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² Elected 15 September 2007

³ Resigned 2 June 2008

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

*Answers to the following questions on notice were circulated on the date shown.
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, 8 December 2009

Water: overseas travel

256(b). Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Water, Environment and Climate Change —

- (1) Did the Minister take any international trips between 1 January 2003 and 1 March 2003; if so —
 - (a) on what dates;
 - (b) to what destinations;
 - (c) what was the purpose;
 - (d) how many staff members accompanied the Minister;
 - (e) what was the total cost of —
 - (i) airfares;
 - (ii) accommodation;
 - (iii) meals;
 - (iv) all other expenses.

- (2) Did the Minister take any international trips between 1 October 2003 and 31 December 2003; if so —
 - (a) on what dates;
 - (b) to what destinations;
 - (c) what was the purpose;
 - (d) how many staff members accompanied the Minister;
 - (e) what was the total cost of —
 - (i) airfares;
 - (ii) accommodation;
 - (iii) meals;
 - (iv) all other expenses.

- (3) Did the Minister take any international trips in 2004; if so —
 - (a) on what dates;
 - (b) to what destinations;
 - (c) what was the purpose;
 - (d) how many staff members accompanied the Minister;
 - (e) what was the total cost of —
 - (i) airfares;
 - (ii) accommodation;
 - (iii) meals;
 - (iv) all other expenses.

- (4) Did the Minister take any international trips in 2006; if so —
 - (a) on what dates;

- (b) to what destinations;
 - (c) what was the purpose;
 - (d) how many staff members accompanied the Minister;
 - (e) what was the total cost of —
 - (i) airfares;
 - (ii) accommodation;
 - (iii) meals;
 - (iv) all other expenses.
- (5) Did the Minister take any international trips in 2007; if so —
- (a) on what dates;
 - (b) to what destinations;
 - (c) what was the purpose;
 - (d) how many staff members accompanied the Minister;
 - (e) what was the total cost of —
 - (i) airfares;
 - (ii) accommodation;
 - (iii) meals;
 - (iv) all other expenses.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

It is understood that this question has already been answered. The answer provided previously in response to 256a is outlined below.

- (1) The previous Minister did not travel overseas between 1 January 2003 and 1 March 2003.
- (2) The previous Minister did not travel overseas between 1 October 2003 and 31 December 2003.
- (3) The former Minister travelled to Canada and the United States of America between 11 May and 23 May 2004. The purpose of the trip was to attend a Conference of the Reducers in Toronto. The former Minister also met with officials from Canadian and US state governments on climate change issues.

The total cost for airfares for the former Minister and one ministerial staff member was \$19,472. The total cost of accommodation was \$2,316. The total cost for meals and other expenses for the former Minister and one ministerial staff member was \$11,769.

- (4) The former Minister travelled to India and Sri Lanka between 30 January 2006 and 15 February 2006. The purpose of the trip was to attend a number of meetings with Indian Government officials to explore opportunities for collaboration with the Victorian Government in regards to water salinity, green buildings, renewable energy, climate change and water management practices. The former Minister was not accompanied by a ministerial staff member on this travel. While in Sri Lanka the former Minister for Water, Environment and Climate Change inspected the progress of the Victorian Government's Tsunami Disaster Reconstruction Fund.

The total cost for airfares for the former Minister was \$9,802. The total cost of accommodation was \$8,051. The total allowance paid to the former Minister for meals and other expenses was \$3,309.

- (5) The former Minister for Water, Environment and Climate Change did not travel overseas in 2007.

Treasurer: Rural Finance Corporation of Victoria — media and communications staff

1606. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer how many officers in the Rural Finance Corporation of Victoria are engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations as at 30 June 2008, and —

- (1) What is the salary band of each officer.
- (2) What is the job title of each officer.

ANSWER:

I am informed that there were two officers overseen by the CEO engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations as at 30 June 2008, and —

- (1) As there were only two officers it is inappropriate to disclose the salary details on the grounds of privacy but salaries are within appropriate public sector bands.
- (2) The job titles are Marketing Manager and Marketing Assistant.

Treasurer: Victorian Funds Management Corporation — media and communications staff

1607. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer how many officers in the Victorian Funds Management Corporation are engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations as at 30 June 2008, and —

- (1) What is the salary band of each officer.
- (2) What is the job title of each officer.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

As at 30 June 2008, the Victorian Funds Management Corporation did not have any officers that were engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.

Treasurer: State Trustees Ltd — media and communications staff

1608. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer how many officers in the State Trustees Limited are engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations as at 30 June 2008, and —

- (1) What is the salary band of each officer.
- (2) What is the job title of each officer.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

As at 30 June 2008, State Trustees Limited had one officer engaged in public, corporate and media relations at remuneration of Career Level 4 under State Trustees' Collective Workplace Agreement.

The job title of this officer was Manager, Communications.

Treasurer: State Revenue Office — media and communications staff

1609. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer with reference to officers employed in the State Revenue Office engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations — as at 30 June 2008 —

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) As at 30 June 2008 there were 5 officers engaged in communications related activities at the State Revenue Office.
- (2) The salary band of each of these officers was equivalent to two VPS grade sixes, two VPS grade fives and one VPS grade 4.
- (3) The job titles of each of these officers were as follows:
 - Branch Manager—Corporate Affairs;
 - Corporate Relations Adviser;
 - Senior Communications Officer — Design;
 - Senior Communications Officer — Website Coordinator; and
 - Senior Communications Officer — Writer.

Treasurer: State Revenue Office — trust notifications

1615. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer how many forms of notification of lands held on trust were lodged with the State Revenue Office in 2007–08.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The State Revenue Office does not collate this information and therefore it represents an unreasonable diversion of resources to provide a response.

Treasurer: land tax

1827. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer: What was the amount of land tax collected from assessments of land tax for 2008 levied at each of the marginal tax rates set out in the 2007–08 land tax scale.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of land tax estimates of tax paid, or number of taxpayers by marginal tax rates are not readily available, as the requested data is not collated.

Treasurer: land tax

1828. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer —

- (1) How many taxpayers paid land tax in 2008.
- (2) What is the estimated number of taxpayers who will pay land tax in 2009.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- 1) Around 180 000 land owners paid land tax in 2008.
- 2) The estimated number of taxpayers who will pay land tax in 2009 is 215 000.

Regional and rural development: call centres

2153. Mr RYAN to ask the Minister for Regional and Rural Development with reference to money provided by the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development to commercial organisations operating or proposing to establish call centres or customer service centres in regional Victoria — in 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 —

- (1) How much money was provided by the Department.
- (2) Which companies received grants and how much money was paid to each.
- (3) Under what programs were grants made available.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Based on information provided in the annual reports from 2004/05–2007/08 and draft annual report from 2008/09 please find the information requested for 2005–2008 in the following table.

Company	Program	Payments Made				
		2005	2006	2007	2008	Total
Excelior Pty Ltd	CRISP # (Provincial Victoria Growth Fund)			\$250,000		\$250,000
Salesforce Australia Pty Ltd	CRISP (Provincial Victoria Growth Fund)		\$250,000	\$275,000	\$275,000	\$800,000
AAPT Ltd	*					*

Community Regional Industry Skills Program (CRISP)

* Assistance provided to AAPT Ltd is ‘Commercial-in-Confidence’.

Community services: child protection staff — eastern metropolitan region

2154. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services what is the number of child protection workers in the Eastern Metropolitan Region; of these, how many have been recruited from the United Kingdom or Ireland as a result of the Government’s campaign.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

There were 205.4 full time equivalent Child Protection positions in the Eastern Metropolitan region in June 2009.

Of the 1000+ child protection workers in Victoria, the number of child protection workers in a region on any given day fluctuates based on vacancy rates and the progress of recruitment practices. Workers from overseas typically work in a range of locations around Victoria.

Community services: child protection staff — southern metropolitan region

2155. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services what is the number of child protection workers in the Southern Metropolitan Region; of these, how many have been recruited from the United Kingdom or Ireland as a result of the Government's campaign.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

There were 191.8 full time equivalent Child Protection positions in the Southern Metropolitan Region in June 2009.

Of the 1000+ child protection workers in Victoria, the number of child protection workers in a region on any given day fluctuates based on vacancy rates and the progress of recruitment practices. Workers from overseas typically work in a range of locations around Victoria.

