
- (5) The MFB advised that they considered several sites with the current site determined to be the most suitable location.
- (6) The station did not open on schedule, due to concerns raised by the United Fire Fighters Union (UFU) with regard to traffic and emergency vehicle access during a call out.

Police and emergency services: Croydon fire station

1618. Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to the site for the new Croydon fire station —

- (1) What planning measures were taken to assess the suitability of the station's location prior to commencing construction.
- (2) Were alternative sites considered by the Minister prior to construction.
- (3) What consultation process took place with the Firefighters Union before construction.
- (4) Did the Firefighters Union agree that the proposed site was suitable for active use.
- (5) Whether the Minister is aware of a dispute between the Melbourne Fire Brigade and the Firefighters Union; if so —
 - (a) when did the Minister first become aware of the dispute; and
 - (b) what measures have been taken to resolve the issue.
- (6) What is the expected time frame for the opening of the station.
- (7) Are improvements required to bring the station up to Union standards; if so —
 - (a) what improvements are currently required;
 - (b) what measures have been taken to assess the suitability of the improvements;
 - (c) what is the estimated cost of the improvements required; and
 - (d) will local government or VicRoads be required to be involved in any of the improvements; if so what measures has the Minister taken to ensure cooperation between the relevant parties.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) A Strategic Location Plan Report was conducted by an independent consultant in 2003, which determined the optimal location for the new station.
- (2) No sites were considered by the Minister as these are a matter for the MFB. The MFB considered several sites with the current site determined to be the most suitable location.
- (3) A full consultation program with considerable input was carried out with relevant parties over a period of six months.
- (4) No formal opposition was lodged by the United Firefighters Union (UFU).
- (5) My office is aware of a dispute between the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board (MFESB) and the UFU.
 - (a) My office became aware of the dispute in July 2008.
 - (b) An independent traffic engineer has been appointed to determine any improvements required.
- (6) The MFB are providing further advice on an opening date, dependent upon the advice received by the independent traffic engineers and any action required.
- (7) The MFESB has engaged an independent traffic engineer to conduct a review of the traffic intersection.
 - (a) The independent traffic engineer's review will identify any improvements that can be made to the controlled intersection to enhance the ability for the fire appliances to enter.
The MFESB is also working with VicRoads to expedite the installation of amber warning lights to warn drivers approaching the intersection that lights are about to turn red.
 - (b) A report will be made available to VicRoads to determine any improvements and authorisation. On-going assessment will also occur.
 - (c) Costs will be determined after consideration by VicRoads.
 - (d) VicRoads will approve a contractor who will carry out any improvements required. The MFESB has had several meetings with the relevant parties to progress the matter.

Police and emergency services: Victorian fire stations

1619. Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to Melbourne Fire Brigade fire stations —

- (1) How many stations are currently not being used due to —
 - (a) union disputes; and
 - (b) design flaws.
- (2) How many stations will remain empty during summer 2008–09.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Stations currently unused are:

- (a) One due to union disputes; and
- (b) None due to design flaws.

Education: Mildura College — land

1623. Mr CRISP to ask the Minister for Education with reference to blocks of land owned by Mildura College —

- (1) What are the details of any blocks of land that have been sold, exchanged or disposed of since 1891.
- (2) Is there a record of the total number and area of blocks endowed in 1891; if not, what is the earliest date from which records are available.
- (3) What was the total number and area of blocks endowed in 1916.
- (4) What was the total number and area of blocks leased in 2008.
- (5) What was the total number and area of blocks vacant in 2008.
- (6) What was the total revenue received by the college in 2007–08 and 2008–09 to date.
- (7) What was the total expenditure (including any management fees) in 2007–08 and 2008–09 to date.
- (8) In 2007–08 and 2008–09 to date —
 - (a) which schools received income from the college trust;
 - (b) how much did each school that received income from the college trust receive; and
 - (c) do the schools that received income from the college trust also receive grants or allowances from the Government, irrespective of income received from the trust.
- (9) Are there plans showing the location of each block as at 2008.
- (10) What are the details of any college lease documents and standard conditions.
- (11) Are there regulations that outline how rents and fees charged by the Minister are calculated.
- (12) In assessing and fixing rents, is the local municipal valuer’s assessment utilised, or is an independent certified valuer engaged.
- (13) When land is disposed of either by outright sale or by exchange is the valuation done by the municipal valuer or by an independent certified valuer.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The *Mildura College Lands Act 1916* (Schedule 1) provides details regarding the lands vested in the Minister for Education for the purposes of the beneficiaries, who are referred to in Schedule 2 of the Act.

Section 2 of the Act provides for the:

- formula used for determining the distributions to the beneficiaries
- Minister to enter into an agreement with a trustee company to administer the scheme
- rental on a lease of any part of the lands to be determined on the basis of a valuation of the land by the Valuer-General and to be reviewed periodically
- submission of quarterly financial reports by the trustee company to the Minister.

Public transport: rail — defective train doors

1626. Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Public Transport:

- (1) Did the 5.26 p.m. Flinders Street to Sandringham Siemens train have a defective door on the second trailer car on 10 November 2008; if so, were passengers alighting at Prahran station forced to travel to Windsor station as a result of the defective door.

- (2) Does Connex ensure that drivers are made aware of any trains operating with one or more defective doors; if so, is this information communicated verbally by a Metrol operator to the driver; if not, how is it communicated.
- (3) How many instances of Passenger Service Requirements individual train trips operated in the Melbourne metropolitan area between 1 July 2008 and 11 November 2008 where a train had one or more defective doors that had been closed off and marked by yellow and red, or similar, crosses.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) Connex has advised that its fault management system shows that a door was defective and locked shut on the 5.26 p.m. Sandringham train. Connex's customer service branch has no record of any passenger complaints in relation to the defective door or customers being forced to travel to Windsor Railway Station.
- (2) Connex ensures that its drivers are made aware of a defective door by the placement of a Driver Malfunction Message in the cab or by verbal advice during driver changeover.
- (3) Connex has advised between 1 July 2008 and 11 November 2008 that 123 faulty doors were detected while the train was in service and the doors were subsequently tied/locked. The nature of the fault management system does not allow these to be broken into individual Passenger Service Requirements trips.

Public transport: V/Line and Connex

1627. **Mr MULDER** to ask the Minister for Public Transport: was the 6.13 p.m. Southern Cross to Albury or any V/Line, Connex, Pacific National, QR National or El Zorro train hit by rocks or allegedly hit by rocks between Southern Cross and Donnybrook stations between 1 July 2008 and 12 November 2008; if so —

- (1) What was the date and time of each alleged or actual incident.
- (2) What was the date, origin, destination and scheduled and actual time of departure for each train.
- (3) How many rail kilometres from Southern Cross station did each alleged or actual incident occur.
- (4) What damage, if any, was sustained to electric multiple units, diesel locomotives, locomotives, passenger carriages, VLocity, Sprinter railcars or other rolling stock in each instance.
- (5) Was the operation of trains suspended through Roxburgh Park for part of the evening on 11 November 2008 due to alleged rock throwing incidents; if so —
 - (a) between what locations were trains suspended;
 - (b) between what times were trains suspended;
 - (c) which Connex trains were cancelled or terminated short of Craigieburn or Southern Cross station as a result; and
 - (d) which V/Line trains were cancelled or terminated short of Albury, Seymour, Shepparton or Southern Cross stations as a result.
- (6) What was the cost to repair damage, if any, to —
 - (a) Connex trains;
 - (b) V/Line trains; and
 - (c) Pacific National trains.
- (7) Have any persons been apprehended as a result of the rock throwing incidents.
- (8) Were any Connex or V/Line passengers or staff injured as a result of the rock throwing incidents; if so —
 - (a) what was the extent of any injuries suffered; and

- (b) have any WorkSafe claims been made as a result of any injuries being sustained.

ANSWER:

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

- (1-4) The Department of Transport does not record data to the level required to answer these questions.
- (5) No services were suspended due to rock throwing incidents.
- (6-8) The Department of Transport does not record data to the level required to answer these questions.

