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**Tuesday, 2 June 2009**

**Treasurer: Department of Treasury and Finance — entertainment expenses**

**27.** Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer with reference to the Department of Treasury and Finance's entertainment expenses in each of 2004–05 and 2005–06 —

- (1) What was the total cost incurred.
- (2) What are the itemised details of all expenditure in excess of \$500, including —
  - (a) date incurred;
  - (b) cost;
  - (c) number of guests;
  - (d) purpose;
  - (e) name of service provider.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) In 2004-05 the total entertainment expenses for the department was \$275,610; in 2005-06 it was \$264,622.
- (2) This information is not readily available, and providing the level of detail sought would require a significant amount of resources which cannot be justified at this time.

**Environment and climate change: Horseshoe Creek apartments**

**230.** Mr THOMPSON (Sandringham) to ask the Minister for Community Development for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change with reference to the Horseshoe Creek apartments —

- (1) Who manages the apartments.
- (2) What was the revenue raised from the apartments during —
  - (a) 2005–06;
  - (b) 2006–07 to date.
- (3) How many Government members of Parliament have stayed free of charge at the apartments.
- (4) What are the names of the Government members of Parliament who have stayed free of charge at the apartments since 1 January 2000.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The Horseshoe Creek Apartments are managed by the Falls Creek Alpine Resort Management Board.

- (2) No revenue was raised from the apartments during 2005-06 or 2006-07 as the Horseshoe Creek Apartments are used by the Board to provide accommodation to key Board staff and guests on official business to the Resort.
- (3) Records of the Falls Creek Management Board indicate that eleven Government members have stayed in the apartments since 2000.
- (4) The names of the Victorian Members of Parliament who have stayed in the apartments since 1 January 2000 are:

Andre Haermeyer  
 Bronwyn Pike  
 John Brumby  
 John Pandazopoulos  
 John Thwaites  
 Justin Madden  
 Kaye Darveniza  
 Mary Delahunty  
 Lynne Kosky  
 Sheryl Garbutt  
 Tim Holding

The **Alpine Resorts (Management) Act 1997** requires Victoria's alpine resorts to be promoted. In discharging this duty it is reasonable that Members of Parliament visit the resorts to officiate at functions and liaise with stakeholders from time to time. It is commonplace for land managers to provide access to accommodation for visiting Members of Parliament.

**Skills and workforce participation: office expenses**

**331(b).** Mr DIXON to ask the Minister for Skills and Workforce Participation —

- (1) What furniture items, including moveable furniture, fixed furniture and electrical goods were purchased for the Minister's private office between December 2006 and June 2007.
- (2) What was the total cost of all furniture items purchased for the Minister's private office between December 2006 and June 2007.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

All furniture and electrical goods within my office during this period were the property of the Department of Education and remain the property of the department.

**Treasurer: Department of Treasury and Finance — entertainment expenses**

**468.** Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer with reference to the entertainment expenses of the Department of Treasury and Finance in 2006-07 —

- (1) What was the total cost incurred.
- (2) What are the itemised details of all expenditure in excess of \$500, including —
  - (a) date incurred;

- (b) cost;
- (c) number of guests;
- (d) purpose;
- (e) name of service provider.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

In 2006-07 the total entertainment expenses for the department was \$288,256.

This information is not readily available, and providing the level of detail sought would require a significant amount of resources which cannot be justified at this time.

**Skills and workforce participation: fair payments policy**

**960.** Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Skills and Workforce Participation with reference to penalty interest paid by the Department of Planning and Community Development, the former Department of Education and Training and/or the former Department for Victorian Communities since the 2002 election as result of the Government's Fair Payments Policy which requires a Government department or agency to pay invoices for work done by small businesses within 30 days or pay penalty interest —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

No interest payments have been made as per the fair payments policy

**Mental health: April 2008 travel costs**

**1106.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health with reference to the Minister's trip in April 2008 to the United Kingdom —

- (1) What was the total cost of all airfares, inclusive of staff.
- (2) What was the total cost of hospitality, inclusive of staff.
- (3) How many staff travelled with the Minister.
- (4) What was the total cost of the trip.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

All overseas travel information is published quarterly on the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development website.

**Mental health: April 2008 travel outcomes**

**1107.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health with reference to the Minister's trip in April 2008 to the United Kingdom —

- (1) What meetings did the Minister attend.
- (2) What were the outcomes of the trip.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

All overseas travel information is published quarterly on the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development website.

