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Tuesday, 28 July 2009

Roads and ports: VicRoads call centre

41. Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports —

- (1) Why was the VicRoads call centre not operating on the afternoon of Monday 18 December 2006 and between what times was it out of service.
- (2) How many calls are made to the ‘13’ number used by the call centre per annum, and what percentage of these calls are made on each day of the week.
- (3) In 2006 to date, what was the average time taken to answer a call.
- (4) What was the average call drop out rate in —
 - (a) 2006 to date;
 - (b) November 2006;
 - (c) December 2006 to date.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) The VicRoads call centres based at Kew and Ballarat experienced a disruption to inbound carrier services reducing capacity by approximately 60%. The reason for the disruption was because Optus had reduced capacity to VicRoads and other companies to allow for increased capacity in their network for phone calls on the bushfires. The disruption occurred at 12.30pm on Monday 18 December 2006, continued over a 25-hour period and service was restored at 2.00pm on Tuesday 19 December 2006.
- (2) There are about 3.1 million calls made to the 13 1171 customer service number each year.

On average, the distribution of calls on each day of a week is indicated in the table below:

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	TOTAL
22%	19%	18%	18%	19%	4%	100%

- (3) From January 2006 to 15 December 2006, the average time taken to answer a call was 108 seconds. VicRoads uses the “service level” indicator commonly used by industry, i.e. the number of calls answered within a specified time. In 2006, the VicRoads call centres answered approximately 78% of calls within 90 seconds.
- (4)
 - (a) 7.5%
 - (b) 14%
 - (c) 15.5%

Skills and workforce participation: entertainment expenses

329(b). **Mr DIXON** to ask the Minister for Skills and Workforce Participation between December 2006 and June 2007 —

- (1) What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff.
- (2) What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol.
- (3) What expenses were incurred by each Department and agency under the Minister's administration for the purchase of alcohol for the Minister, ministerial staff and the Minister's office.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The expense and time involved in compiling the answers would represent an unreasonable and unnecessary burden on the Department, agency or authority and, therefore, the Victorian taxpayer.

Roads and ports: road safety executive group

676. **Mr WELLER** to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports has the Road Safety Executive Group published an audited statement on Government road safety expenditure in accordance with the commitment given in the Government response to the Road Safety Committee's Inquiry into the Country Road Toll and in the Minister's answer to Question on Notice number 59; if not, when will this statement be published.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Road Safety Executive Group agencies: VicRoads, Transport Accident Commission, Department of Justice and Victoria Police have collated data from their respective audited accounts.

This information has been placed on the *arrive alive* website to enable broad access by the community. In doing this, the Road Safety Executive Group will provide annual expenditure details commencing from the 2005–06 financial year.

Senior Victorians: culturally and linguistically diverse programs

1277. **Ms WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Senior Victorians with reference to \$500 000 worth of funding to address the health and social needs of grandmothers from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds announced on 7 December 2001 —

- (1) How much funding was expended by 30 June 2003.
- (2) Has the use of the funding been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) A \$50 000 not \$500 000 program was announced on 7 December 2001 to address the health and social needs of grandmothers from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.
- (2) The project evaluation report was released in July 2004. The evaluation concludes that the program was successful.

Mental health: early psychosis programs

1325. Ms **WOOLDRIDGE** to ask the Minister for Mental Health with reference to funding for an expansion of early psychosis programs announced in the 2003–04 Budget —

- (1) How much funding was allocated in the 2003–04 Budget.
- (2) How much of the funding was expended in 2003–04, 2004–05, 2005–06 and 2006–07.
- (3) Has the use of the funding been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) \$1.7 million.
- (2) 2003-04: \$691,593
2004-05: \$2,171,071
2005-06: \$3,882,763
2006-07: \$5,831,687
- (3) Yes. The Status Report can be accessed or downloaded from the DHS website.

Roads and ports: Nepean Highway–Bay Road, Cheltenham — traffic lights

1471. Mr **THOMPSON** (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports with reference to the traffic lights at the intersection of Nepean Highway and Bay Road in Cheltenham — what modifications have been made to the time duration allowance for right hand turn movement on the green and amber arrows since April 2008.

ANSWER:

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

All traffic signals managed by VicRoads are maintained to a consistent standard, with routine inspections and maintenance undertaken regularly. The vast majority, including the signals at the intersection of the Nepean Highway and Karen Street, are monitored 24 hours a day to ensure they are functioning properly and faults are fixed as quickly as possible. The remaining few sites are monitored by regular inspections.

The time setting for the amber phase for the right turn from the Nepean Highway into Karen Street is safe and appropriate for this intersection and is a similar arrangement to many other intersections around Melbourne.

VicRoads' main focus is keeping traffic flowing on the Nepean Highway. If the length of the amber light was changed even slightly at this intersection, it would impact on the light sequence along the length of the Nepean Highway, causing further congestion on this busy road.

Roads and ports: Nepean Highway–Bay Road, Cheltenham — red-light camera

1474. Mr **THOMPSON** (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports what repairs and/or modifications were made to the red light camera, sensor and operating equipment monitoring right hand turning traffic from Nepean Highway into Bay Road in Cheltenham on 16 September 2008.

ANSWER:

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

This question does not fall within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Roads and Ports.

Community services: residential aged-care facilities

1513. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to Government funding of \$336 million allocated between 1999 and 2006 and \$130 million over three years in the 2006–07 budget for public sector residential facilities —

- (1) What was the total amount of unspent funds associated with capital works as at 30 September 2008.
- (2) Which facilities are expected to receive the funding.
- (3) How much will be allocated to each facility and when will the funding be expended.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

As at 30 September the unspent funds associated with capital works to the public sector residential aged care facilities was approximately \$32 million. Many of those funds would now have been expended or are being expended in line with budget. The funds were planned to flow to a range of facilities across Victoria.

Senior Victorians: aged-care assessment services

1514. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Senior Victorians what was the average waiting time to access ACAS as at —

- (1) June 2005.
- (2) June 2006.
- (3) June 2007.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) In June 2005 clients in hospital settings waited an average of 1.6 days for an assessment. Clients in non-hospital settings waited an average of 18.9 days
- (2) In June 2006; clients in hospital settings waited an average of 2.4 days for an assessment. Clients in non-hospital settings waited an average of 23.1 days, and;
- (3) In June 2007 clients in hospital settings waited an average of 2.2 days for an assessment. Clients in non-hospital settings waited an average of 23.3 days

Public transport: rail — failures

1645. Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Public Transport did point, track circuit or signal failures occur at Altona South Junction, Blackburn, Broadmeadows, Camberwell, Caulfield and Kensington during November 2008; if so —

- (1) At each location —
 - (a) what occurred and on what date; and
 - (b) for how long were train services affected.
- (2) How many —
 - (a) Connex Passenger Services Requirements trains were —
 - (i) cancelled as a result of the failures;

- (ii) delayed by more than six minutes zero seconds as a result of the failures;
- (b) Connex non-Passenger Services Requirements trains were —
 - (i) cancelled as a result of the failures;
 - (ii) delayed by more than six minutes zero seconds as a result of the failures;
- (c) Connex empty car workings were —
 - (i) cancelled as a result of the failures; and
 - (ii) delayed by more than six minutes zero seconds as a result of the failures;
- (d) V/Line Passenger Services Requirements trains were —
 - (i) cancelled as a result of the failures;
 - (ii) delayed by more than six minutes zero seconds as a result of the failures;
- (e) V/Line non-Passenger Services Requirements trains were —
 - (i) cancelled as a result of the failures;
 - (ii) delayed by more than six minutes zero seconds as a result of the failures; and
- (f) V/Line empty car workings were —
 - (i) cancelled as a result of the failures;
 - (ii) delayed by more than six minutes zero seconds as a result of the failures.
- (3) What corrective action has occurred at each location subsequent to the incidents.
- (4) What corrective action will occur at each location subsequent to the incidents.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) (a) & (b)

Track circuit failures occurred during November 2008 at the following locations and times, delaying services as indicated:

