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Answers have been incorporated in the form supplied by the departments on behalf of the appropriate ministers.  
The portfolio of the minister answering the question on notice starts each heading.*

**Tuesday, 11 November 2008**

**Roads and ports: Canterbury Road, Vermont — flooding**

**963.** Mrs **VICTORIA** to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports with reference to EastLink construction in Canterbury Road, Vermont — has the Minister been informed of flooding during December 2007 resulting in the closure of Canterbury Road and has an engineering investigation been instigated; if so —

- (1) When did it commence.
- (2) Who is conducting the investigation.
- (3) When is the report due.
- (4) Will the Minister be instructing ConnectEast to compensate those affected.

**ANSWER:**

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

Following a report concerning flooding of properties adjoining Canterbury Road west of EastLink in December 2007, SEITA requested ConnectEast undertake an engineering review of the drainage. The drainage system had been significantly altered in the development of EastLink at this location.

The investigation involved the preparation of a detailed report by Thiess John Holland–ConnectEast’s design and construct contractor for EastLink.

The report was received by SEITA on 17 June 2008. The report revealed modifications would be required. The alterations to the drainage system are expected to be completed in late-2008, following design approval of the modifications.

Under the arrangements for EastLink, Concessionaire ConnectEast and its construction contractor TJH are responsible for compensation relating to EastLink construction. We understand that TJH has resolved one claim and is in the process of resolving another resulting from the flooding. SEITA has referred the matter to ConnectEast and requested urgent resolution.

**Community services: kinship and permanent care**

**983.** Ms **WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to \$1.2 million worth of funding for 220 new kinship and permanent care places promised in the 2002–03 budget —

- (1) How much of the funding was expended in 2002–03.
- (2) How many additional places were created in 2002–03 as a result of the funding.
- (3) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

1. The entire allocation of \$1.2M was expended in 2002-03.
2. Between 1 July 2002 and 30 June 2003 the number of kinship care and permanent care placements increased by 174.
3. No

**Skills and workforce participation: TAFE electrical engineering courses**

**1165.** Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Skills and Workforce Participation —

- (1) How many applications for Electrical Engineering at all TAFE colleges were received in 2008.
- (2) How many positions for Electrical Engineering at all TAFE colleges are available for applicants.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

Skills Victoria collects vocational education and training data for Victoria in accordance with the Australian Vocational Education and Training Management Information Statistical Standard. This standard was developed by the National Training Statistics Committee to provide data definitions for information related to students, training programs and providers of training and further education.

Skills Victoria measures providers of training and further education and State Training System capacity to efficiently meet training demands, maintain contractual obligations, satisfy industry and individual aspirations, minimise risks and ensure quality of value.

Data on the number of applications for government supported places at TAFE is not collected by Skills Victoria.

TAFE institutions identified through their Training Plans, including relevant addenda, that they intended to deliver 3.765 million student contact hours via courses in the Electrical and Electronics sector in 2008.

In 2007, there were 384 government funded enrolments in Electrical Engineering at TAFE institutions in Victoria. The number of government funded enrolments in 2008 will not be known until March 2009.

**Community services: kinship and permanent care**

**1211.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to \$2 million worth of funding for kinship care and permanent care promised in the 2003–04 budget —

- (1) How much of the funding was expended in 2003–04.
- (2) How many extra placements throughout Victoria were provided as a result of the funding.
- (3) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) \$2 million
- (2) 234 placements
- (3) No.

**Mental health: psychogeriatric assessment and treatment services**

**1262.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services —

- (1) How much funding was allocated to PGATS in —
  - (a) 2004–05; and
  - (b) 2008–09.
- (2) What is the average wait between client registration and assessment in —
  - (a) metropolitan areas; and
  - (b) rural and regional areas.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The funding allocated to PGATS in
  - (a) 2004-05 was \$ 25,175,204
  - (b) 2008-09 was \$ 28,001,354
- (2) All clients referred to an Aged Persons Community Team are assessed. However, only those assessed as requiring a specialist mental service response are registered therefore the information is not recorded in the manner suggested.

**Mental health: Peninsula area — funding**

**1282.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — With reference to funding for the Peninsula Adult Mental Health Service Area —

- (1) How much funding went to the area in —
  - (a) 1999–2000;
  - (b) 2000–01;
  - (c) 2001–02;
  - (d) 2002–03;
  - (e) 2003–04;
  - (f) 2004–05;
  - (g) 2005–06;
  - (h) 2006–07; and
  - (i) 2007–08.
- (2) Has the use of the funding for the area been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) (a), (b), (c), & (d)  
For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for Peninsula Adult Mental Health Service Area.

- (1) (e), (f), (g), (h) & (i)

2003-04	\$ 13,554,811
2004-05	\$ 14,478,047
2005-06	\$ 15,782,350
2006-07	\$ 16,545,822
2007-08	\$ 17,531,533

- (2) The impact of the services' overall funding is not specifically evaluated. Services are subject to continuous improvement processes and individual client outcomes are measured.

**Mental health: Dandenong area — funding**

**1283.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — With reference to funding for the Dandenong Adult Mental Health Service Area —

- (1) How much funding went to the area in —
- (a) 1999–2000;
  - (b) 2000–01;
  - (c) 2001–02;
  - (d) 2002–03;
  - (e) 2003–04;
  - (f) 2004–05;
  - (g) 2005–06;
  - (h) 2006–07; and
  - (i) 2007–08.
- (2) Has the use of the funding for the area been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) (a), (b), (c), & (d)  
For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for Dandenong Adult Mental Health Service Area.

- (1) (e), (f), (g), (h) & (i) .

2003-04	\$ 18,610,501
2004-05	\$ 23,066,712
2005-06	\$ 28,265,725
2006-07	\$ 29,918,294
2007-08	\$ 31,805,685

- (2) The impact of the services' overall funding is not specifically evaluated. Services are subject to continuous improvement processes and individual client outcomes are measured.

**Mental health: south-east area — funding**

**1284.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — With reference to funding for the South East Adult Mental Health Service Area —

- (1) How much funding went to the area in —
  - (a) 1999–2000;
  - (b) 2000–01;
  - (c) 2001–02;
  - (d) 2002–03;
  - (e) 2003–04;
  - (f) 2004–05;
  - (g) 2005–06;
  - (h) 2006–07; and
  - (i) 2007–08.
- (2) Has the use of the funding for the area been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

There is no South East Adult Mental Health Service Area, data has been provided for the Inner South East Adult Mental Health Service Area.

- (1) (a), (b), (c), & (d)  
For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for Inner South East Adult Mental Health Service Area.
- (1) (e), (f), (g), (h) & (i)
 

2003-04	\$ 18,910,842
2004-05	\$ 20,727,449
2005-06	\$ 21,743,406
2006-07	\$ 22,261,458
2007-08	\$ 25,193,234
- (2) The impact of the services' overall funding is not specifically evaluated. Services are subject to continuous improvement processes and individual client outcomes are measured.

