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**Tuesday, 20 November 2007**

**Roads and ports: VicRoads traffic controllers**

**95.** Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports — what date was traffic controller number 21006 in Toorak Road, South Yarra, near Claremont Station, last painted.

**ANSWER:**

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

As part of the manufacturing process, controllers are treated with a metal protective coating ('powder coating'), which is more durable than paint and usually sufficiently durable to last throughout the life of a controller. They may be painted on occasion if successive removal of graffiti has left the powder coating unserviceable. Traffic controller number 21006 has not been painted since its installation in 2001.

**Water: treated sewage effluent**

**171.** Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Water has the Government undertaken a feasibility study or any other preliminary investigation in relation to piping treated sewage effluent from Melbourne Water's treatment plant at Carrum to Cardinia Reservoir, or any other waste supply reservoir; if not, does the Government have any future plans to do so.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

During the preparation of the Water Supply-Demand Strategy for Melbourne 2006–2055, Melbourne's water authorities carried out preliminary options analysis on the possibility of adding highly treated recycled water to Melbourne's water supply. This option was not progressed beyond initial analysis as the Government has ruled out the use of recycled water as drinking water.

**Water: Melbourne usage**

**172.** Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Water —

- (1) What was the total number of Melbourne households supplied by the three Melbourne water retailers in —
  - (a) 1999–2000;
  - (b) 2000–01;
  - (c) 2001–02;
  - (d) 2002–03;
  - (e) 2003–04;
  - (f) 2004–05;
  - (g) 2005–06.

- (2) What was the water use per capita for Melbourne in —
- (a) 1999–2000;
  - (b) 2000–01;
  - (c) 2001–02;
  - (d) 2002–03;
  - (e) 2003–04;
  - (f) 2004–05;
  - (g) 2005–06.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed of the following per capita water consumption for Melbourne to 30 June 2006:

Financial Year Ending	Number of Households Served (Water Services Association of Australia: Melbourne Consolidated)	Total Water Consumption (gigalitres)	EST. Population served (Victoria In Future: 30 June)	Per Capita Consumption (litres per day)
2000	1,256,000	502	3,327,000	413
2001	1,283,000	502	3,390,100	406
2002	1,316,000	462	3,435,200	368
2003	1,349,000	479	3,490,000	376
2004	1,378,000	433	3,530,500	336
2005	1,404,000	431	3,570,100	331
2006	1,432,000	435	3,609,000	330

**Roads and ports: Doncaster electorate vehicle movements/accidents**

**198.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports to provide the average daily vehicular movements and number of accidents in each of 2004, 2005 and 2006 on —

- (1) Doncaster Road, Doncaster and Doncaster East (between the Eastern Freeway and Old Warrandyte Road).
- (2) Tram Road, Doncaster (from Eastern Freeway to Doncaster Road).
- (3) Wetherby Road, Doncaster (from Eastern Freeway to Doncaster Road).
- (4) Blackburn Road, Doncaster (between Eastern Freeway and King Street).
- (5) Springvale Road, Donvale (between Eastern Freeway and Reynolds Road).
- (6) Elgar Road, Doncaster (from Eastern Freeway to Doncaster Road).
- (7) Mitcham Road, Donvale (between Old Warrandyte Road and Park Road).
- (8) High Street, Doncaster (between the Eastern Freeway and Manningham Road).
- (9) Victoria Street, Doncaster.
- (10) King Street, Doncaster East.
- (11) Andersons Creek Road, Doncaster East (between Blackburn Road and Reynolds Road).
- (12) Williamsons Road, Doncaster (between Doncaster Road and Manningham Road).

**ANSWER:**

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

It is noted that casualty crash data is available via the crash database ‘CrashStats’, which is publicly accessible on VicRoads’ website at [www.vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au)

In relation to the request for traffic volumes, this information is tabled below:

- (1) Doncaster Road, Doncaster and Doncaster East (between the Eastern Freeway and Old Warrandyte Road):  
For 2004: 34,000 vehicles per day. For 2005: 34,000 vehicles per day. For 2006: 34,000 vehicles per day.
- (2) Tram Road, Doncaster (from the Eastern Freeway to Doncaster Road):  
For 2004: 21,000 vehicles per day. For 2005: 21,000 vehicles per day. For 2006: 21,000 vehicles per day.
- (3) Wetherby Road, Doncaster (from the Eastern Freeway to Doncaster Road):  
For 2004: 17,000 vehicles per day. For 2005: 16,000 vehicles per day. For 2006: 17,000 vehicles per day.
- (4) Blackburn Road, Doncaster (between the Eastern Freeway and King Street):  
For 2004: 24,000 vehicles per day. For 2005: 24,000 vehicles per day. For 2006: 24,000 vehicles per day.
- (5) Springvale Road, Donvale (between the Eastern Freeway and Reynolds Road):  
For 2004: 33,000 vehicles per day. For 2005: 34,000 vehicles per day. For 2006: 34,000 vehicles per day.
- (6) Elgar Road, Doncaster (from the Eastern Freeway to Doncaster Road):  
For 2004: 16,000 vehicles per day. For 2005: 16,000 vehicles per day. For 2006: 16,000 vehicles per day.
- (7) Mitcham Road, Donvale (between Old Warrandyte Road and Park Road):  
For 2004: 24,000 vehicles per day. For 2005: 24,000 vehicles per day. For 2006: 24,000 vehicles per day.
- (8) High Street, Doncaster (between the Eastern Freeway and Manningham Road):  
For 2004: 14,000 vehicles per day. For 2005: 14,000 vehicles per day. For 2006: 14,000 vehicles per day.
- (9) Victoria Street, Doncaster:  
For 2004: 13,000 vehicles per day. For 2005: 13,000 vehicles per day. For 2006: 12,000 vehicles per day.
- (10) King Street, Doncaster East:  
For 2004: 10,000 vehicles per day. For 2005: 10,000 vehicles per day. For 2006: 10,000 vehicles per day.
- (11) Andersons Creek Road, Doncaster East (between Blackburn Road and Reynolds Road):  
For 2004: 7,000 vehicles per day. For 2005: 7,000 vehicles per day. For 2006: 7,000 vehicles per day.
- (12) Williamsons Road, Doncaster (between Doncaster Road and Manningham Road):  
For 2004: 35,000 vehicles per day. For 2005: 36,000 vehicles per day. For 2006: 36,000 vehicles per day.