Location	Date	Length affected
Broadmeadows	5/11/08	1 hour 18 minutes
Blackburn	5/11/08	5 minutes
Blackburn	6/11/08	1 hour 31 minutes
Camberwell	11/11/08	12 minutes
Broadmeadows	12/11/08	5 hours 21 minutes
Blackburn	12/11/08	1 hour 26 minutes
Blackburn	17/11/08	2 hours 27 minutes
Blackburn	18/11/08	1 hour 59 minutes
Blackburn	21/11/08	2 hours 50 minutes
Altona Junction	23/11/08	35 minutes
Caulfield	24/11/08	2 hours 41 minutes
Altona Junction	24/11/08	1 hour 30 minutes
Caulfield	25/11/08	6 minutes
Blackburn	25/11/08	33 minutes
Blackburn	26/11/08	25 minutes
Camberwell	28/11/08	2 hours 19 minutes
Broadmeadows	30/11/08	2 hours 15 minutes

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- (2) As a result of track circuit failures during November 2008 at the locations listed above:
- (a) (i) 10 Connex passenger services were cancelled; and
(ii) 152 Connex passenger services were delayed by more than six minutes zero seconds.
 - (b) (i) 1 Connex non-passenger service was cancelled; and
(ii) 1 Connex non-passenger service was delayed by more than six minutes zero seconds.
 - (c) (i) 0 Connex empty cars were cancelled; and
(ii) 3 Connex empty cars were delayed by more than six minutes zero seconds.
 - (d) (i) 0 V/Line passenger services were cancelled; and
(ii) 10 V/Line passenger services were delayed by more than six minutes zero seconds.
 - (e) (i) 0 V/Line non-passenger services were cancelled; and
(ii) 1 V/Line non-passenger service was delayed by more than six minutes zero seconds.
 - (f) (i) 0 V/Line empty cars were cancelled; and
(ii) 0 V/Line empty cars were delayed by more than six minutes zero seconds.

(3)

Date Subsequent to the failure, the following action took place:

5/11/08	Computer re-booted to reactivate the signaller's control panel and rectify the fault. Procedure written up so as to allow signaller to re-boot the computer.
5/11/08	Switching supply re-set. Power supply company, SP AusNet, advised of external power failure at Ringwood substation.
6/11/08	As per summary for 5/11/08 above.
11/11/08	Defective drive switch replaced.
12/11/08	Track point adjustments re-set and tested. Track technicians advised and attended to ensure all iron work is secure.
12/11/08	Track point locking and detection settings re-adjusted as a precaution.
17/11/08	Point failure OK upon initial inspection.
18/11/08	Point failure OK upon initial inspection. All point settings and adjustments re-checked.
21/11/08	Point failure OK upon initial inspection. Clutch and detection rod bearings replaced. Track and signal inspection was undertaken. Equipment was replaced to upgrade the crossing work. A number of component changes within the existing point machines were made to improve reliability.
23/11/08	Upon inspection, points switched back to motor operation, points were found to be OK.
24/11/08	Point failure inspected. Worn components replaced and re-set.
24/11/08	Motor brushes replaced and commutator cleaned.
25/11/08	All settings re-adjusted and tested OK. Local Area Supervisor advised.
25/11/08	Point failure OK upon inspection. All settings and adjustments re-checked.
26/11/08	Point failure OK upon inspection. All settings and adjustments re-checked. Point machines replaced.
28/11/08	Split pin replaced. Local Area Supervisor advised.
30/11/08	Re-booted signaller's control panel to rectify fault.

(4)

Date	The following corrective action will occur:
5/11/08	Awaiting software upgrade from the supplier. Routine inspections and maintenance.
5/11/08	Routine inspections and maintenance.
6/11/08	Routine inspections and maintenance.
11/11/08	Routine inspections and maintenance.
12/11/08	Routine inspections and maintenance.
12/11/08	Routine inspections and maintenance.
17/11/08	Routine inspections and maintenance.
18/11/08	Routine inspections and maintenance.
21/11/08	Routine inspections and maintenance.
23/11/08	Routine inspections and maintenance.
24/11/08	Routine inspections and maintenance.
24/11/08	Ongoing monitoring has found that the fault has been rectified. Routine inspections and maintenance.
25/11/08	Routine inspections and maintenance.
25/11/08	Routine inspections and maintenance.
26/11/08	Routine inspections and maintenance.
28/11/08	Routine inspections and maintenance.
30/11/08	Awaiting software upgrade from the supplier. Routine inspections and maintenance.

Community services: acquired brain injury slow to recover program

1659. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the Acquired Brain Injury Slow to Recover program waiting list — as at 1 December 2008 —

- (1) How many people were on the list.
- (2) What is the average number of months people have been on the list.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

As at 1 December 2008 the ABI:STR Waiting List has 48 people on it. This is down from 72 in July 2007.

The average wait time for these people varies according to their needs.

Mental health: secure extended-care beds — Barwon south-west region

1668. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health with reference to secure extended care beds in the Barwon South West region —

- (1) How many beds are there in the region.
- (2) How many people in the region are waiting to access a bed.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Six.
- (2) Waiting lists are not kept by the Department of Human Services for secure extended care beds.

Mental health: secure extended-care beds — Hume region

1669. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health with reference to secure extended care beds in the Hume region —

- (1) How many beds are there in the region.
- (2) How many people in the region are waiting to access a bed.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Hume region have arrangements in place to access secure extended care beds in the North and West Metropolitan Region.
- (2) Waiting lists are not kept by the Department of Human Services for secure extended care beds.

Mental health: secure extended-care beds — Loddon Mallee region

1670. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health with reference to secure extended care beds in the Loddon Mallee region —

- (1) How many beds are there in the region.
- (2) How many people in the region are waiting to access a bed.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Eight.
- (2) Waiting lists are not kept by the Department of Human Services for secure extended care beds.

Mental health: secure extended-care beds — Grampians region

1671. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health with reference to secure extended care beds in the Grampians region —

- (1) How many beds are there in the region.
- (2) How many people in the region are waiting to access a bed.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Twelve.
- (2) Waiting lists are not kept by the Department of Human Services for secure extended care beds.

Mental health: secure extended-care beds — Gippsland region

1672. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health with reference to secure extended care beds in the Gippsland region —

- (1) How many beds are there in the region.
- (2) How many people in the region are waiting to access a bed.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Six.
- (2) Waiting lists are not kept by the Department of Human Services for secure extended care beds.

Mental health: secure extended-care beds — eastern metropolitan region

1673. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health with reference to secure extended care beds in the Eastern Metropolitan region —

- (1) How many beds are there in the region.
- (2) How many people in the region are waiting to access a bed.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Eastern Metropolitan region have arrangements in place to access secure extended care beds in the North and West Metropolitan Region.
- (2) Waiting lists are not kept by the Department of Human Services for secure extended care beds.

Mental health: secure extended-care beds — southern metropolitan region

1674. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health with reference to secure extended care beds in the Southern Metropolitan region —

- (1) How many beds are there in the region.
- (2) How many people in the region are waiting to access a bed.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Twenty.
- (2) Waiting lists are not kept by the Department of Human Services for secure extended care beds.

Mental health: secure extended-care beds — north-west metropolitan region

1675. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health with reference to secure extended care beds in the North-West Metropolitan region —

- (1) How many beds are there in the region.
- (2) How many people in the region are waiting to access a bed.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Twenty six.
- (2) Waiting lists are not kept by the Department of Human Services for secure extended care beds.

Roads and ports: Nepean Highway–Bay Road, Cheltenham — traffic lights

1744. **Mr THOMPSON** (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports with reference to the Minister's correspondence dated 3 January 2008 regarding amber time settings for right turn arrows at the intersection of Nepean Highway and Bay Road in Cheltenham — what is the reason for the disparity in relation to the amber time setting as set out in the Minister's letter and complaints made by motorists.

ANSWER:

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

All traffic signals managed by VicRoads are maintained to a consistent standard, with routine inspections and maintenance undertaken regularly. The vast majority, including the signals at the intersection of the Nepean Highway and Karen Street, are monitored 24 hours a day to ensure they are functioning properly and faults are fixed as quickly as possible. The remaining few sites are monitored by regular inspections.

The time setting for the amber phase for the right turn from the Nepean Highway into Karen Street is safe and appropriate for this intersection and is a similar arrangement to many other intersections around Melbourne.

VicRoads' main focus is keeping traffic flowing on the Nepean Highway. If the length of the amber light was changed even slightly at this intersection, it would impact on the light sequence along the length of the Nepean Highway, causing further congestion on this busy road.