Community services: child protection staff — north and west metropolitan region

2156. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services what is the number of child protection workers in the North-West Metropolitan Region; of these, of these, how many have been recruited from the United Kingdom or Ireland as a result of the Government's campaign.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

There were 270.9 full time equivalent Child Protection positions in the North and West Metropolitan Region in June 2009.

Of the 1000+ child protection workers in Victoria, the number of child protection workers in a region on any given day fluctuates based on vacancy rates and the progress of recruitment practices. Workers from overseas typically work in a range of locations around Victoria.

Community services: child protection staff — Barwon-south western region

2157. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services what is the number of child protection workers in the Barwon South West Region; of these, how many have been recruited from the United Kingdom or Ireland as a result of the Government's campaign.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

There were 86.6 full time equivalent Child Protection positions in the Barwon South Western Region in June 2009.

Of the 1000+ child protection workers in Victoria, the number of child protection workers in a region on any given day fluctuates based on vacancy rates and the progress of recruitment practices. Workers from overseas typically work in a range of locations around Victoria.

Community services: child protection staff — Gippsland region

2158. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services what is the number of child protection workers in the Gippsland Region; of these, how many have been recruited from the United Kingdom or Ireland as a result of the Government's campaign.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

There were 78.8 full time equivalent Child Protection positions in the Gippsland Region in June 2009.

Of the 1000+ child protection workers in Victoria, the number of child protection workers in a region on any given day fluctuates based on vacancy rates and the progress of recruitment practices. Workers from overseas typically work in a range of locations around Victoria.

Community services: child protection staff — Grampians region

2159. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services what is the number of child protection workers in the Grampians Region; of these, how many have been recruited from the United Kingdom or Ireland as a result of the Government's campaign.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

There were 44.5 full time equivalent Child Protection positions in the Grampians Region in June 2009.

Of the 1000+ child protection workers in Victoria, the number of child protection workers in a region on any given day fluctuates based on vacancy rates and the progress of recruitment practices. Workers from overseas typically work in a range of locations around Victoria

Community services: child protection staff — Hume region

2160. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services what is the number of child protection workers in the Hume Region; of these, how many have been recruited from the United Kingdom or Ireland as a result of the Government's campaign.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

There were 71.3 full time equivalent Child Protection positions in the Hume Region in June 2009.

Of the 1000+ child protection workers in Victoria, the number of child protection workers in a region on any given day fluctuates based on vacancy rates and the progress of recruitment practices. Workers from overseas typically work in a range of locations around Victoria.

Community services: child protection staff — Loddon Mallee region

2161. Ms **WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Community Services what is the number of child protection workers in the Loddon Mallee Region; of these, how many have been recruited from the United Kingdom or Ireland as a result of the Government's campaign.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

There were 105.8 full time equivalent Child Protection positions in the Loddon Mallee Region in June 2009.

Of the 1000+ child protection workers in Victoria, the number of child protection workers in a region on any given day fluctuates based on vacancy rates and the progress of recruitment practices. Workers from overseas typically work in a range of locations around Victoria.

Public transport: trams — route 48

2197. Mr **MULDER** to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to the proposed diversion of tram route 48 —

- (1) What was the cost to install tramway curves —
 - (a) south to west and vice versa at the intersection of Spring Street and Collins Street;
 - (b) east to north and vice versa at the intersection of Spring Street and Wellington Street.
- (2) Are north-bound motorists blocking the Spring Street and Collins Street intersection south to west and vice versa curves on a regular basis when stopped at traffic lights.
- (3) Has yellow hatching been considered for the south to west and vice versa curves at the Spring Street and Collins Street intersection beyond the initial stopping zone for motorists, to minimise occupation of the tram track by motorists; if not, why not.
- (4) What will be the delay to a tram travelling towards Docklands if it misses a light cycle at the intersection of Spring Street and Collins Street once regular services commence in September 2009.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) (a) \$1.8 million.
- (b) \$2.8 million, which included a pedestrian operated signal at the intersection of Spring Street and Flinders Lane.
- (2) There is no data to support this.
- (3) In accordance with the VicRoads Traffic Engineering Manual, yellow hatching is not required at this location.
- (4) 41 seconds.

Treasurer: Rural Finance Corporation of Victoria — media and communications staff

2252. Mr **WELLS** to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer with reference to officers engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations at the Rural Finance Corporation of Victoria as at 30 June 2009 —

- (1) How many officers were there.

- (2) What is the salary band for each officer.
- (3) What is the job title for each officer.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) There were two officers, overseen by the CEO, engaged in communications including public, corporate and media relations as at 30 June 2009.
- (2) As there were only two officers it is inappropriate to disclose the salary details on the grounds of privacy but salaries are within appropriate public sector bands.
- (3) The job titles are Marketing Manager and Marketing Assistant.

Treasurer: Victorian Funds Management Corporation — media and communications staff

2253. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer with reference to officers engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations at the Victorian Funds Management Corporation as at 30 June 2009 —

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that as at 30 June 2009:

- (1) The Victorian Funds Management Corporation had one officer engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.
- (2) As there is only one officer, it is inappropriate to disclose the salary on the grounds of privacy, however the salary is within market levels for comparable positions.
- (3) The job title of this officer was Marketing and Communications Manager.

Treasurer: State Trustees Ltd — media and communications staff

2254. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer with reference to officers engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations at the State Trustees Limited as at 30 June 2009 —

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

ANSWER:

As at 30 June 2009, State Trustees Limited had three officers engaged in public, corporate and media relations at remuneration of Career Levels 2, 3 and 4 under State Trustees' Collective Workplace Agreement.

The job titles of these officers were:

- Manager, Communications
- Media Adviser; and

- Communications Coordinator

Treasurer: Land Tax Hardship Relief Board — entertainment expenses

2260. **Mr WELLS** to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer with reference to the Land Tax Hardship Relief Board's entertainment expenses for 2008–09 —

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Land Tax Hardship Relief Board had no entertainment expenses for 2008-2009.

Community services: amphetamine-type stimulants strategy task force — funding

2271. **Ms WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the Amphetamine Type Stimulants Strategy Taskforce in 2008–09 —

- (1) What budget allocation was made.
- (2) What was the total funding allocated to members for remuneration and allowances.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Funding to support the work of the Amphetamine Type Stimulants Strategy Taskforce is allocated as part of the Mental Health and Drugs budget.

Community services: amphetamine-type stimulants strategy task force — meeting dates

2272. **Ms WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Mental Health —

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

- (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 taskforce in a variety of forums at both formal and informal occasions.

Community services: Drug and Alcohol Prevention Council — funding

2273. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the Drug and Alcohol Prevention Council —

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Funding to support the work of the Drug and Alcohol Prevention Council is allocated as part of the Mental Health and Drugs budget.

Community services: Drug and Alcohol Prevention Council — meeting dates

2274. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health —

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.

Mental health: Alcohol Action Plan task force — funding

2277. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health with reference to the Alcohol Action Plan Taskforce —

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Funding to support the work of the Alcohol Action Plan Taskforce is allocated as part of the Mental Health and Drugs budget.

Mental health: Alcohol Action Plan task force — meeting dates

2278. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health —

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

- (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 taskforce in a variety of forums at both formal and informal occasions.

Mental health: ministerial councils, task forces and committees

2291(b). Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health

Can the Minister provide a list of all Ministerial Councils, Taskforces and Committees which reported to and/or provided advice and input to the Minister in 2008 and 2009.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Minister receives advice from multiple sources, including taskforces established by government and other bodies outside government which send information to the Minister. It is not possible to accumulate accurate lists over multiple years of all the sources of advice received by the Minister.

Housing: disability services

2295. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Housing with reference to social housing following funding from the Federal Government's Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan — how many of the redeveloped or new social housing funded in Victoria will be reserved for people with a —

- (1) Disability.
- (2) Mental illness.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

(1 & 2) Up to 20 per cent of all new social housing funded in Victoria through the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan will incorporate design features which will be suitable for those with a disability.

The majority of the repairs and maintenance works apply to dwellings that are currently inhabited. There are existing processes to ensure that the dwellings meet the needs of the tenants. Where additional needs are identified as part of the Nation Building upgrades process, additional universal design features will be considered. Vacant properties will be allocated according to Victorians on the early waiting housing lists.