**Mental health: residential drug withdrawal services**

**212. Ms WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Mental Health with reference to residential withdrawal services for drug users —

- (1) How many residential drug withdrawal beds are there.
- (2) Where are all the residential drug withdrawal beds located.
- (3) Who operates all the residential drug withdrawal beds.
- (4) How many residential drug withdrawal beds are funded by the Government.
- (5) What was the Government's total expenditure on the services in —
  - (a) 2000–01;
  - (b) 2001–02;
  - (c) 2002–03;
  - (d) 2003–04;

- (e) 2004–05;
- (f) 2005–06;
- (g) 2006–07.

(6) What is the Government’s planned budget expenditure for 2007–08.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

(1–4) There are 127 Community Residential Drug Withdrawal beds funded by the Victorian Government. From 1 July 2007, all beds will be considered statewide. That is, any person from any area wishing to engage in withdrawal services may access any agency providing that service. The table below outlines the location and agencies responsible for operation of these services.

Bendigo Community Health — Nova House	Bendigo
Eastern Health — Wellington House	Box Hill
Moreland Hall	Coburg
Moreland Hall	Heidelberg
Salvation Army — Anchorage	Abbotsford
Salvation Army — Corio	Geelong
Southern Health	Dandenong
St Vincent’s Hospital — de Paul	Fitzroy
Uniting Care Ballarat Parish Mission	Ballarat
Western Health	Footscray
Windana Society	Dandenong
Windana Society	St Kilda
YSAS Pty Ltd	Glen Iris Geelong Fitzroy

The Victorian Government is aware that a number of private providers offer drug treatment services.

(5) Total expenditure on community residential drug withdrawal services 2001–2007 (excluding acute hospital, outpatient, home based, rural and non DHS funded services) is as follows:

Expenditure on community-based residential withdrawal services

Year	2001–02 \$m	2002–03 \$m	2003–04 \$m	2004–05 \$m	2005–06 \$m	2006–07 \$m
Expenditure	14.5	15.0	15.9	16.4	17.4	17.9

(6) \$18.3 million

**Roads and ports: Kelletts Road, Rowville, duplication**

**238. Mr WAKELING** to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports with reference to residents in Lambourne Avenue and Adam Close in Rowville and Bellfield Drive in Lysterfield affected by the Kelletts Road duplication project in Rowville —

(1) Has any analysis been conducted to determine the future impact on residents in relation to noise impacts; if so, what were the results of the analysis.

- (2) Has any analysis been conducted to determine the future impact on residents in relation to visual impacts; if so, what were the results of the analysis.
- (3) Has any analysis been conducted to determine the future impact on residents in relation to safety impacts, including barriers; if so, what were the results of the analysis.
- (4) What measures will be undertaken to reduce the future impact on residents with respect to —
  - (a) noise impacts;
  - (b) visual impacts;
  - (c) safety impacts, including barriers.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1) VicRoads' Traffic Noise Reduction Policy provides for attenuation of traffic noise for buildings adjacent to new roads built on new alignments (e.g. new freeways) and buildings previously protected from traffic noise which are then exposed by the removal of buildings required for road widening. The Kelletts Road Duplication Project does not meet these criteria.
- (2) Visual impacts have been considered for the project and VicRoads is currently working with the Knox City Council to determine the most suitable plant species and locations for visual screening.
- (3) Safety barriers will be installed on the north-west side of the road alignment for approximately 180 metres.
- (4) Refer to above.

**Education: departmental reviews and studies**

**244.** Mrs FYFFE to ask the Minister for Education with reference to reviews and studies undertaken on behalf of the Department of Education from July 2006 to June 2007 —

- (1) How many reviews and studies have been undertaken.
- (2) What are the details of the cost of each review and study.
- (3) What is the outcome achieved from the reviews and studies.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development conducts a range of studies and reviews as can be seen by reference to the Department's website at [www.education.vic.gov.au](http://www.education.vic.gov.au).

Each year the Department publishes its Annual Report for which it collects a range of additional information. This additional information, which is not published as part of the Annual Report but must be available on request from the time the report is tabled in parliament, includes details of major external reviews and other research and development activities.

**Roads and ports: George Street, Dandenong, overpass**

**258.** Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports with reference to the George Street overpass project in Dandenong announced on 26 September 2005 at a cost of \$17.5 million —

- (1) When will tenders be called.
- (2) Will it be a VicRoads project.
- (3) From what source will the project be funded.

- (4) What role will VicUrban have in the project.
- (5) What role will the City of Dandenong have in the project.
- (6) Will financial contributions be sought from either VicUrban or the City of Dandenong.
- (7) What is the current construction time line.

**ANSWER:**

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

VicUrban is responsible for the development and delivery of the Dandenong Transit City, which includes the George Street Bridge.

The City of Greater Dandenong, in conjunction with VicUrban, has played a key role in developing the Urban Design Guidelines for the Dandenong Transit City.

**Environment and climate change: environmental water flows**

**267. Mr WALSH** to ask the Minister for Community Development (for Environment and Climate Change) with reference to environmental water flows released in rivers, streams and waterways —

- (1) Which waterways, including the Murray River, have received environmental flows of water since 1 July 2002 and for each what was the —
  - (a) volume of water involved;
  - (b) month and year of release.
- (2) What is the Government's assessment of the environmental benefits achieved as a result of the additional environmental water releases and what are the details of —
  - (a) the basis of the assessment including references to pre-release and post-release surveys of the environmental health of the waterways concerned;
  - (b) any externally refereed publications or assessments documenting the environmental benefits obtained from additional environmental water releases.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The majority of Victoria's rivers have environmental flows provided as part of conditions on water corporation bulk entitlements in the form of passing flows or through caps on diversions.

Specific environmental water allocations are made where there are environmental entitlements held in storages. The Snowy, Thomson, Wimmera, Glenelg and Loddon rivers and selected Murray wetlands have received environmental water allocations since 2002.

The majority of water for the Murray is not an Environmental Entitlement rather an obligation within a water corporation's bulk entitlement. The environmental water supplied to the Murray is for the river floodplains and wetlands, such as the internationally significant Barmah-Millewa forest. Once it passes through the floodplains or wetlands, a large proportion of this water is available for consumptive use. It is also used to meet the minimum passing flow requirements into South Australian under the Murray Darling Basin agreement.

In 2006/2007 environmental flows including passing flows have been reduced in many areas to provide essential supplies for critical human needs. This includes supplies to towns and stock and domestic users.

In 2006/07, as a result of the severe drought, environmental allocations were only used to prevent the critical loss of threatened species and provide drought refuge to allow future recovery once conditions improve.

In September 2006, as a consequence of persistent dry conditions in the Wimmera region and general community concern about releasing environmental water during a season with low storage levels, the Premier announced that the Government would withhold water set aside for environmental flows (allocation of 3000 ML) in the Wimmera River last season as a contingency for emergency supplies and/or fire fighting requirements.

