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**Tuesday, 24 November 2009**

**Roads and ports: unanswered questions on notice**

**777.** Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports:

When will the Minister answer questions on notice 124 and 321.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Questions on notice numbers 124 and 321 do not relate to my portfolio responsibilities. These questions were directed to the Minister for Public Transport by yourself on 1 May 2007 and 7 August 2007 respectively.

**Arts: fair payments policy**

**958(c).** Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for the Arts with reference to penalty interest paid by the Minister's department since the 2002 election as result of the government's fair payments policy which requires a Government department or agency to pay invoices for work done by small businesses within 30 days or pay penalty interest —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Victorian Government is committed to promoting a fair and competitive environment for small to medium-sized businesses. To improve the cash flow certainty for these businesses, the Government introduced the 'fair payment clause' for contracts.

From 1 November 2004, Government Departments are required to pay suppliers within 30 days upon receipt of a correctly rendered invoice (or within any other payment period as agreed between the Department and the supplier, which may be shorter). This policy applies to new contracts for goods and services valued less than \$3 million.

If an invoice is not paid within 30 days from the date of receipt (or other payment period), and there is no dispute regarding the invoice or the provision of goods and services, the supplier may make a claim for penalty interest on the outstanding debt.

No claim for late payment has been received by DPC from any vendor and therefore no penalty interest has been paid.

**Arts: adjournment debate responses**

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

If there is a particular adjournment debate matter which relates to my portfolio that you are seeking a response to please feel free to contact me.

**Treasurer: ministerial interstate travel**

**1603.** Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer:

What was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all interstate travel undertaken by the Treasurer and ministerial staff in 2007–08.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

To provide a detailed response to this question would represent an unnecessary burden on time and resources.

**Treasurer: ministerial staff**

**1613.** Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer: How many ministerial staff, in full-time equivalent terms, did the Treasurer have in relation to all ministerial capacities as at 30 June 2008.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Treasurer's ministerial office is comprised of a number of advisers, administrative support and departmental staff.

**Public transport: trams — air conditioning**

**1657.** Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Public Transport —

- (1) How many trams, what classes of tram and how many trams in each class as at 2 December 2008 —
  - (a) with air conditioning in the passenger saloon were —
    - (i) allocated to Brunswick depot;
    - (ii) allocated to Camberwell depot;
    - (iii) allocated to East Preston depot;
    - (iv) allocated to Essendon depot;
    - (v) allocated to Glen Huntly depot;

- (vi) allocated to Kew depot;
  - (vii) allocated to Malvern depot;
  - (viii) allocated to Southbank depot; and
  - (ix) inoperable;
- (b) without air conditioning in the passenger saloon were —
- (i) allocated to Brunswick depot;
  - (ii) allocated to Camberwell depot;
  - (iii) allocated to East Preston depot;
  - (iv) allocated to Essendon depot;
  - (v) allocated to Glen Huntly depot;
  - (vi) allocated to Kew depot;
  - (vii) allocated to Malvern depot;
  - (viii) allocated to Southbank depot; and
  - (ix) inoperable.
- (2) What is the estimated cost per vehicle to retrofit air conditioning in the passenger saloon to each class of tram.
- (3) What classes of tram that lack air conditioning in their passenger saloons have air conditioning fitted for tram drivers.
- (4) How many of each class of tram that lacks air conditioning in the passenger saloon —
- (a) has air conditioning fitted for the driver; and
  - (b) does not have air conditioning fitted for the driver.
- (5) Has the temperature inside Z1, Z2, Z3, A1 or A2 class trams been measured when it has been 30 degrees or higher according to the Bureau of Meteorology; if so —
- (a) on what dates were readings taken;
  - (b) what was the official Bureau of Meteorology temperature;
  - (c) what was the temperature reading inside each tram's —
    - (i) passenger saloon; and
    - (ii) driver's area.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1) (a) (i) 29 B-Class were allocated to Brunswick depot;
- (ii) 24 B-Class were allocated to Camberwell depot;
  - (iii) 40 B-Class were allocated to East Preston depot;
  - (iv) 29 B-Class were allocated to Essendon depot;
  - (v) 6 B-Class were allocated to Glen Huntly depot;
  - (vi) 36 C1-Class were allocated to Kew depot;
  - (vii) 41 D-Class were allocated to Malvern depot;
  - (viii) 4 A-Class, 3 B-Class, 4 C2-Class and 18 D Class were allocated to Southbank depot; and
  - (ix) 9 B-Class, 2 C1-Class, 4 D-Class, 1 C2 and 2 D2 were inoperable;
- (b) (i) 24 Z-Class were allocated to Brunswick depot;
- (ii) 24 A-Class were allocated to Camberwell depot;
  - (iii) 18 A-Class were allocated to East Preston depot;

- (iv) 41 Z-Class were allocated to Essendon depot;
  - (v) 12 Z1/2-Class, 30 Z3-Class and 15 W-Class were allocated to Glen Huntly depot;
  - (vi) 19 A-Class were allocated to Kew depot;
  - (vii) 42 Z-Class were allocated to Malvern depot;
  - (viii) 12 W-Class and 10 W-Class (City Circle) were allocated to Southbank depot; and
  - (ix) 12 Z-Class, 2 B-Class, 3 A-Class, 4 W-Class and 1 x City Circle were inoperable.
- (2) Yarra Trams advises that tram manufacturers have stated that retrofitting air conditioning units in saloons would require a substantial review of vehicles before an estimated cost can be determined.
- (3) A number of A-Class and Z1/2/3-Class trams have been fitted with air conditioning in the drivers' cabin but do not have air conditioning in passenger saloons.
- (4) (a) All 70 A-Class trams, 12 (of 33) Z1/2 and 30 (of 114) Z3 trams have been fitted with air conditioning in the drivers' cabin but do not have air conditioning in the passenger saloon.
- (b) 21 (of 33) Z1/2 and 84 (of 114) Z3 trams do not have air conditioning fitted for the driver or in the passenger saloon.
- (5) As at 2 December 2008, no reliable data exists of the temperature inside Z1, Z2, Z3, A1 or A2 class trams when it has been 30 degrees or higher.