A significant proportion of all new social housing funded in Victoria through the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan will be allocated to Victorians on the early waiting housing list. Similarly, any vacant housing that is repaired and/or upgraded as part of the Nation Building Economic Stimulus plan will be allocated to Victorians on the early waiting housing list.

There is no reservation of redeveloped or social housing specifically for people with a disability or mental illness. However, the needs of these groups are considered as part of the segmented waiting list and priority for access to housing allocated accordingly.

Housing: disability services

2296. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Housing with reference to the Government's \$510 million investment in social and public housing in 2007–08 — how many of the redeveloped or new social housing funded in Victoria will be reserved for people with a —

- (1) Disability.
- (2) Mental illness.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The Victorian Government generally acquires properties that either meet universal design standards, or can be modified to suit a client's needs. However, it does not reserve properties for people with a disability.
- (2) In the case of public housing, most allocations are to people with complex needs, including those with mental health issues. The Victorian Government does not reserve properties for clients with a mental illness.

Health: Box Hill Hospital — elective surgery

2380. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Health with reference to residents from postcodes 3108, 3109 and 3111 waiting for elective surgery at Box Hill Hospital as at December 2008 — how many residents were in —

- (1) Clinical urgency category 1.
- (2) Clinical urgency category 2.
- (3) Clinical urgency category 3.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Data relating to elective surgery is collected in order to report publicly on a six monthly and annual basis. The *Your Hospitals* publication gives details of the total number of emergency department attendances by individual hospital.

The current report as well as copies covering previous years of *Your Hospitals* is available at www.health.vic.gov.au/yourhospitals.

A detailed response to this question would be an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Health: Austin Hospital — elective surgery

2381. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Health with reference to residents from postcodes 3108, 3109 and 3111 waiting for elective surgery at Austin Hospital as at December 2008 — how many residents were in —

- (1) Clinical urgency category 1.
- (2) Clinical urgency category 2.
- (3) Clinical urgency category 3.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Data relating to elective surgery is collected in order to report publicly on a six monthly and annual basis. The *Your Hospitals* publication gives details of the total number of emergency department attendances by individual hospital.

The current report as well as copies covering previous years of *Your Hospitals* is available at www.health.vic.gov.au/yourhospitals.

A detailed response to this question would be an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Health: Box Hill Hospital — elective surgery

2382. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Health with reference to residents from postcodes 3108, 3109 and 3111 designated as clinical urgency category 1 elective surgery patients at Box Hill Hospital — how many residents were admitted within 30 days in —

- (1) 2006–07.
- (2) 2007–08.
- (3) July to December 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Data relating to elective surgery is collected in order to report publicly on a six monthly and annual basis. The *Your Hospitals* publication gives details of the total number of emergency department attendances by individual hospital.

The current report as well as copies covering previous years of *Your Hospitals* is available at www.health.vic.gov.au/yourhospitals.

A detailed response to this question would be an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Health: Box Hill Hospital — elective surgery

2383. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Health with reference to residents from postcodes 3108, 3109 and 3111 designated as clinical urgency category 2 elective surgery patients at Box Hill Hospital — how many residents were admitted within 90 days in —

- (1) 2006–07.
- (2) 2007–08.
- (3) July to December 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Data relating to elective surgery is collected in order to report publicly on a six monthly and annual basis. The *Your Hospitals* publication gives details of the total number of emergency department attendances by individual hospital.

The current report as well as copies covering previous years of *Your Hospitals* is available at www.health.vic.gov.au/yourhospitals.

A detailed response to this question would be an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Health: Box Hill Hospital — elective surgery

2384. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Health with reference to residents from postcodes 3108, 3109 and 3111 designated as clinical urgency category 3 elective surgery patients at Box Hill Hospital — how many residents were admitted within 365 days in —

- (1) 2006–07.
- (2) 2007–08.
- (3) July to December 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Data relating to elective surgery is collected in order to report publicly on a six monthly and annual basis. The *Your Hospitals* publication gives details of the total number of emergency department attendances by individual hospital.

The current report as well as copies covering previous years of *Your Hospitals* is available at www.health.vic.gov.au/yourhospitals.

A detailed response to this question would be an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Health: Austin Hospital — elective surgery

2385. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Health with reference to residents from postcodes 3108, 3109 and 3111 designated as clinical urgency category 1 elective surgery patients at Austin Hospital — how many residents were admitted within 30 days in —

- (1) 2006–07.
- (2) 2007–08.
- (3) July to December 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Data relating to elective surgery is collected in order to report publicly on a six monthly and annual basis. The *Your Hospitals* publication gives details of the total number of emergency department attendances by individual hospital.

The current report as well as copies covering previous years of *Your Hospitals* is available at www.health.vic.gov.au/yourhospitals.

A detailed response to this question would be an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Health: Austin Hospital — elective surgery

2386. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Health with reference to residents from postcodes 3108, 3109 and 3111 designated as clinical urgency category 2 elective surgery patients at Austin Hospital — how many residents were admitted within 90 days in —

- (1) 2006–07.
- (2) 2007–08.
- (3) July to December 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Data relating to elective surgery is collected in order to report publicly on a six monthly and annual basis. The *Your Hospitals* publication gives details of the total number of emergency department attendances by individual hospital.

The current report as well as copies covering previous years of *Your Hospitals* is available at www.health.vic.gov.au/yourhospitals.

A detailed response to this question would be an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Health: Austin Hospital — elective surgery

2387. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Health with reference to residents from postcodes 3108, 3109 and 3111 designated as clinical urgency category 3 elective surgery patients at Austin Hospital — how many residents were admitted within 365 days in —

- (1) 2006–07.
- (2) 2007–08.
- (3) July to December 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Data relating to elective surgery is collected in order to report publicly on a six monthly and annual basis. The *Your Hospitals* publication gives details of the total number of emergency department attendances by individual hospital.

The current report as well as copies covering previous years of *Your Hospitals* is available at www.health.vic.gov.au/yourhospitals.

A detailed response to this question would be an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Health: Box Hill Hospital — admissions

2388. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Health how many residents from postcodes 3108, 3109 and 3111 were admitted to Box Hill Hospital in —

- (1) 2006–07.
- (2) 2007–08.
- (3) July to December 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Data relating to elective surgery is collected in order to report publicly on a six monthly and annual basis. The *Your Hospitals* publication gives details of the total number of emergency department attendances by individual hospital.

The current report as well as copies covering previous years of *Your Hospitals* is available at www.health.vic.gov.au/yourhospitals.

A detailed response to this question would be an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Health: Austin Hospital — admissions

2389. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Health how many residents from postcodes 3108, 3109 and 3111 were admitted to Austin Hospital in —

- (1) 2006–07.
- (2) 2007–08.
- (3) July to December 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Data relating to elective surgery is collected in order to report publicly on a six monthly and annual basis. The *Your Hospitals* publication gives details of the total number of emergency department attendances by individual hospital.

The current report as well as copies covering previous years of *Your Hospitals* is available at www.health.vic.gov.au/yourhospitals.

A detailed response to this question would be an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Health: Box Hill Hospital — emergency department

2390. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Health how many residents from postcodes 3108, 3109 and 3111 attended the emergency department at Box Hill Hospital in —

- (1) 2006–07.
- (2) 2007–08.
- (3) July to December 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Data relating to elective surgery is collected in order to report publicly on a six monthly and annual basis. The *Your Hospitals* publication gives details of the total number of emergency department attendances by individual hospital.

The current report as well as copies covering previous years of *Your Hospitals* is available at www.health.vic.gov.au/yourhospitals.

A detailed response to this question would be an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Health: Austin Hospital — emergency department

2391. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Health how many residents from postcodes 3108, 3109 and 3111 attended the emergency department at Austin Hospital in —

- (1) 2006–07.
- (2) 2007–08.
- (3) July to December 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Data relating to elective surgery is collected in order to report publicly on a six monthly and annual basis. The *Your Hospitals* publication gives details of the total number of emergency department attendances by individual hospital.

The current report as well as copies covering previous years of *Your Hospitals* is available at www.health.vic.gov.au/yourhospitals.

A detailed response to this question would be an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Health: Box Hill Hospital — outpatient clinics

2392. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Health how many residents from postcodes 3108, 3109 and 3111 received patient treatments in specialist outpatient clinics (VACS) at Box Hill Hospital in —

- (1) 2006–07.
- (2) 2007–08.
- (3) July to December 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Data relating to patient treatments in specialist outpatient clinics (VACS) is reported publicly on a six monthly and annual basis. The *Your Hospitals* publication gives details of the total number of patient treatments in specialist outpatient clinics by individual hospital. The current report, as well as copies of previous *Your Hospitals* reports, is available at www.health.vic.gov.au/yourhospitals.