All CMAs have contingency plans to maintain river survival if storage levels remain low. These plans are vital to understand risks associated with reduced flow, and to prioritise where to use the limited amount of water available to maximum benefit.

### **Assessment of Environmental Benefits**

Monitoring and publicly reporting the use of the recovered water is critical to ensure that the environmental benefits are being realised. It will also give Victorian communities confidence that the investment has been worthwhile.

The Government has engaged scientists from the eWater Cooperative Research Centre to monitor ecological responses to enhanced environmental flow regimes in priority rivers across the State.

There are numerous public available reports which show the health of our river systems and consequently the benefit of environmental flows. These include:

- Sustainable River Audits — Murray Darling Basin Commission
- State Environment Protection Policy Macro-invertebrate Monitoring — EPA
- Index of Stream Conditions — Department of Sustainability and Environment
- Geomorphologic, Vegetation, Fish, Macroinvertebrate, Water Quality reports available from Catchment Management Authorities
- Results from the eWater Cooperative Research Centre will be publicly available when completed.

### **Health: Austin Hospital beds**

**277. Ms WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Health with reference to bed places at the Austin Hospital —

- (1) How many beds are currently in use at the Austin Hospital and what is the breakdown of beds in each ward.
- (2) What is the total number of hospital beds at the Austin Hospital and the breakdown of beds in each ward.
- (3) How many ward closures were due to due to insufficient funds, upgrading or other reasons in —
  - (a) 2005–06;
  - (b) 2006–07.

### **ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) As at 31 July 2007 there were 968 beds in use at Austin Health (this includes Austin Hospital, Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital and Royal Talbot) — breakdown per ward provided at Attachment 1.
- (2) Public hospital beds in Victoria are managed in order to respond to demand. This means that health services increase and decrease these beds as required, utilising additional staff when demand increases through nurse bank and other arrangements. Victorian health services also flexibly use beds to accommodate the variations in demand that occurs for different types of services, such as elective, emergency and maternity services.
- (3) The Government is not aware of ward closures in 2005–06 and 2006–07 due to insufficient funds, upgrading or other reasons. The Bowen Centre that provided accommodation and support for people dependent on

ventilator support was closed and the patients relocated to a newly purpose built community residential facility in 2006–07.

Like any other organisation, hospitals are required to manage their allocated resources in the most effective way. Throughout the year there are peaks and troughs in the numbers of patients that require treatment at hospitals. Any decisions taken to change service availability are taken locally in response to, or in anticipation of the presenting demands for health care.

Attachment 1

**Austin Health — Available & Open beds**

As at Tue 31st July 2007

Ward type	Campus	Ward	Type	VAED Reporting Hospital ID	Beds Open
Overnight	Austin	Austin — Coronary Care Unit	Acute	103	10
		Austin — Emergency Dept	Acute	103	40
		Austin — EMU	Acute	103	8
		Austin — Intensive Care Unit	Acute	103	17
		Austin — Medi Hotel — Reportable	Acute	103	13
		Austin — Surgery and Endoscopy Centre (O'night beds)	Acute	103	12
		Austin — Ward 02W	Acute	103	12
		Austin — Ward 03N	Acute	103	24
		Austin — Ward 05	Acute	103	19
		Austin — Ward 05E	Acute	103	24
		Austin — Ward 05W	Acute	103	20
		Austin — Ward 06A	Acute	103	20
		Austin — Ward 06E	Acute	103	27
		Austin — Ward 06W	Acute	103	32
		Austin — Ward 07E	Acute	103	32
		Austin — Ward 07N	Acute	103	24
		Austin — Ward 07W	Acute	103	32
		Austin — Ward 08E	Acute	103	32
		Austin — Ward 08N	Acute	103	32
		Austin — Ward 08W	Acute	103	32
		Austin — Acute psych unit	Mental Health	103	30
Austin — Adolescent Unit	Mental Health	103	12		
Austin — Child Unit	Mental Health	103	12		
Austin — Secure extended care unit	Mental Health	103	25		
	HRH	Repat — Ward 08	Sub-Acute	103	27
		Repat — Ward 11	Sub-Acute	103	28
		Repat — Ward 12	Sub-Acute	103	28
		Repat — Palliative Care Unit	Sub-Acute	103	20
		Repat — Ward 17	Mental Health	103	25
	Royal Talbot	Talbot — Acquired Brain Injury	Mental Health	322	13
		Talbot — Heath	Mental Health	103	10
		Talbot — Step two	Mental Health	103	3
		Talbot — Mellor Ward	Sub-Acute	322	35
		Talbot — Spinal Rehab. Facility	Sub-Acute	322	20
<b>Sub-Total — Overnight Wards</b>					<b>750</b>
Day Care	Austin	Austin — Ambulatory Care Centre	Acute	103	24
		Austin — Cannulation and Transfusion Services	Acute	103	3
		Austin — Catheter Laboratory	Acute	103	1
		Austin — Medical Imaging	Acute	103	2
		Austin — North Eastern Kidney Service	Acute	103	16
		Austin — Oncology Day Care	Acute	103	16
		Austin — Surgery and Endoscopy Centre	Acute	103	25
		Austin — Ward 07ND (Central Dialysis)	Acute	103	12
		Epping Dialysis Unit	Acute	103	12
	HRH	Repat — Dialysis Training Unit	Acute	103	8
		Repat — Renal Dialysis Unit	Acute	103	16

Sub-Total — Day Care Wards					135
Sub-Total — Reportable Wards					885
Residential	Austin	Austin — Medi Hotel — Non Reportable	Acute	NA	3
	HRH	Repat — Darley House East	Nursing Home	NA	30
		Repat — Darley House West	Nursing Home	NA	30
	Royal Talbot	Talbot — Brain Disorder Unit 1 — Residential	Mental Health	NA	20
Sub-Total — Residential					83
Grand Total					968

**Water: groundwater extraction**

**319. Mr BLACKWOOD** to ask the Minister for Water with reference to groundwater extraction —

- (1) Before a water authority issues a licence for groundwater extraction, what information regarding groundwater capacity and flows is the authority required to obtain.
- (2) Does information regarding groundwater capacity and flows, required to be obtained before issuing a licence, include research into the likely effects to the surrounding area by the issue of a new licence.
- (3) What policy does the Government have concerning the preferred allocation or use of water resources as required under the *Water Act 1989* s 40(1)(j).
- (4) What are the requirements for a water authority to ensure compliance with licence conditions and is any check made by the Government to ensure that such requirements are carried out.
- (5) Where current licence allocations of groundwater are known to exceed groundwater capacity in an area, what action is proposed by the Government.
- (6) What is the Government’s policy in respect of the extent of acceptable collateral damage that can be suffered by existing users of groundwater when impacted by issuing new licences.
- (7) Will the Government consider compensation arrangements for those users adversely affected by the issuing of new licences.
- (8) Is the Government considering introducing a charge for groundwater other than the current administrative charges.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