**Sport, recreation and youth affairs: Youth Foundations Victoria**

**1785. Mr DELAHUNTY** to ask the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs —

- (1) As at 30 November 2008 how many youth foundations were there in Victoria and where were they located.
- (2) What funding was allocated by the Government and private sponsors to each youth foundation in —
  - (a) 2006–07; and
  - (b) 2007–08.
- (3) How much was budgeted to be provided to each youth foundation in 2008–09.
- (4) What grants were made by individual youth foundations in —
  - (a) 2006–07; and
  - (b) 2007–08.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) As at 30 November 2008, eight Youth Foundations Victoria local projects have been established to cover the following areas:
  - Laverton;
  - Upper Yarra;
  - Whittington, Newcomb and Thomson;
  - Portarlinton, Drysdale and Clifton Springs;
  - West Heidelberg;
  - Trafalgar and district;
  - Ashwood, Ashburton and Chadstone; and
  - Neerim district.

- (2) Each of the 15 Youth Foundations Victoria sites will be funded by the Victorian Government for:
- \$40 000 to \$42 000 per annum for two or three years for Lead Agency support and facilitation;
  - \$20 000 to \$25 000 for grant making; and
  - \$80 000 for corpus building.

The Youth Foundations Victoria Corpus enables funds to accumulate each year to ensure the foundation can distribute grants and continues to grow for future grant making.

- (a) The funding allocated for each Youth Foundations Victoria Site in 2006–07 was:
- Laverton — \$45 000 from the Victorian Government and \$25 000 from private sponsors.
  - Upper Yarra — \$45 000 from the Victorian Government and \$25 000 from private sponsors.
  - Whittington, Newcomb and Thomson — \$45 000 from the Victorian Government and \$25 000 from private sponsors.
- (b) The funding allocated for each Youth Foundations Victoria site in 2007–08 was:
- Laverton — \$70 000 from the Victorian Government and \$30 000 from private sponsors.
  - Upper Yarra — \$70 000 from the Victorian Government and \$30 000 from private sponsors.
  - Whittington, Newcomb and Thomson — \$70 000 from the Victorian Government and \$30 000 from private sponsors.
  - Portarlington, Drysdale and Clifton Springs — \$72 000 from the Victorian Government and \$32 000 from private sponsors.
  - West Heidelberg — \$72 000 from the Victorian Government and \$32 000 from private sponsors.
  - Trafalgar and district — \$72 000 from the Victorian Government and \$32 000 from private sponsors.
  - Ashwood, Ashburton and Chadstone — \$72 000 from the Victorian Government and \$32 000 from private sponsors.
  - Neerim district — \$72 000 from the Victorian Government and \$32 000 from private sponsors.
- (3) The funding budgeted for each Youth Foundations Victoria site in 2008–09 was:
- Laverton — \$70 000 from the Victorian Government and \$30 000 from private sponsors.
  - Upper Yarra — \$70 000 from the Victorian Government and \$30 000 from private sponsors.
  - Whittington, Newcomb and Thomson — \$70 000 from the Victorian Government and \$30 000 from private sponsors.
  - Portarlington, Drysdale and Clifton Springs — \$77 000 from the Victorian Government and \$37 000 from private sponsors.
  - West Heidelberg — \$77 000 from the Victorian Government and \$37 000 from private sponsors.
  - Trafalgar and district — \$77 000 from the Victorian Government and \$37 000 from private sponsors.
  - Ashwood, Ashburton and Chadstone - \$77 000 from the Victorian Government and \$37 000 from private sponsors.
  - Neerim district — \$77 000 from the Victorian Government and \$37 000 from private sponsors.
- (a) No grants were made by Youth Foundations in 2006–2007.
- (b) In 2007–2008 the first Youth Foundation awarded five grants totalling \$8470.

I am informed that the young people from the eight established Youth Foundations Victoria sites have now all completed their grant training and have developed valuable new skills. In 2008–2009 seven of these sites made 58 grants totalling \$105 823.

**Community services: residential and foster care**

**1897.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to children in residential and foster care services in 2008 —

- (1) How many contingency placements did the Department of Human Services arrange.
- (2) What was the total number of days spent by children in contingency accommodation.
- (3) What was the total cost of all contingency placements.
- (4) How were the contingency placements categorised.
- (5) What were the various categories of contingency placements and what types of services did they provide.

**ANSWER:**

(1) & (2)

The daily average occupancy for children in contingency placements across Victoria for the 2008–09 financial year was 123.

(3) \$18.7 million.

(4) Placements may be categorised in a variety of ways. For example, by case complexity, length of placement required, or number of siblings involved.

(5) Placements may be in home based or residential care options and have access to the normal range of services provided for children and young people in Out of Home Care.

**Community services: residential and foster care**

**1898.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to children in residential and foster care services in 2008 —

- (1) How many placements were made in motels or caravans or similar accommodation.
- (2) How many accommodation days were spent by children in motels or caravans or similar accommodation.
- (3) What was the total cost of all contingency placements in motels or caravans or similar accommodation.

**ANSWER:**

(1) & (2)

A precise number is not available, however the daily average occupancy for children in contingency placements across Victoria for the 2008–09 financial year was 123.

(3) A precise number is not available, however \$18.7 million was the total amount spent on all contingency placements in the 2008–09 financial year.

**Community services: child placements**

**1899.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to contingency placements for children —

- (1) How much funding has the Department of Human Services provided to community sector organisations to pay for contingency placements in —
  - (a) 2004;
  - (b) 2005;

- (c) 2006;
  - (d) 2007; and
  - (e) 2008.
- (2) Does the Government have a policy of not using the community sector to manage increasing demand for contingency placements.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) No data is available for the years 2004 to 2007. In 2008 it is estimated that the Department of Human Services provided \$16.3 million to community sector organisations to pay for contingency placements.
- (2) No.