Senior Victorians: men’s shed program

1641. Dr NAPTHINE to ask the Minister for Senior Victorians with reference to funding for the Men’s Shed program —

- (1) From the \$2 million worth funding provided in 2008 —
 - (a) how many projects have been funded;
 - (b) what is the location of each project that has received funding;
 - (c) what was the amount that each project received; and
 - (d) how many applications to the program did not receive funding.
- (2) Will funding for the Men’s Shed program be available in 2009; if so —
 - (a) how much funding will be available; and
 - (b) when will applications be called for.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

- (1) From the \$2 million worth of funding provided under the Men’s Shed Program, approx half of the funding was allocated in 2008 as follows:
 - a) 25 projects were funded
 - (b) & c) locations of the successful projects and the amounts received are as follows

Location	Funding
Altona	\$50,000
Bairnsdale	\$30,000
Birchip	\$12,000
Bright	\$50,000
Benalla	\$50,000
Colac	\$50,000
Cowes	\$50,000
Fawkner	\$35,570
Glen Park	\$50,000
Hastings	\$50,000
Hopetoun	\$50,000
Inglewood	\$50,000
Kangaroo Flat	\$6,153

Location	Funding
Kilmore	\$7,000
Melton	\$50,000
Mt Evelyn	\$47,770
Murtoa	\$30,000
Shepparton	\$50,000
St Leonards	\$50,000
Traralgon	\$37,000
Venus Bay	\$49,100
Warracknabeal	\$4,095
Wedderburn	\$41,815
Whittlesea	\$50,000
Wonthaggi	\$50,000
TOTAL	\$1,000,503.00

- d) 64 applicants were unsuccessful in Round 1.
2. The remainder of the funding will be available via a second funding round in 2009
- a) approx \$1 million will be available
- b) An announcement on the opening date for the second round of funding is anticipated shortly.

Public transport: graffiti

1658. Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Public Transport:

- (1) How many instances of graffiti at suburban railway stations were reported to the 1800 800 705 Connex hotline between 1 July 2008 and 2 December 2008.
- (2) How many instance of graffiti on suburban trains were reported to the 1800 800 705 Connex hotline between 1 July 2008 and 2 December 2008.
- (3) When will graffiti on the down platform fence at McKinnon station be removed.

ANSWER:

The answer is:

- (1) Connex has advised that there were 56 instances of graffiti at railway stations reported to the 1800 number during that period.
- (2) Connex has advised that there were 6 instances of graffiti reported to the 1800 number by customers during that period.
- (3) Connex has advised that the graffiti on the down platform fence at McKinnon Railway Station was cleaned on 2 January 2009.

Mental health: drug treatment beds — north-west metropolitan region

1676. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health with reference to drug treatment beds in the North-West Metropolitan region —

- (1) How many beds are there in the region.

- (2) How many beds did the region have in 2005.
- (3) How many people are waiting to access beds in the region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) There were 303 beds in the region.
- (2) Bed numbers for the region in 2005 are not available.
- (3) There is no centralised waiting list. Some agencies operate on a walk-in basis, while others maintain their own waiting lists.

Mental health: drug treatment beds — southern metropolitan region

1677. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health with reference to drug treatment beds in the Southern Metropolitan region —

- (1) How many beds are there in the region.
- (2) How many beds did the region have in 2005.
- (3) How many people are waiting to access beds in the region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) There were 190 beds in the region.
- (2) Bed numbers for the region in 2005 are not available.
- (3) There is no centralised waiting list. Some agencies operate on a walk-in basis, while others maintain their own waiting lists.

Mental health: drug treatment beds — eastern metropolitan region

1678. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health with reference to drug treatment beds in the Eastern Metropolitan region —

- (1) How many beds are there in the region.
- (2) How many beds did the region have in 2005.
- (3) How many people are waiting to access beds in the region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) There were 110 beds in the region.
- (2) Bed numbers for the region in 2005 are not available.
- (3) There is no centralised waiting list. Some agencies operate on a walk-in basis, while others maintain their own waiting lists.

Mental health: drug treatment beds — Barwon-south western region

1679. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health with reference to drug treatment beds in the Barwon-South Western region —

- (1) How many beds are there in the region.
- (2) How many beds did the region have in 2005.
- (3) How many people are waiting to access beds in the region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) There were 58 beds in the region.
- (2) Bed numbers for the region in 2005 are not available.
- (3) There is no centralised waiting list. Some agencies operate on a walk-in basis, while others maintain their own waiting lists.

Mental health: drug treatment beds — Grampians region

1680. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health with reference to drug treatment beds in the Grampians region —

- (1) How many beds are there in the region.
- (2) How many beds did the region have in 2005.
- (3) How many people are waiting to access beds in the region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) There were 24 beds in the region.
- (2) Bed numbers for the region in 2005 are not available.
- (3) There is no centralised waiting list. Some agencies operate on a walk-in basis, while others maintain their own waiting lists.

Mental health: drug treatment beds — Hume region

1681. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health with reference to drug treatment beds in the Hume region —

- (1) How many beds are there in the region.
- (2) How many beds did the region have in 2005.
- (3) How many people are waiting to access beds in the region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) There were 46 beds in the region.
- (2) Bed numbers for the region in 2005 are not available.

- (3) There is no centralised waiting list. Some agencies operate on a walk-in basis, while others maintain their own waiting lists.

Mental health: drug treatment beds — Gippsland region

1682. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health with reference to drug treatment beds in the Gippsland region —

- (1) How many beds are there in the region.
- (2) How many beds did the region have in 2005.
- (3) How many people are waiting to access beds in the region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) There were 29 beds in the region.
- (2) Bed numbers for the region in 2005 are not available.
- (3) There is no centralised waiting list. Some agencies operate on a walk-in basis, while others maintain their own waiting lists.

Mental health: drug treatment beds — Loddon Mallee region

1683. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health with reference to drug treatment beds in the Loddon Mallee region —

- (1) How many beds are there in the region.
- (2) How many beds did the region have in 2005.
- (3) How many people are waiting to access beds in the region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) There were 42 beds in the region.
- (2) Bed numbers for the region in 2005 are not available.
- (3) There is no centralised waiting list. Some agencies operate on a walk-in basis, while others maintain their own waiting lists.

Mental health: youth drug withdrawal facilities

1684. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health what was the waiting time for youth drug withdrawal facilities in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Annual trends for youth home based withdrawal and youth residential withdrawal alcohol and other drug treatment wait times are presented below in Table 1.

Table 1. Youth withdrawal alcohol and other drug treatment wait times (days)

	Wait days for youth alcohol and other drug withdrawal	
	Youth Home-Based Withdrawal	Youth Residential Withdrawal
2003	0.0	1.9
2004	0.1	2.1
2005	0.6	3.1
2006	0.9	2.7
2007	0.2	3.6
2008	0.0	4.2

Mental health: answer to question on notice 1161

1721. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health with reference to the Minister’s answer to question on notice 1161 which stated that as at July 2008, there were 802 alcohol and drug treatments beds in Victoria, and the Minister’s answer to Legislative Council question on notice 732 which stated that as at 2006–07 there were 754 alcohol and drug treatment beds — can the Minister list when the additional 48 beds were established and in which locations.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The total number of alcohol and other drug treatment service beds in Victoria is 802. This includes 754 Department of Human Services funded beds, 42 Commonwealth funded beds and 6 Koori Youth alcohol and other drug healing service beds.

Mental health: drug treatment beds

1722. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health with reference to the 2002 Victorian Government Drug Initiative Two Year Report which stated on page 5, that there were 820 treatment beds in Victoria —

- (1) Were there 820 drug treatment beds in July 2002.
- (2) Has there been any change to the Government’s definition of drug treatment beds since July 2002.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) There were 820 drug treatment beds in July 2002.
- (2) There has been no change to the Government’s definition of drug treatment beds since July 2002.

Health: elective surgery waiting lists

1723. Mrs SHARDEY to ask the Minister for Health with reference to the use of the private hospital sector to reduce public elective surgery waiting lists — in each of 2007 and 2008 —

- (1) How many operations were performed —
 - (a) overall; and
 - (b) by private hospitals.
- (2) What types of operations were performed at each hospital.
- (3) Which hospitals participated.

- (4) How many people were removed from public waiting lists due to having had their procedure or surgery at a private hospital —
 - (a) overall; and
- (5) Which public hospitals have had public patients treated in private hospitals including the number of patients treated, the description of each procedure and to which private hospital each patient was sent.
- (6) What was the overall cost to the Government to undertake the process.
- (7) What was the cost per procedure type during the process.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Victorian government policy supports public-private partnerships in elective surgery.

Commencing in 2005, the department has procured a limited number of elective surgery procedures from the private sector under the Private Patient Initiative (PPI). The initiative, which targets patients from particular specialties who have waited longer than the clinically recommended time, has provided surgery for almost 1,600 patients since its inception.

The governing agreement for Public Private Initiative Service Provider Contracts is the Standing Offer Arrangement for Contracted Elective Surgery Services which is in place until 20 April 2010. The Standing Offer governs the arrangements and provides the framework for the individual contracts (Service Provider's Contracts) entered into by the department, certain nominated private hospital operators, and public health services in the PPI.

The department evaluates quotes from private hospitals against public hospital funding cost weights to ensure value for money in procurement from the private sector.

Education: specialist schools review — eastern metropolitan region

1724. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Education with reference to recommendation one made in the Eastern Metropolitan Region Specialist Schools Review Report —

- (1) Does the Government support the recommendation; if not, why not.
- (2) Will the recommendation be implemented; if so when.
- (3) What is the proposed cost of implementing the recommendation.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This report is one of many pieces of research to feed into a holistic look at the provision of special education throughout Victoria.