**Public transport: faulty ticket vending machines**

**1124.** Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Public Transport —

- (1) With reference to the ticket vending machine in tram 3508, was the machine issuing tickets but refunding all coins inserted by passengers at 10.30 am on 4 May 2008 while on an inbound Route 16 service; if so —
  - (a) what time did the machine become faulty;
  - (b) what time was the fault reported and to whom;
  - (c) what time and date did an ERG Group (OneLink) technician fix the machine;
  - (d) how many tickets did it issue while refunding coins;
  - (e) what was the total value of the tickets issued for no cash revenue.
- (2) With reference to faulty ticket vending machines refunding coins after issuing a ticket between 1 January 2008 and 6 May 2008 —
  - (a) how many faults occurred with —
    - (i) tram ticket vending machines;
    - (ii) railway station small ticket vending machines;
    - (iii) railway station large ticket vending machines;
  - (b) what has been the total number of tickets issued when the fault has occurred with —
    - (i) tram ticket vending machines;
    - (ii) railway station small ticket vending machines;
    - (iii) railway station large ticket vending machines;
  - (c) what has been the total value of tickets issued when the fault has occurred with —
    - (i) tram ticket vending machines;
    - (ii) railway station small ticket vending machines;
    - (iii) railway station large ticket vending machines.
- (3) What causes a ticket vending machine to refund all coins after issuing a ticket.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1) Yes.
  - (a) The exact time is not known as this type of fault is not automatically detected by the machine.

- (b) At 11.09 a.m. on 5 May 2008, to OneLink Maintenance Control Centre.
  - (c) At 1.10 p.m. on 5 May 2008.
  - (d) 81 tickets sold between 10.29 on 4 May and when the technician attended the tram at 1.10 p.m. on 5 May 2008.
  - (e) The total face value of tickets sold between 10.29 a.m. on 4 May and 1.10 p.m. on 5 May 2008 was \$312.60. However, there is no loss of revenue to the State of Victoria, as OneLink is required to remit to the State the total face value of the tickets issued.
- (2) With reference to faulty ticket vending machines refunding coins after issuing a ticket, OneLink Transit has advised the following, based on the time the fault was reported to OneLink until it was repaired:
- (a) The number of failures of this kind between 1 January 2008 and 6 May 2008:
    - i) Two instances (excluding the instance identified above).
    - ii) Nil.
    - iii) One instance.
  - (b) Total number of tickets issued when the faults listed above occurred:
    - i) One.
    - ii) None.
    - iii) 23.
  - (c) Total value of tickets issued (excluding tram 3508):
    - i) \$3.50.
    - ii) \$0.00.
    - iii) \$217.30.
- (3) OneLink investigate the cause of each problem and take the appropriate action.

**Skills and workforce participation: Croydon TAFE**

**1463.** Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Skills and Workforce Participation —

- (1) When was the last time the Minister visited Croydon TAFE.
- (2) When is the Minister's next scheduled visit to Croydon TAFE.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

I have not yet visited the Croydon Campus of Swinburne University of Technology TAFE, however I have committed to visiting all Victorian TAFEs to brief staff and students on the Victorian Government's skills reform policy *Securing Jobs for Your Future—Skills for Victoria*. Staff and students from all Victorian TAFE campuses will be invited to attend these briefings. I am scheduled to visit Swinburne Hawthorn campus in June of this year.

**Police and emergency services: EastLink — speed cameras**

**1557.** Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — with reference to traffic infringement notices issued in September 2008 for alleged breaches of speed limits detected by fixed digital speed cameras on EastLink —

- (1) How many infringement notices were issued.
- (2) What was the total amount in fines levied as a result of the infringement notices.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) The number of infringement notices issued in September 2008 for breaches of speed limits detected by road safety cameras on EastLink is 452
- (2) The total amount in fines issued relating to these infringement notices is \$77,367.

**Health: paramedic recruitments — regional areas**

**1648.** Mrs SHARDEY to ask the Minister for Health — with reference to the 100 additional paramedics to be recruited immediately for regional areas announced on 24 January 2008 —

- (1) How many of the 23 paramedics promised for the Hume region have been recruited and appointed.
- (2) How many of the 21 paramedics promised for the Barwon South West region have been recruited and appointed.
- (3) How many of the 11 paramedics promised for the Grampians region have been recruited and appointed.
- (4) How many of the 23 paramedics promised for the Gippsland region have been recruited and appointed.
- (5) How many of the 18 paramedics promised for the Loddon Mallee region have been recruited and appointed.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The former RAV initiated the recruitment of an additional 100 paramedics.