Industry and trade: industry water users

1773(a). **Mr HODGETT** to ask the Minister for Regional and Rural Development for the Minister for Industry and Trade with reference to the top 20 industrial water users —

- (1) Which industrial customers make up the top 20 water users in Victoria.
- (2) How much water do the water users use combined.
- (3) How much water did the water users use in —
 - (a) 1999;
 - (b) 2002;
 - (c) 2005; and
 - (d) 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

All Water Corporations provide a list of the customers who use greater than 50ML per annum in their Annual Reports. This provides details on the number of customers who fall within various consumption ranges and their participation in water conservation activities.

Detailed information on customer water use is held by the water corporations and is not published as this can be seen as commercial in confidence information.

In 2007/08, Melbourne's non-residential sector reduced its demand for water by eight billion litres.

The waterMAP program requires every business using more than 10 megalitres of potable water per annum to prepare and implement a water management action plan.

All water corporations work closely with their non-residential customers to achieve water efficiencies.

Non-residential water users are an important part of the economy and the water corporations are working with this sector to be more efficient using water while not restricting the commercial viability of a business.

It should be noted that a major user of water is not necessarily a major waster of water.

Industry and trade: industry water users — prices

1774(a). **Mr HODGETT** to ask the Minister for Regional and Rural Development for the Minister for Industry and Trade since the commencement of Stage 3A restrictions, are industrial users charged different water prices from household consumers —

- (1) If so, what percentage, more or less, are industrial users charged.
- (2) If not, will the Government consider charging industrial users different water prices to household consumers in the future.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

There are differences in charges for water provided to residential and non-residential customers and the charges cannot be directly compared. The charge for water provided to non-residential customers varies across the state. While residential properties have a tiered tariff which varies between water corporations, non-residential customers have a standard volumetric charge. This charge also varies across water corporations. In Melbourne the volumetric charge for water is in the order of \$1 per KL.

It should be noted that non-residential customers pay a higher service charge than residential properties and other charges such as trade waste charges and that these charges are determined by the Essential Services Commission.

Industry and trade: industry water users — futures

1775(a). **Mr HODGETT** to ask the Minister for Regional and Rural Development for the Minister for Industry and Trade how many industrial water users have purchased water futures.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

There is no water futures options currently available.

Mental health: autism

1809. **Mr THOMPSON** (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Mental Health —

- (1) How many children under the age of 18 years have been diagnosed with autism.
- (2) What was the level of Government investment for research into autism in —
 - (a) 2002–03;
 - (b) 2003–04;
 - (c) 2004–05;

- (d) 2005–06;
- (e) 2006–07; and
- (f) 2007–08.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The Victorian Government does not collect consolidated data about the number of children 0-18 years who have been diagnosed with autism. As diagnosis occurs across state and commonwealth service systems and in the public and private sectors, data that are held by my department do not enable an accurate prevalence figure to be provided.
- (2) The funding of research activity is not one of the Department of Human Services' primary activities, although the department fosters an interest in research amongst its employees and the organisations it funds.

Research is embedded in clinical practice in many provider organisations funded by the department including for example, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), paediatrics and in other clinical settings. Although DHS does not fund this research directly, its resources are employed, in part, in the research process through the staff and facilities it supports.

I can advise that approximately \$170,000 has been spent by the Department of Human Services on autism-specific research during 2002-2008. This is in addition to the embedded research in clinical practice described above and more general service system research that may impact on people with autism.

Research into autism may also have been commissioned by, or undertaken in, other Government departments during 2002-2008.

Public transport: advertising

1882. Mr O'BRIEN to ask the Minister for Transport with reference to government advertising for the Victorian Transport Plan on each day between 6–15 February 2009 —

- (1) How many advertisements were run —
 - (a) in electronic media;
 - (b) in print media;
 - (c) on the Internet.
- (2) What was the content and form of each advertisement —
 - (a) in electronic media;
 - (b) in print media;
 - (c) on the Internet.
- (3) How many advertisements were run in —
 - (a) rural areas for —
 - (i) electronic media;
 - (ii) print media;
 - (b) metropolitan areas for —
 - (i) electronic media;
 - (ii) print media.
- (4) What was the duration of advertisements run in electronic media.
- (5) What was the dimension, or column space, of advertisements run in print media.

- (6) What was the total cost of advertisements run —
- (a) in electronic media;
 - (b) in print media;
 - (c) on the Internet.
- (7) Did the Government purchase any advertising space that was not used; if so —
- (a) What was the cost of the unused space for —
 - (i) electronic media;
 - (ii) print media;
 - (iii) Internet advertising.
 - (b) What was the cost of any cancellation fees for —
 - (i) electronic media;
 - (ii) print media;
 - (iii) Internet advertising.
 - (c) When was the unused space reserved for —
 - (i) electronic media;
 - (ii) print media;
 - (iii) Internet advertising.
 - (d) When was the unused space purchased for —
 - (i) electronic media;
 - (ii) print media;
 - (iii) Internet advertising.

ANSWER:

From Friday 6 February–Saturday 7 February there were no advertising activities related to the Victorian Transport Plan

From Sunday 8 February–Sunday 15 February the Department of Transport booked electronic advertising to inform communities about the public transport activities funded under the Victorian Transport Plan.

This advertising was run for a metropolitan audience on 3AW and GOLD FM. 10 spots, for 30 second radio commercials, were purchased from each station.

The combined total for the 20 spots was \$6,803 (incl. GST & MAMS booking fee).

No print or internet advertising, for the Victorian Transport Plan, was booked during this period.

No print, electronic, or internet advertising, for the Victorian Transport Plan, was cancelled in this period.

No unused space, for print, electronic or internet advertising, was purchased or reserved, for the Victorian Transport Plan, during this period.

Public transport: compensation

1886. **Mr MULDER** to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to public transport compensation for January 2009 —

- (1) How many Connex ticket-holders have successfully claimed compensation to date for travelling on a —

- (a) weekly ticket;
 - (b) monthly ticket;
 - (c) yearly ticket; and
 - (d) date to date ticket.
- (2) How many V/Line ticket-holders have successfully claimed compensation to date for travelling on a —
- (a) weekly ticket;
 - (b) monthly ticket;
 - (c) yearly ticket; and
 - (d) date to date ticket.
- (3) How much compensation has been paid to date by —
- (a) Connex; and
 - (b) V/Line.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) (a) 1,455.
 - (b) 7,491.
 - (c) 2,990.
 - (d) Not applicable.
- (2) V/Line has advised that it does not record the type of ticket when processing compulsory compensation claims.
- (3) (a) \$103,050.20
- (b) \$10,360

Community services: child placements — north-west metropolitan region

1908. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the incidence of cross regional contingency placements by the after hours service in the North West Metropolitan Region in 2008 — how many children —

- (1) Who were placed in the region had come from another region.
- (2) Who lived in the region were placed in another region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) In 2008, the after hours service placed 9 children in the North West Metropolitan Region who came from another Region.
- (2) In 2008, no children from the North West Metropolitan Region had a contingency placement to another Region by the after hours service.

Community services: child placements — eastern metropolitan region

1909. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the incidence of cross regional contingency placements by the after hours service in the Eastern Metropolitan Region in 2008 — how many children —

- (1) Who were placed in the region had come from another region.
- (2) Who lived in the region were placed in another region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) In 2008, 13 children placed in the Eastern Metropolitan region had come from another region.
- (2) One child who lived in the region was placed in another region.

Community services: child placements — southern metropolitan region

1910. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the incidence of cross regional contingency placements by the after hours service in the Southern Metropolitan Region in 2008 — how many children —

- (1) Who were placed in the region had come from another region.
- (2) Who lived in the region were placed in another region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) With reference to the incidence of cross regional contingency placements by the after hours service in the Southern Metropolitan Region in 2008, 3 children placed in the Region came from another Region.
- (2) With reference to the incidence of cross regional contingency placements by the after hours service in the Southern Metropolitan Region in 2008, 11 children who lived in the Region were placed in another Region.

Community services: child placements — Barwon south-west region

1911. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the incidence of cross regional contingency placements by the after hours service in the Barwon South West Region in 2008 — how many children —

- (1) Who were placed in the region had come from another region.
- (2) Who lived in the region were placed in another region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) With reference to the incidence of cross regional contingency placements by the after hours service in the Barwon South West Region in 2008 no children from another Region were placed in Barwon South West Region.
- (2) With reference to the incidence of cross regional contingency placements by the after hours service in the Barwon South West Region in 2008 2 children from the Region were placed in another Region.