**Community services: child placements — Barwon-south western region**

**1900.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services:

What was the number of contingency placements in the Barwon South West Region in —

- (1) 2003.
- (2) 2008.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The daily average occupancy in contingency placements across Victoria for the 2008–09 financial year was 123 children, 4 of these placements were in Barwon South West Region.

Comparing data with 2003 is not possible.

**Community services: child placements — Hume region**

**1901.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services:

What was the number of contingency placements in the Hume Region in —

- (1) 2003.
- (2) 2008.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The daily average occupancy in contingency placements across Victoria for the 2008–09 financial year was 123 children, 18 of these placements were in Hume Region.

Comparing data with 2003 is not possible.

**Community services: child placements — Gippsland region**

**1902.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services:

What was the number of contingency placements in the Gippsland Region in —

- (1) 2003.
- (2) 2008.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The daily average occupancy in contingency placements across Victoria for the 2008–09 financial year was 123 children, 11 of these placements were in Gippsland Region.

Comparing data with 2003 is not possible.

**Community services: child placements — Grampians region**

**1903.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services:

What was the number of contingency placements in the Grampians Region in —

- (1) 2003.
- (2) 2008.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The daily average occupancy in contingency placements across Victoria for the 2008–09 financial year was 123 children, 13 of these placements were in Grampians Region.

Comparing data with 2003 is not possible.

**Community services: child placements — Loddon Mallee region**

**1904.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services:

What was the number of contingency placements in the Loddon Mallee Region in —

- (1) 2003.
- (2) 2008.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The daily average occupancy in contingency placements across Victoria for the 2008–09 financial year was 123 children, 28 of these placements were in Loddon Mallee Region.

Comparing data with 2003 is not possible.

**Community services: child placements — eastern metropolitan region**

**1905.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services:

What was the number of contingency placements in the Eastern Metropolitan Region in —

- (1) 2003.
- (2) 2008.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The daily average occupancy in contingency placements across Victoria for the 2008–09 financial year was 123 children, 0 of these placements were in Eastern Metropolitan Region.

Comparing data with 2003 is not possible.

**Community services: child placements — southern metropolitan region**

**1906.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services:

What was the number of contingency placements in the Southern Metropolitan Region in —

- (1) 2003.
- (2) 2008.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The daily average occupancy in contingency placements across Victoria for the 2008–09 financial year was 123 children, 12 of these placements were in Southern Metropolitan Region.

Comparing data with 2003 is not possible.

**Community services: child placements — north-west metropolitan region**

**1907.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services:

What was the number of contingency placements in the North West Metropolitan Region in —

- (1) 2003.
- (2) 2008.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The daily average occupancy in contingency placements across Victoria for the 2008–09 financial year was 123 children, 37 of these placements were in North West Metropolitan Region.

Comparing data with 2003 is not possible.

**Public transport: rail — passenger fines**

**1923.** Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to the practice of issuing fines for resting feet upon seats on trains —

- (1) Does the issuing officer have discretion as to whether a fine is to be issued; if so, what are the guidelines governing the use of discretion.
- (2) How many on the spot fines were issued in 2007 – 08 for the offence.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that the answer is:

- (1) Yes. Issuing officers assess matters according to guidelines which require careful consideration of the nature of the evidence and relevant public transport legislation.
- (2) No fines were issued on the spot.

**Public transport: passenger trips**

**2125. Mr MULDER** to ask the Minister for Public Transport —

With reference to passengers travelling on public transport in Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, the Latrobe Valley, Warragul and Seymour between 1 July 2008 and 4 June 2009 — for each locality —

- (1) What was the number of passengers, whose last trip prior to any incident of overcharging was in that locality, to be overcharged.
- (2) What amount in total has been refunded to —
  - (a) adult passengers who were overcharged; and
  - (b) concession passengers who were overcharged.
- (3) How many individual trips were made using —
  - (a) MYKI passes;
  - (b) MYKI money; and
  - (c) short term tickets.

**ANSWER:**

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

As at 4 June 2009, myki was operating on 320 buses in Geelong, Seymour, Ballarat, Bendigo, Warragul and the Latrobe Valley.

There have been 667 333 trips taken using myki (with the vast majority using myki money), and 620 734 trips on short term tickets.

Of those trips taken using myki, there have been 9103 instances, or 1.36 per cent of trips, affected by a system error that has resulted in a customer paying more for their fare than they should. On average customers have paid \$1.15 more than was required.

In the case of full fare customers, 1057 instances of the error occurring have been identified and the total reimbursed is \$2173.80, or an average reimbursement of \$2.05.

In the case of concession customers, 8046 instances of the error occurring have been identified and the total reimbursed is \$8196.70, or an average reimbursement of \$1.01.

The total reimbursed is \$10 370.50.

The ticketing system operator, Kamco, has been checking customer accounts each day and automatically reimbursing customers where required.

Refunds, which are made overnight, are credited to the customer's card when they next touch on at a myki device.

**Public transport: rail — Traralgon-Bairnsdale line**

**2128. Mr NORTHE** to ask the Minister for Public Transport —

How many passengers who travelled in 2008 on the V/Line Traralgon and Bairnsdale train services disembarked at —

- (1) Caulfield station.
- (2) Richmond station.
- (3) Flinders Street station.
- (4) Southern Cross station.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1) 35 854
- (2) 53 936
- (3) 224 610
- (4) 135 764

**Public transport: myki ticketing system**

**2143. Mr MULDER** to ask the Minister for Public Transport —

With references to identification of instances of overcharging to adult and concession fare passengers in relation to the use of a Myki on 10 June 2009 and 11 June 2009 —

- (1) For each date how many instances of —
  - (a) overcharging to adult fare passengers were identified in —
    - (i) Ballarat;
    - (ii) Bendigo;
    - (iii) Geelong;
    - (iv) the Latrobe Valley;
    - (v) Seymour;
    - (vi) Warragul;
  - (b) overcharging to concession fare passengers were identified in —
    - (i) Ballarat;
    - (ii) Bendigo;
    - (iii) Geelong;
    - (iv) the Latrobe Valley;
    - (v) Seymour;
    - (vi) Warragul.
- (2) For each date, what amount was overcharged to —
  - (a) adult fare passengers in —
    - (i) Ballarat;
    - (ii) Bendigo;
    - (iii) Geelong;
    - (iv) the Latrobe Valley;
    - (v) Seymour;
    - (vi) Warragul.
  - (b) concession fare passengers in —
    - (i) Ballarat;

- (ii) Bendigo;
- (iii) Geelong;
- (iv) the Latrobe Valley;
- (v) Seymour;
- (vi) Warragul.