The recruitment strategy commenced in April 2008 and incorporates a phased national and international campaign to be conducted over two years.

To date, Ambulance Victoria has advised that 42 of the required 100 paramedics have been appointed.

As the paramedics are recruited, they are placed in areas of greatest need to provide further support to the existing workforce by ensuring cover for both planned and unplanned absences.

In addition, the Brumby government's recent State Budget, delivered a \$185.7m boost to ambulance services which represents the single biggest investment in the State's history and will fund an additional 258 paramedics statewide.

**Sport, recreation and youth affairs: youth participation and access program grant funding**

**1735.** Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs — when will the outcome of the most recent round for Youth Participation and Access Program grant funding be announced.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

On 10 December 2008 I announced funding of \$12.3 million for 100 projects to deliver the Youth Participation and Access 2009-2011 program.

In addition, on the 20 November 2008, all applicants who applied for Youth Participation and Access (YPA) were informed of the outcome of the grant round.

**Senior Victorians: pedestrian crossing facilities**

**1758(b).** Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Senior Victorians has the Government conducted a review of current pedestrian crossing facilities —

- (1) If so —
  - (a) which facilities were reviewed;
  - (b) who conducted the review;
  - (c) when was the review completed; and
  - (d) what recommendations were made.
- (2) If not, when will a review be conducted.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The question should be directed to the responsible Minister.

**Senior Victorians: Manchester Road level crossing**

**1759(b).** Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Senior Victorians 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:

The question should be directed to the responsible Minister.

**Treasurer: Rural Finance Corporation of Victoria**

**1821.** **Mr WELLS** to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer — with reference to officers in the Rural Finance Corporation of Victoria who were engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations — as at 31 December 2008 —

- (1) How many officers were engaged.
- (2) What was the salary band for each officer.
- (3) What is the job title for each officer.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- 1) There were two officers, overseen by the CEO, engaged in communications including public, corporate and media relations, as at 31 December 2008.
- 2) As there were only two officers it is inappropriate to disclose the salaries on the grounds of privacy but salaries are within market levels for comparable positions.
- 3) The job titles are Marketing Manager and Marketing Assistant.

**Environment and climate change: north-south pipeline — vegetation**

**1876.** **Dr SYKES** to ask the Minister for Community Development for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change — with reference to the Sugarloaf pipeline project —

- (1) What is the total area of native vegetation cleared or planned to be cleared for the project.
- (2) For each Ecological Vegetation Class cleared or planned to be cleared what is the area in hectares and final habitat score in habitat hectares.
- (3) What specific action has Melbourne Water taken to offset the native vegetation cleared in order to achieve the Government's net gain objective.
- (4) What is the location, total area and ecological vegetation classes of the remnant vegetation of any land that has been acquired by the Government or Melbourne Water as part of the offset program.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The total area of native vegetation to be cleared for the Sugarloaf Pipeline Project is 89.83 hectares, not including the final figures for the removal of scattered paddock trees or dangerous trees, which are yet to be finalised.
- (2) A total of 55.98 Habitat Hectares (HHA) will be cleared across three bioregions—Central Victorian Uplands (CVU), Highland Northern Fall (HNF) and Highland Southern Fall (HSF).
- (3) Melbourne Water will meet the net gain objectives under Victoria's Native Vegetation Management Framework for this project by:
  - purchasing the 'Mt Typo' property and transferring the land to the Crown Estate, increasing the security and management of the vegetation on site;
  - utilising a Bush Broker credit notice for land previously transferred to the Crown Estate (Butterman's Track/Toorourrong Reservoir);
  - managing the Melbourne Water owned 'Sheoak' property (site of the High Lift Pump Station) for the conservation of remnant native vegetation and threatened species; and



- working with land-holders in the Goulburn-Broken catchment to undertake revegetation works to offset the loss of scattered trees within the catchment.
- (4) As part of the offset program for the project, Melbourne Water has:
- purchased and transferred to the Crown the 830 ha ‘Mt Typo’ property within the Highland Northern Fall bioregion, south of Chesthunt and adjoining the Alpine National Park;
  - entered into a Section 69 agreement with the Secretary to the Department of Sustainability and Environment under the *Conservation Forests and Lands Act 1987* to secure 126 ha of the ‘Sheoak’ property south of Yea within the Central Victorian Upland bioregion as a native vegetation offset site; and
  - utilised credits in the Highland Southern Fall bioregion from Melbourne Water land adjoining the Kinglake National Park previously transferred to the Crown (Butterman’s Track and Toorourrong Reservoir).