With reference to groundwater extraction:

- (1) The matters considered before a licence is issued are set out in s. 40 of the *Water Act 1989*. Rural water authorities must also have regard to sustainable management principles set out in s. 93.
- (2) Information regarding groundwater capacity and flows is required to be obtained before issuing a licence. This includes research into the likely effects of the issue of a new licence on the surrounding area.
- (3) The Government’s policy concerning the water resources are set out in the Victorian Government White Paper ‘Securing Our Water Future Together’.
- (4) Water authorities enforce licence conditions as part of their delegated function. The Government requires compliance actions to be reported in the water authorities’ annual reports.
- (5) Where there is a significant risk to the resource the Government declares Water Supply Protection Areas and a management plan is prepared in accordance with Part 3 Division 3 of the *Water Act 1989*. Water Supply Protection Areas have been declared and management plans prepared for a number of groundwater areas including Spring Hill, Campaspe West and Katunga. Future areas will be declared where appropriate.
- (6) The processes set out in the *Water Act 1989* are designed to ensure the effects of issuing a licence on other users and the environment are considered and minimised.

The *Water Act 1989* also provides the opportunity for other users who consider they have been, or will be, adversely affected by the issuing of a new licence to have the matter considered by Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

- (7) No, the Government will not consider compensation arrangements; however, licence conditions may require a licensee to offset any unintended impacts on surrounding groundwater users. This type of condition is included where there may be some residual risks to other users.
- (8) In 'Securing Our Water Future Together' the Government announced that it would establish an auction process for significant new water allocations. This includes the setting of a reserve price. Otherwise administrative charges are set by the Essential Services Commission.

**Community services: disability accommodation services program**

**320.** Mr CLARK to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to criteria used by the Department of Human Services to determine the location of short-term accommodation services and other facilities for adults with a disability under the Disability Accommodation Services Program —

- (1) What criteria are used by the Department.
- (2) What are the categories of clients used by the Department.
- (3) What documentation is published by the Department setting out the criteria.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

I refer the member to the Victorian State Disability Plan 2002–2012 which provides detail on this matter.

**Health: Cheltenham land**

**332.** Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Health with reference to Government-owned land on the south-east corner of Warrigal Road and Kingston Road intersection in Cheltenham —

- (1) Does the Government or Southern Health have any plans to sell part or all of the land.
- (2) Is any consideration being given to the location of any other health facilities or services on the site.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) These are no plans by the Government or Southern Health to sell part or all of this land.
- (2) The Department of Human Services and Southern Health are in negotiations regarding the most appropriate use for this site.

**Health: mental health inpatient beds**

**355.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Health with reference to mental health inpatient beds in public hospitals —

- (1) How many are currently operational per 10,000 people in Victoria.
- (2) How many child and adolescent mental health beds are currently operational per 10,000 people under the age of 18.

- (3) How many adult mental health beds are currently operational per 10,000 people between the ages of 18 and 65.
- (4) How many aged persons mental health beds are currently operational per 10,000 people over the age of 65.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Health: psychogeriatric services**

**356. Ms WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Health with reference to psychogeriatric services —

- (1) What amount of funding have these services received in —
  - (a) 2003–04;
  - (b) 2004–05;
  - (c) 2005–06;
  - (d) 2006–07;
  - (e) 2007–08.
- (2) What programs and services are the 2007–08 psychogeriatric funds allocated to.
- (3) How will the Minister address the growing demand for psychogeriatric services.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Health: Slow to Recover program**

**358. Ms WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Health with reference to the Slow to Recover Program —

- (1) How much funding was committed to the Program in —
  - (a) 2000–01;
  - (b) 2001–02;
  - (c) 2002–03;
  - (d) 2003–04;
  - (e) 2004–05;
  - (f) 2005–06;
  - (g) 2006–07;
  - (h) 2007–08.
- (2) How long is the current waiting list to access the Program and how is this calculated.
- (3) How many people from other Australian states and territories have accessed the Program in Victoria.
- (4) What is the Government doing to expand the Program.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The question raised sits within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Community Services.

**Community services: rural and regional young people's residential care**

- 360.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to young people in nursing home accommodation in rural and regional Victoria — are there any plans to build facilities for young people with complex medical needs in rural and regional Victoria; if so —
- (1) Where will they be located.
  - (2) How much funding will be allocated to each.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Work is progressing under the Younger People in Residential Aged Care (YPIRAC) initiative, known as *my future my choice* in Victoria.

- (1) Planning for the provision of new facilities in rural and regional Victoria will be finalised once the outcomes of the individual case planning and assessment process are determined.
- (2) It is not possible to identify how much funding will be allocated to establish new facilities in rural Victoria until demand and possible configurations of new services has been determined.

**Planning: Croydon Golf Club**

- 367.** Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Community Development (for the Minister for Planning) — on what basis was Maroondah City Council's request for planning overlays on the Croydon Golf Club site rejected.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

1. Maroondah City Council adopted and submitted Amendment C51 for approval contrary to the recommendations of the independent Panel established to hear submissions. The amendment proposed introducing a Development Plan Overlay (DPO) over the Croydon Golf Club site which is being developed for residential purposes.
2. The Panel recommended that the amendment be abandoned because there was no need for the proposed Development Plan Overlay as:
  - The existing planning permits issued at the direction of the Victorian and Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) for earlier stages of the subdivision have already considered relevant State and local policies, and zone and overlay provisions. The approved stages of subdivision establish a strategic framework for pedestrian and traffic networks, drainage management, lot layout and densities and vegetation removal and management.
  - The DPO will not add to the planning outcomes and will be an unnecessary additional layer of control for a development proposal that has considerable planning certainty through the zone and overlay provisions and the existing permits.
  - Lot size and dwelling density can be addressed through the existing planning framework.
  - No additional planning controls are needed for the open space provision.
3. I wrote to Council on 7 June 2007 advising that I had not approved Amendment C51 on the following basis:

'I consider that the Panel is correct in its conclusion that the proposed Development Plan Overlay will not add to the existing planning framework that has been established through the existing planning scheme provisions and the permits that have been issued for this site. This recommendation is supported by the Government's *Cutting Red Tape in Planning* initiative that seeks to reduce the level of complexity in the planning system'.