All regions across Victoria are looking at their provision to feed into this whole Department review.

The recommendations from the Eastern Metropolitan Region Specialist Schools Draft report are for the consideration of the Regional Director in informing future directions in special education provision in Eastern Metropolitan Region.

It is important to note that the Autism State Plan will significantly influence the provision of special education particularly in relation to autistic students. The Plan is not due to be finalised for some months.

Education: specialist schools review — eastern metropolitan region

1725. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Education with reference to recommendation two made in the Eastern Metropolitan Region Specialist Schools Review Report —

- (1) Does the Government support the recommendation; if not, why not.
- (2) Will the recommendation be implemented; if so, when.
- (3) Is the development of a twin campus to Heatherwood or establishing a new mild intellectual disability school in addition to Heatherwood the Government's preferred option.
- (4) What is the proposed cost of implementing the recommendation.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Please refer to the answer given for question no. 1724.

Education: specialist schools review — eastern metropolitan region

1726. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Education with reference to recommendation three made in the Eastern Metropolitan Region Specialist Schools Review Report —

- (1) Does the Government support the recommendation; if not, why not.
- (2) Will the recommendation be implemented; if so, when.
- (3) What is the proposed cost of implementing the recommendation.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Please refer to the answer given for question no. 1724.

Education: specialist schools review — eastern metropolitan region

1727. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Education with reference to recommendation four made in the Eastern Metropolitan Region Specialist Schools Review Report —

- (1) Does the Government support the recommendation; if not, why not.
- (2) Will the recommendation be implemented; if so, when.
- (3) What is the proposed cost of implementing the recommendation.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Please refer to the answer given for question no. 1724.

Education: specialist schools review — eastern metropolitan region

1728. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Education with reference to recommendation five made in the Eastern Metropolitan Region Specialist Schools Review Report —

- (1) Does the Government support the recommendation; if not, why not.
- (2) Will the recommendation be implemented; if so, when.

- (3) What is the proposed cost of implementing the recommendation.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Please refer to the answer given for question no. 1724.

Education: specialist schools review — eastern metropolitan region

1729. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Education with reference to recommendation six made in the Eastern Metropolitan Region Specialist Schools Review Report —

- (1) Does the Government support the recommendation; if not, why not.
 (2) Will the recommendation be implemented; if so, when.
 (3) What is the proposed cost of implementing the recommendation.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Please refer to the answer given for question no. 1724.

Education: specialist schools review — eastern metropolitan region

1730. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Education with reference to recommendation seven made in the Eastern Metropolitan Region Specialist Schools Review Report —

- (1) Does the Government support the recommendation; if not, why not.
 (2) Will the recommendation be implemented; if so, when.
 (3) What is the proposed cost of implementing the recommendation.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Please refer to the answer given for question no. 1724.

Education: specialist schools review — eastern metropolitan region

1731. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Education with reference to recommendation eight made in the Eastern Metropolitan Region Specialist Schools Review Report —

- (1) Does the Government support the recommendation; if not, why not.
 (2) Will the recommendation be implemented; if so, when.
 (3) What is the proposed cost of implementing the recommendation.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Please refer to the answer given for question no. 1724.

Education: specialist schools review — eastern metropolitan region

1732. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Education with reference to recommendation nine made in the Eastern Metropolitan Region Specialist Schools Review Report —

- (1) Does the Government support the recommendation; if not, why not.
- (2) Will the recommendation be implemented; if so, when.
- (3) What is the proposed cost of implementing the recommendation.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Please refer to the answer given for question no. 1724.

Education: specialist schools review — eastern metropolitan region

1733. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Education with reference to recommendation ten made in the Eastern Metropolitan Region Specialist Schools Review Report —

- (1) Does the Government support the recommendation; if not, why not.
- (2) Will the recommendation be implemented; if so, when.
- (3) What is the proposed cost of implementing the recommendation.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Please refer to the answer given for question no. 1724.

Education: specialist schools review — eastern metropolitan region

1734. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Education with reference to recommendation eleven made in the Eastern Metropolitan Region Specialist Schools Review Report —

- (1) Does the Government support the recommendation; if not, why not.
- (2) Will the recommendation be implemented; if so, when.
- (3) What is the proposed cost of implementing the recommendation.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Please refer to the answer given for question no. 1724.

Public transport: shire of Yarra Ranges — buses

1739. Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to the to the RACV Outer Melbourne Connect proposals for road upgrades in Yarra Ranges — will the Government include funding in the 2009–10 Budget for new bus services in Chirnside Park, Warburton and Lilydale.

ANSWER:

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

Bus service improvements in the Chirnside Park/Warburton/Yarra Ranges areas are being considered as part of the Maroondah/Knox/Yarra Ranges bus service review.

Mental health: employment opportunities

1751(a). Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Mental Health with reference to assistance given to people suffering mental illness to participate in the workforce —

- (1) What investment has the Government made to help people participate.
- (2) How many programs are funded to assist people to participate.
- (3) How much funding did the Government allocate to programs assisting people to participate in —
 - (a) 2002–03;
 - (b) 2003–04;
 - (c) 2004–05;
 - (d) 2005–06;
 - (e) 2006–07; and
 - (f) 2007–08.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the response to Question No: 1751b, provided by the Minister for Skills and Workforce Participation.

[Hansard reference: *Legislative Assembly, 3 February 2009, page 288*]

Education: Pembroke Secondary College — funding

1752. Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Education: will the Government fund the full redevelopment of Pembroke Secondary College in the 2009–10 Budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Since 1999, the Victorian Government has spent \$2.9 billion on capital investment in schools, including the renovation, rebuilding or extension of 400 schools. While this was a remarkable achievement it is recognised that there is more to do.

The Government has committed \$1.9 billion to renovate, rebuild or extend a further 500 schools in four years. This is the largest school building program in Victoria’s history, and will transform education infrastructure across the State. The *Victorian Schools Plan* will see the remainder of the 1600 government schools rebuilt, renovated or extended over the next ten years.

The 2007-08 State Budget delivered on more than one-quarter of the promised 500 schools, with 131 schools receiving funding to commence works. The 2008-09 State Budget will deliver on a further 128 schools, providing over half of the schools within the first two Budget years.

Whilst the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development is on track to deliver the promised 500 school projects, not all projects can be funded at once and the Department must balance priority projects across the State. The Department will, however, continue to work closely with Pembroke Secondary College on their plans for capital improvement in anticipation of future State Budget announcements.

Public transport: rail — Ringwood East station

1755. Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Public Transport: when will the worksite at Ringwood East railway station be cleaned up or removed.

ANSWER:

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

The facility at Ringwood East Railway Station is a permanent railway maintenance compound.

Treasurer: parks charge

1756(b). Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer with reference to the parks charge —

- (1) What was the total amount collected in the electorate of Kilsyth.
- (2) What percentage of the amount collected in the electorate of Kilsyth was allocated for projects in the electorate.

ANSWER:

The parks charge falls under the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Environment and Climate Change, therefore this question is best directed to him.

Roads and ports: rail — Manchester Road, Mooroolbark, level crossing

1759(a). Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports with reference to the Manchester Road level crossing in Mooroolbark —

- (1) When was the last traffic count at the level crossing conducted.
- (2) On average, how many vehicles are stopped at the level crossing during —
 - (a) weekdays prior to 7.30 am;
 - (b) weekdays between 7.30 am and 8.30 am;
 - (c) weekdays between 8.30 am and 9.00 am;
 - (d) weekdays between 9.00 am and 9.30 am;
 - (e) weekdays between 9.30 am and 3.00 pm;
 - (f) weekdays between 3.00 pm and 4.00 pm;
 - (g) weekdays between 4.00 pm and 5.00 pm;
 - (h) weekdays between 5.00 pm and 6.00 pm;
 - (i) weekdays between 6.00 pm and 7.00 pm;
 - (j) weekdays after 7.00 pm; and
 - (k) weekends.
- (3) Does the Government have any plans to fund a grade separation at the level crossing.

ANSWER:

I am informed that, as at the date the question was raised:

- (1) Manchester Road is a local road under the care and management of the Shire of Yarra Ranges.
- (2) Information is not available for how many vehicles are stopped at the level crossing.

- (3) Any upgrades will be considered and evaluated on a region-wide and state-wide basis having regard to factors such as safety, amenity and environment.

Roads and ports: Kilsyth electorate — traffic congestion

1760. Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports what measures have been undertaken to ease traffic congestion in the electorate of Kilsyth on —

- (1) Dorset Road.
- (2) Bayswater Road.
- (3) Hull Road.

ANSWER:

I am informed that, as at the date the question was raised:

Since coming to office, the Brumby Government has invested \$6.2 billion into building better roads, including more than \$2.6 billion on regional roads.

The Brumby Government has undertaken projects such as the Canterbury Road duplication and completed works at two major intersections along Bayswater Road which has reduced congestion.