**Mental health: inner urban east area — funding**

**1285.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — With reference to funding for the Inner Urban East Adult Mental Health Service Area —

- (1) How much funding went to the area in —
  - (a) 1999–2000;
  - (b) 2000–01;
  - (c) 2001–02;
  - (d) 2002–03;
  - (e) 2003–04;

- (f) 2004–05;
  - (g) 2005–06;
  - (h) 2006–07; and
  - (i) 2007–08.
- (2) Has the use of the funding for the area been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) (a), (b), (c), & (d)  
For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for Inner Urban East Adult Mental Health Service Area.
- (1) (e), (f), (g), (h) & (i)
- |         |               |
|---------|---------------|
| 2003-04 | \$ 16,349,660 |
| 2004-05 | \$ 17,659,093 |
| 2005-06 | \$ 19,270,863 |
| 2006-07 | \$ 20,122,748 |
| 2007-08 | \$ 21,534,101 |
- (2) The impact of the services' overall funding is not specifically evaluated. Services are subject to continuous improvement processes and individual client outcomes are measured.

**Mental health: inner west area — funding**

**1286. Ms WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Mental Health — With reference to funding for the Inner West Adult Mental Health Service Area —

- (1) How much funding went to the area in —
- (a) 1999–2000;
  - (b) 2000–01;
  - (c) 2001–02;
  - (d) 2002–03;
  - (e) 2003–04;
  - (f) 2004–05;
  - (g) 2005–06;
  - (h) 2006–07; and
  - (i) 2007–08.
- (2) Has the use of the funding for the area been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) (a), (b), (c), & (d)  
For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for Inner West Adult Mental Health Service Area.

- (1) (e), (f), (g), (h) & (i)

2003-04	\$ 13,297,547
2004-05	\$ 17,103,533
2005-06	\$ 18,429,128
2006-07	\$ 19,654,866
2007-08	\$ 22,720,253

- (2) The impact of the services' overall funding is not specifically evaluated. Services are subject to continuous improvement processes and individual client outcomes are measured.

**Mental health: mid-west area — funding**

**1287.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — With reference to funding for the Mid-West Adult Mental Health Service Area —

- (1) How much funding went to the area in —

- (a) 1999–2000;
- (b) 2000–01;
- (c) 2001–02;
- (d) 2002–03;
- (e) 2003–04;
- (f) 2004–05;
- (g) 2005–06;
- (h) 2006–07; and
- (i) 2007–08.

- (2) Has the use of the funding for the area been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) (a), (b), (c), & (d)  
For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for Mid West Adult Mental Health Service Area.

- (1) (e), (f), (g), (h) & (i)

2003-04	\$ 14,909,409
2004-05	\$ 16,489,947
2005-06	\$ 16,885,281
2006-07	\$ 17,823,549
2007-08	\$ 18,656,777

- (2) The impact of the services' overall funding is not specifically evaluated. Services are subject to continuous improvement processes and individual client outcomes are measured.

**Mental health: middle south area — funding**

**1288.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — With reference to funding for the Middle South Adult Mental Health Service Area —

- (1) How much funding went to the area in —
  - (a) 1999–2000;
  - (b) 2000–01;
  - (c) 2001–02;
  - (d) 2002–03;
  - (e) 2003–04;
  - (f) 2004–05;
  - (g) 2005–06;
  - (h) 2006–07; and
  - (i) 2007–08.
- (2) Has the use of the funding for the area been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) (a), (b), (c), & (d)  
For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for Middle South Adult Mental Health Service Area.
- (1) (e), (f), (g), (h) & (i)
 

2003-04	\$ 14,517,728
2004-05	\$ 17,043,021
2005-06	\$ 18,159,220
2006-07	\$ 18,782,947
2007-08	\$ 20,184,702
- (2) The impact of the services’ overall funding is not specifically evaluated. Services are subject to continuous improvement processes and individual client outcomes are measured.

**Mental health: north-east area — funding**

**1289.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — With reference to funding for the North East Adult Mental Health Service Area —

- (1) How much funding went to the area in —
  - (a) 1999–2000;
  - (b) 2000–01;
  - (c) 2001–02;
  - (d) 2002–03;
  - (e) 2003–04;
  - (f) 2004–05;
  - (g) 2005–06;
  - (h) 2006–07; and

- (i) 2007–08.
- (2) Has the use of the funding for the area been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) (a), (b), (c), & (d)  
For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for North East Adult Mental Health Service Area.

- (1) (e), (f), (g), (h) & (i)

2003-04	\$ 14,136,724
2004-05	\$ 14,267,401
2005-06	\$ 15,163,870
2006-07	\$ 15,921,804
2007-08	\$ 17,907,413

- (2) The impact of the services' overall funding is not specifically evaluated. Services are subject to continuous improvement processes and individual client outcomes are measured.

**Mental health: north-west area — funding**

**1290.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — With reference to funding for the North West Adult Mental Health Service Area —

- (1) How much funding went to the area in —
  - (a) 1999–2000;
  - (b) 2000–01;
  - (c) 2001–02;
  - (d) 2002–03;
  - (e) 2003–04;
  - (f) 2004–05;
  - (g) 2005–06;
  - (h) 2006–07; and
  - (i) 2007–08.
- (2) Has the use of the funding for the area been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) (a), (b), (c), & (d)  
For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for North West Adult Mental Health Service Area.

- (1) (e), (f), (g), (h) & (i).  
North West Adult Mental Health Service Area including adult mental health services provided by Orygen State-wide service.

2003-04	\$ 19,650,782
2004-05	\$ 20,614,732
2005-06	\$ 21,944,500
2006-07	\$ 23,204,497
2007-08	\$ 24,927,546

- (2) The impact of the services' overall funding is not specifically evaluated. Services are subject to continuous improvement processes and individual client outcomes are measured.

**Mental health: northern area — funding**

**1291.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — With reference to funding for the Northern Adult Mental Health Service Area —

- (1) How much funding went to the area in —
- (a) 1999–2000;
  - (b) 2000–01;
  - (c) 2001–02;
  - (d) 2002–03;
  - (e) 2003–04;
  - (f) 2004–05;
  - (g) 2005–06;
  - (h) 2006–07; and
  - (i) 2007–08.
- (2) Has the use of the funding for the area been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) (a), (b), (c), & (d)  
For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for Northern Adult Mental Health Service Area.

- (1) (e), (f), (g), (h) & (i)

2003-04	\$ 12,876,232
2004-05	\$ 14,020,000
2005-06	\$ 14,731,003
2006-07	\$ 15,575,556
2007-08	\$ 16,693,607

- (2) The impact of the services' overall funding is not specifically evaluated. Services are subject to continuous improvement processes and individual client outcomes are measured.

**Mental health: outer east area — funding**

**1292.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — With reference to funding for the Outer East Adult Mental Health Service Area —

- (1) How much funding went to the area in —
  - (a) 1999–2000;
  - (b) 2000–01;
  - (c) 2001–02;
  - (d) 2002–03;
  - (e) 2003–04;
  - (f) 2004–05;
  - (g) 2005–06;
  - (h) 2006–07; and
  - (i) 2007–08.
  
- (2) Has the use of the funding for the area been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

(1) (a), (b), (c), & (d)  
 For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for Outer East Adult Mental Health Service Area.