**Health: accredited maternity beds**

**372. Mrs SHARDEY** to ask the Minister for Health with reference to accredited maternity beds —

- (1) Providing detailed statistics for each year from 1999 to 2007 inclusive, what was the number of accredited maternity beds available and operational in each —
  - (a) suburban metropolitan hospital;
  - (b) rural and regional hospital.
- (2) What is the current total annual throughput capacity for each maternity unit in each suburban and rural public hospital.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Maternity beds in public hospitals in Victoria are managed in order to respond to demand. This means that health services increase and decrease these beds as required, utilising additional staff when demand increases through nurse bank and other arrangements. There is no such category as an 'accredited maternity bed' in Victoria.

**Corrections: needle-stick prison injuries**

**379. Ms WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Corrections with reference to needle stick injuries in prisons in each of 1999–2000, 2000–01, 2001–02, 2002–03, 2003–04, 2004–05, 2005–06 and 2006–07 —

- (1) How many assaults were recorded that involved needles.
- (2) How many prisoners received needle stick injuries as a result of an altercation with another inmate.
- (3) How many prison staff received needle stick injuries as a result of an altercation with an inmate.
- (4) How many prisoners received needle stick injuries as result of personal injecting drug use.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Corrections Victoria endeavours to strictly control the use of syringes in prisons and confine their use to medical practitioners within designated medical areas. Any Illicit syringes or tattoo gun needles discovered are destroyed.

With reference to the incidence of needle stick injuries occurring in prisons in each of the following years: 1999–2000, 2000–01, 2001–02, 2002–03, 2003–04, 2004–05, 2005–06, 2006–07:

- (1) There is no record of assaults involving needles.
- (2) There is no record of prisoners receiving needle stick injuries as a result of an altercation with another inmate.
- (3) There is no record of needle stick injuries to prison staff as a result of an altercation with an inmate.
- (4) There is no record of prisoners having reported receiving injuries as a result of personal intravenous drug use.

**Sport, recreation and youth affairs: regional youth affairs networks**

**391. Mr KOTSIRAS** to ask the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs with reference to each of the 15 Regional Youth Affairs Networks (RYANs) since 1 December 2006 —

- (1) How many meetings has each RYAN held.
- (2) What is the total amount of funding provided by the Government to each RYAN.

**ANSWER:**

Regional Youth Affairs Networks (RYANs) across the state generally meet monthly or every second month, with no meetings held in January. Between 1 December 2006 and 22 August 2007, when this question was raised, I am informed that:

1. Southern Metro RYAN has met seven times;
2. Eastern Metro RYAN has met nine times;
3. Western Metro RYAN has met five times;
4. Northern Metro RYAN has met eight times;
5. Inner City RYAN has met eight times;
6. Barwon/G21 RYAN has met four times;
7. South West RYAN has met four times;
8. Central Highlands RYANs has met seven times;
9. Grampians RYAN has met seven times;
10. Loddon Campaspe RYAN has met four times;
11. Mallee RYAN has met three times;
12. North East RYAN has met five times;
13. Goulburn RYAN has met five times;
14. Wellington East Gippsland RYAN has met five times; and
15. Central Gippsland RYAN has met six times.

Regional Youth Affairs Networks operate on a voluntary basis. As volunteers, RYANs are provided with refreshments for meetings, reimbursed for out of pocket expenses associated with attending meetings and to undertake planning. For the 2006/7 financial year each RYAN was allocated \$3,000 to cover these costs.

**Public transport: bus route 200**

**395. Ms WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 200 City–Bulleen–Doncaster Shoppingtown — in 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —
  - (a) peak hours;
  - (b) off-peak hours;
  - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes.

**ANSWER:**

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**Public transport: bus route 201**

**396.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 201 City–Doncaster Shoppingtown (via Belmore Road) — in 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —
  - (a) peak hours;
  - (b) off-peak hours;
  - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes.

**ANSWER:**

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

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**Public transport: bus route 203**

**397.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 203 City–Doncaster Shoppingtown (via Kilby Road, Thompsons Road and Manningham Road) — in 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —
  - (a) peak hours;
  - (b) off-peak hours;
  - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes.

**ANSWER:**

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

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**Public transport: bus route 205**

**398.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 205 Melbourne University–Doncaster Shoppingtown (via Kew Junction and Bulleen) — in 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —
  - (a) peak hours;
  - (b) off-peak hours;
  - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes.

**ANSWER:**

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

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**Public transport: bus route 207**

**399.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 207 City–Doncaster Shoppingtown–Donvale (via Doncaster Road) — in 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —
  - (a) peak hours;
  - (b) off-peak hours;
  - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes.

**ANSWER:**

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

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**Public transport: bus route 273**

**400.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 273 The Pines Shopping Centre–Nunawading Railway Station — in 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —

- (a) peak hours;
  - (b) off-peak hours;
  - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
  - (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes.

**ANSWER:**

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

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**Public transport: bus route 279**

**401.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 279 Box Hill–Doncaster Shoppingtown or Templestowe Village Shops — in 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —
  - (a) peak hours;
  - (b) off-peak hours;
  - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes.

**ANSWER:**

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**Public transport: bus route 281**

**402.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 281 Eltham–Doncaster Shoppingtown (via Templestowe) — in 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —
  - (a) peak hours;
  - (b) off-peak hours;
  - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes.

**ANSWER:**

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**Public transport: bus route 283**

**403.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 283 Doncaster Shoppingtown–Doncaster Shoppingtown (via Manningham Road and High Street) — in 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —
  - (a) peak hours;
  - (b) off-peak hours;
  - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes.

**ANSWER:**

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**Public transport: bus route 284**

**404.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 284 Box Hill–Doncaster Shoppingtown (via Mont Albert) — in 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —
  - (a) peak hours;
  - (b) off-peak hours;
  - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes.

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**Public transport: bus route 285**

**405.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 285 Doncaster Shoppingtown–Camberwell — in 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —
  - (a) peak hours;
  - (b) off-peak hours;
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- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
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**Public transport: bus route 286**

**406.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 286 Box Hill–The Pines Shopping Centre (via Blackburn Road) — in 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —
  - (a) peak hours;
  - (b) off-peak hours;
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- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
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**Public transport: bus route 289**

**407.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 289 Box Hill–Donvale (via Doncaster Shoppingtown and Tunstall Square) — in 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —
  - (a) peak hours;
  - (b) off-peak hours;
  - (c) weekends.
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- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes.