Works have been carried out at the intersection of Dorset and Canterbury Roads, including the installation of additional right and left turn lanes, and improvements to linemarking, signage and traffic islands. At the intersection with the Burwood Highway, an additional right turn lane has been installed.

At the intersection with the Mountain Highway, a double left turn lane has been installed. At the intersection with Canterbury Road, again, as part of the road duplication project, works including the installation of an additional right turn lane, and improvements to linemarking, signage and traffic islands, have been carried out.

Industry and trade: Kilsyth electorate — business grants

1772(a). Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Regional and Rural Development for the Minister for Industry and Trade with reference to grants funding in the electorate of Kilsyth —

- (1) What grants have been issued to businesses to increase business growth and trade opportunities.
- (2) Which companies or businesses were recipients of grants.
- (3) How much has the Government spent on small business or industry and trade grants.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development categorise their grant funding by local Council boundaries rather than electorates.

Water: industry users

1773(b). Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Water with reference to the top 20 industrial water users —

- (1) Which industrial customers make up the top 20 water users in Victoria.
- (2) How much water do the water users use combined.
- (3) How much water did the water users use in —
 - (a) 1999;

- (b) 2002;
- (c) 2005; and
- (d) 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

All Water Corporations provide a list of the customers who use greater than 50ML per annum in their Annual Reports. This provides details on the number of customers who fall within various consumption ranges and their participation in water conservation activities.

Detailed information on customer water use is held by the water corporations and is not published as this can be seen as commercial in confidence information.

In 2007/08, Melbourne's non-residential sector reduced its demand for water by eight billion litres.

The waterMAP program requires every business using more than 10 megalitres of potable water per annum to prepare and implement a water management action plan.

All water corporations work closely with their non-residential customers to achieve water efficiencies.

Non-residential water users are an important part of the economy and the water corporations are working with this sector to be more efficient using water while not restricting the commercial viability of a business. It should be noted that a major user of water is not necessarily a major waster of water.

Water: industry charges

1774(b). **Mr HODGETT** to ask the Minister for Water since the commencement of Stage 3A restrictions, are industrial users charged different water prices from household consumers —

- (1) If so, what percentage, more or less, are industrial users charged.
- (2) If not, will the Government consider charging industrial users different water prices to household consumers in the future.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

There are differences in charges for water provided to residential and non-residential customers and the charges cannot be directly compared.

The charge for water provided to non-residential customers varies across the state. While residential properties have a tiered tariff which varies between water corporations, non-residential customers have a standard volumetric charge. This charge also varies across water corporations. In Melbourne the volumetric charge for water is in the order of \$1 per KL.

It should be noted that non-residential customers pay a higher service charge than residential properties and other charges such as trade waste charges and that these charges are determined by the Essential Services Commission.

Water: industry users

1775(b). **Mr HODGETT** to ask the Minister for Water how many industrial water users have purchased water futures.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

There is no water futures option currently available.

Industry and trade: industry water saving measures

1776(a). Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Regional and Rural Development for the Minister for Industry and Trade —

- (1) What water saving measures are available to industrial water users.
- (2) What subsidies are offered to industrial water users to put water saving measures in place.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Victorian Government is committed to sustainable water resources for all water users.

In 2007/08, Melbourne's non-residential sector reduced its demand for water by 8 billion litres. In the context of Melbourne's overall reduction of 31.6 billion litres in 2007/08, this equates to the non-residential sector contributing 25 per cent of the savings for that year.

The Government has introduced WaterMap, requiring non-residential water users exceeding 10 million litres a year to develop a water management plan. Those using greater than 100 million litres a year are required to develop an Environmental and Resource Efficiency Plan to improve water and energy use and to reduce waste.

The Water (Governance) Bill 2006 requires water authorities to note their large water users in annual reports from 2006/07. Information provided is the number of large water users in each volume range and major customers and their participation in water conservation programs

Water efficiency guidelines for cooling towers in commercial buildings and a program to improve operating processes of commercial laundries have also been introduced.

The Government has a range of support programs available for the non-residential sector to take action:

- Water recycling projects by industrial customers (\$16M in 2007/2008)
- Smart meters to monitor Top 200 water users
- Water and Energy Efficiency Initiative (\$10M over 2 years)
- Stormwater & Urban Water Conservation Fund (\$10M over 3 years)
- Enhancing Sustainability in New Investment (\$3.5M over 3 years)
- Smart Water Fund (\$5M in 2008) in association with metropolitan water authorities
- Hospitals and aged care facilities have introduced water efficiency measures (\$3.9M in 2007/2008)

Water: industry water saving measures

1776(b). Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Water —

- (1) What water saving measures are available to industrial water users.
- (2) What subsidies are offered to industrial water users to put water saving measures in place.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Victoria's urban water corporations are working with industry to conserve water by completing Water Management Action Plans (waterMAPs). These plans aim to identify ways in which businesses can reduce their water use or use the water more efficiently. The plans are mandatory for all businesses that use 10 million litres or more of water per annum.

There are a number of programs in place that support industry. As part of the waterMAP program three industry groups—the Australian Industry Group, Plastics and Chemical Industries Australia and the Victorian Employers Chamber of Commerce and Industry have been funded to work with their industry sectors on demonstration or benchmarking programs. These programs have been developed as this cooperative approach has been shown to deliver substantial benefits in the long term.

The Stormwater and Urban Recycling Fund is part of the Victorian Government's *Our Water Our Future* initiative. This \$10 million fund is supporting the development of local stormwater and urban recycling projects by providing funding for demonstration projects, technical assistance and support through workshops.

Housing: waiting list

1780. Mr **NORTHE** to ask the Minister for Housing: how many applicants living outside the jurisdiction of the Morwell Office of Housing are on the September 2008 —

- (1) Early housing waiting list.
- (2) Wait turn waiting list.
- (3) Early housing transfer list.
- (4) Wait turn transfer list.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of the September 2008 waiting list are available at www.housing.vic.gov.au.

Public transport: rail patronage

1782. Mr **MULDER** to ask the Minister for Public Transport: how many passengers on 6 December 2007 and 4 December 2008 used Metcards valid for either zone one or zone one plus two to —

- (1) Enter ticket barriers at —
 - (a) Flinders Street station between —
 - (i) 5.00–5.59 am;
 - (ii) 6.00–6.59 am;
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ANSWER:

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

Within the question, the Member has made 180 separate requests for information. Researching and extracting the data required to respond to the question would require significant time and resources. As such, the resources required to extract the data cannot be justified at this time.

Sport, recreation and youth affairs: advance program

1784. Mr DELAHUNTY to ask the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs with reference to the Advance program established to encourage volunteering by young people —

- (1) In 2006–07 and 2007–08 —
 - (a) how many schools participated in the program;
 - (b) what was the total number of students involved in volunteer programs as a direct result of the program; and
 - (c) what was the cost of the program.
- (2) In 2008–09 what —
 - (a) is the Government’s budget allocation for the program; and
 - (b) targets have been established for the number of participating schools and students.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Regarding the Advance program—

- (1) From 2006-07 to 2007-08—
 - (a) the number of school campuses that participated in the program was 385 in 2006-07 and 403 in 2007-08;
 - (b) the number of students participating in the program was 11,526 in 2006-07 and 13,509 in 2007-08; and
 - (c) the cost of the program was \$4.25 million in 2006-07 and \$4.25 million in 2007-08.

- (2) In 2008-09—
- (a) the Government's budget allocation for the program in 2008-09 is \$4.5 million; and
 - (b) the established targets are for 400-410 school campuses and 10,000-10,250 young people to participate in the program.

School campuses are determined by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. If two sites on which a school operates are less than 1km apart they are considered one campus. If they are more than 1km apart they are considered two campuses. Some schools operate on multiple sites but are still defined as a single campus.

Sport, recreation and youth affairs: SYN FM

1786. Mr DELAHUNTY to ask the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs —

- (1) What funding was provided to SYN FM in —
 - (a) 2006-07; and
 - (b) 2007-08.
- (2) How much funding was budgeted to be provided in 2008-09.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

- (1) Regarding funding provided to SYN FM —
 - (a) in 2006-07, funding provided was \$19,450; and
 - (b) in 2007-08, funding provided was \$14,587. In addition, \$50,000 of funding was provided to involve young people in SYN radio production, promotion and presentation.

Sport, recreation and youth affairs: Victoria rocks program

1788. Mr DELAHUNTY to ask the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs with reference to the Victoria Rocks contemporary music support program —

- (1) What grants were provided to individual artists and organisations in —
 - (a) 2006-07; and
 - (b) 2007-08.
- (2) What was the aggregate budget allocation for the program in 2008-09.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Victoria Rocks provides a total package of \$7.1 million over 4 years from 2007-08 to 2010-11.