(1) (e), (f), (g), (h) & (i)

2003-04	\$ 12,996,469
2004-05	\$ 14,117,750
2005-06	\$ 15,666,648
2006-07	\$ 16,620,675
2007-08	\$ 17,937,874

(2) The impact of the services' overall funding is not specifically evaluated. Services are subject to continuous improvement processes and individual client outcomes are measured.

**Mental health: south-west area — funding**

**1293.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — With reference to funding for the South West Adult Mental Health Service Area —

- (1) How much funding went to the area in —
  - (a) 1999–2000;
  - (b) 2000–01;
  - (c) 2001–02;
  - (d) 2002–03;
  - (e) 2003–04;
  - (f) 2004–05;
  - (g) 2005–06;

- (h) 2006–07; and
  - (i) 2007–08.
- (2) Has the use of the funding for the area been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) (a), (b), (c) & (d)  
For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for South West Adult Mental Health Service Area.

- (1) (e), (f), (g), (h) & (i)

2003-04	\$ 11,159,468
2004-05	\$ 12,497,594
2005-06	\$ 14,308,674
2006-07	\$ 15,078,723
2007-08	\$ 15,887,983

- (2) The impact of the services’ overall funding is not specifically evaluated. Services are subject to continuous improvement processes and individual client outcomes are measured.

**Mental health: Grampians area — funding**

**1299.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — With reference to funding for adult services to the Grampians Mental Health Service Area —

- (1) How much funding went to the service area in —

- (a) 1999–2000;
- (b) 2000–01;
- (c) 2001–02;
- (d) 2002–03;
- (e) 2003–04;
- (f) 2004–05;
- (g) 2005–06;
- (h) 2006–07; and
- (i) 2007–08.

- (2) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) (a), (b), (c), & (d)  
For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for Grampians Adult Mental Health Service Area.

- (1) (e), (f), (g), (h) & (i)

2003-04	\$ 13,171,589
2004-05	\$ 14,832,591
2005-06	\$ 15,377,288
2006-07	\$ 16,238,293
2007-08	\$ 17,448,245

- (2) The impact of the services' overall funding is not specifically evaluated. Services are subject to continuous improvement processes and individual client outcomes are measured.

**Mental health: north-east Hume area — funding**

**1300.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — With reference to funding for adult services to the North East Hume Mental Health Service Area —

- (1) How much funding went to the service area in —

- (a) 1999–00;
- (b) 2000–01;
- (c) 2001–02;
- (d) 2002–03;
- (e) 2003–04;
- (f) 2004–05;
- (g) 2005–06;
- (h) 2006–07; and
- (i) 2007–08.

- (2) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) (a), (b), (c), & (d)

For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for North East Hume Adult Mental Health Service Area.

- (1) (e), (f), (g), (h) & (i)

2003-04	\$ 9,530,855
2004-05	\$ 9,838,359
2005-06	\$ 10,893,101
2006-07	\$ 10,867,265
2007-08	\$ 12,214,392

- (2) The impact of the services' overall funding is not specifically evaluated. Services are subject to continuous improvement processes and individual client outcomes are measured.

**Mental health: northern Mallee area — funding**

**1301.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — With reference to funding for adult services to the Northern Mallee Mental Health Service Area —

- (1) How much funding went to the service area in —

- (a) 1999–2000;
- (b) 2000–01;
- (c) 2001–02;
- (d) 2002–03;
- (e) 2003–04;
- (f) 2004–05;
- (g) 2005–06;
- (h) 2006–07; and
- (i) 2007–08.

(2) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

(1) (a), (b), (c), & (d)

For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for Northern Mallee Adult Mental Health Service Area.

(1) (e), (f), (g), (h) & (i)

2003-04	\$ 4,671,890
2004-05	\$ 5,143,518
2005-06	\$ 5,455,781
2006-07	\$ 5,766,809
2007-08	\$ 6,148,620

(2) The impact of the services' overall funding is not specifically evaluated. Services are subject to continuous improvement processes and individual client outcomes are measured.

**Mental health: child and adolescent inpatient psychiatric beds**

**1302.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — How many child and adolescent inpatient psychiatric beds are currently operational in Victorian public hospitals and where are they located.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

As at 1 July 2008 there are a total of 67 child and adolescent beds in operation in hospitals providing mental health services. They are located around the state.

**Mental health: eastern dual diagnosis services**

**1303.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — How much funding did the Eastern Dual Diagnosis Team receive in —

- (1) 2001–02.
- (2) 2002–03.
- (3) 2003–04.

- (4) 2004–05.
- (5) 2005–06.
- (6) 2006–07.
- (7) 2007–08.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

(1) & (2).

For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for the metropolitan and rural components of Eastern Dual Diagnosis Team.

(3), (4), (5), (6) & (7)

Year	Total Funding
2003-04	\$ 402,942
2004-05	\$ 514,396
2005-06	\$ 675,879
2006-07	\$ 861,116
2007-08	\$ 886,175

**Mental health: northern nexus dual diagnosis services**

**1304.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — How much funding did the Northern Nexus Dual Diagnosis Team receive in —

- (1) 2001–02.
- (2) 2002–03.
- (3) 2003–04.
- (4) 2004–05.
- (5) 2005–06.
- (6) 2006–07.
- (7) 2007–08.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

(1) & (2)

For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for the metropolitan and rural components of Northern Nexus Dual Diagnosis Team.

(3), (4), (5), (6) & (7)

Year	Total Funding
2003-04	\$ 533,528
2004-05	\$ 699,802
2005-06	\$ 990,954
2006-07	\$ 1,182,656
2007-08	\$ 1,209,826

**Mental health: southern dual diagnosis services**

**1305.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — How much funding did the Southern Dual Diagnosis Team receive in —

- (1) 2001–02.
- (2) 2002–03.
- (3) 2003–04.
- (4) 2004–05.
- (5) 2005–06.
- (6) 2006–07.
- (7) 2007–08.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

(1) & (2)

For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for metropolitan and rural components of Southern Dual Diagnosis Team.

(3), (4), (5), (6) & (7)

Year	Total Funding
2003-04	\$ 732,000
2004-05	\$ 895,910
2005-06	\$ 1,089,714
2006-07	\$ 1,330,908

**Mental health: western summit dual diagnosis services**

**1306.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — How much funding did Western SUMMIT receive in —

- (1) 2001–02.
- (2) 2002–03.
- (3) 2003–04.
- (4) 2004–05.
- (5) 2005–06.
- (6) 2006–07.
- (7) 2007–08.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

(1) & (2)

For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for the metropolitan and rural components of Western Summit Dual Diagnosis Team.

(3), (4), (5), (6) & (7)

Year	Total Funding
2003-04	\$ 970,018
2004-05	\$ 1,229,335
2005-06	\$ 1,434,069
2006-07	\$ 1,836,870
2007-08	\$ 1,903,193

**Mental health: crisis assessment and treatment services**

**1307. Ms WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Mental Health —

(1) How much funding did CAT teams receive in —

- (a) 1999–2000;
- (b) 2000–01;
- (c) 2001–02;
- (d) 2002–03;
- (e) 2003–04;
- (f) 2004–05;
- (g) 2005–06;
- (h) 2006–07; and
- (i) 2007–08.