Community services: child placements — Grampians region

1912. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the incidence of cross regional contingency placements by the after hours service in the Grampians Region in 2008 — how many children —

- (1) Who were placed in the region had come from another region.
- (2) Who lived in the region were placed in another region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) With reference to the incidence of cross regional contingency placements by the after hours service in the Grampians Region in 2008 no children were placed in the Region from another Region.
- (2) With reference to the incidence of cross regional contingency placements by the after hours service in the Grampians Region in 2008 one child from Grampians Region was placed in another Region.

Community services: child placements — Gippsland region

1913. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the incidence of cross regional contingency placements by the after hours service in the Gippsland Region in 2008 — how many children —

- (1) Who were placed in the region had come from another region.
- (2) Who lived in the region were placed in another region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) With reference to the incidence of cross regional contingency placements by the after hours service in the Gippsland Region for the period 1 January to 31 December 2008 no children from another Region were placed in the Region.
- (2) With reference to the incidence of cross regional contingency placements by the after hours service in the Gippsland Region for the period 1 January to 31 December 2008, 6 children who lived in the Region were placed in another Region.

Community services: child placements — Hume region

1914. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the incidence of cross regional contingency placements by the after hours service in the Hume Region in 2008 — how many children —

- (1) Who were placed in the region had come from another region.
- (2) Who lived in the region were placed in another region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) With reference to the incidence of cross regional contingency placements by the after hours service in the Hume Region for the period 1 January to 31 December 2008, 2 children were placed in the Region who came from another Region

- (2) With reference to the incidence of cross regional contingency placements by the after hours service in the Hume Region for the period 1 January to 31 December 2008, no children who lived in the Region were placed in another Region.

Community services: child placements — Loddon Mallee region

1915. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Community Services with reference to the incidence of cross regional contingency placements by the after hours service in the Loddon Mallee Region in 2008 — how many children —

- (1) Who were placed in the region had come from another region.
 (2) Who lived in the region were placed in another region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) With reference to the incidence of cross regional contingency placements by the after hours service in the Loddon Mallee Region in 2008 no children from another Region were placed in this Region.
 (2) With reference to the incidence of cross regional contingency placements by the after hours service in the Loddon Mallee Region in 2008 no children from Loddon Mallee Region were placed in another Region.

Environment and climate change: Warrandyte State Park — fuel reduction burns

1921. Mr SMITH (*Warrandyte*) to ask the Minister for Community Development for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change with reference to Fire Operations Planning for 2007–08 to 2009–10 — in which months are future fuel reduction burns in Warrandyte State Park scheduled.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Fire Operations Plan for 2008-09 to 2010-11 for the East Port Phillip Fire District lists three planned burns for 2009 around Warrandyte;

- (1) W33, Black Flat, 1.6 ha. Zone 3;
 (2) W47, Davis Street, 3.2ha. Zone 1; and
 (3) W35, Koornong, 4ha. Zone 3.

The Black Flat burn was successfully conducted on 6 May 2009.

The Davis Street planned burn has now been prepared. This is a district priority for the coming 2009 spring burn season, should weather conditions permit. The Koornong planned burn is scheduled to be burnt during 2009-10.

It is not possible to identify when these planned burns will actually be ignited, as burning is dependent on many factors, including local weather conditions and district priorities.

Mental health: direct care staff

1929. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health how many equivalent full-time direct care staff were employed in mental health services in —

- (1) 2001.

- (2) 2005.
- (3) 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of equivalent full-time direct care staff employed in mental health services is determined by Health Services as the employer.

Mental health: acute involuntary inpatient admissions — south-west area

1964. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health —

What percentage of acute inpatient admissions in the South West Adult Mental Health Service Area were involuntary in —

- (1) 2005.
- (2) 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The percentage of acute inpatient admissions that had involuntary status at some point during the admission in the South West Adult Mental Health Service Area were

- (1) 86.4 per cent in the calendar year 2005.
- (2) 75.5 per cent in the calendar year 2008.

Police and emergency services: jet skis

1977. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to the use of jet skis on Port Phillip Bay —

- (1) How many fines were issued to jet ski riders for non-compliance with relevant speed limits in 2007–08.
- (2) How many fines were issued to jet ski riders, offshore from the Sandringham electorate areas of Mentone, Beaumaris, Black Rock, Sandringham and Hampton, for non-compliance with relevant speed limits in 2007–08.
- (3) How many jet skis does Victoria Police use for patrol purposes on Port Phillip Bay or in Victorian coastal waters.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) Victoria Police advises that 224 offences were issued to private water craft (PWC) operators for speeding on both Western Port bay and Port Phillip Bay for the period January to December 2008. Data is only available from December 2007.
- (2) Penalty notices are recorded on the basis of latitude and longitude and are not available on the basis of electorates given that the body of water is not aligned specifically to any particular electorate.
- (3) Victoria Police has six jet skis as part of its marine safety fleet.

Health: cancer treatment services

1984. Dr NAPHTHINE to ask the Minister for Health —

- (1) How many patients from South West Victoria travelled to Geelong and Melbourne for radiotherapy in —
 - (a) 2000;
 - (b) 2005; and
 - (c) 2008.
- (2) How many days did patients from South West Victoria spend receiving cancer treatment in Melbourne or Geelong in —
 - (a) 2000;
 - (b) 2005; and
 - (c) 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Cancer Patients often receive their treatment within a matter of hours rather than days. It is therefore not possible to aggregate treatment times to days.

Up until this year there has been no formalised minimum dataset to record patient numbers to a point where it can be accurately compared year on year.

I can advise however that the vast majority of care provided for cancer patients in South West Victoria is provided within that region. I can also advise that the Victorian Radiotherapy Service Plan notes that the industry benchmark for the number of courses a linear accelerator can treat in a year is 450. In 2008, South West Victoria was recorded as having approximately half of the referrals required to meet that benchmark.

Mental health: advertising

2016. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health with reference to the \$2 million Government advertising campaign launched on 23 January 2009 warning young people of the consequences of alcohol —

- (1) When did the campaign conclude.
- (2) How many people accessed the website <http://www.alcohol.vic.gov.au> during the period of the campaign.
- (3) How many people aged 18–24 were consulted in the lead up to the campaign.
- (4) Has the campaign been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The campaign is ongoing.
- (2) This cannot be determined at this time as the campaign is ongoing.
- (3) Detailed age breakdowns of the numerous people consulted are not available.
- (4) The campaign has not yet been evaluated as it is ongoing.

Police and emergency services: Nepean Highway–Bay Road, Cheltenham — red-light cameras

2018. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to red light cameras monitoring right hand turning traffic at the intersection of Nepean Highway and Bay Road in Cheltenham — how many fines were imposed in —

- (1) January 2009.
- (2) February 2009.
- (3) March 2009.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) In January 2009, 476 infringement notices were issued to motorists for red light offences for right hand turns at the intersection of Nepean Highway and Bay Road, Cheltenham.
- (2) In February 2009, 545 infringement notices were issued to motorists for red light offences for right hand turns at the intersection of Nepean Highway and Bay Road, Cheltenham.
- (3) In March 2009, 616 infringement notices were issued to motorists for red light offences for right hand turns at the intersection of Nepean Highway and Bay Road, Cheltenham.

These numbers are subject to some variation over time as infringements can be cancelled and or reissued.

Health: Go for Your Life campaign

2020(a). Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Health with reference to the Government's Go For Your Life campaign —

- (1) What are the key benchmarks that define the success of the campaign.
- (2) How much was spent on investment in sporting organisations in 2007–08 and, of the amount spent, how much was distributed to organisations in rural and regional areas.
- (3) Has the program seen a reduction in childhood obesity levels.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) 'Go for your life' is the Victorian Government's platform for promoting healthy lifestyles through physical activity and healthy eating. More than 40 programs are being implemented, ranging from kitchen gardens in schools to promoting a healthy body image in teenagers, from diabetes prevention programs, to programs designed to keep seniors healthy and active and get people involved in sport and recreation.

Expected outcomes from the strategy include increased healthy eating, increased participation in physical activity, and structural change that support positive behaviour.

- (2) As part of the 2006-07 Budget, the Victorian Government allocated \$57.5 million over four years for 'Go for your life'. Within the Sport and Recreation portfolio, we are investing \$8.8 million to promote physical activity and social interaction through a variety of programs.
- (3) The 'Go for your life' Strategic Plan acknowledges that changing behaviours takes sustained effort over a long period. There is a relatively recent history in tackling obesity prevention and the evidence base for what works to change current eating and activity behaviours is continuing to evolve, in Victoria, nationally and internationally.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) has a whole of government responsibility to monitor the health and wellbeing of children and they produce an annual report every year.