- (1a) There was no budget allocation for the Victoria Rocks program in 2006-07, therefore no grants were provided to individual artists and organisations.
- (1b) — In 2007-08, twenty-six \$10,000 matched grants were provided for local government under the Music Equipment Grants program to assist young people access music equipment in their local community.
- An additional \$600,000 was provided for the delivery of the FReeZACentral program in 2007-08.

- Eighty-eight individual artists, groups and organisations received recording, touring and strategic industry partnership grants totalling \$733,000 in 2007-08.

(2) The 2008-09 total budget for Victoria Rocks is \$1.8 million.

Sports, recreation and youth affairs: secondary school sports fields

1790. Mr DELAHUNTY to ask the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs with reference to the Government’s election commitment to provide \$5 million to provide 12 sporting fields at secondary schools — which secondary schools received funding under the program and how much did each school receive.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Funds for these projects are generally managed by local government authorities in partnership with local schools. Funding has been provided to benefit the following secondary schools:

- Ballarat High School-\$250,000
- MacGuire College, Shepparton-\$250,000
- Traralgon Secondary College-\$250,000
- Horsham Secondary College-\$250,000
- Grovedale College & Lara Secondary College-\$250,000 (in total across two sites)
- Upwey High School-\$250,000
- Sandringham Secondary College, Beaumaris Campus-\$150,000
- Eumemmerring Secondary College, Hallam Campus-\$350,000
- Ashwood College \$350,000
- Echuca College-\$300,000
- Colac Secondary College*-\$250,000
- Weroona College (P-10)*-\$200,000

The remainder of the funds were used to develop synthetic surfaces in 12 primary schools and other facilities at community locations.

*Denotes facility not on Department of Education and Early Childhood Development land. These projects are located within community precincts for school and community use.

Water: Target 155 campaign

1795. Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Water — how will mandatory targets be enforced.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Target 155 is a voluntary call to action to save water. The target is not mandatory, however customers will be encouraged, through education of ways to reduce their water consumption and through monitoring of water use over the campaign.

The incentive to reach Target 155 is to help avoid harsher restrictions and retain some flexibility in using water for the garden as set out under Stage 3a water restrictions.

Water: Target 155 campaign

1796. Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Water with reference to the Government's Water Target 155 campaign and the target of 155 litres a day —

- (1) What will happen if someone exceeds their target.
- (2) Can water users average the target across the year's consumption or will it apply equally to every quarter.
- (3) How will the household measurement at the commencement of the campaign on 1 December 2008 be taken.
- (4) How will the campaign work with people who live in apartments that do not have separate water meters.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Target 155 is a voluntary call to action to save water. The target will not be enforceable in the same way that water restrictions are. Customers will be encouraged, through education, to reduce their water consumption and, through monitoring, of water use over the campaign.
- (2) Water users can average their target across the year.
- (3) The measurement is for the whole of Melbourne. Melbourne's progress on achieving Target 155 will be estimated weekly and reported every Friday on the Department of Sustainability and Environment's and the metropolitan water corporations' websites.

Each household will receive their regular bill each quarter but they are also provided with advice on how to read their meter each day or week.

- (4) Individual 'water calculators' are available to these customers so that they can record and track their usage against the target.

The customer's water retailer website can be visited to complete the calculator.

Water: Melbourne households

1797. Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Water with reference to the Minister's announcement that there will be a weekly water meter update for Melbourne's households — how will the Minister calculate how much water is being used by households and how much is being used by business.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Regular updates, including weekly media releases, will be published to inform the community of the residential water use compared to the target. Further, every customer will receive information with their quarterly water bill enabling them to calculate their water use compared to the target in their own home.

Achievement of the target will be estimated each week by:

- (1) Reviewing weekly water use in Melbourne;
- (2) Subtracting water used for purposes other than household use;
- (3) Dividing by Melbourne's population; and

(4) Finally, dividing by seven days.

This will provide an estimate of whether Melbourne has hit the target for the week.

Water: Target 155 campaign

1798. Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Water with reference to the Minister's comment on the Neil Mitchell program on 3AW on 24 November 2008 that different suburbs have different water usage — why has the Minister chosen the target of 155 litres.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

155 litres per person per day is the approximate amount of water a person would use under stage 4 water restrictions.

The Target 155 campaign, together with the continuation of Stage 3a restrictions, is a balanced and sensible way to ensure Melbourne has enough water until major water projects, including the desalination plant, come online.

Target 155 combined with stage 3a restrictions will minimise the impact on industries which would otherwise be affected by moving to Stage 4 water restrictions. Jobs will be protected and, importantly, community activities such as sport can continue. Stage 3a also allows households to use minimal water to maintain their gardens.

Target 155 in conjunction with Stage 3a water restrictions will achieve similar savings to Stage 4 restrictions while offering the community greater flexibility as to how it achieves the target.

Police and emergency services: Nepean Road–Bay Road, Cheltenham — red-light cameras

1801. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services how many infringement notices were issued to motorists turning right against a red light at the intersection of Nepean Highway and Bay Road in Cheltenham in October and November 2008.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

In October 2008, 503 infringement notices were issued to motorists for red light offences for right hand turns at the intersection of Nepean Highway and Bay Road, Cheltenham.

In November 2008, 498 infringement notices were issued to motorists for red light offences for right hand turns at the intersection of Nepean Highway and Bay Road, Cheltenham.

These numbers are subject to some variation over time as infringements can be cancelled and/or reissued.

Community services: lifelong working group

1802. Mr NORTHE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the Community and Disability Services Ministers' Conference Communiqué on 7 November 2008 — what were the outcomes of the Lifelong Working Group meetings.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Community & Disability Services Minister's Canberra Communiqué on 7 November 2008 refers to the outcomes from the Lifelong Working Group meeting. The web address for the Communiqué is available at www.csmac.gov.au

Community services: population based benchmark funding

1803. Mr NORTHE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the population based benchmark funding criteria for disability services —

- (1) How will growth funding for unmet need be addressed if direct payments do not match the criteria.
- (2) Will the criteria apply to all people aged 15 to 64.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

(1) and (2)

– Population based benchmark funding criteria do not apply under the National Disability Agreement.

Community services: disability services — national agreement

1804. Mr NORTHE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the new national disability agreement as decided at the Council of Australia Governments meeting on 29 November 2008 —

- (1) Did the Minister consult with any carers or people with a disability prior to the meeting.
- (2) Which groups, service providers and bodies did the Minister or Department of Human Services consult with prior to the meeting.
- (3) As a result of agreement —
 - (a) how many people with unmet needs for supported accommodation will have needs met;
 - (b) how many families will have access to respite;
 - (c) what percentage of unmet needs will be funded; and
 - (d) how will aged carers of people with a disability benefit.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) In the lead up to the finalisation of the new National Disability Agreement by the Council of Australian Governments, I convened several meetings with stakeholders.
- (2) The groups consulted in the stakeholder meetings were: Carers Association Victoria Inc, Disability Advisory Council of Victoria, Office of Public Advocate, Action for Community Living, National Disability Services Victoria, Disability Advocacy Resource Unit, VALID, Reinforce Inc, Information Service/Victorian Women with Disabilities Network, Bear in Mind West, Youth Disability Advocacy Service, Young People in Nursing Homes National Alliance, E W Tipping, SCOPE, Yooralla, Association for Children with a Disability, Australian Association for Families of Children with a Disability, Victorian Women's Disability Network and relevant unions.
- (3) As a result of additional State and Commonwealth funding announced in 2008/09, over the four year period 2008-09 to 2012-13:
 - (a) It is projected that more than 70 people with unmet needs for supported accommodation will have needs met.

- (b) It is projected that more than 1,650 additional respite episodes will be provided.
- (c) The number of people with unmet need is expected to decrease.
- (d) Aged carers of people with a disability will benefit as a result of additional accommodation support targeted to people with disability living with older carers, additional respite episodes and an additional 7,178 individual support packages, associated planning and aids and equipment.

Community services: family carers

1805. Mr NORTHE to ask the Minister for Community Services —

- (1) How does the Minister support family carers having a voice in policy and planning.
- (2) Will the Minister take action on the call by carers to fund a disability family advocacy network.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) In 2006, the Department of Human Services released the policy framework, *Recognising and supporting care relationships*, the framework articulates the importance of the need for carers to participate in service planning and service delivery. Since the release of this framework, there has been carer participation in policy and program reviews.

Key policy and service development work in Disability Services is overseen by governance structures which include mechanisms designed to include the views of family and/or carers of people with a disability.

- (2) The Victorian government currently provides funding to Carers Victoria to provide a range of supports, including advocacy and networking, for carers.

Additionally, through its Disability Advocacy Program, the Victorian government provides funding to a number of organisations, including the Association for Children with a Disability, the Victorian Advocacy League for Individuals with a Disability (VALID) and STAR Victoria who also provide advocacy support with and for families and carers.