(2) Has the use of CAT team funding been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

(1) (a), (b), (c), & (d)

For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for Crisis Assessment and Treatment (CAT) Teams.

(1) (e), (f), (g), (h) & (i)

2003-04	\$ 27,794,807
2004-05	\$ 29,440,436
2005-06	\$ 32,708,879
2006-07	\$ 32,656,235
2007-08	\$ 34,439,862

(2) The impact of the services' overall funding is not specifically evaluated. However a wide-ranging review of CAT services and functions was undertaken under the auspices of the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Mental Health in 2006. A copy of the Report of the Review is attached.

**Mental health: community care units**

**1309. Ms WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Mental Health —

(1) How much funding did Community Care Units receive in —

- (a) 1999–2000;
  - (b) 2000–01;
  - (c) 2001–02;
  - (d) 2002–03;
  - (e) 2003–04;
  - (f) 2004–05;
  - (g) 2005–06;
  - (h) 2006–07; and
  - (i) 2007–08.
- (2) Has the use of the funding for Community Care Units been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) (a), (b), (c), & (d)  
For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for Community Care Units.

- (1) (e), (f), (g), (h) & (i)

2003-04	\$ 29,638,067
2004-05	\$ 30,546,073
2005-06	\$ 33,140,706
2006-07	\$ 34,359,395
2007-08	\$ 36,898,166

- (2) The impact of the services’ overall funding is not specifically evaluated. Services are subject to continuous improvement processes and individual client outcomes are measured.

**Mental health: secure extended care units**

**1311. Ms WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Mental Health —

- (1) How much funding did Secure Extended Care Units receive in —
- (a) 1999–2000;
  - (b) 2000–01;
  - (c) 2001–02;
  - (d) 2002–03;
  - (e) 2003–04;
  - (f) 2004–05;
  - (g) 2005–06;
  - (h) 2006–07; and
  - (i) 2007–08.
- (2) Has the use of funding for Secure Extended Care Units been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) (a), (b), (c), & (d)  
For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for Secure Extended Care Units.

- (1) (e), (f), (g), (h) & (i)

2003-04	\$ 13,868,072
2004-05	\$ 14,430,033
2005-06	\$ 15,053,743
2006-07	\$ 15,684,988
2007-08	\$ 16,287,129

- (3) The use of funding for Secure Extended Care Units was reviewed as part of a project analysing the Victorian rehabilitation and recovery care system for people with a severe mental illness and associated disability. A copy of the report indicating the results of the project is available at:  
<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/mentalhealth/pdrss/rehab-recovery.pdf>

**Mental health: adult inpatient psychiatric beds**

- 1313.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — How many adult inpatient psychiatric beds were operational in —

- (1) 1999–2000.  
(2) 2000–01.  
(3) 2001–02.  
(4) 2002–03.  
(5) 2003–04.  
(6) 2004–05.  
(7) 2005–06.  
(8) 2006–07.  
(9) 2007–08.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The numbers of operational adult psychiatric inpatient beds are as follows:

- |                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| (1) 1999–2000: | 822 |
| (2) 2000–01:   | 831 |
| (3) 2001–02:   | 825 |
| (4) 2002–03:   | 854 |
| (5) 2003–04:   | 872 |
| (6) 2004–05:   | 902 |
| (7) 2005–06:   | 906 |
| (8) 2006–07:   | 923 |
| (9) 2007–08:   | 925 |

**Mental health: division 1 nurses**

**1314.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — How many division one nurses (equivalent fulltime) are currently employed in the public mental health workforce.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Data provided by mental health services submitted for the National Minimum Data set for Mental Health Establishments 2007 indicated that there were 2,641.2 equivalent full time registered nurses (Division 1/ Division 3) employed by public mental health services in 2006-2007.

**Mental health: division 2 nurses**

**1315.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — How many division two nurses (equivalent fulltime) are currently employed in the public mental health workforce.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Data provided by mental health services submitted for the National Minimum Data set for Mental Health Establishments 2007 indicated that there were 693.8 equivalent full time division two nurses employed in Victorian public mental health services in 2006-2007.

**Mental health: division 3 nurses**

**1316.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — How many division three nurses (equivalent fulltime) are currently employed in the public mental health workforce.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Data provided by mental health services submitted for the National Minimum Data set for Mental Health Establishments 2007 indicated that there were 2,641.2 equivalent full time registered nurses (Division 1/ Division 3) employed by public mental health services in 2006-2007.

**Mental health: nurses**

**1317.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — How many division one, two and three equivalent fulltime nurse positions are currently unfilled in the public mental health workforce.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Department of Human Services does not routinely monitor vacancies, though it does undertake a range of activities aiming to support services in their efforts to recruit and retain nursing staff including support for graduate programs.

**Mental health: social workers**

**1318.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — How many social workers (equivalent fulltime) are currently employed in the public mental health workforce.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Data provided by mental health services submitted for the National Minimum Data set for Mental Health Establishments 2007 indicated that there were 372.6 equivalent full time social workers employed by public mental health services in 2006-2007.

**Mental health: occupational therapists**

**1319.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — How many occupational therapists (equivalent fulltime) are currently employed in the public mental health workforce.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Data provided by mental health services submitted for the National Minimum Data set for Mental Health Establishments 2007 indicated that there were 232.4 equivalent full time occupational therapists employed by public mental health services in 2006-2007.

**Mental health: psychologists**

**1320.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — How many psychologists, equivalent fulltime, are currently employed in the public mental health workforce.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Data provided by mental health services submitted for the National Minimum Data set for Mental Health Establishments 2007 indicated that there were 415 equivalent full time psychologists employed by public mental health services in 2006-2007.

**Mental health: allied health workers**

**1321.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — How many allied health (equivalent fulltime) positions are currently unfilled in the public mental health workforce.

**ANSWER:**

The Department of Human Services does not routinely monitor vacancies.

**Mental health: conduct disorder programs for children**

**1326.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — With reference to funding for conduct disorder programs for children announced in the 2003–04 Budget —

- (1) How much funding was allocated to the programs in the 2003–04 Budget.
- (2) How much of the funding was expended in —

- (a) 2003–04;
- (b) 2004–05;
- (c) 2005–06; and
- (d) 2006–07.

(3) Has the use of the funding been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) \$720,000 was allocated to the DHS activity conduct disorder program in the 2003-04 budget.
- (2) The amount of funding expended on the DHS activity conduct disorder program was:
  - (a) 2003-04: \$391,781
  - (b) 2004-05: \$793,051
  - (c) 2005-06: \$1,353,719
  - (d) 2006-07: \$2,139,214
- (3) The impact of the funding for this program has not been specifically evaluated. The program is subject to continuous improvement processes and individual client outcomes are measured.