All information is current and correct as at 26 February 2009 and is based on Offset Management Plans approved by the Department of Sustainability and Environment.

### **Community services: vehicle modification subsidy**

**1927.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to subsidies for vehicle modification under the Aids and Equipment program — for each month from June 2008 to March 2009 —

- (1) How many people were approved for the subsidy.
- (2) How much was the average subsidy per person.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) In reference to subsidies for vehicle modifications under the Aids and Equipment program for each month from June 2008 to March 2009 the following numbers of people were approved for subsidy:
  - June 2008, 12 people were approved for subsidy
  - July 2008 3 people were approved for subsidy
  - August 2008 9 people were approved
  - September 2008 31 people were approved
  - October 2008 30 people were approved
  - November 2008 20 people were approved for subsidy
  - December 2008 18 people were approved for subsidy
  - January 2009 18 people were approved for subsidy
  - February 2009—figures not available
  - March 2009—figures not available.
  
- (2) In reference to subsidies for vehicle modifications under the Aids and Equipment program for each month from June 2008 to March 2009 the average subsidy per person was as follows:
  - June 2008 average subsidy per person was \$7,832.50
  - July 2008 average subsidy per person was \$10,000
  - August 2008 average subsidy per person was \$4,432.02
  - September 2008 average subsidy per person was \$6,758.77
  - October 2008 average subsidy per person was \$6,149.54
  - November 2008 average subsidy per person was \$7,473

- December 2008 average subsidy per person was \$7,120.20
- January 2009 average subsidy per person was \$5,367.72
- February 2009—figures not available
- March 2009—figures not available.

**Mental health: acute inpatient services — central east area**

**1931.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — how much funding was provided to the Central East Adult Mental Health Service’s acute inpatient service in —

- (1) 2005–06.
- (2) 2008–09.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Information on mental health funding to services can be found on the DHS website.

**Mental health: acute inpatient services — Dandenong area**

**1932.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — how much funding was provided to the Dandenong Adult Mental Health Service’s acute inpatient service in —

- (1) 2005–06.
- (2) 2008–09.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Information on mental health funding to services can be found on the DHS website.

**Mental health: acute inpatient services — inner south-east area**

**1933.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — how much funding was provided to the Inner South East Adult Mental Health Service’s acute inpatient service in —

- (1) 2005–06.
- (2) 2008–09.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Information on mental health funding to services can be found on the DHS website.

**Mental health: acute inpatient services — inner urban east area**

**1934.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — how much funding was provided to the Inner Urban East Adult Mental Health Service’s acute inpatient service in —

- (1) 2005–06.
- (2) 2008–09.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Information on mental health funding to services can be found on the DHS website.

**Mental health: acute inpatient services — inner west area**

**1935.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — how much funding was provided to the Inner West Adult Mental Health Service’s acute inpatient service in —

- (1) 2005–06.
- (2) 2008–09.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Information on mental health funding to services can be found on the DHS website.

**Mental health: acute inpatient services — mid-west area**

**1936.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — how much funding was provided to the Mid West Adult Mental Health Service’s acute inpatient service in —

- (1) 2005–06.
- (2) 2008–09.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Information on mental health funding to services can be found on the DHS website.

**Mental health: acute inpatient services — middle south area**

**1937.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — how much funding was provided to the Middle South Adult Mental Health Service’s acute inpatient service in —

- (1) 2005–06.
- (2) 2008–09.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Information on mental health funding to services can be found on the DHS website.

**Mental health: acute inpatient services — north-east area**

**1938.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — how much funding was provided to the North East Adult Mental Health Service’s acute inpatient service in —

- (1) 2005–06.
- (2) 2008–09.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Information on mental health funding to services can be found on the DHS website.

**Mental health: acute inpatient services — north-west area**

**1939.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — how much funding was provided to the North West Adult Mental Health Service’s acute inpatient service in —

- (1) 2005–06.
- (2) 2008–09.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Information on mental health funding to services can be found on the DHS website.