**ANSWER:**

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**Public transport: bus route 291**

**408.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 291 Box Hill–Heidelberg (via Doncaster Shoppingtown) — in 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —
  - (a) peak hours;
  - (b) off-peak hours;
  - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
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**Public transport: bus route 293**

**409.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 293 Box Hill–Greensborough (via Doncaster Shoppingtown) — in 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —

- (a) peak hours;
  - (b) off-peak hours;
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**ANSWER:**

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**Public transport: bus route 295**

**410.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 295 Box Hill–The Pines Shopping Centre (via Doncaster Shoppingtown) — in 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —
  - (a) peak hours;
  - (b) off-peak hours;
  - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
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**ANSWER:**

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**Public transport: bus route 301**

**411.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 301 The Pines Shopping Centre–City (via Thompsons Road and Eastern Freeway) — in 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —
  - (a) peak hours;
  - (b) off-peak hours;
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**Public transport: bus route 303**

**412.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 303 Mitcham–City (via Eastern Freeway and Springfield Road) — in 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —
  - (a) peak hours;
  - (b) off-peak hours;
  - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
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**Public transport: bus route 304**

**413.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 304 City–Warrandyte (via Eastern Freeway and Blackburn Road) — in 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —
  - (a) peak hours;
  - (b) off-peak hours;
  - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes.

**ANSWER:**

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**Public transport: bus route 305**

**414.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 305 City–Warrandyte (via Eastern Freeway and George Street) — in 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —
  - (a) peak hours;
  - (b) off-peak hours;
  - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes.

**ANSWER:**

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**Public transport: bus route 306**

**415.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 306 City–North Ringwood (via Eastern Freeway, Wetherby Road) — in 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —
  - (a) peak hours;
  - (b) off-peak hours;
  - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes.

**ANSWER:**

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**Public transport: bus route 307**

**416.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 307 City–Mitcham (via Eastern Freeway and Doncaster Road) — in 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —
  - (a) peak hours;
  - (b) off-peak hours;
  - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes.

**ANSWER:**

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**Public transport: bus route 308**

**417.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 308 City–Deep Creek Reserve (via Blackburn Road, King Street and Eastern Freeway) — in 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —
  - (a) peak hours;
  - (b) off-peak hours;
  - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes.

**ANSWER:**

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**Public transport: bus route 309**

**418.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 309 City–Donvale (via Reynolds Road, Williamsons, Lynnwood, High Street and Eastern Freeway) — in 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —
  - (a) peak hours;
  - (b) off-peak hours;
  - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes.

**ANSWER:**

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

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**Public transport: bus route 313**

**419. Ms WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 313 Templestowe Shops–City (via High Street and Kilby Road) — in 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —
  - (a) peak hours;
  - (b) off-peak hours;
  - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes.

**ANSWER:**

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**Public transport: bus route 316**

**420. Ms Wooldridge** to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 316 Deep Creek Reserve–City (via Doncaster Road and Eastern Freeway) — in 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —
  - (a) peak hours;
  - (b) off-peak hours;
  - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.

- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes.

**ANSWER:**

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**Public transport: bus route 319**

**421.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 319 The Pines Shopping Centre–City (via King Street, High Street and Eastern Freeway) — in 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —
  - (a) peak hours;
  - (b) off-peak hours;
  - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes.

**ANSWER:**

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**Public transport: bus route 364**

**422.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 364 Ringwood–The Pines Shopping Centre–Doncaster Shoppingtown (via Warrandyte) — in 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —
  - (a) peak hours;
  - (b) off-peak hours;
  - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes.

**ANSWER:**

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**Public transport: bus route 365**

**423.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 365 Ringwood–Doncaster Shoppingtown (via Park Orchards)–Tunstall Square — in 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —
  - (a) peak hours;
  - (b) off-peak hours;
  - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
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**ANSWER:**

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**Public transport: bus route 578**

**424.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 578 Eltham–Warrandyte (via Kangaroo Ground–Warrandyte Road) — in 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —
  - (a) peak hours;
  - (b) off-peak hours;
  - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
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**ANSWER:**

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**Public transport: bus route 579**

**425. Ms WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 579 Eltham–Warrandyte — in 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —
  - (a) peak hours;
  - (b) off-peak hours;
  - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
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**ANSWER:**

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**Roads and ports: intersection upgrade criteria**

**437. Mr WAKELING** to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports with reference to the intersection of Burwood Highway and Westley Street —

- (1) What criteria will VicRoads use to monitor the operation and safety of the intersection.
- (2) How many other intersections are considered to be a greater priority.
- (3) How many motor vehicle accidents have occurred at the next most prioritised intersection.
- (4) How many fatalities have occurred at the next most prioritised intersection
- (5) What formula is used in prioritising intersections for upgrade work.
- (6) Does a motor vehicle accident have to occur prior to it being considered for upgrade works.
- (7) Does a fatality have to occur prior to it being considered for upgrade works.
- (8) Over the past five years, what is the average number of prioritised intersection upgrades completed per annum.

**ANSWER:**

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

VicRoads conducts regular reviews of intersections across Victoria. Factors such as the number and severity of crashes that have taken place are considered when assessing possible safety improvements. Congestion and delays to traffic are considered when reviewing the operation of the intersection.

Intersection upgrades are considered and prioritised on a statewide basis. There are many factors considered in determining which intersections are upgraded. These include, but are not limited to, crash reduction factors, the number of crashes, the severity of crashes and growth factors.

The intersection of Burwood Highway and Westley Street, is one of many across the State where one casualty crash has occurred in the past five years.

The Victorian Government remains committed to road safety, having invested over \$500 million into road safety since 1999. This investment has seen over 1,500 road safety projects delivered across the state.

**Public transport: bus route 154**

**440.** Mr SMITH (*Warrantyte*) to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 154 Warrantyte–Kew — in 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —
  - (a) peak hours;
  - (b) off-peak hours;
  - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
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**ANSWER:**

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**Public transport: bus route 155**

**441.** Mr SMITH (*Warrantyte*) to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 155 Warrantyte Bridge–Kew — in 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —
  - (a) peak hours;
  - (b) off-peak hours;
  - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
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**ANSWER:**

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**Public transport: bus route 156**

**442.** **Mr SMITH** (*Warrantyte*) to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 156 Warrantyte Bridge–Kew — in 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —
  - (a) peak hours;
  - (b) off-peak hours;
  - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes.

**ANSWER:**

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**Public transport: bus route 159**

**443.** **Mr SMITH** (*Warrantyte*) to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 159 Warrantyte Bridge–Kew — in 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —
  - (a) peak hours;
  - (b) off-peak hours;
  - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes.

**ANSWER:**

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**Public transport: bus route 160**

**444.** **Mr SMITH** (*Warrantyte*) to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 160 Park Orchards–Kew — in 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —

- (a) peak hours;
  - (b) off-peak hours;
  - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
  - (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes.