**Mental health: Centre For Women’s Mental Health**

**1330.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — With reference to the \$1.1 million worth of funding for the Centre for Women’s Mental Health at the Royal Women’s Hospital announced in the 2006–07 Budget —

- (1) How much of the funding was expended in —
  - (a) 2006–07; and
  - (b) 2007–08.
- (2) Has the use of the funding been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Of the \$1.1 million worth of funding for the Centre for Women’s Mental Health at the Royal Women’s Hospital announced in the 2006–07 Budget

- (1) (a) \$190,000 was expended in 2006-07
- (b) \$197,474 was expended in 2007-08
- (2) The use of the funding has not been evaluated at this stage.

**Mental health: early psychosis programs for young people**

**1332.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health — With reference to the \$16.9 million for early psychosis programs for young people announced as part of the National Action Plan on Mental Health —

- (1) How much of the funding was expended before 1 February 2006.

- (2) How much of the funding was expended in —
  - (a) 2005–06;
  - (b) 2006–07; and
  - (c) 2007–08.
- (3) Has the use of the funding been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Funding of \$978,946 for young people announced as part of the National Action Plan on Mental health was expended under the DHS activity early psychosis program before 1 February 2006.
- (2) The amount of funding expended on the DHS early psychosis program was:
  - (a) 2005-06: \$3,882,763
  - (b) 2006-07: \$5,831,687
  - (c) 2007-08: \$8,063,500
- (3) The *Youth Early Psychosis Status Report* published by the then Mental Health Branch of the Department of Human Services in March 2007 found that the Youth Early Psychosis (YEP) services operating in 2005-06 were providing intensive case management, treatment and support for young people with early psychosis in keeping with the program specifications. The Status Report can be accessed or downloaded from: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/mentalhealth/psychosis/index.htm>

**Education: Kids — Go for Your Life program**

- 1348.** Mr DIXON to ask the Minister for Education — With reference to the Kids — Go for your life award program —
- (1) How many schools have completed the program.
  - (2) How many schools have received an outdoor award sign.
  - (3) How many schools have received an invoice for their outdoor award sign.
  - (4) What is the cost of producing an outdoor award sign.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

Although the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development works very closely with the *Kids – Go for your life* program, the program does not sit within the Education portfolio.

The *Kids – Go for your life* program is the responsibility of the Minister for Health.

**Senior Victorians: Seniors Information Victoria**

- 1360.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Senior Victorians — With reference to funding received by Seniors Information Victoria in 2007–08 and 2008–09 —
- (1) How much funding was received in each year.
  - (2) Has the use of the funding for each year been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

(1) Funding for the Seniors Information Victoria service for 2007-08 and 2008-09 is as follows:

2007-08	\$252,242
2008-09	\$257,798

(2) Yes; the review recommended a continuation of the existing service to the end of 2010-11.

**Senior Victorians: cognitive dementia and memory services**

**1362.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Senior Victorians — With reference to funding received by CDAMS in 2007–08 and 2008–09 —

- (1) How much funding was received in each year.
- (2) Has the use of the funding been evaluated; if so what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) In 2007-08 CDAMS received \$4.4 million of funding. This includes additional growth funding of \$325,000. In 2008-09 funding was \$4.6 million
- (2) The use of this funding has not been evaluated

**Senior Victorians: cognitive dementia and memory services**

**1363.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Senior Victorians — Does the Government keep any data in relation to the number of people waiting to access CDAMS; if so, what data is kept.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Government does not keep any data on the number of people waiting to access CDAMS.

**Community services: home and community care clients**

**1372.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — What is the common level of HACC service provision per week for high needs clients in —

- (1) Metropolitan areas.
- (2) Rural and regional areas.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The HACC Program has no official definition of a distinction between low-need and high-need clients.

**Education: schools excelling in specialist areas**

**1390.** Mr DIXON to ask the Minister for Education — With reference to the Government's 2006 election policy which schools are part of the expanded range of schools excelling in specialist areas.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Government has committed to expand the range of schools excelling in specialist areas. This includes:

- \$20 million for the rebuilding of the Victorian College of the Arts Secondary School in South Melbourne;
- \$20 million to build the John Monash Science School in Clayton;
- \$10 million to create a new sports school as a redevelopment of Maribyrnong Secondary College;
- \$40 million for the establishment of two new specialist selective entry academic schools.

The Government is committed to meeting the varying needs and interests of Victorian students and this expansion of specialist schooling is an important part of that commitment

**Education: career change program**

**1393.** Mr DIXON to ask the Minister for Education — How many new places have been provided in the Career Change Program.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

There were thirty places available in 2008.

**Education: training scholarships**

**1394.** Mr DIXON to ask the Minister for Education — How many maths and science graduates have received scholarships to undertake education training and have become teachers in government schools.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

Fifty scholarships were awarded for post-graduate teacher education study commencing in 2008.

Thirty six recipients are expected to complete their studies and be available for employment in 2009. Scholarship recipients completing longer courses will be available for employment in subsequent years.

**Education: science and maths specialist centres**

**1396.** Mr DIXON to ask the Minister for Education — Have the three science and maths specialist centres at Geelong, Ballarat and La Trobe Secondary Colleges been built; if so, at what cost.

**ANSWER:**

Each of these specialist centres is currently in the planning phase.

**Housing: one-bedroom units**

**1397.** Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Housing — With reference to one bedroom public housing units in Croydon, Bayswater North, Kilsyth and Mooroolbark — in each suburb —

- (1) How many units are there.
- (2) What funds have were spent on the units in 2005–06, 2006–07 and 2007–08.
- (3) What age are the units.
- (4) What is the occupancy rate of the units and how is this measured.
- (5) What is the current waiting list for units.
- (6) What plans are there to buy more units.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Since 1999, the Victorian Government has delivered over 12,900 new social housing units, including an additional 1,400 properties in the Eastern Metropolitan Region, bringing the total provision of social housing stock in the Eastern Metropolitan Region to over 7,000 units. Details of units by bedroom type can be found in *the Summary of Housing Assistance Programs 2006-07* at [www.housing.vic.gov.au](http://www.housing.vic.gov.au)
- (2) The Office of Housing does not disaggregate property spending to the suburb level.
- (3) Each property has an individual built date and cannot be supplied without identifying specific addresses.
- (4) The Office of Housing makes every effort to ensure that vacant properties are allocated as soon as is practicable to avoid properties being left unoccupied. At 30 June 2008, the state-wide average occupancy rate was 99.2%. As with private rental properties, the occupancy rate is measured as a proportion of all tenantable properties. Properties may remain vacant for a range of reasons, including the need for maintenance, work to modify properties to meet client needs, client illness, or in the case of disposing of goods abandoned by vacating tenants, time for actions such as inspections by Consumer Affairs Victoria.
- (5) As at 30 June 2008, the waiting list for the Ringwood office is 2,059.
- (6) The Office of Housing capital works planning process ensures that acquisitions are targeted to communities and areas in need of assistance.