Health: Austin Hospital — outpatient clinics

2393. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Health how many residents from postcodes 3108, 3109 and 3111 received patient treatments in specialist outpatient clinics (VACS) at Austin Hospital in —

- (1) 2006–07.
- (2) 2007–08.
- (3) July to December 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Data relating to patient treatments in specialist outpatient clinics (VACS) is reported publicly on a six monthly and annual basis. The *Your Hospitals* publication gives details of the total number of patient treatments in specialist outpatient clinics by individual hospital. The current report, as well as copies of previous *Your Hospitals* reports, is available at www.health.vic.gov.au/yourhospitals.

Community services: Doncare

2398. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services what was the amount of money spent on services provided by Doncare in —

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) \$271,977.03
- (2) \$298,791.14
- (3) \$309,119.02

Public transport: Rail — vigilance, control and event recording system

2401. Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Public Transport when will VICERS vigilance tracking equipment be installed in —

- (1) The 29 existing X'Trapolis trains.
- (2) The 38 new X'Trapolis trains.
- (3) The 36 Siemens trains.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) By the end of 2010.
- (2) Progressively from 2010.
- (3) By the end of 2011.

Health: Box Hill Hospital — emergency department

2402. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Health with reference to residents from postcodes 3108, 3109 and 3111 designated as Emergency Department Triage category 1 patients at Box Hill Hospital what proportion were seen immediately in —

- (1) 2006–07.
- (2) 2007–08.
- (3) July to December 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Data relating to emergency departments is collected in order to report publicly on a six monthly and annual basis. The *Your Hospitals* publication gives details of the total number of emergency department attendances by individual hospital.

The current report as well as copies covering previous years of *Your Hospitals* is available at www.health.vic.gov.au/yourhospitals.

A detailed response to this question would be an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Health: Box Hill Hospital — emergency department

2403. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Health with reference to residents from postcodes 3108, 3109 and 3111 designated as Emergency Department Triage category 2 patients at Box Hill Hospital what proportion were seen within 10 minutes in —

- (1) 2006–07.
- (2) 2007–08.
- (3) July to December 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Data relating to emergency departments is collected in order to report publicly on a six monthly and annual basis. The *Your Hospitals* publication gives details of the total number of emergency department attendances by individual hospital.

The current report as well as copies covering previous years of *Your Hospitals* is available at www.health.vic.gov.au/yourhospitals.

A detailed response to this question would be an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Health: Box Hill Hospital — emergency department

2404. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Health with reference to residents from postcodes 3108, 3109 and 3111 designated as Emergency Department Triage category 3 patients at Box Hill Hospital what proportion were seen within 30 minutes in —

- (1) 2006–07.
- (2) 2007–08.
- (3) July to December 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Data relating to emergency departments is collected in order to report publicly on a six monthly and annual basis. The *Your Hospitals* publication gives details of the total number of emergency department attendances by individual hospital.

The current report as well as copies covering previous years of *Your Hospitals* is available at www.health.vic.gov.au/yourhospitals.

A detailed response to this question would be an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Health: Austin Hospital — emergency department

2405. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Health with reference to residents from postcodes 3108, 3109 and 3111 designated as Emergency Department Triage category 1 patients at the Austin Hospital what proportion were seen immediately in —

- (1) 2006–07.
- (2) 2007–08.
- (3) July to December 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Data relating to emergency departments is collected in order to report publicly on a six monthly and annual basis. The *Your Hospitals* publication gives details of the total number of emergency department attendances by individual hospital.

The current report as well as copies covering previous years of *Your Hospitals* is available at www.health.vic.gov.au/yourhospitals.

A detailed response to this question would be an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Health: Austin Hospital — emergency department

2406. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Health with reference to residents from postcodes 3108, 3109 and 3111 designated as Emergency Department Triage category 2 patients at the Austin Hospital what proportion were seen within 10 minutes in —

- (1) 2006–07.
- (2) 2007–08.
- (3) July to December 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Data relating to emergency departments is collected in order to report publicly on a six monthly and annual basis. The *Your Hospitals* publication gives details of the total number of emergency department attendances by individual hospital.

The current report as well as copies covering previous years of *Your Hospitals* is available at www.health.vic.gov.au/yourhospitals.

A detailed response to this question would be an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Health: Austin Hospital — emergency department

2407. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Health with reference to residents from postcodes 3108, 3109 and 3111 designated as Emergency Department Triage category 3 patients at the Austin Hospital what proportion were seen within 30 minutes in —

- (1) 2006–07.
- (2) 2007–08.
- (3) July to December 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Data relating to emergency departments is collected in order to report publicly on a six monthly and annual basis. The *Your Hospitals* publication gives details of the total number of emergency department attendances by individual hospital.

The current report as well as copies covering previous years of *Your Hospitals* is available at www.health.vic.gov.au/yourhospitals.

A detailed response to this question would be an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Health: Box Hill Hospital — admissions

2408. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Health with reference to residents from postcodes 3108, 3109 and 3111 at Box Hill Hospital what proportion were transferred from the Emergency Department to a hospital bed within eight hours in —

- (1) 2006–07.
- (2) 2007–08.
- (3) July to December 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Data relating to emergency departments is collected in order to report publicly on a six monthly and annual basis. The *Your Hospitals* publication gives details of the total number of emergency department attendances by individual hospital.

The current report as well as copies covering previous years of *Your Hospitals* is available at www.health.vic.gov.au/yourhospitals.

A detailed response to this question would be an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Health: Austin Hospital — admissions

2409. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Health with reference to residents from postcodes 3108, 3109 and 3111 at the Austin Hospital — what proportion were transferred from the Emergency Department to a hospital bed within eight hours in —

- (1) 2006–07.
- (2) 2007–08.
- (3) July to December 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Data relating to emergency departments is collected in order to report publicly on a six monthly and annual basis. The *Your Hospitals* publication gives details of the total number of emergency department attendances by individual hospital.

The current report as well as copies covering previous years of *Your Hospitals* is available at www.health.vic.gov.au/yourhospitals.

A detailed response to this question would be an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Public transport: rail — train drivers

2414. Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to V/Line and Connex train drivers —

- (1) What procedures have been put in place to ensure drivers are aware of and comply with the stopping conditions of individual trips.
- (2) Are drivers required to carry a copy of their roster for a particular day and the Working (Master) Timetable with them at all times while driving.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) Connex drivers are provided with a copy of the Master Roster Book which includes trip stopping conditions for each Working Master Timetable trip. Amendments to the Master Roster book that reflect amendments to

the Master Timetable are also provided to the driver. Non-compliance with stopping conditions is monitored by train running audits, checks by supervisory staff, station staff, the train driver, or from passenger feedback.

V/Line drivers are responsible for carrying and displaying a 'Prep Docket' on each service. This docket contains up to date train running information for each service and is displayed in front of the driver as a visual reminder of all the stops and times for that service. Non-compliance with stopping conditions is monitored by staff and from passenger feedback.

- (2) Drivers must carry a copy of their roster for a particular day, but do not need to carry the full Master Timetable.

Treasurer: gaming machine revenue

2427. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer with reference to revenue collected under the gaming machine levy, first introduced by the Government in 2000:

- (1) What was the total amount of revenue collected in:
- (a) 2000–01;
 - (b) 2001–02;
 - (c) 2002–03;
 - (d) 2003–04;
 - (e) 2004–05;
 - (f) 2005–06;
 - (g) 2006–07;
 - (h) 2007–08;
 - (i) 2008–09.
- (2) What is the total amount of forecast revenue for:
- (a) 2009–10;
 - (b) 2010–11;
 - (c) 2011–12;
 - (d) 2012–13.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question is best directed to the Minister for Gaming.

Treasurer: motor vehicle registration charges

2438. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer with reference to revenue collected under the \$80 motor vehicle registration charge for pensioners, war veterans and health-care card holders, first introduced by the Government in 2005:

- (1) What was the total amount of revenue collected in:
- (a) 2004–05;
 - (b) 2005–06;
 - (c) 2006–07;
 - (d) 2007–08;

- (e) 2008–09.
- (2) What is the total amount of forecast revenue for:
 - (a) 2009–10;
 - (b) 2010–11;
 - (c) 2011–12;
 - (d) 2012–13.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question is best directed to the Minister for Roads and Ports.