Police and emergency services: Nepean Road–Bay Road, Cheltenham — red-light cameras

1808. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to the video camera installed to monitor right turning traffic at the intersection of Nepean Highway and Bay Road in Cheltenham —

- (1) Who is contracted to operate the camera.
- (2) Is a proportion of the revenue collected from fines paid to the provider; if so, what is the basis of payment per fine.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) Redflex Traffic Systems Pty Ltd is contracted to operate the video camera installed to monitor right turning traffic at the intersection of Nepean Highway and Bay Road in Cheltenham
- (2) The purpose of the video camera installed at this intersection is part of an ongoing program to assess the application of new video technology that applies to road safety and road user behaviour. No infringements are currently issued as a result of the monitoring of this intersection by the video camera. Accordingly, no proportion of fines are paid to Redflex.

Police and emergency services: Nepean Road–Bay Road, Cheltenham — red-light cameras

1810. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to the red light cameras which monitor right turning traffic at the intersection of Nepean Highway and Bay Road in Cheltenham — has there been any policy change in relation to the elapsed time on red after which fines will be issued to motorists; if so, what is the nature of the new policy for issuing fines at the intersection.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

In relation to the road safety camera monitoring right turning traffic at the intersection of Nepean Highway and Bay Road in Cheltenham, Victoria Police has not made any policy changes to the elapsed time on red after which fines will be issued to motorists.

Public transport: V/Line senior fare

1812. Mr NORTHE to ask the Minister for Public Transport was the senior fare a fixed percentage of the full fare on V/Line services in 2007–08.

ANSWER:

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

There is no “senior” ticket type sold by V/Line. Victorian Seniors Card holders are entitled to purchase concession tickets.

Small business: Victorian small business commissioner

1813. Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Small Business with reference to the KPMG evaluation of the Victorian Small Business Commissioner —

- (1) Will the Government increase the budget for the Commissioner; if so, by how much.
- (2) Will the Government increase the price of the Commissioner’s mediation program for small businesses; if so, by how much.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Victorian Government created the Office of the Victorian Small Business Commissioner (VSBC) in 2003 with a budget of \$8 million over four years, especially to focus on resolution of business to business disputes, principally involving retail tenancy issues.

The VSBC has been very successful. The dispute resolution process is timely, low-cost and informal. More than 4000 matters involving over \$180 million in dispute have been referred to the VSBC. Over 75% of matters have been resolved prior to or at mediation, saving Victorian small businesses millions of dollars and thousands of hours previously wasted in disputes.

Following an evaluation of the VSBC by KPMG in 2006, funding for the VSBC was increased to \$9.3 million over four years in the 2007/08 State Budget.

KPMG’s evaluation recommended that the fee for mediation be increased on January 1 2008 from \$95 to \$197 per day for each party. KPMG noted that this level of fees would still be less than comparable services around

Australia and would be consistent with the Government's policy commitment to deliver a speedy, low cost dispute resolution service for small businesses in Victoria.

The VSBC settled the fee at \$195 per day for each party and increased payments to the contracted professional mediators. Consistent with Government commitments, mediations under the more recent Owner-drivers and Forestry Contractors Act 2005 have remained at \$95 per day for each party.

Treasurer: Emergency Services Superannuation Scheme

1840. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover, and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer — why did the ESSS fund plan assets fall from \$18.5 billion in the 2007–08 Budget to \$18.36 billion at the 2007–08 Budget Update.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This reduction is largely due to an increase in the level of benefits that were expected to be paid from the ESSS during 2007-08. This is evidenced in Note 6 (c) of the 2007-08 Budget Update (page 82) which provides a reconciliation of total superannuation assets.

Treasurer: ministerial staff

1844. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer how many ministerial staff, in full-time equivalent terms, did the Treasurer have in relation to all of his ministerial capacities as at 31 December 2007.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This answer does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities as the engagement of ministerial staff falls within the budget of the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Community services: disability services — funding

1864. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to funding for disability organisations in 2007–08 —

- (1) Which organisations were funded to provide information services.
- (2) What was the amount of funding received by each organisation to provide information services.
- (3) Which organisations were funded as peak organisations.
- (4) What was the amount of funding received by each organisation that was funded as a peak organisation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

(1) The following agencies were funded to provide information services in 2007-08:

- Action On Disability Within Ethnic Communities Inc
- ARBIAS Limited
- Arts Access Society Inc

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- Association for Children With A Disability Inc
- Australian Huntington’s Disease Association (Vic) Inc
- Autism Victoria Inc
- Better Hearing Australia (Victoria) Inc
- Blind Citizens Australia
- BrainLink Services Limited
- Carers Association Victoria Inc
- CAUS Inc. (Communication Rights Australia)
- Cerebral Palsy Support Network Inc
- Cystic Fibrosis Victoria Inc
- Deaf Children Australia
- Down Syndrome Association of Victoria Inc
- Epilepsy Foundation of Victoria Inc
- Laryngectomee Association of Victoria Inc
- Motor Neurone Disease Association of Victoria Inc
- Multiple Sclerosis Limited
- Muscular Dystrophy Association Inc
- ParaQuad Victoria
- Parkinson’s Victoria Inc
- Scope (Vic) Ltd
- VALID-The Victorian Advocacy League For Individuals With Disability Inc
- Victorian Council of Deaf People Inc
Victorian Deaf Society
- Vision Australia
- Wimmera Hearing Society Inc
- Yooralla

(2) The amount of funding received by each organisation to provide information services in 2007-08 was:

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Action On Disability Within Ethnic Communities Inc	115.7
ARBIAS Limited	58.6
Arts Access Society Inc	192.5
Association for Children With A Disability Inc	181.8
Australian Huntington’s Disease Association (Vic) Inc	92.5
Autism Victoria Inc	134.9
Better Hearing Australia (Victoria) Inc	92.5
Blind Citizens Australia	46.3
BrainLink Services Limited	186.6
Carers Association Victoria Inc	15.9
CAUS Inc. (Communication Rights Australia)	92.5
Cerebral Palsy Support Network Inc	47.9
Cystic Fibrosis Victoria Inc	93.0
Deaf Children Australia	268.5

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Down Syndrome Association of Victoria Inc	106.9
Epilepsy Foundation of Victoria Inc	363.9
Laryngectomee Association of Victoria Inc	4.2
Motor Neurone Disease Association of Victoria Inc	92.5
Multiple Sclerosis Limited	113.1
Muscular Dystrophy Association Inc	92.5
ParaQuad Victoria	181.2
Parkinson's Victoria Inc	181.7
Scope (Vic) Ltd	46.3
VALID-The Victorian Advocacy League For Individuals With Disability Inc	19.1
Victorian Council of Deaf People Inc	51.3
Victorian Deaf Society	380.4
Vision Australia	1,086.9
Wimmera Hearing Society Inc	2.2
Yooralla	77.7

(3) Organisations that were funded as peak organisations in 2007-08 are:

- BrainLink Services Limited
- National Disability Services Limited

4) The amount of funding received by each organisation that was funded as a peak organisation in 2007-08 is:

- BrainLink Services Limited \$71,750
- National Disability Services Limited \$728,374 (this includes base funding and specific project funding)

Community services: disability services — national agreement

1865. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the new National Disability Agreement to improve and expand services for people with disabilities, their families and carers —

- (1) How much funding does the Government expect to receive from the Commonwealth Government in —
 - (a) 2008–09;
 - (b) 2009–10;
 - (c) 2010–11;
 - (d) 2011–12; and
 - (e) 2012–13.

- (2) How much funding will the Government allocate in —
 - (a) 2008–09;
 - (b) 2009–10;
 - (c) 2010–11;
 - (d) 2011–12; and

- (e) 2012–13.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) With reference to the new National Disability Agreement, funding from the Commonwealth Government to improve and expand services is a matter for the Commonwealth Government to answer.
- (2) With reference to how much funding will be allocated for people with disabilities, their families and carers:
 - (a) The budget for Disability Services in 2008-09 is \$1,175.5 million.
 - (b) Expected expenditure in 2009-10 will be determined as part of the 2009-10 budget process.
 - (c) Expected expenditure in 2010-11 will be determined as part of the 2010-11 budget process.
 - (d) Expected expenditure in 2011-12 will be determined as part of the 2011-12 budget process.
 - (e) Expected expenditure in 2012-13 will be determined as part of the 2012-13 budget process.

Community services: commonwealth state/territory disability agreement

1866. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement —

- (1) How much funding did the Government receive from the Commonwealth Government in 2007–08.
- (2) How much funding did the Government provide in 2007–08.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The total revenue received from the Commonwealth Government through the Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement in 2007-08 was \$167.5 million.
- (2) Expenditure on Disability Services for 2007-08 was \$1,162.3 million.