**Housing: two-bedroom units**

**1398.** Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Housing — With reference to two bedroom public housing units in Croydon, Bayswater North, Kilsyth and Mooroolbark — in each suburb —

- (1) How many units are there.
- (2) What funds were been spent on the units in 2005–06, 2006–07 and 2007–08.
- (3) What age are the units.
- (4) What is the occupancy rate of the units and how is this measured.
- (5) What is the current waiting list for units.
- (6) What plans are there to buy more units.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Since 1999, the Victorian Government has delivered over 12,900 new social housing units, including an additional 1,400 properties in the Eastern Metropolitan Region, bringing the total provision of social housing

stock in the Eastern Metropolitan Region to over 7,000 units. Details of units by bedroom type can be found in *the Summary of Housing Assistance Programs 2006-07* at [www.housing.vic.gov.au](http://www.housing.vic.gov.au)

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- (5) As at 30 June 2008, the waiting list for the Ringwood office is 2,059.
- (6) The Office of Housing capital works planning process ensures that acquisitions are targeted to communities and areas in need of assistance.

### **Housing: three-bedroom units**

**1399.** Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Housing — With reference to three bedroom public housing units in Croydon, Bayswater North, Kilsyth and Mooroolbark — in each suburb —

- (1) How many units are there.
- (2) What funds were been spent on the units in 2005–06, 2006–07 and 2007–08.
- (3) What age are the units.
- (4) What is the occupancy rate of the units and how is this measured.
- (5) What is the current waiting list for units.
- (6) What plans are there to buy more units.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Since 1999, the Victorian Government has delivered over 12,900 new social housing units, including an additional 1,400 properties in the Eastern Metropolitan Region, bringing the total provision of social housing stock in the Eastern Metropolitan Region to over 7,000 units. Details of units by bedroom type can be found in *the Summary of Housing Assistance Programs 2006-07* at [www.housing.vic.gov.au](http://www.housing.vic.gov.au)
- (2) The Office of Housing does not disaggregate property spending to the suburb level.
- (3) Each property has an individual built date and cannot be supplied without identifying specific addresses.
- (4) The Office of Housing makes every effort to ensure that vacant properties are allocated as soon as is practicable to avoid properties being left unoccupied. At 30 June 2008, the state-wide average occupancy rate was 99.2%. As with private rental properties, the occupancy rate is measured as a proportion of all tenable properties. Properties may remain vacant for a range of reasons, including the need for maintenance, work to modify properties to meet client needs, client illness, or in the case of disposing of goods abandoned by vacating tenants, time for actions such as inspections by Consumer Affairs Victoria.
- (5) As at 30 June 2008, the waiting list for the Ringwood office is 2,059.
- (6) The Office of Housing capital works planning process ensures that acquisitions are targeted to communities and areas in need of assistance.

**Housing: four-bedroom units**

**1400.** Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Housing — With reference to four bedroom public housing units in Croydon, Bayswater North, Kilsyth and Mooroolbark — in each suburb —

- (1) How many units are there.
- (2) What funds were been spent on the units in 2005–06, 2006–07 and 2007–08.
- (3) What age are the units.
- (4) What is the occupancy rate of the units and how is this measured.
- (5) What is the current waiting list for units.
- (6) What plans are there to buy more units.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Since 1999, the Victorian Government has delivered over 12,900 new social housing units, including an additional 1,400 properties in the Eastern Metropolitan Region, bringing the total provision of social housing stock in the Eastern Metropolitan Region to over 7,000 units. Details of units by bedroom type can be found in *the Summary of Housing Assistance Programs 2006-07* at [www.housing.vic.gov.au](http://www.housing.vic.gov.au)
- (2) The Office of Housing does not disaggregate property spending to the suburb level.
- (3) Each property has an individual built date and cannot be supplied without identifying specific addresses.
- (4) The Office of Housing makes every effort to ensure that vacant properties are allocated as soon as is practicable to avoid properties being left unoccupied. At 30 June 2008, the state-wide average occupancy rate was 99.2%. As with private rental properties, the occupancy rate is measured as a proportion of all tenantable properties. Properties may remain vacant for a range of reasons, including the need for maintenance, work to modify properties to meet client needs, client illness, or in the case of disposing of goods abandoned by vacating tenants, time for actions such as inspections by Consumer Affairs Victoria.
- (5) As at 30 June 2008, the waiting list for the Ringwood office is 2,059.
- (6) The Office of Housing capital works planning process ensures that acquisitions are targeted to communities and areas in need of assistance.

**Housing: Kilsyth electorate**

**1401.** Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Housing — With reference to Office of Housing properties in the electorate of Kilsyth how many vacant properties did the Office of Housing pay rent on between —

- (1) 1 January 2007 and 31 December 2007.
- (2) 1 January 2008 and 31 August 2008.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Office of Housing maintains a small portfolio of leased properties to enable flexible re-profiling of stock in order to meet demand. Leased properties used as public housing properties have the same tenancy management arrangements as Director-owned housing.

The Office of Housing makes an effort to ensure that vacant properties are allocated as soon is practicable to avoid properties being left unoccupied. The Office of Housing vacancy rate was 0.8% at 30 June 2008. Properties may remain vacant for a range of reasons, including the need for maintenance, work to modify properties to meet client

needs, or in the case of disposing of goods abandoned by vacating tenants, time for actions such as inspections by Consumer Affairs Victoria.

**Housing: Kilsyth electorate**

**1402.** Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Housing — With reference to Office of Housing properties in the electorate of Kilsyth —

- (1) In May, June, July and August 2008 how many —
  - (a) properties were vacant due to cleaning or maintenance requirements; and
  - (b) days was each property vacant while waiting for cleaning or repairs.
- (2) How many houses or flats are provided for —
  - (a) emergency housing; and
  - (b) transitional housing.
- (3) What is the average waiting time for a prospective tenant.
- (4) What is the turnaround time for repairs to be approved and carried out.
- (5) What is the average time for changeover of tenants.
- (6) What is the average occupancy time.
- (7) How many occupants defaulted on their rent in May, June, July and August 2008.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The Office of Housing makes every effort to ensure that vacant properties are allocated as soon as is practicable to avoid properties being left unoccupied. The Office of Housing vacancy rate was 0.8% at 30 June 2008. Properties may remain vacant for a range of reasons, including the need for maintenance, work to modify properties to meet client needs, or in the case of disposing of goods abandoned by vacating tenants, time for actions such as inspections by Consumer Affairs Victoria. From time to time, the Office of Housing has land which is held for a range of purposes such as redevelopment and construction. Information on redevelopments can be accessed from the Office of Housing website, [www.housing.vic.gov.au](http://www.housing.vic.gov.au)
- (2) The Victorian Government has delivered significant expansion and reform of the Victorian homelessness service system. Details of the location and type of social housing stock (including Crisis Supported Accommodation and Transitional Housing) can be found in the *Summary of Housing Assistance Programs 2006-07* available at [www.housing.vic.gov.au](http://www.housing.vic.gov.au)
- (3) Average waiting times for prospective tenants cannot be determined as this is dependent on when a vacancy becomes available.
- (4) The Office of Housing maintenance contracts require that works are completed within the following timelines:
  - Urgent works within 24 hours,
  - Priority works within 7 days, and
  - Normal works within 14 days.
- (5) Average vacancy turnaround times can be found in the Report on Government Services 2008.
- (6) The Office of Housing is unable to calculate the average occupancy time until all tenancies have ended.
- (7) The vast majority of tenants pay their rent on time and in full. The Office of Housing works with tenants who have difficulty paying their rent.