Treasurer: multipurpose taxi revenue

2439. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer with reference to revenue collected under the cap and restrictions on multipurpose taxis, first introduced by the Government in 2005:

- (1) What was the total amount of revenue collected in:
 - (a) 2004–05;
 - (b) 2005–06;
 - (c) 2006–07;
 - (d) 2007–08;
 - (e) 2008–09.
- (2) What is the total amount of forecast revenue for:
 - (a) 2009–10;
 - (b) 2010–11;
 - (c) 2011–12;
 - (d) 2012–13.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question is best directed to the Minister for Public Transport.

Treasurer: growth areas infrastructure contribution

2446. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer what is the total amount of forecast revenue under the growth area infrastructure contribution, first introduced by the Government in 2003, for:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question is best directed to the Minister for Planning.

Treasurer: cemetery trust revenue

2449. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer what is the total amount of forecast revenue to be collected under the Government's annual levy on cemetery trusts, first introduced in 2009, for the budget forward estimate periods for:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question is best directed to the Minister for Health.

Treasurer: liquor licensing revenue

2450. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer what is the total amount of forecast revenue to be collected under the Government's risk-based liquor licensing fees, first introduced in 2009, for the budget forward estimate periods for:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question is best directed to the Minister for Consumer Affairs.

Treasurer: port freight access revenue

2451. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer what is the total amount of forecast revenue to be collected under the Government's port freight access charge, first introduced in 2009, for the budget forward estimate periods for:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question is best directed to the Minister for Roads and Ports.

Treasurer: mine stability levy

2452. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer what is the total amount of forecast revenue to be collected under the Government's mine stability levy, first introduced in 2009, for the budget forward estimate periods for:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question is best directed to the Minister for Energy and Resources.

Roads and ports: second-hand motor vehicle duty

2454. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports how much duty was paid in respect of the transfer of second-hand motor vehicles in 2008–09.

ANSWER:

The Minister for Roads and Ports — I am informed that, as at the date the question was raised:

The amount of motor vehicle duty collected by VicRoads in respect of the transfer of second hand motor vehicles during 2008–09 was \$221,417,111.

Roads and ports: second-hand motor vehicle duty

2455. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports how much duty was paid in respect of the transfer of second-hand motor vehicles in 2007–08.

ANSWER:

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

The amount of motor vehicle duty collected by VicRoads in respect of the transfer of second hand motor vehicles during 2007–08 was \$241,151,525.

Mental health: gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex Victorians — mental illness

2470. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health what is the rate of mental illness for people aged 15 to 24 in the:

- (1) Gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex population.
- (2) General population.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) For 15-24 year old GLBTI Australians there is no survey data describing the rate of mental illness. However, international and Australian literature indicates same sex attracted young people and bisexual young people are at higher risk of depressive symptoms.
- (2) According to the 2007 National Survey of Mental Health and Wellbeing, 26 per cent of young people aged 16-24 years old experience a mental disorder (including substance use disorders) in a 12-month period.

Mental health: gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex Victorians — mental illness

- 2471.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health does the Government comply with its obligations under the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities with regard to equality of mental health outcomes for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex Victorians.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Health funds public hospitals to provide clinical public mental health services. As public authorities, it is the responsibility of each public hospital to equip their staff to meet their obligations under the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities.

Mental health: gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex Victorians — mental illness

- 2472.** Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health with reference to funding for mental illness programs for the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex population:

- (1) Which programs received Government funding in 2006–07 to 2009–10.
- (2) How much funding did each of the programs funded in 2006–07 to 2009–10 receive.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The Victorian Government funds a range of activities to support gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex (GLBTI) people with or at risk of a mental illness, with poor mental health outcomes among GLBTI people strongly linked to discrimination and social isolation.

In the period 2006–07 to 2009–10 the following programs with a focus on GLBTI Victorians' mental health and wellbeing received funding through the Department of Health, the Department of Human Services or the Department of Planning and Community Development:

- Gay and Lesbian Health Victoria, which provides training and resources on GLBTI health and wellbeing for service providers. In 2008–09 they have worked closely with alcohol and other drug and aged care services.
- The Gay and Lesbian Switchboard, which provides free and anonymous counselling, referral and information.
- WayOut, the Rural Victorian Youth and Sexual Diversity Project, with Cobaw Community Health and Gay Lesbian Health Victoria, which raises awareness about homophobia and supports same-sex attracted young people.
- Family Planning Victoria's youth focused 'Mind the Gap' program.
- The Rainbow Network of workers who work with same sex attracted young people.
- Counselling and social support programs through the Victorian AIDS Council.
- Youth Participation and Access programs promoting GLBTI young people's community involvement, confidence and resilience-Wellington Youth Participation and Access Program, Lukes Place Resource

Centre, AQUA—Making a Difference, Celebrating Diversity and Cultural Fusion, Y-Glam Performing Arts Project, EGG—Same Sex Attracted Youth Project for Nillumbik and Banyule.

(2) Specific programs receive funding of:

	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10
Gay Lesbian Health Victoria training for service providers	\$26,369	\$27,133	\$27,920	\$28,797
The Gay and Lesbian Switchboard	\$26,369	\$27,133	\$27,920	\$28,797
WayOut, the Rural Victorian Youth and Sexual Diversity Project	\$82,320	\$84,707	\$87,164	\$119,901
Family Planning Victoria—Mind the Gap	-	-	\$92,000	\$214,000
The Rainbow Network	-	-	\$70,000	\$80,000
Youth Participation and Access Programs with a focus on GLBTI young people	\$214,500	\$214,500	\$235,950	\$102,960

The Victorian Government provides \$3.68 million recurrent funding for the Victorian AIDS Council, and they provide services including counselling for GLBTI community members and peer support groups for gay men.

Mental health: gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex Victorians — mental illness

2473. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health with reference to the 2006–11 COAG Mental Health Strategy:

- (1) Why does the Strategy fail to address mental health outcomes for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex Victorians.
- (2) Will the Minister raise the issue of mental illness among gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex Victorians at the next COAG Australian Health Ministers’ Advisory Council meeting.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The development of the COAG National Action Plan on Mental Health 2006–2011 was a national process led by the Commonwealth. While the Plan does not specifically address the mental health outcomes of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex (GLBTI) Victorians, it recognises that some groups do require additional support and includes initiatives to help disadvantaged people and groups with mental health problems.

The Victorian Mental Health Reform Strategy 2009–2019, however, clearly recognises the mental health issues faced by GLBTI Victorians. We are working on a number of initiatives to promote inclusive practice, reduce discrimination and better meet the mental health needs of this group.

- (2) The COAG National Action Plan on Mental Health 2006–2011 is not on the agenda for the next Australian Health Minister’s Advisory Council meeting. The Department of Health, however, will continue to explore opportunities to raise the issue of GLBTI mental health needs in the context of national mental health policy development.

Education: bushfires — children’s support services

2498(b). Mr RYAN to ask the Minister for Education with reference to the Government’s commitment to audit the emergency management arrangements of high risk government schools and centre-based children’s services by 30 November 2009:

- (1) What are the criteria for declaring a school high risk.
- (2) What schools and services have been audited to date.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

- My Department is currently auditing the bushfire and emergency management preparedness of 250 government schools and licensed children’s services situated predominately in the 52 townships identified by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) as being at highest bushfire risk.
- This audit program follows an online self assessment of bushfire and emergency management preparedness which was provided to all government schools, non-government schools and licensed children’s services across Victoria.
- The results of the self assessment process are one element supporting my Department’s decisions when determining a register of schools or children’s services at high risk of bushfire.
- The criteria for whether a school or children’s service is included on the bushfire risk register are:
 1. The facility is in one of the 52 high risk towns (identified by CFA)
 2. The facility is in the DSE and CFA expanded list of medium bushfire risk areas in the state
 3. The facility has self assessed as being at Significant or Extreme bushfire risk through the online self assessment tool
 4. The facility has been nominated by the relevant DEECD Regional Office, Catholic Education Commission of Victoria, Association of Independent Schools of Victoria or Municipal Council of Victoria
- If any two of the major criteria are met, the facility is included on the bushfire risk register.
 - In addition, two further minor criteria are being applied for consideration for including on the risk register:
 1. The facility was closed because of bushfire impacts last season
 2. The facility was pre-emptively closed last season because of the threat of bushfire
- If either of these criteria are met and verified by at least one of the major criteria, the facility will also be included on the bushfire risk register.
 - As of 6 November auditors from Ernst & Young and GHD have visited 166 government school and children’s services facilities across Victoria to assess their bushfire and emergency management preparedness.