(3) Have refunds been made; if so, when.

**ANSWER:**

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

For 10 and 11 June 2009 respectively —

- (1) (a) (i) 3 and 6
- (ii) 8 and 13
- (iii) 7 and 6
- (iv) 0 and 0
- (v) 0 and 0
- (vi) 0 and 1
- (b) (i) 62 and 54
- (ii) 61 and 65
- (iii) 22 and 26
- (iv) 13 and 10
- (v) 0 and 0
- (vi) 22 and 4
- (2) (a) (i) \$6 and \$12
- (ii) \$16 and \$26
- (iii) \$14 and \$12
- (iv) \$0 and \$0
- (v) \$0 and \$0
- (vi) \$0 and \$2
- (b) (i) \$62.60 and \$55.20
- (ii) \$61 and \$65
- (iii) \$23.20 and \$27.80
- (iv) \$16.20 and \$11.60
- (v) \$0 and \$0
- (vi) \$44 and \$8

(3) All customers have been reimbursed in full.

**Public transport: myki, Metlink and V/Line call centres**

**2144. Mr MULDER** to ask the Minister for Public Transport —

With reference to Myki, Metlink and V/Line call centres — on 10 June 2009 and 11 June 2009 —

- (1) How many calls were received by the

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- (a) Myki 13 69 54 call centre;
  - (b) Metlink Melbourne 13 16 38 call centre;
  - (c) V/Line 13 61 96 call centre.
- (2) How many —
- (a) call centre operators were rostered on at each call centre;
  - (b) supervisors were rostered on at each call centre.
- (3) Does each call centre operate on a standalone basis or are call centres combined.
- (4) How many call centre operator staffing hours were worked at each call centre.
- (5) How many calls were discontinued by callers to each call centre.
- (6) What was the average waiting time for calls at each call centre and from what point in the call are measurements made.

**ANSWER:**

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

- 1) (a) 10 June 2009 – 41; 11 June 2009 – 36  
(b) 10 June 2009 – 1346; 11 June 2009 – 1479  
(c) 136 196 is the Viclink regional transport information line; it includes V/Line rail and coach, and local regional bus:  
10 June 2009 – 1662; 11 June 2009 – 2058
- 2) (a) The Metlink Call Centre is operated by United Customer Management Solutions (UCMS) under contract with Metlink. This information is in the province of UCMS and is not available.  
(b) This information is in the province of UCMS and is not available.
- 3) The Metlink Call Centre receives calls for both the 131 638 and 136 196 telephone numbers. The myki Call Centre currently utilises staff from the Metlink Call Centre.
- 4) This information is in the province of UCMS and is not available.
- 5) 136 954 (myki) 10 June 2009 – 1, 11 June 2009 – 0  
131 638 (Metlink) 10 June 2009 – 84, 11 June 2009 – 153  
136 196 (Viclink) 10 June 2009 – 79, 11 June 2009 – 279
- 6) The Average Speed of Answer is the time between a customer making a selection on the Interactive Voice Response system and the call being answered by a Call Centre agent.  
  
136 954 (myki) 10 June 2009 – 21 seconds, 11 June 2009 – 10 seconds  
131 638 (Metlink) 10 June 2009 – 34 seconds, 11 June 2009 – 60 seconds  
136 196 (Viclink) 10 June 2009 – 35 seconds, 11 June 2009 – 70 seconds  
  
The Average Hold Time is the duration of time during which a person is put on hold during a call, after it has been answered by a Call Centre agent.  
  
136 954 (myki) 10 June 2009 – 73 seconds, 11 June 2009 – 55 seconds  
131 638 (Metlink) 10 June 2009 – 4 seconds, 11 June 2009 – 7 seconds  
136 196 (Viclink) 10 June 2009 – 8 seconds, 11 June 2009 – 11 seconds

Hold times at the myki call centre are greater than those at Metlink and Viclink, due to the differing nature of information and services provided. myki agents top up cards and search for transaction history and callers may be put on hold while their details are retrieved from the system.

**Education: Croydon South Primary School site — future**

**2150. Mr HODGETT** to ask the Minister for Education —

With reference to the Croydon South Primary School site in Croydon South does the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development still own the site; if so —

- (1) What does the Department intend to do with the site.
- (2) Will the Department allow the buildings and grounds to be used for community use.
- (3) Is it the intention of the Department to sell the site.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development is currently examining a range of educational options to determine the best possible future use of the site. At this stage, while no final decision has been made on the site, it is likely that the site will be retained by the Department for future educational uses.

**Education: Eastwood Primary School — upgrade**

**2189. Mr HODGETT** to ask the Minister for Education —

- (1) Has the Government made any provision for funding in 2009–10 for building renewal in the Building Futures program for Eastwood Primary School and Deaf Facility for a complete upgrade and rebuild of the school's facilities.
- (2) How much funding has the State Government allocated for refurbishment, upgrade, redevelopment, or rebuilding works to the Eastwood Primary School in the —
  - (a) 2006–07 budget;
  - (b) 2007–08 budget;
  - (c) 2008–09 budget.
- (3) When did the Minister last visit the Eastwood Primary School and Deaf Facility.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

- 1) The Government, at the last election, committed \$1.9 billion to rebuild, renovate or extend a further 500 schools in four years. This is the largest school building program in Victoria's history, and will transform education infrastructure across the State. The *Victorian Schools Plan* will see the remainder of the 1600 Government schools rebuilt, renovated or extended over 10 years. Since 1999, the Victorian Government has invested over \$3.3 billion on capital works in schools to rebuild, renovate or extend more than 800 schools.