Community services: disability services — national partnership

1867. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to services for people with disability, their families and carers — how much funding will the Government receive from the Commonwealth Government in the form of National Partnership funding in —

- (1) 2008–09.
- (2) 2009–10.
- (3) 2010–11.
- (4) 2011–12.
- (5) 2012–13.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- At its meeting on 29 November 2008, the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agreed that all Commonwealth funding for Disability Services would be provided through the Disability Specific Purpose Payment, which took effect from 1 January 2009, rather than through a combination of Specific Purpose and National Partnership payments.

– National Partnership funding for the period is therefore:

- (1) 2008–09 - Nil
- (2) 2009–10 - Nil
- (3) 2010–11 - Nil
- (4) 2011–12 - Nil
- (5) 2012–13 - Nil

Community services: disability service providers

1868. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to s 105 of the Disability Act 2006 which requires service providers to provide annual reports on complaints received —

- (1) How many disability service providers provided the report in 2007–08.
- (2) How many disability service providers did not provide the report in 2007–08

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The Disability Services Commissioner Annual Report 2008 provides data for 2007-2008.
- (2) The Disability Services Commissioner collects the disability service provider reports.

Community services: early intervention services funding

1869. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to \$1.8 million worth of funding for improved early intervention services announced 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: Victorian parenting strategy

1870. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to \$2.05 million worth of funding for the Victorian Parenting Strategy announced in the 2000–01 budget —

- (1) How much of the funding was expended 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:

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

Mental health: psychogeriatric services

1871. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health with reference to psychogeriatric services —

- (1) How much funding did psychogeriatric services receive in —
 - (a) 2003–04;
 - (b) 2004–05;
 - (c) 2005–06; and
 - (d) 2006–07.
- (2) Which programs and services have been allocated funds in 2007–08.
- (3) What is the Government’s policy to address the growing demand for psychogeriatric services.
- (4) Have psychogeriatric services been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The Victorian government provided the following levels of funding for psychogeriatric services:

(a) 2003–04;	\$16,121,890
(b) 2004–05;	\$16,344,918
(c) 2005–06;	\$16,035,597
(d) 2006–07.	\$17,475,440
- (2) In 2007-08 \$18,889,339 was allocated to the following Health Services to deliver psychogeriatric residential services: Ballarat Health Services, Barwon Health, Bayside Health Service, Beechworth Health Service, Bendigo Health Care Group, Colac Area Health, Eastern Health, Goulburn Valley Health, Latrobe Regional Hospital, Lyndoch Warrnambool Inc, Melbourne Health, Peninsula Health Care Network, Sisters Of Charity Health Service Limited, South West Health Care, Southern Health, St Vincent’s Health, St Vincent’s Hospital Melbourne Limited, Stawell Regional Health, West Wimmera Health Service, Western District Health Service.
- (3) The Government will shortly release *Because mental health matters: the Victorian Mental Health Reform Strategy 2009-2019*. This document will provide a new strategic direction to improve mental health care and outcomes for all Victorians including older Victorians.
- (4) The Aged Care Ministers Ministerial Conference on Ageing endorsed the establishment of an expert reference group to provide advice to the Ministerial Conference on Ageing on innovations in treatment and service delivery for people with psychogeriatric disorders. Victoria will be represented on this expert reference group.

Treasurer: ministerial staff

1872. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer — how many ministerial staff, in full-time equivalent terms, did the Treasurer have in relation to all of his ministerial capacities as at 31 December 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This answer does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities as the engagement of ministerial staff falls within the budget of the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Energy and resources: Wembly Avenue, Cheltenham — power supply

1874. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources with reference to the failure of power supply affecting houses in Wembly Avenue, Cheltenham, which lost power for over 48 hours during the heatwave in January 2009 —

- (1) What led to the failure.
- (2) Did decision making on the part of the Government, the power retailer or power distributor lead to the failure.
- (3) What plans does the Government, the power distributor or power retailer have to avert the risk of a further failure during the next heatwave.

ANSWER:

I am informed that as at the date the question was raised:

- (1) The outage affecting customers in Wembley Avenue was caused by the failure of a 200 Amp fuse in a transformer due to record electricity demand and high temperatures. Information provided by Jemena, who provides electricity distribution services for this area, indicates that the fuse failure resulted in a 16 hour outage. It is possible that other faults on the network at the time may have affected the same customers being without power for a longer period.
- (2) The outage was caused by the failure of a fuse.
- (3) Victoria's privatised electricity distribution businesses own and operate the local electricity supply networks under a regulatory framework that provides financial incentives for them to improve supply reliability and financial penalties if supply reliability deteriorates.

In addition, under the Guaranteed Service Level payment provisions, customers are entitled to a credit on their electricity bills if they experience more than a specified number of interruptions to supply in a calendar year, or if they experience more than the specified number of hours.

Jemena has advised that it has the following plans in place to reduce the number and extent of outages caused by equipment failure. Specifically, the company:

- has an Asset Management Plan which includes mid-term upgrading of the network to sustain annual load growth, and network load planning to upgrade networks for known loads;
- has Annual Contingency Plans for its network, in case of the failure of key network elements;
- is also upgrading distribution substations when overload conditions occur and has a response team which identifies increased loads;
- has Emergency Management Plans including for extreme weather events such as the January heatwave which resulted in localised overloads due to increasing installation of air-conditioners. The Plans also provide for increased resourcing levels and a debrief to implement improvement opportunities; and
- Jemena will shortly be commencing the roll out of smart meters to all its customers, as mandated by Government. Once installed these smart meters will provide for more detailed network information to the electricity distributors. This information will assist the electricity distributors to plan for increases in local growth as residential customers continue to install equipment that consumes a lot of electricity such as air conditioners, pool pumps and plasma TV's.

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

1875. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports with reference to amber light settings for right hand turns from Bay Road and Karen Street into Nepean Highway and from Nepean

Highway into Bay Road — what are the reasons for the disparity between evidence given by John Andrew Farrah at the Moorabbin Justice Centre on 7 August 2008 and the Ministers letter regarding amber time settings.

ANSWER:

I am informed that, as at the date the question was raised:

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

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

Housing: Lilydale — tree removal

1878. Mrs FYFFE to ask the Minister for Housing with reference to the 18 month delay in the removal of 29 trees from Gary Court, Lilydale —

- (1) What is the reason for the delay.
- (2) Has the Office of Housing fulfilled the commitment made in November 2008 to send a letter of apology explaining the delay to the residents of Gary Court, Lilydale; if not, why not.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

(1)

- 1 It is acknowledged that in this instance the works were not completed in a timely manner. The original request was made to remove over 50 trees from many different house sites in Gary Court. The local Housing Office initially investigated the task but found the complexity to be beyond their resources and after consideration referred it to Head Office for specialist advice and assistance.
- 2 Housing & Community Building now has a contract in place to remove the trees and all tenants have been informed. The work was completed on 6 March 2009.

(2) A letter was delivered to all tenants on Friday 6 February 2009 by staff from the Ringwood housing office apologising for the delay and if issues arise during this period tenants could feel free to contact the Department's Arborist for clarification.

Environment and climate change: Crown land — Ringwood

1879. Mr SMITH (*Warrandyte*) to ask the Minister for Community Development for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change is the land at 272 Maroondah Highway in Ringwood designated as Crown land.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

A check of the Department's records indicates that the land in question is not Crown land.

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

1884. **Mr THOMPSON** (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports — with reference to red light cameras monitoring right-hand turning traffic at the intersection of the Nepean Highway and Bay Road and the Nepean Highway and Karen Street in Cheltenham — on 16 January 2009 — what repairs and/or modifications were made to the red light camera, sensor or operating equipment.

ANSWER:

I am informed that, as at the date the question was raised:

This question does not fall within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Roads and Ports.

Agriculture: Department of Primary Industries — annual budgets

1890. **Mr WALSH** to ask the Minister for Agriculture what is the annual budget provided to the Department of Primary Industries by each of the State Government, Federal Government, and other organisations for the centres at —

- (1) Attwood.
- (2) Bendigo (Epsom).
- (3) Bundoora.
- (4) Ellinbank.
- (5) Frankston.
- (6) Hamilton.
- (7) Horsham.
- (8) Knoxfield.
- (9) Kyabram.
- (10) Mildura/Irymple.
- (11) Parkville.
- (12) Queenscliff.
- (13) Rutherglen.
- (14) Snobs Creek.
- (15) Tatura.
- (16) Toolangi.
- (17) Walpeup.
- (18) Warrnambool.
- (19) Werribee Centre East.
- (20) Werribee Centre West.

ANSWER:

I am informed that/as follows:

The Department of Primary Industries does not receive budget by site/ location. As a result the department does not budget by site but rather by output, project or initiative and fund source.

Agriculture: biosciences research centre

1893. **Mr WALSH** to ask the Minister for Agriculture with reference to the \$180 million worth of funding for a new biosciences research centre announced in the 2007–08 budget —

- (1) What is the current cost estimate.
- (2) What is the anticipated completion date.