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Wednesday, 9 December 2009

Community development: Community Support Fund — city of Manningham

2379. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Development —

With reference to the Community Support Fund —

- (1) How much money did Manningham receive in —
 - (a) 2006–07;
 - (b) 2007–08;
 - (c) 2008–09.

- (2) Where were the funds received by Manningham directed in —
 - (a) 2006–07;
 - (b) 2007–08;
 - (c) 2008–09.

ANSWER:

I am informed that—

- 1. CSF payments made by the Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) to the Manningham City Council are as follows:
 - (a) 2006–07 \$586,500
 - (b) 2007–08 \$571,445
 - (c) 2008–09 \$552,476

- 2. This funding was directed to 16 projects as follows:

Project Name	Confirmed Paid 06/07	Confirmed Paid 07/08	Confirmed Paid 08/09
Civic Precinct: Doncaster Hill Library	\$0	\$0	\$200,000
Colman Park Cricket Nets	\$25,000	\$0	\$0
Construction of Pole Vault Runways and Concrete Pad	\$0	\$27,833	\$0
Currawong Bush Park Community Meeting Space Redevelopment-Feasibility Study	\$0	\$12,000	\$0
Installation of a Synthetic Soccer Pitch and Upgrade of Floodlighting at	\$0	\$57,975	\$2,025

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Project Name	Confirmed Paid 06/07	Confirmed Paid 07/08	Confirmed Paid 08/09
Anderson Park			
Manningham All Abilities Playspace	\$0	\$0	\$200,102
Manningham City Council Community Participation in Recreational Activities	\$10,000	\$0	\$7,250
Manningham City Council's Multi-purpose Community Development Facility at the Pines	\$0	\$60,000	\$0
Master Plan-Tikalara Reserve Recreation Precinct	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
Multipurpose Community Development Facility at the Pines	\$204,000	\$396,000	\$0
Refurbishment and Upgrade of the Timber Ridge Reserve and Pavilion	\$0	\$0	\$48,000
Serpell Tennis Club, Pavilion Modification Proposal	\$12,500	\$0	\$0
Ted Ajani Reserve Community Hub	\$0	\$0	\$93,100
Templestowe Bowling Club-Floor Modification	\$25,000	\$0	\$0
TRY Activities Centre Relocation and Redevelopment	\$300,000	\$0	\$0
Youth Leaders for a Greener Wedge	\$0	\$17,637	\$1,999
	\$586,500	\$571,445	\$552,476

3. The CSF payments referred to in points 1) and 2) above are for CSF funded programs administered by DPCD. The Manningham City Council may also have received CSF funding from programs administered by other portfolio agencies across government.
4. Within this context, it should be noted that the Manningham City Council also benefits from many CSF funded programs that are implemented across several locations or on a state-wide basis. Consequently, any attempt to calculate investment by location will be a significant underestimation.

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Roads and ports: West Gate Freeway — travel time

3. **Mr MULDER** to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports with reference to private motorists' journeys between Laverton and Kings Way during off peak inbound, off peak outbound, weekday peak hour inbound, and weekday peak hour outbound —
- (1) What is VicRoads' target or indicative travel times for each of these journeys.
 - (2) What was average travel time for each of these journeys in November 2006.
 - (3) On what dates and at what times was each target or indicative travel time for these journeys not met during November 2006.
 - (4) For each of the 10 longest travel times on each of these journeys in November 2006 —
 - (a) what was the time and date of the journey;
 - (b) how long did the journey take.

ANSWER:

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

VicRoads does not have target travel times for the journeys you have requested in this question.

The average travel times in minutes for the West Gate Freeway from Laverton (Forsyth Road) to Kings Way in November 2006 were:

	Morning peak	Off-peak
INBOUND	31.7	17.2

	Evening peak	Off-peak
OUTBOUND	18.8	16.3

Travel times are affected by a variety of factors including vehicle breakdowns, crashes, traffic demand and weather. The M1 Upgrade project will help improve traffic flow and reduce crashes along this part of the network.

The ten longest travel times in minutes for the West Gate Freeway from Laverton (Forsyth Road) to Kings Way in November 2006 for inbound morning peak travel ranged between 31.5 minutes and 56.2 minutes. These were recorded on November 2, 3, 13, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 29 and 30.

The ten longest travel times in minutes for the West Gate Freeway from Laverton (Forsyth Road) to Kings Way in November 2006 for inbound off peak travel ranged between 17.2 minutes and 19.7 minutes. These were recorded on November 2, 3, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 23, 24 and 30.

The ten longest travel times in minutes for the West Gate Freeway from Kings Way to Laverton (Forsyth Road) in November 2006 for outbound peak travel ranged between 19.0 minutes and 23.6 minutes. These were recorded on November 10, 13, 14, 15, 21, 23, 24, 28, 29 and 30.

The ten longest travel times in minutes for the West Gate Freeway from Kings Way to Laverton (Forsyth Road) in November 2006 for outbound off peak travel ranged between 16.4 minutes and 17.1 minutes. These were recorded on November 2, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23 and 29.

Roads and ports: Monash Freeway — travel time

4. **Mr MULDER** to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports with reference to private motorists' journeys between Hallam and Kings Way during off peak inbound, off peak outbound, and weekday peak hour inbound, and weekday peak hour outbound —
- (1) What is VicRoads' target or indicative travel times for each of these journeys.
 - (2) What was the average travel time for each of these journeys in November 2006.
 - (3) On what dates and at what times was each target or indicative travel time for these journeys not met during November 2006.
 - (4) For each of the 10 longest travel times on each of these journeys in November 2006 —
 - (a) what was the time and date of the journey;
 - (b) how long did the journey take.

ANSWER:

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

VicRoads does not have target travel times or daily travel time data available for the journeys you have requested in this question.

Roads and ports: West Gate Bridge — traffic volume

9. **Mr MULDER** to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports with reference to the traffic volumes on the West Gate Bridge for each of 2005 and 2006 —
- (1) For each year, on a typical weekday how many vehicles or axle loads used the West Gate Bridge in the —
 - (a) morning peak travelling eastbound;
 - (b) evening peak travelling eastbound;
 - (c) morning peak travelling westbound;
 - (d) evening peak travelling westbound.
 - (2) In each year, on a typical weekday how many vehicles per hour are estimated to have travelled —
 - (a) eastbound during the morning peak;
 - (b) eastbound during the evening peak;
 - (c) westbound during the morning peak;
 - (d) westbound during the evening peak.
 - (3) For each year, what proportion of a typical peak hour did VicRoads estimate the West Gate Bridge to be at capacity when the traffic travelled —
 - (a) eastbound;
 - (b) westbound.
 - (4) What was the estimated typical travel time in minutes between Kings Way or Todd Road and the Western Ring Road or exit along the West Gate Freeway on a typical weekday in the —
 - (a) morning peak travelling eastbound;

- (b) evening peak travelling eastbound;
 - (c) morning peak travelling westbound;
 - (d) evening peak travelling westbound.
- (5) For each year, what was the average speed of vehicles during the —
- (a) morning peak travelling eastbound;
 - (b) evening peak travelling eastbound;
 - (c) morning peak travelling westbound;
 - (d) evening peak travelling westbound.

ANSWER:

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

Average weekday peak traffic volumes on the West Gate Bridge in 2005 and 2006 were:

Year	Eastbound (vehicles)		Westbound (vehicles)	
	Morning peak	Evening peak	Morning peak	Evening peak
2005	26,300	23,400	17,500	32,100
2006	27,100	22,500	17,200	31,500

Average weekday peak hour traffic volumes on the West Gate Bridge in 2005 and 2006 were:

Year	Eastbound (vehicles/hr)		Westbound (vehicles/hr)	
	Morning peak	Evening peak	Morning peak	Evening peak
2005	6,600	4,700	4,400	6,400
2006	6,800	4,500	4,300	6,300

It is estimated that the West Gate Bridge is at capacity for up to 100 per cent of a typical peak hour in both the morning peak hour eastbound and the evening peak hour westbound. The Government's upgrade of the West Gate Bridge will boost the number of lanes from four to five in both directions and is expected to improve traffic flow on the bridge.