In addition the Commonwealth Government is investing over \$200 million as part of the *National School Pride program* and over \$2 billion as part of the *Primary Schools for the 21st Century* program under the *Building the Education Revolution (BER)*.

The Commonwealth Government's Economic Stimulus Plan will enable the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments to work together to deliver an unprecedented improvement in school infrastructure.

Eastwood Primary and Deaf Facility received \$150 000 in National School Pride funding from the Commonwealth Government as a successful Round 1 school.

Eastwood Primary and Deaf Facility did not receive a capital works allocation from the Victorian Government in the 2009–10 financial year.

However, as part of the *Primary Schools for the 21st Century* program under the Building the Education Revolution, Eastwood Primary and Deaf Facility is nominated to receive \$2.34 million to construct a new gymnasium from Commonwealth funding as part of the Economic Stimulus Plan.

2) No capital works, \$23 858 in maintenance.

No capital works, \$128 692 in maintenance.

No capital works, \$23 692 in maintenance.

3) There are more than 2280 schools in Victoria and over the past year I have visited a significant number across Victoria.

### Public transport: rail — car parking

**2195.** Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Public Transport —

What plans, if any, does the Government have to increase public parking spaces for —

- (1) Sandringham station.
- (2) Hampton station.
- (3) Highett station.
- (4) Cheltenham station.
- (5) Mentone station.
- (6) Moorabbin station.

#### ANSWER:

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

- (1) There are no current plans to expand car parking at Sandringham Railway Station. A bicycle cage was delivered at Sandringham Railway Station in late 2008, improving options for accessing the station.
- (2) There are no current plans to expand car parking at Hampton Railway Station.
- (3) There are no current plans to expand car parking at Highett Railway Station.
- (4) An additional 40 car parking spaces are currently being constructed at Cheltenham Railway Station. A bicycle cage was delivered at Cheltenham Railway Station in late 2008, improving options for accessing the station.
- (5) There are no current plans to expand car parking at Mentone Railway Station.
- (6) There are no current plans to expand car parking at Moorabbin Railway Station.

Expansions in car parking are currently being delivered at Cheltenham, Chelsea and Seaford Railway Stations. These new spaces will help to take pressure off car parking at railway stations in the southern suburbs, including at the locations in question.

**Public transport: rail — Belgrave-Lilydale lines**

**2202. Mr MULDER** to ask the Minister for Public Transport —

- (1) With reference to the Wednesday 29 July 2009 15:44 down Belgrave train and 16:46 down Lilydale train —
  - (a) were the trains altered to run direct from Flinders Street Station instead of via the City Loop; if so, was it because of a defect; if so, what was the defect;
  - (b) was the 15:44 down Belgrave train shown on the Passenger Information Display Screens (PIDS) at Melbourne Central Station as seven minutes late at 15:55;
  - (c) did a member of Connex's station staff announce that the 15:44 down Belgrave train had been diverted to run direct from Flinders Street Station instead of via the City Loop to passengers waiting at Melbourne Central Station at 15:55;
  - (d) what time did each train —
    - (i) depart Flinders Street Station;
    - (ii) arrive at Richmond Station;
    - (iii) depart Richmond Station.
- (2) Were passengers on the 15:46 down Alamein train joining at Southern Cross and City Loop stations able to make the connection at Richmond Station to the 15:44 down Belgrave train, or were those passengers travelling to Heathmont to Belgrave stations forced to wait to join the 15:59 down Belgrave train.
- (3) Were passengers on the 16:53 down Belgrave train joining at Southern Cross and City Loop stations able to make the connection at Richmond Station to the 16:46 down Lilydale train, or were those passengers travelling to Ringwood East to Lilydale stations forced to wait to join the 16:58 down Lilydale train.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1) (a) Connex has advised that on Wednesday 29 July 2009:
  - the 15:44 down Belgrave train was altered to run direct from Flinders Street Station and not via the City Loop. This was not due to a defect;
  - the 16:46 down Lilydale train was altered to run direct from Flinders Street Station and not via the City Loop. The train had a faulty door lock and was delayed while the fault was rectified.
  - (b) Records of PIDS displays are not available.
  - (c) A public service announcement was made advising that the 15:44 train was running direct and that the next train running via the City Loop was the 15:59 Belgrave.
  - (d) (i) 15:44 Belgrave – 15:57  
16:46 Lilydale – 16:53
  - (d) (ii) 15:44 Belgrave – 16:00  
16:46 Lilydale – 16:57
  - (d) (iii) 15:44 Belgrave – approx 16:01  
16:46 Lilydale – approx 17:00
- (2) The 15:46 down Alamein train is not timetabled to connect with the 15:44 down Belgrave train. The next scheduled Belgrave service is at 15:59.
- (3) The 16:53 down Belgrave train is not timetabled to connect with the 16:46 down Lilydale train. The next scheduled Lilydale service is at 16:58.