Sport, recreation and youth affairs: Office of Youth Affairs — staff

2021. Mr DELAHUNTY to ask the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs —

With reference to staff employed at the Office of Youth Affairs as at 31 March 2009 —

- (1) How many males were employed in a —
 - (a) full-time capacity; and
 - (b) part-time capacity.
- (2) How many females were employed in a —
 - (a) full-time capacity; and
 - (b) part-time capacity.
- (3) How many males and females employed were aged —
 - (a) under 20 years;
 - (b) 20–25 years;
 - (c) 26–30 years;
 - (d) 31–40 years;
 - (e) 41–50 years;
 - (f) 51–60 years; and
 - (e) over 60 years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

With reference to staff employed at the Office for Youth Affairs —

- (1) As at 31 March 2009, there were:
 - (a) nine (9) males employed in a full-time capacity; and
 - (b) two (2) males employed in a part-time capacity.
- (2) As at 31 March 2009, there were:
 - (a) fourteen (14) females employed in a full-time capacity; and
 - (b) five (5) females employed in a part-time capacity.
- (3) As at 31 March 2009, the following age breakdowns for staff are provided:
 - (a) <20 years—zero (0) males and zero (0) females;
 - (b) 20–29 years—four (4) males and three (3) females;
 - (c) 30–39 years—five (5) males and ten (10) females;
 - (d) 40–49 years—two (2) males and four (4) females; and
 - (e) 50–59 years—zero (0) males and two (2) females.

Age groups are shown in ten year gaps as per reporting requirements and to meet de-identifying requirements.

Police and emergency services: cycling — safety

2024. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —

With reference to the legal requirement for a bicycle to be fitted with a bell or horn that is in working order and loud enough to warn other road users — how many cyclists have been fined for the failure to have a working bell or horn in —

- (1) 2003–04.
- (2) 2004–05.
- (3) 2005–06.
- (4) 2006–07.
- (5) 2007–08.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Victoria Police advises that while data is available for penalty notices issued for offence code 2228 ‘failing to have lights or equipment’, information is not available to the level of ‘fined for failure to have a working bell or horn’.

Victoria Police advises that the number of penalty notices issued for offence code 2228 ‘failing to have lights or equipment’, between 2003/04 and 2007/08, is provided below:

2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
958	927	884	835	736

Police and emergency services: cycling — safety

2025. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —

With reference to the legal requirement for cyclists to wear a securely fitted approved bicycle helmet — how many cyclists have been fined for their failure to wear an approved bicycle helmet in —

- (1) 2003–04.
- (2) 2004–05.
- (3) 2005–06.
- (4) 2006–07.
- (5) 2007–08.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Victoria Police advises that the number of penalty notices issued for offence code 2233 ‘failing to wear securely fitted approved bicycle helmet’, between 2003/04 and 2007/08, is provided below:

2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08
9390	8338	7642	7736	6926

Housing: Mildura college — lease

2026. Mr CRISP to ask the Minister for Housing 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 that:

The *Mildura College Lands Act 1916* does not fall within the area of my responsibility. Your question should be redirected to the Minister for Education.

Police and emergency services: Nepean Highway–Bay Road–Karen Street, Cheltenham — red-light cameras

2027. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services —

With reference to red light cameras monitoring right hand turning traffic at the intersections of Nepean Highway and Karen Street and Nepean Highway and Bay Road in Cheltenham — between 1 July 2008 and 31 March 2009 —

- (1) How many motorists have applied to Civic Compliance for internal reviews of infringement notices.
- (2) How many motorists have been successful in obtaining internal reviews of infringement notices.
- (3) What criteria have been applied by Victoria Police for the withdrawal of fines.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) 484 motorists applied to Victoria Police, Traffic Camera Office for internal reviews of infringement notices incurred at the intersection for red light offences between 1 July 2008 and 31 March 2009.
- (2) Following an internal review, Victoria Police withdrew 5 infringement notices between 1 July 2008 and 31 March 2009.
- (3) Each application for internal review is considered by Victoria Police on its merits.

Please note:

- Internal Reviews are conducted by Victoria Police, Traffic Camera Office and not Civic Compliance Victoria.

Police and emergency services: Nepean Highway–Bay Road, Cheltenham — infringement notices

2030. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — .with reference to traffic lights at the intersection of Nepean Highway and Bay Road in Cheltenham — on 16 September 2008 how many motorists received infringement notices for offences allegedly committed whilst making right hand turns.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

In relation to the traffic lights at the intersection of Nepean Highway and Bay Road Cheltenham, 17 infringement notices were issued for alleged red light offences while making right hand turns on 16 September 2008.

Please note:

- These numbers are subject to some variation over time as infringements can be cancelled and/or reissued.

Health: dental services

2033. Mrs SHARDEY to ask the Minister for Health with reference to an article in *The Australian* on 16 April 2009 regarding dental services producing ‘cheat sheets’ to help public patients navigate the Commonwealth’s Medicare system —

Is this practice being used at any public dental services in Victoria; if so, which services.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Commonwealth legislation to close the Medicare Chronic Disease Dental Scheme (CDDS) in favour of the \$290 million Commonwealth Dental Health Program (which would have seen over \$72 million flow to Victoria) has been rejected in the Senate by the Liberal, National and Greens parties as well the independent Senators.

As a result the Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) website, section on *Dental services under Medicare*, clearly states that the Medicare CCDS remains open and that all eligible claims will be paid.

I am advised that Dental Health Services Victoria, who purchases community dental services on behalf of the Department of Human Services, have not provided or directed the community dental agencies to use so called 'cheat sheets' to assist the general public navigate the Commonwealth Medicare dental system.

I am further advised that DoHA's website provides extensive information for patients, dental and general practitioners seeking advice in respect of this program.

Health: dental waiting list

2034. Mrs SHARDEY to ask the Minister for Health what is the dental waiting list data, including both waiting times and waiting numbers, for each public dental service for the six month period ending —

- (1) 31 December 2007;
- (2) 30 June 2008; and
- (3) 31 December 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The attached tables provide the number of people waiting and the waiting time for denture care and general care by agency for the six month periods ending 31 December 2007, 30 June 2008 and 31 December 2008.

Denture - Waiting Times (Months)

Agency	Dec-07	Jun-08	Dec-08
Bairnsdale Regional Health Service	10.48	5.91	11.96
Ballarat Health Services	41.82	10.97	14.92
Banyule Community Health Service Inc	23.85	7.52	13.57
Barwon Health - Belmont	29.08	26.61	16.49
Barwon Health - Corio	35.84	21.52	13.86
Barwon Health - Newcomb	21.52	17.71	9.59
Bass Coast Regional Health	25.92	12.06	18.10
Bellarine Community Health Inc	16.56	13.24	15.21
Bendigo Health Care Group	19.91	14.95	20.04
Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Service Inc	25.40	0.85	5.03
Boort District Health	16.76	9.53	15.57
Central Bayside Community Health Services Inc	23.39	8.48	11.96
Central Gippsland Health Service	15.51	16.99	22.74
Colac Area Health	28.62	34.60	18.60
Darebin Community Health Service Inc - East Preston	16.76	13.31	19.35

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Denture - Waiting Times (Months)