**Housing: properties**

**1403.** Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Housing — With reference to Office of Housing properties —

- (1) In May, June, July and August 2008 how many —
  - (a) properties were vacant due to cleaning or maintenance requirements; and
  - (b) days was each property vacant while waiting for cleaning or repairs.
- (2) How many houses or flats are provided for —
  - (a) emergency housing; and
  - (b) transitional housing.
- (3) What is the average waiting time for a prospective tenant.
- (4) What is the turnaround time for repairs to be approved and carried out.
- (5) What is the average time for changeover of tenants.
- (6) What is the average occupancy time.
- (7) How many occupants defaulted on their rent in May, June, July and August 2008.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The Office of Housing makes every effort to ensure that vacant properties are allocated as soon as is practicable to avoid properties being left unoccupied. The Office of Housing vacancy rate was 0.8% at 30 June 2008. Properties may remain vacant for a range of reasons, including the need for maintenance, work to modify properties to meet client needs, or in the case of disposing of goods abandoned by vacating tenants, time for actions such as inspections by Consumer Affairs Victoria. From time to time, the Office of Housing has land which is held for a range of purposes such as redevelopment and construction. Information on redevelopments can be accessed from the Office of Housing website, [www.housing.vic.gov.au](http://www.housing.vic.gov.au)
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- (6) The Office of Housing is unable to calculate the average occupancy time until all tenancies have ended.
- (7) The vast majority of tenants pay their rent on time and in full. The Office of Housing works with tenants who have difficulty paying their rent.

**Water: Crown land — Warrandyte electorate**

**1414.** Mr SMITH (*Warrandyte*) to ask the Minister for Water — Why was the answer to question on notice 1117n, signed by the Minister on 17 June 2008, not submitted until 2 September 2008.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

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

**Water: Crown land — Kilsyth electorate**

**1424.** Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Water — Why was the answer to question on notice 1044n, signed by the Minister on 8 July 2008, not submitted until 2 September 2008.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

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

**Housing: one-bedroom units**

**1446.** Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Housing — with reference to one bedroom public housing units in Ferntree Gully, Boronia, Rowville and Lysterfield — in each suburb —

- (1) How many units are there.
- (2) What funds were spent on the units in 2005–06, 2006–07 and 2007–08.
- (3) What age are the units.
- (4) What is the occupancy rate of the units and how is this measured.
- (5) What is the current waiting list for units.
- (6) What plans are there to buy more units.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Since 1999, the Victorian Government has delivered over 12,900 new social housing units, including an additional 1,400 properties in the Eastern Metropolitan Region, bringing the total provision of social housing stock in the Eastern Metropolitan Region to over 7,000 units. Details of units by bedroom type can be found in the *Summary of Housing Assistance Programs 2006-07* at [www.housing.vic.gov.au](http://www.housing.vic.gov.au)
- (2) The Office of Housing does not disaggregate property spending to the suburb level.
- (3) Each property has an individual built date and cannot be supplied without identifying specific addresses.
- (4) The Office of Housing makes every effort to ensure that vacant properties are allocated as soon as is practicable to avoid properties being left unoccupied. At 30 June 2008, the state-wide average occupancy rate was 99.2%. As with private rental properties, the occupancy rate is measured as a proportion of all tenable properties. Properties may remain vacant for a range of reasons, including the need for maintenance, work to

modify properties to meet client needs, client illness, or in the case of disposing of goods abandoned by vacating tenants, time for actions such as inspections by Consumer Affairs Victoria.

- (5) As at 30 June 2008, the waiting list for the Ringwood office is 2,059.
- (6) The Office of Housing capital works planning process ensures that acquisitions are targeted to communities and areas in need of assistance.

### **Housing: two-bedroom units**

**1447.** Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Housing — with reference to two bedroom public housing units in Ferntree Gully, Boronia, Rowville and Lysterfield — in each suburb —

- (1) How many units are there.
- (2) What funds were spent on the units in 2005–06, 2006–07 and 2007–08.
- (3) What age are the units.
- (4) What is the occupancy rate of the units and how is this measured.
- (5) What is the current waiting list for units.
- (6) What plans are there to buy more units.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Since 1999, the Victorian Government has delivered over 12,900 new social housing units, including an additional 1,400 properties in the Eastern Metropolitan Region, bringing the total provision of social housing stock in the Eastern Metropolitan Region to over 7,000 units. Details of units by bedroom type can be found in the *Summary of Housing Assistance Programs 2006-07* at [www.housing.vic.gov.au](http://www.housing.vic.gov.au)
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- (5) As at 30 June 2008, the waiting list for the Ringwood office is 2,059.
- (6) The Office of Housing capital works planning process ensures that acquisitions are targeted to communities and areas in need of assistance.

### **Housing: three-bedroom units**

**1448.** Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Housing — with reference to three bedroom public housing units in Ferntree Gully, Boronia, Rowville and Lysterfield — in each suburb —

- (1) How many units are there.
- (2) What funds were spent on the units in 2005–06, 2006–07 and 2007–08.
- (3) What age are the units.
- (4) What is the occupancy rate of the units and how is this measured.

- (5) What is the current waiting list for units.
- (6) What plans are there to buy more units.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Since 1999, the Victorian Government has delivered over 12,900 new social housing units, including an additional 1,400 properties in the Eastern Metropolitan Region, bringing the total provision of social housing stock in the Eastern Metropolitan Region to over 7,000 units. Details of units by bedroom type can be found in the *Summary of Housing Assistance Programs 2006-07* at [www.housing.vic.gov.au](http://www.housing.vic.gov.au)
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- (5) As at 30 June 2008, the waiting list for the Ringwood office is 2,059.
- (6) The Office of Housing capital works planning process ensures that acquisitions are targeted to communities and areas in need of assistance.

**Housing: four-bedroom units**

**1449.** Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Housing — with reference to four bedroom public housing units in Ferntree Gully, Boronia, Rowville and Lysterfield — in each suburb —

- (1) How many units are there.
- (2) What funds were spent on the units in 2005–06, 2006–07 and 2007–08.
- (3) What age are the units.
- (4) What is the occupancy rate of the units and how is this measured.
- (5) What is the current waiting list for units.
- (6) What plans are there to buy more units.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Since 1999, the Victorian Government has delivered over 12,900 new social housing units, including an additional 1,400 properties in the Eastern Metropolitan Region, bringing the total provision of social housing stock in the Eastern Metropolitan Region to over 7,000 units. Details of units by bedroom type can be found in the *Summary of Housing Assistance Programs 2006-07* at [www.housing.vic.gov.au](http://www.housing.vic.gov.au)
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- (5) As at 30 June 2008, the waiting list for the Ringwood office is 2,059.
- (6) The Office of Housing capital works planning process ensures that acquisitions are targeted to communities and areas in need of assistance.