**Public transport: rail — train diversions**

**2203. Mr MULDER** to ask the Minister for Public Transport for each of the 14 electrified train lines (all except Williamstown) that have services through the City Loop —

- (1) How many up trains were diverted from the City Loop to run direct to Flinders Street Station —
  - (a) between 1 June 2009 and 30 June 2009;
  - (b) between 1 July 2009 and 30 July 2009.
- (2) How many down trains were diverted from the City Loop to run direct from Flinders Street Station —
  - (a) between 1 June 2009 and 30 June 2009;
  - (b) between 1 July 2009 and 30 July 2009.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1) (a) Alamein – 0, Belgrave – 5, Craigieburn – 0, Cranbourne – 2, Epping – 1, Frankston – 2, Glen Waverley – 22, Hurstbridge – 0, Lilydale – 7, Pakenham – 9, Sandringham – 4, Sydenham – 3, Upfield – 1, Werribee – 2.  
 \* The high number of bypass events that occurred on the Glen Waverley line were due to a circuit failure at East Richmond on 10 June 2009, and a signal failure between East Richmond and Parliament on 18 June 2009.
- (b) Alamein – 0, Belgrave – 4, Craigieburn – 2, Cranbourne – 1, Epping – 0, Frankston – 5, Glen Waverley – 2, Hurstbridge – 1, Lilydale – 0, Pakenham – 2, Sandringham – 2, Sydenham – 3, Upfield – 1, Werribee – 3.
- (2) (a) Alamein – 2, Belgrave – 4, Craigieburn – 2, Cranbourne – 1, Epping – 1, Frankston – 3, Glen Waverley – 2, Hurstbridge – 3, Lilydale – 6, Pakenham – 1, Sandringham – 0, Sydenham – 0, Upfield – 0, Werribee – 1.
- (b) Alamein – 0, Belgrave – 3, Craigieburn – 2, Cranbourne – 2, Epping – 7, Frankston – 4, Glen Waverley – 1, Hurstbridge – 2, Lilydale – 4, Pakenham – 3, Sandringham – 0, Sydenham – 3, Upfield – 1, Werribee – 3.

**Mental health: prevention and recovery care**

**2204. Ms WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Mental Health —

What are the details of all Victorian Prevention and Recovery Care facilities including the —

- (1) Location of each facility.
- (2) Number of beds.
- (3) Date it became operational.

**ANSWER:**

(1) Location of operational PARC services (Area Mental Health Service)	(2) Beds	(3) Commenced service
Shepparton	10	September 2003
Box Hill	8	November 2004

(1) Location of operational PARC services (Area Mental Health Service)	(2) Beds	(3) Commenced service
Springvale	10	November 2005
Flemington	8	July 2005
South Yarra	10	October 2007
Bendigo	10	January 2008
Geelong	6	February 2008
Bairnsdale	10	June 2008
Deer Park	20	June 2009

There are 5 additional 10 bed PARC services being purpose-built in Broadmeadows, Preston, Ringwood, Clayton and Frankston.

**Education: Mildura College — lease**

**2248. Mr CRISP** to ask the Minister for Education —

With reference to the College lease in Mildura —

- (1) Are there any reviews planned.
- (2) Are there any changes in legislation proposed.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

- (1) The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development is in the process of commissioning a review of the 2004 Ernst and Young report.
- (2) The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development is considering amendments to the *Mildura College Lands Act 1916* as part of the further modernisation and consolidation of education legislation.

**Treasurer: ministerial staff**

**2264. Mr WELLS** to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer —

How many ministerial staff in full-time equivalent terms did the Treasurer have in relation to all of his ministerial capacities as at 30 June 2009.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Treasurer’s ministerial office is comprised of a number of advisers, administrative support and departmental staff.

**Community services: Children’s Council**

**2287(b). Ms WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Community Services

With reference to the Children’s Council —

- (1) What budget allocation was made for —
  - (a) 2007–08;
  - (b) 2008–09;
  - (c) 2009–10.
  
- (2) What was the total funding allocated to members for remuneration and allowances —
  - (a) 2007–08;
  - (b) 2008–09.

**ANSWER:**

The Minister for Community Services: I am informed that:

- (1) (a) no specific allocation was made in the budget for 2007-08; resourcing for the Council was provided for as part of funds committed to Statewide Planning and Coordination Office Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
  - (b) \$44 200
  - (c) \$45 000
  
- (2) (a) \$21 238.20
  - (b) \$12 786.15

**Community services: Children’s Council — meeting dates**

**2288(b).** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services

On which dates did the Minister meet with members of the Council —

- (1) Between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008.
- (2) Between 1 July 2008 and 30 June 2009.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Minister meets the members of the council in a variety of forums at both formal and informal occasions.

**Public transport: buses — route 289**

**2302.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to bus route 289 discontinued in November 2008 —

- (1) What were the weekday patronage figures in —
  - (a) 2006;
  - (b) 2007;
  - (c) 2008.
  
- (2) What were the weekend patronage figures in —
  - (a) 2006;
  - (b) 2007;
  - (c) 2008.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1) (a) 126 016
- (b) 125 558
- (c) 125 933
- (2) (a) 7457
- (b) 7510
- (c) 8547

**Housing: Doncaster, Donvale and Doncaster East**

**2303.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Housing —

With reference to building 5000 new public and affordable homes, as announced on 4 June 2009 —

- (1) How many new homes will be built in Doncaster.
- (2) How many new homes built in Doncaster will be —
  - (a) one bedroom;
  - (b) two bedroom;
  - (c) three bedroom;
  - (d) four bedroom.
- (3) How many new homes will be built in Donvale.
- (4) How many new homes built in Donvale will be —
  - (a) one bedroom;
  - (b) two bedroom;
  - (c) three bedroom;
  - (d) four bedroom.
- (5) How many new homes will be built in Doncaster East.
- (6) How many new homes built in Doncaster East will be —
  - (a) one bedroom;
  - (b) two bedroom;
  - (c) three bedroom;
  - (d) four bedroom.
- (7) When will the new homes be ready for occupation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

(All) In line with the revised funding arrangements for the Social Housing Initiative, the Australian Government has announced a revised new construction target of 4539 dwellings for Victoria. Accompanying this was an announcement of a significant number of project approvals. However, further work is being undertaken by the Victorian and Australian Governments to finalise the project approvals process and hence the number of approved projects is subject to change. Further, approved projects are subject to change until contracts are executed.