The average weekday peak travel times in minutes for the West Gate Freeway from Kings Way to the Western Ring Road in 2005 and 2006 were:

Year	Eastbound (minutes)		Westbound (minutes)	
	Morning peak	Evening peak	Morning peak	Evening peak
2005	16.3	9.2	9.2	10.1
2006	15.2	9.5	9.3	9.9

The average speed of vehicles (in kms/hr) during the peak periods for the West Gate Freeway from Kings Way to the Western Ring Road in 2005 and 2006 were:

Year	Eastbound (km/h)		Westbound (km/h)	
	Morning peak	Evening peak	Morning peak	Evening peak
2005	50	89	89	82
2006	54	86	88	83

Treasurer: Department of Treasury and Finance — expenditure

23. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission (for the Treasurer): For each of 2003–04, 2004–05 and 2005–06 what was the —

- (1) Advertising expenditure of the Department.
- (2) Credit card expenditure of the Department.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Advertising costs, if any, are included in the annual report.
- (2) Use of purchasing cards or credit cards form part of the cost of administration and I further refer the Member to the detailed financial statements contained in the annual report.

Treasurer: budget — demand growth contingency

35. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission (for the Treasurer) with reference to the line item ‘Contingencies not allocated to departments’ shown in note 10 on page 44 of Budget Paper 4: Statement of Finances 2006–07 how much is allocated to demand growth contingency in each of the following years —

- (1) 2006–07 budget.
- (2) 2007–08 estimate.
- (3) 2008–09 estimate.
- (4) 2009–10 estimate.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Any contingencies are allocated in the relevant budgets.

Roads and ports: West Gate Bridge — traffic volume

365. Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports with reference to traffic volume on the West Gate Bridge on each of 6 August, 7 August and 8 August 2007 —

- (1) How many vehicles used the bridge in each hour heading —
 - (a) eastbound;
 - (b) westbound.
- (2) How many vehicles in each hour were counted or estimated to be —
 - (a) light commercial vehicles;
 - (b) heavy rigid trucks;
 - (c) B-Doubles;
 - (d) B-Triples.
- (3) What percentage of estimated capacity did each hour of usage, either eastbound or westbound, represent.
- (4) Compared with a typical day what percentage does VicRoads estimate traffic varies and is each variance an increase or decrease in each hour on a —
 - (a) school holiday weekday;
 - (b) school holiday Saturday;
 - (c) school holiday Sunday;
 - (d) construction or industrial sector weekday rostered day off.

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ANSWER:

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

The average number of vehicles which used the bridge in each day heading eastbound and westbound on each of 6 August, 7 August and 8 August 2007 were:

Average (vehicles)	6 August	7 August	8 August
EASTBOUND	3097	3326	3393
WESTBOUND	3158	3363	3416

I am advised that the total data you have requested in relation to light commercial and heavy vehicles using the bridge on 6–8 August 2007 is not available. Data regarding the length of vehicles is available for these days and provided below as an average per hour:

Vehicle Lengths	6 August	7 August	8 August
Up to 6 metres	5407	5769	5890
6-12 metres	438	484	489
12-17.5 metres	187	206	205
Over 17.5 metres	223	229	224

The percentage of estimated capacity on each of 6 August, 7 August and 8 August 2007 either eastbound or westbound was:

Estimated capacity (%)	6 August	7 August	8 August
	Morning peak	Morning peak	Morning peak
EASTBOUND	80.5%	85.6%	86.0%
WESTBOUND	49.0%	69.3% *	70.3% *

Estimated capacity (%)	6 August	7 August	8 August
	Evening peak	Evening peak	Evening peak
EASTBOUND	49.7%	55.1%	55.4%
WESTBOUND	74.5%	79.9% *	80.7% *

Estimated capacity (%)	6 August	7 August	8 August
	Off-Peak	Off-Peak	Off-Peak
EASTBOUND	23.9%	25.3%	26.5%
WESTBOUND	25.3%	29.9% *	30.6% *

* Note: One lane was closed to westbound traffic between 6:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on August 7 and 8, reducing the effective capacity for this time period.

The percentage VicRoads estimate traffic varies on the West Gate Bridge during a school holiday weekday, school holiday Saturday, school holiday Sunday and construction or industrial sector weekday rostered day off was:

	Estimated capacity (%)
SCHOOL HOLIDAY WEEKDAY	2%
SCHOOL HOLIDAY SATURDAY	-21%
SCHOOL HOLIDAY SUNDAY	-32%
CONSTRUCTION/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR WEEKDAY ROSTERED DAY OFF	-3%

Treasurer: budget — demand growth contingency

458. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer with reference to the line item ‘Contingencies not allocated to departments’ shown in note 10 on page 44 of Budget Paper 4: Statement of Finances 2006–07 — how much is allocated to demand growth contingency in —

- (1) 2007–08 Budget.
- (2) 2010–11 Estimate.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Any contingencies are allocated in the relevant Budgets.

Roads and ports: unanswered questions on notice

770. Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports: When will the Minister answer questions on notice 3, 4 and 9.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The answers to questions on notice 3, 4 and 9 have been tabled in the Legislative Assembly.

Roads and ports: West Gate Freeway — travel time

771. Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports with reference to private motorists’ journeys between Laverton and Kings Way during off-peak inbound, off-peak outbound, weekday peak hour inbound, and weekday peak hour outbound —

- (1) What is VicRoads’ target or indicative travel times for each journey.
- (2) What was average travel time for each journey in —
 - (a) November 2007;
 - (b) December 2007.
- (3) On what dates and at what times was each target or indicative travel time for each journey not met during —
 - (a) November 2007;
 - (b) December 2007.

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- (4) For each of the 10 longest travel times on each journey in each of November 2007 and December 2007 —
 - (a) what was the time and date of the journey;
 - (b) how long did the journey take.

ANSWER:

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

VicRoads does not have target travel times for the journeys you have requested in this question.

The average weekday travel times in minutes for the West Gate freeway from Laverton (Forsyth Rd) to Kings Way in November 2007 and December 2007 were:

Flow	Period	Morning peak	Off
INBOUND	Nov-07	34.5	18.1
	Dec-07	31.3	18.3

Flow	Period	Evening peak	Off peak
OUTBOUND	Nov-07	20.5	16.7
	Dec-07	22.5	17.4

Travel times are affected by a variety of factors including vehicle breakdowns, crashes, traffic demand and weather. The M1 Upgrade project will help improve traffic flow and reduce crashes along this part of the network.

The ten longest travel times in minutes for the West Gate Freeway from Laverton (Forsyth Road) to Kings Way in November 2007 for inbound morning peak travel ranged between 34.0 minutes and 76.1 minutes. These were recorded on November 8, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 26 and 27.

The ten longest travel times in minutes for the West Gate Freeway from Laverton (Forsyth Road) to Kings Way in December 2007 for inbound morning peak travel ranged between 32.9 minutes and 59.6 minutes. These were recorded on December 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 20 and 21.

The ten longest travel times in minutes for the West Gate Freeway from Laverton (Forsyth Road) to Kings Way in November 2007 for inbound off peak travel ranged between 18.1 minutes and 20.8 minutes. These were recorded on November 12, 15, 16, 19, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 and 30.

The ten longest travel times in minutes for the West Gate Freeway from Laverton (Forsyth Road) to Kings Way in December 2007 for inbound off peak travel ranged between 18.5 minutes and 20.9 minutes. These were recorded on December 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 19 and 20.

The ten longest travel times in minutes for the West Gate Freeway from Laverton (Forsyth Road) to Kings Way in November 2007 for outbound off peak travel ranged between 16.8 minutes and 17.8 minutes. These were recorded on November 2, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 21, 22, 23 and 30.

The ten longest travel times in minutes for the West Gate Freeway from Laverton (Forsyth Road) to Kings Way in December 2007 for outbound off peak travel ranged between 17.0 minutes and 20.6 minutes. These were recorded on December 5, 7, 10, 11, 12, 17, 21, 27, 28 and 31.

The ten longest travel times in minutes for the West Gate Freeway from Kings Way to Laverton (Forsyth Road) in November 2007 for outbound peak travel ranged between 20.0 minutes and 30.0 minutes. These were recorded on November 1, 2, 9, 16, 19, 21, 26, 27, 28 and 30.