Agency	Dec-07	Jun-08	Dec-08
Darebin Community Health Service Inc - Northcote	12.71	12.12	18.17
Darebin Community Health Service Inc - PANCH	15.84	13.70	19.75
Dianella Community Health Service Inc	34.92	32.33	31.28
Doutta Galla Community Health Service Inc - Kensington	5.49	5.88	11.93
Doutta Galla Community Health Service Inc - Niddrie	16.95	21.36	25.82
East Grampians Health Service	21.82	17.68	20.96
East Wimmera Health Service	4.53	3.58	7.20
Eastern Access Community Health Inc	29.54	9.89	14.92
Echuca Regional Health	17.71	10.71	9.95
Edenhope and District Memorial Hospital	4.30	0.00	4.37
Goulburn Valley Health	28.65	24.94	29.37
Hepburn Health Service - Creswick	25.00	27.83	33.87
Hepburn Health Service - Daylesford	20.67	24.28	30.32
Inner East Community Health Service	10.81	3.35	9.40
Inner South Community Health Service Inc	11.73	1.08	7.13
Isis Primary Care Inc - Brimbank	47.80	32.89	35.81
Isis Primary Care Inc - Wyndham	47.05	27.73	31.47
Knox Community Health Service Inc	23.85	22.93	19.58
Latrobe Community Health Service	27.27	24.57	30.62
Mallee Track Health and Community Service	5.98	7.10	13.14
Maryborough District Health Service	11.70	2.99	6.01
MonashLink Community Health Service Inc	35.78	28.42	31.31
Moreland Community Health Service Inc	17.02	11.99	16.49
Nillumbik Community Health Service Inc	16.72	16.76	10.97
North Richmond Community Health Limited - Richmond	23.89	2.99	8.44
North Richmond Community Health Limited - North Yarra	10.97	4.24	10.18
Northeast Health Wangaratta	28.29	28.91	34.56
Omeo District Health	0.00	0.00	0.00
Orbost Regional Health	21.32	1.12	7.16
Peninsula Health - Frankston	7.49	2.43	8.48
Peninsula Health - Rosebud	17.61	11.27	17.31
Plenty Valley Community Health Inc	35.75	25.69	27.83
Portland District Health	15.54	18.96	9.43
Ranges Community Health Service Inc	26.91	29.67	32.20
South West Healthcare	19.75	13.70	17.77
Southern Health	21.75	17.45	23.49
Sunbury Community Health Centre Inc	30.49	2.89	8.94
Sunraysia Community Health Service	11.43	2.46	6.97
Swan Hill District Health	1.38	3.61	9.66
West Wimmera Health Service	0.39	1.54	0.89
Western District Health Service	2.66	5.29	11.33
Western Region Health Centre Limited	23.59	5.65	6.67
Whitehorse Community Health Service Inc	20.83	20.93	23.43
Wimmera Health Care Group	29.34	19.88	20.70
Wodonga Regional Health Service	25.72	2.00	8.05

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Denture - Waiting Times (Months)

Agency	Dec-07	Jun-08	Dec-08
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Denture - Number of Patients waiting at end of period

Agency	Dec-07	Jun-08	Dec-08
Bairnsdale Regional Health Service	153	117	224
Ballarat Health Services	578	233	332
Banyule Community Health Service Inc	523	121	204
Barwon Health - Belmont	369	279	228
Barwon Health - Corio	536	327	241
Barwon Health - Newcomb	225	190	149
Bass Coast Regional Health	328	204	306
Bellarine Community Health Inc	110	109	119
Bendigo Health Care Group	277	244	493
Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Service Inc	502	32	124
Boort District Health	79	79	117
Central Bayside Community Health Services Inc	318	111	145
Central Gippsland Health Service	110	132	204
Colac Area Health	156	181	130
Darebin Community Health Service Inc - East Preston	447	414	570
Darebin Community Health Service Inc - Northcote	148	141	197
Darebin Community Health Service Inc - PANCH	218	189	259
Dianella Community Health Service Inc	989	816	841
Doutta Galla Community Health Service Inc - Kensington	108	64	113
Doutta Galla Community Health Service Inc - Niddrie	190	202	283
East Grampians Health Service	165	93	111
East Wimmera Health Service	44	33	35
Eastern Access Community Health Inc	293	136	231
Echuca Regional Health	107	119	106
Edenhope and District Memorial Hospital	3	0	4
Goulburn Valley Health	467	383	521
Hepburn Health Service - Creswick	60	66	83
Hepburn Health Service - Daylesford	52	61	77
Inner East Community Health Service	75	42	101
Inner South Community Health Service Inc	300	115	343
Isis Primary Care Inc - Brimbank	1162	788	856
Isis Primary Care Inc - Wyndham	517	301	362
Knox Community Health Service Inc	317	288	255
Latrobe Community Health Service	470	467	593
Mallee Track Health and Community Service	27	25	44
Maryborough District Health Service	92	50	44
MonashLink Community Health Service Inc	976	562	672
Moreland Community Health Service Inc	190	272	390
Nillumbik Community Health Service Inc	38	52	49

Denture - Number of Patients waiting at end of period

Agency	Dec-07	Jun-08	Dec-08
North Richmond Community Health Limited - Richmond	258	57	74
North Richmond Community Health Limited - North Yarra	81	36	55
Northeast Health Wangaratta	517	508	455
Omeo District Health	0	0	0
Orbost Regional Health	42	8	26
Peninsula Health - Frankston	150	68	216
Peninsula Health - Rosebud	387	284	494
Plenty Valley Community Health Inc	637	270	292
Portland District Health	56	68	136
Ranges Community Health Service Inc	456	487	552
South West Healthcare	149	149	182
Southern Health	1103	978	1284
Sunbury Community Health Centre Inc	291	83	111
Sunraysia Community Health Services Inc	123	66	98
Swan Hill District Health	5	44	71
West Wimmera Health Service	1	6	5
Western District Health Service	14	34	57
Western Region Health Centre Limited	351	147	140
Whitehorse Community Health Service Inc	475	364	382
Wimmera Health Care Group	333	232	239
Wodonga Regional Health Service	236	101	205

General - Waiting Times (Months)

Agency	Dec-07	Jun-08	Dec-08
Bairnsdale Regional Health Service	7.29	5.42	11.47
Ballarat Health Services	52.99	51.98	50.99
Banyule Community Health Service Inc	4.60	9.07	11.50
Barwon Health - Belmont	23.82	21.03	21.62
Barwon Health - Corio	31.97	23.85	28.35
Barwon Health - Newcomb	40.61	23.00	25.69
Bass Coast Regional Health	18.99	15.38	21.42
Bellarine Community Health Inc	17.48	19.71	21.29
Bendigo Health Care Group	22.90	17.87	18.00
Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Service Inc	14.13	11.66	8.80
Boort District Health	3.09	7.23	4.90
Central Bayside Community Health Services Inc	11.93	11.96	15.01
Central Gippsland Health Service	49.77	48.00	39.06
Colac Area Health	40.67	41.17	30.82
Darebin Community Health Service Inc - East Preston	7.26	6.67	6.14
Darebin Community Health Service Inc - Northcote	7.20	6.54	6.44
Darebin Community Health Service Inc - PANCH	7.79	7.59	6.93
Dianella Community Health Service Inc	32.36	30.49	33.31
Doutta Galla Community Health Service Inc - Kensington	10.35	14.39	18.20
Doutta Galla Community Health Service Inc - Niddrie	16.53	15.61	17.77

General - Waiting Times (Months)

Agency	Dec-07	Jun-08	Dec-08
East Grampians Health Service	8.97	10.97	15.01
East Wimmera Health Service	4.11	2.76	6.70
Eastern Access Community Health Inc	20.40	21.78	22.54
Echuca Regional Health	15.97	16.00	15.01
Edenhope and District Memorial Hospital	3.38	2.23	4.60
Goulburn Valley Health	18.96	18.79	17.97
Hepburn Health Service - Creswick	22.31	16.92	17.05
Hepburn Health Service - Daylesford	43.66	40.80	33.41
Inner East Community Health Service	9.17	13.24	14.19
Inner South Community Health Service Inc	8.44	7.82	7.82
Isis Primary Care Inc - Brimbank	26.87	20.70	22.54
Isis Primary Care Inc - Wyndham	23.89	23.20	23.43
Knox Community Health Service Inc	21.98	22.90	25.92
Latrobe Community Health Service	43.89	26.35	26.97
Mallee Track Health and Community Service	1.12	4.99	11.04
Maryborough District Health Service	18.17	18.86	20.99
MonashLink Community Health Service Inc	11.24	12.85	15.34
Moreland Community Health Service Inc	44.85	14.13	19.12
Nillumbik Community Health Service Inc	20.34	12.02	14.95
North Richmond Community Health Limited - Richmond	16.20	18.76	19.02
North Richmond Community Health Limited - North Yarra	14.72	16.92	18.00
Northeast Health Wangaratta	44.85	30.82	34.66
Omeo District Health	0.00	0.00	0.00
Orbost Regional Health	37.68	6.77	8.80
Peninsula Health - Frankston	37.62	25.99	28.35
Peninsula Health - Rosebud	43.83	32.76	35.81
Plenty Valley Community Health Inc	30.72	24.74	20.73
Portland District Health	33.97	1.15	5.13
Ranges Community Health Service Inc	17.81	19.25	21.09
South West Healthcare	41.76	28.68	21.59
Southern Health	34.66	26.68	32.03
Sunbury Community Health Centre Inc	19.29	22.97	27.43
Sunraysia Community Health Services Inc	7.06	4.11	6.24
Swan Hill District Health	12.78	10.68	15.80
West Wimmera Health Service	23.79	29.77	27.83
Western District Health Service	28.25	27.93	27.89
Western Region Health Centre Limited	26.18	16.00	16.39
Whitehorse Community Health Service Inc	13.96	13.11	17.68
Wimmera Health Care Group	13.97	18.60	23.69
Wodonga Regional Health Service	33.28	24.34	23.72