- (1,3,5) These processes, which are commercial in confidence, are still under way. As a result, it is not possible to comment on how many new dwellings will be built in the suburbs of Doncaster, Donvale or Doncaster East.
- (2,4,6) These processes, which are commercial in confidence, are still under way. As a result, it is not possible to comment on the number of bedrooms any new social dwellings may have in the suburbs on Doncaster, Donvale or Doncaster East.
- (7) These processes, which are commercial in confidence, are still under way. As a result, it is not possible to comment on when any new social dwellings planned for Doncaster, Donvale or Doncaster East will be ready for occupation.

**Roads and ports: Mount Dandenong Road — B-Doubles**

**2338.** Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports —

When did Mount Dandenong Road become an approved route for B-Doubles.

**ANSWER:**

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

Mount Dandenong Road has been a declared Main Road since 5 November 1913. It became a B-Double route, by virtue of this Main Road status, through publication of Victoria Government Gazette Notice on 26 June 1995.

**Roads and ports: Wicklow Avenue, Croydon — B-Doubles**

**2340.** Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports —

When did Wicklow Avenue in Croydon become an approved route for B-Doubles.

**ANSWER:**

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

Wicklow Avenue in Croydon forms the northern section of the Scoresby-Croydon Road. (The Scoresby-Croydon Road connects Ferntree Gully Road in the south with Maroondah Highway in the north). The Scoresby-Croydon Road was declared a Main Road on 6 June 1990 in a Victoria *Government Gazette* Notice. Wicklow Avenue became a B-Double route on that date, by virtue of its Main Road status and a Victoria *Government Gazette* Notice dated 26 June 1995.

**Roads and ports: Croydon Road, Croydon — B-Doubles**

**2341.** Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports —

When did Croydon Road in Croydon become an approved route for B-Doubles.

**ANSWER:**

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

Croydon Road in Croydon forms the northern section of the Scoresby-Croydon Road. (The Scoresby-Croydon road connects Ferntree Gully Road in South with Maroondah Highway in the north) The Scoresby-Croydon Road was declared a main Road on 6 June 1990 in a Victoria Government Gazette Notice. Croydon Road became a B-Double route on that date, by virtue of its Main Road status and a Victoria Government Gazette Notice dated 26 June 1995.

**Environment and climate change: kangaroo populations**

**2348.** **Mr WAKELING** to ask the Minister for Community Development for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change —

- (1) What is the recorded population of kangaroos in —
  - (a) Churchill National Park;
  - (b) Lysterfield State Park;
  - (c) The Police Paddocks in Endeavour Hills.
- (2) On what date was the population for kangaroos recorded in —
  - (a) Churchill National Park;
  - (b) Lysterfield State Park;
  - (c) The Police Paddocks in Endeavour Hills.
- (3) In order to ensure sustainability of the flora and fauna and the safety of residents, what is the desired population of kangaroos in —
  - (a) Churchill National Park;
  - (b) Lysterfield State Park;
  - (c) The Police Paddocks in Endeavour Hills.
- (4) What measures, if any, have been implemented previously to control the population of kangaroos in —
  - (a) Churchill National Park;
  - (b) Lysterfield State Park;
  - (c) The Police Paddocks in Endeavour Hills.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Parks Victoria does not have recorded data on the population numbers of kangaroos in Churchill National Park, Lysterfield State Park or the Police Paddocks Reserve.

As a result of the 2009 bushfires that affected parts of these parks, a survey program is currently being established to monitor impacts of any over grazing on fire revegetation by the resident kangaroo population. Parks Victoria will then work with the Department of Sustainability and Environment to establish any management initiatives required in response to the survey work.

**Corrections: prisoners — mental health**

**2349.** **Ms WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Corrections —

- (1) What percentage of prisoners were assessed as having a mental illness upon entering prison in —
  - (a) 2001;
  - (b) 2002;
  - (c) 2003;
  - (d) 2004;
  - (e) 2005;
  - (f) 2006.
- (2) What percentage of prisoners were assessed as having a mental illness upon exiting prison in —

- (a) 2001;
- (b) 2002;
- (c) 2003;
- (d) 2004;
- (e) 2005;
- (f) 2006.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) Information is only available for the period since 1 July 2006. Between 1 July and 31 December 2006, 28.2 per cent of prisoners were assessed as having a mental illness on entering prison.

Prior to 2006, the 2003 Victorian Prisoner Health Survey found that 25 per cent of prisoners entering the prison system had been advised previously by a doctor that they had a mental illness.

- (2) Information on the percentage of prisoners assessed as having a mental illness on exiting prison is not available.

**Corrections: prisoners — mental health**

**2350.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Corrections —

- (1) What percentage of prisoners were assessed as having a mental illness upon entering prison in —
- (a) 2007;
  - (b) 2008;
  - (c) 2009 to date.
- (2) What percentage of prisoners were assessed as having a mental illness upon exiting prison in —
- (a) 2007;
  - (b) 2008;
  - (c) 2009 to date.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) The percentage of prisoners assessed as having a mental illness on entering prison was —

- |                       |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| (a) 2007              | 25.4 per cent |
| (b) 2008              | 28.6 per cent |
| (c) 2009 (to 30 June) | 29.0 per cent |

- (2) Information on the percentage of prisoners assessed as having a mental illness on exiting prison is not available.

**Corrections: prisoners — substance abuse**

**2351.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Corrections —

What percentage of prisoners were assessed as having a history of substance abuse upon entering prison in —

- (1) 2001.
- (2) 2002.
- (3) 2003.
- (4) 2004.
- (5) 2005.
- (6) 2006.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Information is only available for the period since 1 July 2006. Between 1 July and 31 December 2006, 65.6 per cent of prisoners were assessed as having a history of substance abuse on entering prison.

Prior to 2006, the 2003 Victorian Prisoner Health Survey found that 70 per cent of prisoners reported having taken illegal drugs.