**Mental health: acute inpatient services — northern area**

**1940.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — how much funding was provided to the Northern Adult Mental Health Service’s acute inpatient service in —

- (1) 2005–06.
- (2) 2008–09.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Information on mental health funding to services can be found on the DHS website.

**Mental health: acute inpatient services — peninsula area**

**1941.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — how much funding was provided to the Peninsula Adult Mental Health Service’s acute inpatient service in —

- (1) 2005–06.
- (2) 2008–09.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Information on mental health funding to services can be found on the DHS website.

**Mental health: acute inpatient services — south-west area**

**1942.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — how much funding was provided to the South West Adult Mental Health Service’s acute inpatient service in —

- (1) 2005–06.
- (2) 2008–09.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Information on mental health funding to services can be found on the DHS website.

**Mental health: acute inpatient services — outer east area**

**1943.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — how much funding was provided to the Outer East Adult Mental Health Service's acute inpatient service in —

- (1) 2005–06.
- (2) 2008–09.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Information on mental health funding to services can be found on the DHS website.

**Mental health: acute inpatient services — Barwon area**

**1944.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — how much funding was provided to the Barwon Adult Mental Health Service's acute inpatient service in —

- (1) 2005–06.
- (2) 2008–09.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Information on mental health funding to services can be found on the DHS website.

**Mental health: acute inpatient services — Gippsland area**

**1945.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — how much funding was provided to the Gippsland Adult Mental Health Service's acute inpatient service in —

- (1) 2005–06.
- (2) 2008–09.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Information on mental health funding to services can be found on the DHS website.

**Mental health: acute inpatient services — Glenelg area**

**1946.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — how much funding was provided to the Glenelg Adult Mental Health Service's acute inpatient service in —

- (1) 2005–06.
- (2) 2008–09.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Information on mental health funding to services can be found on the DHS website.

**Mental health: acute inpatient services — Goulburn and southern area**

**1947.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — how much funding was provided to the Goulburn and Southern Adult Mental Health Service's acute inpatient service in —

(1) 2005–06.

(2) 2008–09.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Information on mental health funding to services can be found on the DHS website.

**Mental health: acute inpatient services — Grampians area**

**1948.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — how much funding was provided to the Grampians Adult Mental Health Service's acute inpatient service in —

(1) 2005–06.

(2) 2008–09.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Information on mental health funding to services can be found on the DHS website.

**Mental health: acute inpatient services — Loddon Campaspe/southern Mallee area**

**1949.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — how much funding was provided to the London Campaspe/Southern Mallee Adult Mental Health Service's acute inpatient service in —

(1) 2005–06.

(2) 2008–09.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Information on mental health funding to services can be found on the DHS website.

**Mental health: acute inpatient services — north-eastern Hume area**

**1950.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — how much funding was provided to the North Eastern Hume Adult Mental Health Service's acute inpatient service in —

(1) 2005–06.

(2) 2008–09.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Information on mental health funding to services can be found on the DHS website.

**Mental health: acute inpatient services — northern Mallee area**

**1951.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — how much funding was provided to the Northern Mallee Adult Mental Health Service's acute inpatient service in —

- (1) 2005–06.
- (2) 2008–09.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Information on mental health funding to services can be found on the DHS website.

**Mental health: substance misuse — prevention and health promotion strategies**

**1973.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — with reference to local level substance misuse prevention and health promotion strategies mentioned on page 53 of the consultation paper Because Mental Health Matters — between 2002 and 2008 —

- (1) How much was spent to support the strategies.
- (2) In which areas were the strategies rolled out.
- (3) Has the use of the strategies been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Between 2002 and 2008, \$26.6 million was spent to support local level substance misuse prevention and health promotion strategies.
- (2) The strategies were rolled out in 18 rural municipalities, 21 metropolitan municipalities, 5 metropolitan drug 'hot spots' (Melbourne, Maribyrnong, Yarra, Port Phillip and Greater Dandenong), and 11 key provincial cities (Hamilton, Warrnambool, Geelong, Ballarat, Ararat, Bendigo, Mildura, Broadford, Shepparton, Morwell and Lakes Entrance).
- (3) The use of the strategies was evaluated in 2003 and 2006 and they were found to be successful and worthy of support.