General-Number of Patients waiting at end of period

Agency	Dec-07	Jun-08	Dec-08
Bairnsdale Regional Health Service	468	489	969
Ballarat Health Services	3832	3999	4097

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General-Number of Patients waiting at end of period

Agency	Dec-07	Jun-08	Dec-08
Banyule Community Health Service Inc	1070	1838	2153
Barwon Health-Belmont	2220	2099	2213
Barwon Health-Corio	2793	1870	2191
Barwon Health-Newcomb	2312	1380	1556
Bass Coast Regional Health	1190	1054	1586
Bellarine Community Health Inc	772	912	941
Bendigo Health Care Group	1537	1494	1796
Bentleigh Bayside Community Health Service Inc	2312	2056	1395
Boort District Health	68	136	137
Central Bayside Community Health Services Inc	1511	1422	1661
Central Gippsland Health Service	795	723	763
Colac Area Health	1246	1245	892
Darebin Community Health Service Inc-East Preston	1327	1253	1346
Darebin Community Health Service Inc-Northcote	845	751	758
Darebin Community Health Service Inc-PANCH	1183	980	1001
Dianella Community Health Service Inc	4218	4219	4496
Doutta Galla Community Health Service Inc-Kensington	1143	1394	1475
Doutta Galla Community Health Service Inc-Niddrie	1334	1082	1132
East Grampians Health Service	358	482	654
East Wimmera Health Service	27	19	23
Eastern Access Community Health Inc	1977	2023	1994
Echuca Regional Health	577	715	725
Edenhope and District Memorial Hospital	24	16	15
Goulburn Valley Health	3643	3560	3386
Hepburn Health Service-Creswick	193	172	167
Hepburn Health Service-Daylesford	547	502	477
Inner East Community Health Service	790	1079	1107
Inner South Community Health Service Inc	1723	1530	1380
Isis Primary Care Inc-Brimbank	6641	5469	5471
Isis Primary Care Inc-Wyndham	2754	2630	2730
Knox Community Health Service Inc	3891	4056	4470
Latrobe Community Health Service	2665	1888	2125
Mallee Track Health and Community Service	62	80	119
Maryborough District Health Service	874	964	1003
MonashLink Community Health Service Inc	1567	1797	2064
Moreland Community Health Service Inc	3198	949	888
Nillumbik Community Health Service Inc	678	452	722
North Richmond Community Health Limited-Richmond	1289	1510	1410
North Richmond Community Health Limited-North Yarra	555	642	646
Northeast Health Wangaratta	2253	2047	2336
Omeo District Health	0	0	0
Orbost Regional Health	306	151	170
Peninsula Health-Frankston	5595	3952	4251
Peninsula Health-Rosebud	3872	3299	3469
Plenty Valley Community Health Inc	5176	4576	4408

General-Number of Patients waiting at end of period

Agency	Dec-07	Jun-08	Dec-08
Portland District Health	618	144	233
Ranges Community Health Service Inc	3250	3387	3556
South West Healthcare	1129	908	919
Southern Health	11116	9107	10557
Sunbury Community Health Centre Inc	1988	2375	2594
Sunraysia Community Health Services Inc	626	524	831
Swan Hill District Health	681	541	630
West Wimmera Health Service	273	321	269
Western District Health Service	839	834	859
Western Region Health Centre Limited	5261	3243	3204
Whitehorse Community Health Service Inc	3223	2976	3652
Wimmera Health Care Group	473	625	837
Wodonga Regional Health Service	1895	1466	1418

Health: Ambulance Victoria — chief executive officer

2037. Mrs SHARDEY to ask the Minister for Health with reference to bonuses paid to the CEO of Ambulance Victoria —

- (1) What was the total dollar amount paid as at —
 - (a) 30 June 2008; and
 - (b) 31 December 2008.

- (2) In order to receive such bonuses, what were the key performance indicators required to be met as at —
 - (a) 30 June 2008; and
 - (b) 31 December 2008.

- (3) Of the key performance indicators required to be met in order to receive such bonuses, which were met and which were not met as at —
 - (a) 30 June 2008; and
 - (b) 31 December 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Under the Ambulance Services Act 1986 the functions of the Board of Directors of the Ambulance Services include:

- appointment of the Chief Executive Officer
- determining the Chief Executive Officer’s remuneration and terms and conditions; and
- monitoring the performance of the Chief Executive Officer each financial year.

The Government Sector Executive Remuneration Panel sets the parameters within which the Board exercises these functions.

Police and Emergency Services: Nepean Highway–Bay Road, Cheltenham — red-light camera

2038. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to the red light camera monitoring right hand turning traffic at the intersection of Nepean Highway and Bay Road in Cheltenham —

- (1) Who is contracted to operate the camera.
- (2) Is a proportion of the revenue collected from fines paid to the provider; if so, what is the basis of payment per fine.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) The State operates the red light camera system, which was provided by Redflex Traffic Systems Pty Ltd.
- (2) No proportion of fines is paid to the provider.

Health: whooping cough vaccine

2039. Mr CRISP to ask the Minister for Health: is the Government planning to introduce free pertussis (whooping cough) vaccinations for adults.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Victoria has experienced a sharp increase in pertussis (whooping cough) notifications in recent months and there is a pertussis outbreak occurring nationwide.

From Monday 15 June 2009, the Victorian Government is providing free pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine to parents of newborn babies. The program will be implemented through maternity hospitals and general practitioners for a limited time.

Local government and maternal and child health nurses have been informed of the initiative so that they can bring it to the attention of their new parent clients.

Environment and climate change: fuel reduction burns

2042. Mr SMITH (*Warrandyte*) to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change with reference to the Fire Operations Plan for 2007–08 to 2009–10 — was burn number 33 conducted as rescheduled; if not, for what reasons and when will the burn take place.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

DSE East Port Phillip District Burn W33 (1.6 hectares, Black Flat in Warrandyte) was completed on 6 May 2009.

Health: GriefLine — funding

2054. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Health —

With reference to \$100 000 worth of funding for GriefLine announced by the Premier on 24 May 2009 —

- (1) When will GriefLine receive the funding.
- (2) What was the consultation and agreement process that was carried out by the Department of Human Services leading up to the announcement.
- (3) What guarantees has the Government provided to ensure that GriefLine receives Government funding in future years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

GriefLine has never received funding from the State Government. The State Government through the Department of Human Services funds an integrated statewide system through the Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement. This direction was taken following a 2004 review of specific grief and bereavement services to determine the future role and focus of specialist bereavement services in Victoria. The decision to fund one statewide service was adopted to reduce the confusion to potential service users and create an integrated statewide service.

GriefLine has been contacted and it has been confirmed that the Victorian Government is committed to providing \$100,000 in funding to LifeLine Australia for the integration of GriefLine's services. The provision of this funding to LifeLine is contingent on LifeLine reaching a suitable agreement with GriefLine to incorporate its services.

I understand that GriefLine has received two letters from LifeLine offering to explore options for collaboration between the two organisations. I also understand that the Department of Human Services has also advised GriefLine that they are willing to provide further advice and direction to support the service as it moves ahead.

Health: GriefLine — merger

2055. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Health will GriefLine be compelled to merge with Lifeline as a condition of receiving \$100,000 worth of funding announced by the Premier on 24 March 2009.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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Health: GriefLine — merger

2056. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Health with reference to the Department of Human Services' proposal to merge GriefLine with Lifeline —

- (1) Does the Minister support the Department's proposal.
- (2) When was Lifeline consulted about the proposed merger.

- (3) When was GriefLine consulted about the proposed merger.

ANSWER:

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Water: rainwater tanks

2068. Mr THOMPSON (*Sandringham*) to ask the Minister for Water with reference to tax on household rain water tanks —

- (1) Will the Government be introducing a tax on tanks.
- (2) Has the Government considered the imposition of a tax.
- (3) Have any departmental reports evaluated the impact of a tax.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) No.
- (2) No.
- (3) No.

Water: irrigators

2069. Mr CRISP to ask the Minister for Water does the Minister intend to remove the 5 per cent carryover loss adjustment imposed on irrigators; if so, when.