**Corrections: prisoners — substance abuse**

**2352.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Corrections —

What percentage of prisoners were assessed as having a history of substance abuse upon entering prison in —

- (1) 2007.
- (2) 2008.
- (3) 2009 to date.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

The respective statistics for each of the above years are:

- (1) 2007      72.1 per cent
- (2) 2008      76.5 per cent
- (3) 2009 (to 30 June)   77.3 per cent

**Community services: youth — alcohol and drug treatment services**

**2353.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services —

With reference to the waiting time for youth alcohol and other drug withdrawal services —

- (1) What was the waiting time for home-based services in —
  - (a) 2008;
  - (b) 2009 to date.
- (2) What was the waiting time for residential services in —
  - (a) 2008;
  - (b) 2009 to date.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

	2008				2009	
	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun
Youth home based withdrawal service days	0	0	0	0	0	0
Youth Residential withdrawal service days	4	4	5	5	4	3

**Mental health: Drug Rehabilitation and Research Fund**

**2374. Ms WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Mental Health —

When the Drug Rehabilitation and Research Fund was closed on 1 July 2007 how much money was returned to the Consolidated Fund.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Drug Rehabilitation and Research Fund was fully expended leaving no funds to be transferred to consolidated revenue.

**Public transport: buses — NightRider patronage**

**2376. Ms WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Public Transport —

What are the monthly patronage figures for the 961 Nightrider City to Doncaster via Eastern Freeway, James Street service since November 2008.

**ANSWER:**

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

Monthly ticket validations on bus Route 961 (City to Doncaster Loop) were:

- November 2008 – 253
- December 2008 – 295
- January 2009 – 327
- February 2009 – 537
- March 2009 – 531
- April 2009 – 472
- May 2009 – 608
- June 2009 – 535
- July 2009 – 662

**Public transport: buses — NightRider patronage**

**2377. Ms WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Public Transport —

What are the monthly patronage figures to Doncaster for the 966 Nightrider City to Croydon and Lilydale service since November 2008.

**ANSWER:**

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

Monthly ticket validations on the Route 966 (City to Croydon–Lilydale) were:

November 2008 – 2,025  
 December 2008 – 1,706  
 January 2009 – 1,456  
 February 2009 – 1,777  
 March 2009 – 2,350  
 April 2009 – 2,117  
 May 2009 – 2,585  
 June 2009 – 1,910  
 July 2009 – 2,315

**Public transport: buses — patronage**

**2378.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport —

What are the monthly patronage figures since November 2008 for bus routes —

- (1) 280.
- (2) 282.

**ANSWER:**

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

(1) Monthly ticket validations on bus Route 280 (Manningham Mover) were:

November 2008 – 622  
 December 2008 – 3,335  
 January 2009 – 2,357  
 February 2009 – 3,398  
 March 2009 – 3,808  
 April 2009 – 3,250  
 May 2009 – 3,746  
 June 2009 – 3,531  
 July 2009 – 4,018

(2) Monthly ticket validations on bus Route 282 (Manningham Mover) were:

November 2008 – 748  
 December 2008 – 3,381  
 January 2009 – 2,342  
 February 2009 – 3,317  
 March 2009 – 3,604  
 April 2009 – 3,299  
 May 2009 – 3,753  
 June 2009 – 3,872  
 July 2009 – 3,940

**Public transport: Doncaster park-and-ride facility**

**2397.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Public Transport —

What was the amount of money spent on the Park and Ride in Doncaster in —

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

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1)-(3) The management and operation of the Doncaster Park and Ride facility is part of the National Bus Company contract. The costs are not specifically identified as a line item in the company's cost profile, but rather are part of the total agreed overhead/administration costs. As a result, the identification of the actual costs attributable to the Park and Ride cannot be reported without an exhaustive search of archival records.

**Public transport: rail — route maps**

**2400.** Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Public Transport — With reference to route maps in the passenger saloons of Melbourne's trains —

- (1) Do any maps date from December 2005 and still show Zone 3.
- (2) How many incorrect maps are in —
  - (a) Comeng trains;
  - (b) Hitachi trains;
  - (c) Siemens trains;
  - (d) X'Trapolis trains.
- (3) When will incorrect maps be replaced.
- (4) What is the cost of each map, excluding any installation labour costs.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1) Transcal Graphics, the contractor responsible for the installation of new route maps, advised Metlink in February 2009 that all maps featuring Zone 3 had been replaced. Anecdotal evidence, however, suggests that a very small number of these maps may remain on the system. This is currently being investigated by the Department of Transport.
- (2) This information is not available.
- (3) If it is found that a small number of maps remain on the system, they will be replaced during Metro Trains Melbourne's branding exercise.
- (4) \$17.25.

**Police and emergency services: public transport — police use**

**2410.** Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Honourable the Minister for Police & Emergency Services with reference to police operations in the City of Kingston, City of Monash and the City of Glen Eira —

- (1) What is the frequency of police officers catching public transport during work hours to attend to work responsibilities.
- (2) How many times did police use the metropolitan bus network to visit work locations between 1 August 2008 and 31 July 2009.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Victoria Police does not record statistics for the frequency of police officers catching public transport during work hours to attend work responsibilities. Further, no record is kept for the number of police using the metropolitan bus network to visit work locations.

**Public transport: rail — Warrnambool line**

**2412.** Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to the 5.08 p.m. up Warrnambool train on 11 September 2009 —

- (1) Did the train fail to make its scheduled stop at Werribee at 7.58 p.m.
- (2) Did the train make an unscheduled stop at Hoppers Crossing; if so —
  - (a) how many passengers disembarked;
  - (b) were passengers who disembarked picked up by a —
    - (i) V/Line service, if so; at what time;
    - (ii) Connex train to Werribee; if so, at what time.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Yes.
  - (a) 20.
  - (b) (i) No.
  - (ii) Yes, Connex scheduled 8.19 pm service.

**Public transport: rail — Warrnambool line**

**2413.** Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to conductors on the up Warrnambool line between Geelong and Southern Cross Station on the evening of 11 September 2009 —

- (1) Was there one conductor working.
- (2) Were there two conductors travelling as passengers.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1) No. There were two conductors.
- (2) No.