**ANSWER:**

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**Public transport: bus route 366**

**445.** Mr SMITH (*Warrandyte*) to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 366 Ringwood–Croydon (via Croydon Hills) — in 2006 and 2007 —

- (1) What were the patronage figures during —
  - (a) peak hours;
  - (b) off-peak hours;
  - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes.

**ANSWER:**

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

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**Environment and climate change: Dandenong Ranges National Park**

**446.** Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Community Development (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change) with reference to the Minister for Water, Environment and Climate Change's answer to question on notice 109 in relation to the 650 hectare section of the Dandenong Ranges National Park —

- (1) How many hectares fall into —
  - (a) zone one;
  - (b) zone two;
  - (c) zone three;

- (d) zone four;
  - (e) zone five.
- (2) Of the 160 hectares subject to a controlled burn over the previous 10 years, how many hectares were burnt in —
- (a) zone one;
  - (b) zone two;
  - (c) zone three;
  - (d) zone four;
  - (e) zone five.
- (3) How many of the 25 hectares that will be burnt over the next three years will be in —
- (a) zone one;
  - (b) zone two;
  - (c) zone three;
  - (d) zone four;
  - (e) zone five.

*[Part (4) of question 446 omitted; to be reinstated by order of Speaker.]*

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Of the 650 hectare section of the Dandenong Ranges National Park referred to —
- (a) 74 hectares falls into zone one;
  - (b) there is no zone two;
  - (c) 455 hectares falls into zone three;
  - (d) there is no zone four;
  - (e) and 121 hectares falls into zone five.
- (2) Of the 160 hectares subject to a controlled burn over the previous 10 years —
- (a) 74 hectares was zone one;
  - (b) there was no zone two as there is no zone two in this section of the Park;
  - (c) 50 hectares was zone three;
  - (d) there was no zone four as there is no zone four in this section of the Park;
  - (e) and 36 hectares was zone five.
- (3) Of the 25 hectares that will be burnt over the next three years —
- (a) 7 hectares will be in zone one;
  - (b) there will be none in zone two as there is no zone two in this section of the Park;
  - (c) 18 hectares will be in zone three;
  - (d) there will none in zone four as there is no zone four in this section of the Park;
  - (e) and there will be none in zone five.

**Environment and climate change: Lysterfield State Park**

**447.** **Mr WAKELING** to ask the Minister for Community Development (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change) with reference to the former Minister for Water, Environment and Climate Change's answer to question on notice 110 in relation to controlled burning in the Lysterfield State Park —

- (1) How many of the 1,430 hectares in the Park fall into —
  - (a) zone one;
  - (b) zone two;
  - (c) zone three;
  - (d) zone four;
  - (e) zone five.
  
- (2) How many of the 80 hectares subject to controlled burns and the 110 hectares burnt in the 2003 wildfire were in —
  - (a) zone one;
  - (b) zone two;
  - (c) zone three;
  - (d) zone four;
  - (e) zone five.
  
- (3) How many of the 30 hectares to be burnt over the next three years are in —
  - (a) zone one;
  - (b) zone two;
  - (c) zone three;
  - (d) zone four;
  - (e) zone five.

*[Part (4) of question 447 omitted; to be reinstated by order of Speaker.]*

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

[In] relation to fuel reduction burning in the Lysterfield State Park —

- (1) Of the 1,430 hectares in the Park —
  - (a) zone one; makes up 14 hectares;
  - (b) zone two; makes up 74 hectares;
  - (c) zone three; makes up 1184 hectares;
  - (d) there is no zone four;
  - (e) and zone five makes up 158 hectares.
  
- (2) Of the 80 hectares subject to fuel reduction burns and the 110 hectares burnt in the 2003 bushfire —
  - (a) 14 hectares was in zone one;
  - (b) 29 hectares was in zone two;
  - (c) 147 hectares was in zone three;
  - (d) none was in zone four, as there is no zone four within the Park;
  - (e) and none was in zone five.

- (3) Of the 30 hectares to be fuel reduction over the next three years —
- (a) 9 hectares is in zone one;
  - (b) there is no zone two;
  - (c) 21 hectares is in zone three;
  - (d) there is no zone four within the Park;
  - (e) and none is in zone five.

**Environment and climate change: Churchill National Park**

**448.** **Mr WAKELING** to ask the Minister for Community Development (for the Minister for Environment and Climate change) with reference to the former Minister for Water, Environment and Climate Change's answer to question on notice 111 concerning controlled burning in the Churchill National Park —

- (1) How much of the 290 hectare section of the Park falls into —
- (a) zone one;
  - (b) zone two;
  - (c) zone three;
  - (d) zone four;
  - (e) zone five.
- (2) When does the Government intend to conduct controlled burns in —
- (a) zone one;
  - (b) zone two;
  - (c) zone three;
  - (d) zone four;
  - (e) zone five.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Of the 290 hectare section of the Park —
- (a) there is no zone one;
  - (b) there is no zone two;
  - (c) there is 290 hectares of zone three;
  - (d) there is no zone four;
  - (e) there is no zone five.
- (2) the Government intends to conduct controlled burns in —
- (a) none in zone one as there is no zone one;
  - (b) none in zone two as there is no zone two;
  - (c) 15 hectares of zone three this spring;
  - (d) none in zone four as there is no zone four;
  - (e) none in zone five as there is no zone five.

**Education: multicultural/multilingual programs**

**450.** Mr DIXON to ask the Minister for Education — has the Government implemented any educational programs in Government schools since 2002 to reinforce the advantages of living in a multicultural and multilingual society; if so —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Department's multicultural programs operate within the framework provided by the Blueprint for Government Schools and give support to aspects of whole of government initiatives such as Growing Victoria Together, A Fairer Victoria and Valuing Cultural Diversity. Social cohesion, equality of opportunity and cultural identity are central to the work of the Department.

The Department works with a range of other government departments and outside agencies to build social cohesion and promote and reinforce the advantages of living in a multicultural/multilingual society.

The Government provides over \$50 million annually through the Student Resource Package for primary and secondary schools to offer Languages other than English. In 2006, over 248,000 students studied a LOTE at primary school and over 114,000 students studied a LOTE in secondary school.

In line with the Government's election promise, approximately \$4 million has been allocated to support the teaching of languages in after-hours community language schools.

A total of approximately \$75 million was provided in 2006 through the Student Resource Package for students who required English language support through the new arrivals program and English as a second language index funding.

The Local Learning and Employment Networks (LLENs) operate a number of initiatives that cater for refugee students including apprenticeship pathways, mentoring, pathways planning, career and transition resources, the youth transition support initiative and the youth guarantee program.