ANSWER:

I am informed that/as follows:

The new Biosciences Research Centre is progressing through the procurement stage and the current cost estimate for construction of the Centre, for the State, is within the \$180 million funding announced in the 2007-08 budget.

In accordance with the current project schedule, it is expected that the construction of the new Biosciences Research Centre will be completed in the fourth quarter of 2011.

Environment and climate change: Northern Pacific seastar

1894. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Community Development for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change with reference to the proliferation of the Northern Pacific seastar (*asterias amurensis*) —

- (1) What is the most recent estimated population in Port Phillip Bay.
- (2) When was the last population assessment for Port Phillip Bay made.
- (3) Has any research funding been directed towards the assessment and eradication of the seastar; if so, what are the details.
- (4) Have any Northern Pacific seastars been located in Western Port bay in recent years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Based on scientific surveys conducted by the Department of Primary Industries in 2003, the most recent population estimate for Northern Pacific Seastars in Port Phillip Bay showed that it is numbered in the millions, having declined from an estimated population of 100 million in 2001.

There is no evidence of a population of Northern Pacific Seastar in Western Port.

The CSIRO have previously assessed that there is no existing technology or practical way to cost effectively eliminate large established populations of Northern Pacific Seastars from Australian waters. Consequently there is currently no Victorian research funding allocated to study Northern Pacific Seastars.

Women's affairs: Victorian women's register

1916. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Women's Affairs with reference to the Victorian Women's Register —

- (1) How many women are on the Register.
- (2) How many women have been appointed to boards as a result of the Register.
- (3) Has the funding of the Register been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As at March 2009 there are 1,820 registered members of the Victorian Women's Register.

The Register was designed to provide a listing of board ready women for Government boards and committees. The Register does not maintain a record of appointments to Government Boards and Committees.

The Register is funded from within the Office of Women's Policy budget. There has been no review of the funding arrangements for the Register since it was established.

The Brumby Government has increased the representation of women on government appointed boards and committees—it is now at 40.4% compared to 31% in 1999-2000, and chair positions are now at 32.2% from a low of 12% in 1999-2000.

Community services: disability services — adult day services

1917. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to adult day services for people with a disability —

- (1) How does the Department of Human Services monitor the quality of service.
- (2) How does the Department of Human Services monitor the duration of services.
- (3) Who oversees the planning and development of activities undertaken in the services.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Disability service providers are required to self-assess against the Standards for Disability Services in Victoria and annually report on self-assessment and quality management improvement activities.

Implementation of independent monitoring will occur over the three years from 2009 with all disability service providers independently certified compliant with the Standards by 2012.

- (2) People attending Adult Day Services are able to continue to receive support for as long as they feel the organisation is able to meet their needs. There is no specific limit to the duration of service.
- (3) Adult Day Services are required to develop support plans with individuals and their family or carer and provide support and activities according to these plans.

Community services: aids and equipment program

1928. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the Aids and Equipment program —

- (1) How many people were assisted through the program in —
 - (a) 2003–04;
 - (b) 2006–07; and
 - (c) 2007–08.
- (2) How much was the average subsidy per person given by the program in —
 - (a) 2003–04;
 - (b) 2006–07; and
 - (c) 2007–08.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) With reference to the Aids and Equipment program the number of people assisted through the Aids and Equipment program for the financial year in:
 - (a) 2003-04—24,244 people

- (b) 2006-07—30,343 people
 - (c) 2007-08—28,139 people
- (2) This initiative contributed to the output and financial performance reported in the Department of Human Services Annual Report for the respective years. Retrospective disaggregation of this reported performance would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.

Mental health: vulnerable youth framework

1974. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health with reference to page 65 of the consultation paper Because mental health matters — when will the Vulnerable Youth Framework be released.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

A Vulnerable Youth Framework (VYF) Discussion Paper was developed in 2008. Public consultation about the VYF Discussion Paper occurred in September 2008. Work is under way to incorporate appropriate feedback from the consultation period into a finalised Vulnerable Youth Framework. This is anticipated to be released 2009.

Senior Victorians: public sector nursing homes

1975. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Senior Victorians with reference to proposals submitted to the Department of Human Services by public sector nursing homes for additional residential places under the Commonwealth Government’s 2008 aged care and approvals round —

- (1) How many proposals were received.
- (2) Which nursing homes submitted proposals.
- (3) How many additional beds did each nursing home that submitted a proposal apply for.
- (4) Did the Government endorse the proposals for more nursing home beds; if so, which nursing home beds were supported.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) There were no proposals received.
- (2) None.
- (3) None.
- (4) No proposals required endorsement.

Energy and resources: solar energy

1979. Mr CRISP to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources with reference to the \$100 million provision for solar energy generation —

- (1) What is the process for interested parties to participate in accessing the provision.
- (2) When and how will the Government make a decision on the allocation of the provision.

ANSWER:

I am informed that as at the date the question was raised:

- (1) Interested parties should register their interest in the large scale solar power station project using the email address on the website-www.dpi.vic.gov.au/largescalesolar.
- (2) A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued on 9 April 2009 and will remain open until 25 September 2009. Criteria against which proposals will be assessed are detailed in the RFP. An Independent Assessment Panel will provide advice to Government on the technical and commercial merits of the proposals. It is expected that a decision on the successful proposal will be made by late 2009.

Environment and climate change: Cobboboonee National Park and Forest Park

1981. **Dr NAPHTHINE** to ask the Minister for Community Development for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change —

- (1) How much money was allocated to facilitate and implement the creation of the —
 - (a) Cobboboonee National Park;
 - (b) Cobboboonee State Forest.
- (2) What specific projects has the funding for both the Cobboboonee National Park and State Forest been spent on.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) \$3.044 million over four years and \$0.607 million annually thereafter was allocated to facilitate and implement the creation of the Cobboboonee National Park and Cobboboonee Forest Park (Cobboboonee State Forest is taken to mean Cobboboonee Forest Park).
- (2) To date, the funding has been spent on the establishment and management of the park. This has included the parks' opening, park establishment planning (including employment of a project officer), weed control, road management, signage and preparation of an information sheet.

Roads and ports: Portland Ring Road

1983. **Dr NAPHTHINE** to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports —

Will a pedestrian overpass be constructed on the Portland Ring Road (Henty Highway) to replace the current pedestrian crossing.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Proposals for improvement projects are considered on a state-wide and region-wide basis with regard to the objectives of the Government's planning, transport and road safety strategies.

Community services: GriefLine — funding

2011. **Ms WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to \$100,000 worth of funding for GriefLine announced by the Premier on 24 March 2009 —

- (1) When will GriefLine receive the funding.
- (2) What was the consultation and agreement process that was carried out by the Department of Human Services leading up to the announcement.
- (3) What guarantees has the Government provided to ensure that GriefLine receives Government funding in future years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question should be directed to the responsible minister.

Community services: GriefLine — merger

2012. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services will GriefLine be compelled to merge with Lifeline as a condition of receiving the \$100,000 worth of funding announced by the Premier on 24 March 2009.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question should be directed to the responsible minister.

Community services: GriefLine — merger

2013. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the Department of Human Services' proposal to merge GriefLine with Lifeline —

- (1) Does the Minister support the Department's proposal.
- (2) When was Lifeline consulted about the proposed merger.
- (3) When was GriefLine consulted about the proposed merger.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question should be directed to the responsible minister.

Community services: compensation payments

2014. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services how much compensation was awarded to former wards of the State following legal claims in —

- (1) 2006–07.
- (2) 2007–08.
- (3) 2008–09.

ANSWER:

Amounts settled are private arrangements with each claimant.

Community services: care leavers

2015. **Ms WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to \$7.1 million worth of funding announced in the 2008–09 Budget to establish a service for care leavers —

- (1) When will the new service be established.
- (2) How many care leavers did the Government consult with prior to establishing the service.
- (3) How many care leavers has the Government consulted with following the announcement of the service.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Consultation is ongoing and further details about the service will be announced soon.

Community services: Casterton airstrip

2017. **Mr DELAHUNTY** to ask the Minister for Health — with reference to Air Ambulance Victoria using the Casterton airstrip —

- (1) How many times did Air Ambulance Victoria aircraft use the airstrip in —
 - (a) 2007; and
 - (b) 2008.
- (2) How many times were Air Ambulance Victoria aircrafts diverted from Casterton airstrip in —
 - (a) 2007; and
 - (b) 2008.
- (3) Were there any incidents of damage to Air Ambulance Victoria aircraft as a result of using Casterton Airstrip in 2007 and 2008; and if so, on what dates did the damage occur and what damage was sustained.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Air Ambulance Aircraft used the Casterton airstrip on 24 occasions in 2007 and on 20 occasions in 2008.
- (2) No air ambulance aircraft were diverted from Casterton airstrip during 2007 or 2008.
- (3) There have been no reported incidents of damage to Air Ambulance aircraft as a result of using the Casterton airstrip in 2007 or 2008.