The ten longest travel times in minutes for the West Gate Freeway from Kings Way to Laverton (Forsyth Road) in December 2007 for outbound peak travel ranged between 20.2 minutes and 58.2 minutes. These were recorded on December 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 14, 17, 20, 21 and 27.

Since 2007, a number of actions have been taken to improve the Monash-CityLink-West Gate freeway corridor as part of the State Government's plan to improve Victoria's transport system. These include the commencement of works on the \$1.39 billion Monash-CityLink-West Gate (M1) upgrade. The project is expected to reduce congestion, improve safety, improve reliability along the freeway, and reduce the incidence of casualty crashes by up to twenty per cent. In addition, the Victorian Transport Plan, launched in December 2008, identified a range of other road and rail projects to improve travel in this important corridor, including the Regional Rail Link and an alternative to the West Gate Bridge.

Further information on the performance of the road network is published in VicRoads' annual traffic monitor report, copies of which are published on its website — www.vicroads.vic.gov.au.

Roads and ports: Monash Freeway — travel time

772. Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports with reference to private motorists' journeys between Hallam and Kings Way during off-peak inbound, off-peak outbound, weekday peak hour inbound, and weekday peak hour outbound —

- (1) What is VicRoads' target or indicative travel times for each journey.
- (2) What was average travel time for each journey in —
 - (a) November 2007;
 - (b) December 2007.
- (3) On what dates and at what times was each target or indicative travel time for each journey not met during —
 - (a) November 2007;
 - (b) December 2007.
- (4) For each of the 10 longest travel times on each journey in each of November 2007 and December 2007 —
 - (a) what was the time and date of the journey;
 - (b) how long did the journey take.

ANSWER:

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

VicRoads does not have target travel times or daily travel data for the journeys you have requested in this question.

Since 2007, a number of actions have been taken to improve the Monash-CityLink-West Gate freeway corridor as part of the State Government's plan to improve Victoria's transport system. These include the commencement of works on the \$1.39 billion Monash-CityLink-West Gate (M1) upgrade. The project is expected to reduce congestion, improve safety, improve reliability along the freeway, and reduce the incidence of casualty crashes by up to 20 per cent. In addition, the Victorian Transport Plan, launched in December 2008, identified a range of other road and rail projects to improve travel in this important corridor, including the Regional Rail Link and an alternative to the West Gate Bridge.

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Roads and ports: West Gate Bridge — traffic volume

- 773. Mr MULDER** to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports with reference to the traffic volumes on the West Gate Bridge for 2007 —
- (1) On a typical weekday how many vehicles or axle loads used the West Gate Bridge in the —
 - (a) morning peak travelling eastbound;
 - (b) evening peak travelling eastbound;
 - (c) morning peak travelling westbound;
 - (d) evening peak travelling westbound.
 - (2) On a typical weekday how many vehicles per hour are estimated to have travelled —
 - (a) eastbound during the morning peak;
 - (b) eastbound during the evening peak;
 - (c) westbound during the morning peak;
 - (d) westbound during the evening peak.
 - (3) What proportion of a typical peak hour did VicRoads estimate the West Gate Bridge to be at capacity when the traffic travelled —
 - (a) eastbound;
 - (b) westbound.
 - (4) What was the estimated typical travel time in minutes between Kings Way or Todd Road and the Western Ring Road or exit along the West Gate Freeway on a typical weekday in the —
 - (a) morning peak travelling eastbound;
 - (b) evening peak travelling eastbound;
 - (c) morning peak travelling westbound;
 - (d) evening peak travelling westbound.
 - (5) What was the average speed of vehicles during the —
 - (a) morning peak travelling eastbound;
 - (b) evening peak travelling eastbound;
 - (c) morning peak travelling westbound;
 - (d) evening peak travelling westbound.

ANSWER:

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

Average typical weekday peak traffic volumes on the West Gate Bridge in 2007 were:

Year	Eastbound (vehicles)		Westbound (vehicles)	
	Morning peak	Evening peak	Morning peak	Evening peak
2007	26,700	21,800	17,300	32,400

It is estimated that the West Gate Bridge is at capacity for up to 100 per cent of a typical peak hour in both the morning peak hour eastbound and the evening peak hour westbound.

Average typical weekday peak traffic volumes per hour on the West Gate Bridge in 2007 were:

Year	Eastbound (vehicles/hr)		Westbound (vehicles/hr)	
	Morning peak	Evening peak	Morning peak	Evening peak
2007	6,700	4,400	4,300	6,500

The average typical weekday travel times in minutes for the West Gate Freeway between Kings Way and the Western Ring Road in 2007 were:

Year	Eastbound (minutes)		Westbound (minutes)	
	Morning peak	Evening peak	Morning peak	Evening peak
2007	17.3	10.2	10.1	11.3

The average typical speed of vehicles (in km/hr) for the West Gate Freeway between Kings Way and the Western Ring Road in 2007 were:

Year	Eastbound (km/hr)		Westbound (km/hr)	
	Morning peak	Evening peak	Morning peak	Evening peak
2007	47.4	80.0	81.4	72.8

Since 2007, a number of actions have been taken to improve the Monash-CityLink-West Gate freeway corridor as part of the State Government’s plan to improve Victoria’s transport system. These include the commencement of works on the \$1.39 billion Monash-CityLink-West Gate (M1) upgrade. The project is expected to reduce congestion, improve safety, improve reliability along the freeway, and reduce the incidence of casualty crashes by up to 20 per cent. In addition, the Victorian Transport Plan, launched in December 2008, identified a range of other road and rail projects to improve travel in this important corridor, including the Regional Rail Link and an alternative to the West Gate Bridge.

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Public transport: WorkCover — claims

819(a). Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to cases of bullying in the workplace reported to each department or agency under the aegis of the Minister between 1 January 2004 and 31 December 2007 —

- (1) How many cases have been reported.
- (2) How many cases reported resulted in WorkCover cases being established.
- (3) What was the total cost of all WorkCover claims made as result of reported cases.
- (4) What has been the dollar increase in premiums for each individual department or agency due to claims being made.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The research required to provide this information for each department, agency and authority under my administration would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Roads and ports: WorkCover — claims

819(b). Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports with reference to cases of bullying in the workplace reported to each department or agency under the aegis of the Minister between 1 January 2004 and 31 December 2007

- (1) How many cases have been reported —
- (2) How many cases reported resulted in WorkCover cases being established.
- (3) What was the total cost of all WorkCover claims made as result of reported cases.
- (4) What has been the dollar increase in premiums for each individual department or agency due to claims being made.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The research required to provide this information for each department, agency and authority under my administration would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Roads and ports: unanswered questions on notice

1167. Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports when will the Minister provide answers for questions on notice 3, 4, 135, 248, 365, 771, 772, 773, 775, 819(b) and 834.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The answers to questions on notice 3, 4, 135, 248, 365, 771, 772, 773, 775, 819(b) and 834 have been tabled in the Legislative Assembly.

Treasurer: budget — current assets

1842. Mr WELLS to ask the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission for the Treasurer: Why did the value of 'receivables' in current assets fall by \$892.2 million between the 2007–08 Budget and the 2007–08 Budget Update.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The movement in current receivables balance between the 2007–08 Published Budget and the revised budget was mainly due to:

- The change in accounting treatment relating to the CityLink Concession Notes.
- Reduction in the revised 2007–08 Budget for accrued investment income in relation to Income Tax Equivalent revenue from the Transport Accident Commission and the Victorian WorkCover Authority due to revisions in the value of those receivables.

Roads and ports: Henty, Western and Glenelg highways

2523. Mr DELAHUNTY to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports for each of 2004–05, 2005–06, 2006–07, 2007–08 and 2008–09: What is the Government's estimate of both the total number of vehicles and the total number of trucks using the:

- (1) Henty Highway between Horsham and Mildura.
- (2) Henty Highway between Horsham and Hamilton.
- (3) Henty Highway between Hamilton and Portland.
- (4) Western Highway between Stawell and Horsham.

- (5) Western Highway between Horsham and the South Australian border.
- (6) Glenelg Highway between Hamilton and Lake Bolac.
- (7) Glenelg Highway between Hamilton and the South Australian border.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

To compile the information requested would place a large burden on the department's time and resources.