Department also operates the Languages and Multicultural Education Resource Centre (LMERC). This Centre provides teachers from all sectors with expert advice and key teaching resources related to multicultural education, human rights education, Languages other than English and English as a Second Language. Over 23,000 items are borrowed from this Centre each year.

Details of programs can be accessed through the following websites:

Multicultural Education

<http://www.sofweb.vic.edu.au/lem/multi/index.htm>

LOTE Programs

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/studentlearning/teachingresources/lote/default.htm>

English as a Second Language and Refugee Programs

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/studentlearning/programs/esl/default.htm>

Languages, Multicultural and English as a Second Language Resource Centre (LMERC)

<http://www.sofweb.vic.edu.au/lem/lmerc/index.htm>

**Agriculture: wild dog bounty**

- 454.** Mr SMITH (*Warrandyte*) to ask the Minister for Agriculture — are there plans to increase the number of shooting clubs from which members are eligible to claim the bounty for shooting feral dogs; if not, why not.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

As part of the Government's bushfire recovery response, DPI is conducting a bounty for the collection of fox scalps and wild dog skin pieces for the six month period which began in April and is scheduled to end on 19 October 2007. As the bounty is almost concluded, DPI has no plans to increase the number of hunter organisations who are eligible to claim the wild dog bounty in the current program.

**Education: Rowville/Lysterfield secondary college facilities**

- 472.** Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Education with reference to secondary school facilities in the Rowville and Lysterfield communities —

- (1) Have any previous examinations been conducted regarding the establishment of a new secondary school facility in the communities —
  - (a) if so, what was the result of the examination;
  - (b) if not, will the Government conduct an examination.
- (2) Has the Government previously identified land in the communities for an additional secondary education facility.
- (3) What are the current enrolment figures for Rowville Secondary College including the eastern and western campuses.
- (4) What is the anticipated enrolment figures for Rowville Secondary College including the eastern and western campuses in —
  - (a) five years;
  - (b) ten years;
  - (c) 15 years;
  - (d) 20 years.
- (5) What number of students is deemed to be the optimum enrolment figure for Rowville Secondary College, including the eastern and western campuses.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

- (1) Rowville Secondary College is part of the proposed Knox Regeneration Project which is currently progressing through the *Building Futures* capital process. As part of this proposed regeneration project the future demand for government secondary education in the Rowville area is being reviewed. In accordance with input from the schools involved in the proposed regeneration project and the local community, along with advice from the Department of Education and Early Childhood's Eastern Metropolitan Region and Central offices, it is currently anticipated that the existing two secondary facilities in Rowville would remain.
- (2) The nearest site to Rowville/Lysterfield previously identified for future secondary provision was the proposed Mountain Gate secondary school on Ferntree Gully Road, Knoxfield (adjacent to Knox Park). This site was declared surplus and sold to the Ministry of Housing in 1985.
- (3) The current enrolment of Rowville Secondary College, including the eastern and western campuses, is 1,720.

- (4) It is not possible to provide anticipated future enrolment figures for Rowville Secondary College given that the school is part of a regeneration project that is yet to be finalised and will potentially change the delivery of education for Rowville and the wider area. Enrolment projections will also take into account revised population forecasts based on the 2006 ABS Census that are due to be released next year. However, current population forecasts (based on the 2001 ABS Census) indicate a decline in the 12–18 age cohort for the Knox (C) South Statistical Local Area, which corresponds very closely to the neighbourhood catchment of Knox Secondary College. The anticipated rate of decline is approximately:
- 2% between 2006 and 2011;
  - 12% between 2006 and 2016;
  - 20% between 2006 and 2021; and
  - 26% between 2006 and 2026.
- (5) Rowville Secondary College, including the eastern and western campuses, was designed and constructed for a Long-Term Enrolment (LTE) of 2,200.

**Premier: body-piercing legislation**

**499.** Mr HODGETT to ask the Premier —

- (1) In which month will the Government introduce legislation relating to age restrictions for body piercing.
- (2) Why is the Government delaying the introduction of legislation relating to age restrictions for body piercing.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Attorney-General is the responsible Minister for the proposed legislation regarding body piercing. The Member should direct his Question to the Attorney-General.

**Roads and ports: Healesville freeway**

**500(b).** Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports does the Government have any plans to build the Healesville Freeway.

**ANSWER:**

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

Road projects are prioritised on a statewide and regional basis.

Any proposal to build a Healesville Freeway will be considered in this context.

**Community services: Casey Kidz Klub**

**501.** Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the Casey Kidz Klub —

- (1) Has the Minister visited the Casey Kidz Klub.
- (2) Does the Government have any plans to contribute to funding to allowing respite care to continue at the Casey Kidz Klub.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The Minister for Community Services has not visited the Casey Kidz Klub.
- (2) The Casey Kidz Klub provides before and after school hours care programs, including those for children with a disability. The Commonwealth Government is responsible for funding these programs.

**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.*

**Thursday, 22 November 2007**

**Education: school fundraising**

**498.** Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Education —

- (1) Are there any examples of schools needing to fundraise to meet maintenance needs.
- (2) Are there any examples of schools needing to fundraise to meet the costs of keeping staff.
- (3) In the district of Kilsyth what percentage of maintenance funding needs were met following the Government's funding allocation in July 2007.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

- (1) The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development undertakes a major condition audit of all schools approximately every four years and from this information identifies planned maintenance for the coming years. Base funding is allocated to schools each year via the Student Resource Package, which is the funding model for Victorian government schools, for planned and unplanned maintenance works. Half of these funds are available to address urgent or unplanned maintenance works and half for planned maintenance.
- (2) Student Resource Package funding is designed to cover core teaching and learning, leadership, teaching support, professional development, relief teaching, payroll tax and superannuation costs for the school. On this basis the Department does not envisage that schools would need to fundraise to meet the costs of keeping core staff.
- (3) Asset maintenance is a key priority for the Department. At any one time maintenance may be required for assets including:
  - Sheds, outbuildings, houses, school funded buildings and non school buildings;
  - Excess buildings for which schools have previously agreed to take responsibility;
  - Air conditioning for permanent buildings outside of the CSIRO NaTher zones;
  - Playgrounds, trees, seating, door and window screens, shade screens and landscaping (excluding retaining walls); and
  - Items and activities already funded via the Student Resource Package (lockers, floor polish, fire extinguishers, replacement of globes/tubes, cleaning, polishing, service and tree removal).

As responsibility for these assets is shared between the Department and schools it is not possible to determine locally what percentage of maintenance needs is being met at any one time.

Departmental policy provides that any school experiencing an urgent maintenance issue that exceeds their available funds can contact their regional office to have the matter investigated. Where appropriate, the region would prepare submissions for the Department's Facilities and Infrastructure Branch.