### **Housing: Ferntree Gully electorate**

**1450.** **Mr WAKELING** to ask the Minister for Housing — with reference to Office of Housing properties in the electorate of Ferntree Gully — how many vacant properties did the Office of Housing pay rent on between —

- (1) 1 January 2007 and 31 December 2007.
- (2) 1 January 2008 and 31 August 2008.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Office of Housing maintains a small portfolio of leased properties to enable flexible re-profiling of stock to meet demand. Leased properties used as public housing properties have the same tenancy management arrangements as Director-owned housing.

The Office of Housing makes an effort to ensure that vacant properties are allocated as soon is practicable to avoid properties being left unoccupied. The Office of Housing vacancy rate was 0.8% at 30 June 2008. Properties may remain vacant for a range of reasons, including the need for maintenance, work to modify properties to meet client needs, or in the case of disposing of goods abandoned by vacating tenants, time for actions such as inspections by Consumer Affairs Victoria.

### **Housing: Ferntree Gully electorate**

**1451.** **Mr WAKELING** to ask the Minister for Housing — with reference to Office of Housing properties in the electorate of Ferntree Gully —

- (1) In May, June, July and August 2008 how many —
  - (a) properties were vacant due to cleaning or maintenance requirements; and
  - (b) days was each property vacant while waiting for cleaning or repairs.
- (2) How many houses or flats are provided for —
  - (a) emergency housing; and
  - (b) transitional housing.
- (3) What is the average waiting time for a prospective tenant.
- (4) What is the turnaround time for repairs to be approved and carried out.
- (5) What is the average time for changeover of tenants.
- (6) What is the average occupancy time.
- (7) How many occupants defaulted on their rent in May, June, July and August 2008.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The Office of Housing makes every effort to ensure that vacant properties are allocated as soon as is practicable to avoid properties being left unoccupied. The Office of Housing vacancy rate was 0.8% at 30 June 2008. Properties may remain vacant for a range of reasons, including the need for maintenance, work to modify properties to meet client needs, or in the case of disposing of goods abandoned by vacating tenants, time for actions such as inspections by Consumer Affairs Victoria. From time to time, the Office of Housing has land which is held for a range of purposes such as redevelopment and construction. Information on redevelopments can be accessed from the Office of Housing website, [www.housing.vic.gov.au](http://www.housing.vic.gov.au)
- (2) The Victorian Government has delivered significant expansion and reform of the Victorian homelessness service system. Details of the location and type of social housing stock (including Crisis Supported Accommodation and Transitional Housing) can be found in the *Summary of Housing Assistance Programs 2006-07* available at [www.housing.vic.gov.au](http://www.housing.vic.gov.au)
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- (6) The Office of Housing is unable to calculate the average occupancy time until all tenancies have ended.
- (7) The vast majority of tenants pay their rent on time and in full. The Office of Housing works with tenants who have difficulty paying their rent.

**Community services: Futures for Young Adults program**

**1452.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to young people who left school at the end of 2004 and were assessed as eligible to receive support through the Futures for Young Adults program —

- (1) In total, how many young people were eligible to receive support.
- (2) What were the levels of funding available and how many young people were assessed at each level of funding.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) In total, 475 young people received support.
- (2) The levels of funding available to these young people in the 2004-05 funding period was:

Service Needs Assessment Level (SNA):

SNA Level 1 =	\$7,399
SNA Level 2 =	\$8,773
SNA Level 3 =	\$13,698
SNA Level 4 =	\$20,144
SNA Level 5 =	\$22,315
SNA Level 5+ Special =	\$25,696

The number of young people assessed at each level was:

SNA Level 1 =	26
SNA Level 2 =	218
SNA Level 3 =	74
SNA Level 4 =	92
SNA Level 5 =	57
SNA Level 5 + Special =	8

**Community services: Futures for Young Adults program**

**1453.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to young people who left school at the end of 2005 and were assessed as eligible to receive support through the Futures for Young Adults program —

- (1) In total, how many young people were eligible to receive support.
- (2) What were the levels of funding available and how many young people were assessed at each level of funding.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) In total, 448 young people received support.
- (2) The levels of funding available to these young people in the 2005-06 funding period was:

Service Needs Assessment Level (SNA):

SNA Level 1 =	\$7,591
SNA Level 2 =	\$9,001
SNA Level 3 =	\$14,055
SNA Level 4 =	\$20,668
SNA Level 5 =	\$22,895
SNA Level 5+ Special =	\$26,364

The number of young people assessed at each level was:

SNA Level 1 =	26
SNA Level 2 =	194
SNA Level 3 =	86
SNA Level 4 =	70
SNA Level 5 =	60
SNA Level 5 + Special =	12

**Community services: Futures for Young Adults program**

**1454.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to young people who left school at the end of 2006 and were assessed as eligible to receive support through the Futures for Young Adults program —

- (1) In total, how many young people were eligible to receive support.

- (2) What were the levels of funding available and how many young people were assessed at each level of funding.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) In total, 479 young people received support.  
 (2) The levels of funding available to these young people in the 2006-07 funding period was:

Service Needs Assessment Level (SNA):

SNA Level 1 =	\$7,888
SNA Level 2 =	\$9,354
SNA Level 3 =	\$14,606
SNA Level 4 =	\$21,478
SNA Level 5 =	\$23,792
SNA Level 5+ Special =	\$27,398

The number of young people assessed at each level was:

SNA Level 1 =	49
SNA Level 2 =	151
SNA Level 3 =	99
SNA Level 4 =	103
SNA Level 5 =	64
SNA Level 5 + Special =	13

**Community services: Futures for Young Adults program**

**1455.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to young people who left school at the end of 2007 and were assessed as eligible to receive support through the Futures for Young Adults program —

- (1) In total, how many young people were eligible to receive support.  
 (2) What were the levels of funding available and how many young people were assessed at each level of funding.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) In total, 457 young people received support.  
 (2) The levels of funding available to these young people in the 2007-08 funding period was:

Service Needs Assessment Level (SNA):

SNA Level 1 =	\$8,117
SNA Level 2 =	\$9,625
SNA Level 3 =	\$15,030
SNA Level 4 =	\$22,101
SNA Level 5 =	\$24,482

SNA Level 5+ Special = \$28,193

The number of young people assessed at each level was:

SNA Level 1 =	26
SNA Level 2 =	172
SNA Level 3 =	95
SNA Level 4 =	101
SNA Level 5 =	55
SNA Level 5 + Special =	8

**Community services: Futures for Young Adults program**

**1456.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services — with reference to young people who will leave school at the end of 2008 and have been assessed as eligible to receive support through the Futures for Young Adults program —

- (1) In total, how many young people will be eligible to receive support.
- (2) What were the levels of funding available and how many young people were assessed at each level of funding.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) A final figure will not be available until early 2009.
- (2) The levels of funding available to these young people in the 2008-09 funding period will be:

Service Needs Assessment Level (SNA):

SNA Level 1 =	\$8,352
SNA Level 2 =	\$9,904
SNA Level 3 =	\$15,466
SNA Level 4 =	\$22,742
SNA Level 5 =	\$25,192
SNA Level 5+ Special =	\$29,011

The number of young people assessed at each level is yet to be determined.