ANSWER:

I can inform the member for Mildura that:

The five per cent deduction for evaporation that is applied to water carried over by irrigators and other water users in northern Victoria will not be removed.

Water is allocated to irrigators based on how much is available after taking account of evaporation throughout the current season. When irrigators choose to carry water over (rather than using it in the current season) water is stored for longer periods, resulting in additional evaporation.

The five per cent rule was implemented to account for the additional evaporation that occurs as a result of carryover. Recent hydrological modelling, described in the Draft Northern Region Sustainable Water Strategy, has validated this rule.

In the Murray system, evaporation accounts for at least five per cent of annual deliveries in 70 per cent of years. On average, five per cent accurately reflects the additional losses incurred in storing water for longer periods.

If the five per cent deduction was not applied to carryover, then this cost would be borne by all other Victorian irrigators — who would receive lower seasonal allocations as a result.

Roads and ports: Hampton Street, Brighton — pedestrian crossing

2074. Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports with reference to an investigation study undertaken by VicRoads for the provision of a pedestrian crossing on Hampton Street in Dendy Village, Brighton —

- (1) On which date or dates was the investigation undertaken.
- (2) What time of day was the investigation undertaken.
- (3) How many people were witnessed crossing the road during the investigation.
- (4) What specific part of the precinct was monitored.
- (5) What constitutes —
 - (a) low pedestrian traffic;
 - (b) medium pedestrian traffic; and
 - (c) high pedestrian traffic.
- (6) How many people need to cross the road in a one hour period for it to be determined that a pedestrian crossing is necessary.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

An investigation into pedestrian traffic was carried out at Hampton Street Dendy Village on Friday 31 October 2008 between 4 and 6pm. The maximum per hour pedestrian traffic across that period was 50 people. The investigation occurred in the Dendy Village shopping centre, in the vicinity of the milk bar, opposite the off-street car park. Pedestrians crossing approximately 20 metres either side were counted. Low pedestrian traffic is considered to be below 60 people per hour; medium is between 60 and 99; high is greater than 100 people per hour.

Any proposals for pedestrian crossings are evaluated on a statewide and region wide basis taking such factors as safety, amenity and congestion into account.

Environment and climate change: fuel reduction burns

2081. Mr SMITH (*Warrandyte*) to ask the Minister for Community Development for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change with reference to the fire operations plan for 2007–08 to 2009–10 — was burn number W47 conducted as scheduled; if not —

- (1) Why not.
- (2) When will the burn take place.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The planned burn, W47, Davis Street, is listed in the Fire Operations Plan for 2008-09 for the East Port Phillip Fire District. Burn Number W47, Davis Street, has now been site prepared. This planned burn is a district priority for the coming 2009 spring burn season. However, it is not possible to identify in advance when this planned burn will actually be ignited, as burning is dependent on many factors, including local weather conditions and other priorities at the time.

Environment and climate change: fuel reduction burns

2082. Mr SMITH (*Warrantyte*) to ask the Minister for Community Development for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change with reference to the fire operations plan for 2007-08 to 2009-10 — was burn number W35 conducted as scheduled; if not

- (1) Why not.
- (2) When will the burn take place.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Burn Number W35, Koornong, is listed in the Fire Operations Plan for 2008-09 for the East Port Phillip Fire District. This area, Burn Number W35, Koornong, is scheduled to be prepared and burnt during the coming 2009-10 burning season. However, it is not possible to identify exactly what date the planned burn will actually be ignited, as burning is dependent on many factors, including local weather conditions and other priorities at the time.

Aboriginal affairs: Reconciliation Victoria — funding

2084. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs —

- (1) How much funding did Reconciliation Victoria receive in —
 - (a) 2005-06;
 - (b) 2006-07;
 - (c) 2007-08;
 - (d) 2008-09.
- (2) Why was funding for Reconciliation Victoria not continued in the 2009-10 Budget.
- (3) Who is expected to provide the services currently provided by Reconciliation Victoria if the organisation can no longer provide the service.
- (4) Has the Government changed its decision and decided to provide funding for Reconciliation Victoria in 2009-10; if so —
 - (a) how much funding is to be provided;
 - (b) should the level of funding be less than funding in 2008-09, what services will Reconciliation Victoria no longer be able to provide.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Reconciliation Victoria has received funding from the Victorian Government as follows:
 - (a) 2005-06-\$187,000
 - (b) 2006-07-\$191,400
 - (c) 2007-08-\$196,900
 - (d) 2008-09-\$200,000

- (2) The Victorian Government has provided funding to Reconciliation Victoria of approximately \$1.3 million since its inception in 2000. Funding provided to Reconciliation Victoria has always been on the understanding that indefinite reliance on government funding was not appropriate.
- (3) Reconciliation Victoria was not funded by the Government for direct service delivery. The Victorian Government will continue to support reconciliation in Victoria and a range of reconciliation initiatives.

The Government is continuing our focus on closing the gap in Indigenous life outcomes through the Ministerial Task force on Aboriginal Affairs leading the delivery of the Victorian Indigenous Affairs Framework (VIAF).

The VIAF Strategic Areas for Action include improving maternal health and early childhood; improving numeracy and literacy; improving year 12 completion or equivalent qualification and developing new pathways to employment; preventing family violence and improving justice outcomes; building Indigenous capacity; and improving economic development, settling native title claims and addressing land access issues. Government actions in these areas are detailed in the *Victorian Government Indigenous Affairs Report 2007/08*. This report is published annually.

The Government recently announced a significant step forward in the settlement of native title claims through the alternative native title framework. The new framework recognises that Indigenous Victorians displaced from their lands face particular difficulties in seeking native title under the Commonwealth *native title Act* 1993. The Victorian Government's alternative native title framework provides a way forward to resolve outstanding native title claims, provides greater certainty for stakeholders, and will deliver benefits to Traditional Owners.

The 2009-10 Budget allocated a further \$6.24 million over four years for Stolen Generations initiatives. These initiatives will further improve services, supports and advocacy for members of the Stolen Generations, and include improving access to records by Stolen Generations members through the Public Records Office Victoria; the delivery of the Koorie Family History Service through the Koorie Heritage Trust; identifying current needs and challenges of Stolen Generations members through Stolen Generations Victoria, and continued education and awareness of the Stolen Generations such as seminars and the resource guide for Victorian teachers developed by Stolen Generations Victoria.

The Victorian Government will also continue to support a range of reconciliation activities and partnerships including the Honouring Victorian men and women Shrine of Remembrance Service.

- (4) The Government has not changed its decision regarding funding for Reconciliation Victoria. The Government, through Aboriginal Affairs Victoria, offered Reconciliation Victoria \$150K over 2 years to assist in transitioning its work to Stolen Generations Victoria. The board of Reconciliation Victoria declined the offer.

Mental health: drug services — funding

2086. Ms WOOLDRIDGE to ask the Minister for Mental Health why has funding for drug services declined by 0.7 per cent in real terms in the 2009–10 budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department's Drug Services Output group funding includes both departmental and external services expenditure.

The Department has increased Drugs services funding by 2.9 per cent (this is the published figure in the budget) which includes an indexation increase of 3.14 per cent for three years as agreed with VCOSS and \$4.5 million on alcohol prevention and treatment services. The 2009-10 budget excludes once-off funding provided in 2008-09 and

also reflects the transfer of the Custodial Health Alcohol and Drug (CHAD) Nurses Program to Victoria Police which was effective from 1 July 2009.

VCOSS has welcomed the increased price indexation for community sector services to 3.14 per cent (up from 2.9 per cent in 2008-09) for three years plus the continuation of \$2 million per annum capacity building payments.

Roads and ports: wire rope barriers

2146. **Mr MULDER** to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports with reference to wire rope barriers — for each of 2000–01, 2001–02, 2002–03, 2003–04, 2004–05, 2005–06, 2006–07, 2007–08 and 2008–09 —

- (1) Between what locations were barriers —
 - (a) installed;
 - (b) removed.
- (2) What was the reason for the removal of each barrier that was removed.
- (3) At what locations were any barriers damaged by —
 - (a) heavy vehicles;
 - (b) cars;
 - (c) motorcyclists;
 - (d) vandalism;
 - (e) other causes.
- (4) What was the cost of each case of damage to a barrier by —
 - (a) heavy vehicles;
 - (b) cars;
 - (c) motorcyclists;
 - (d) vandalism;
 - (e) other causes.
- (5) What was the median time taken to reinstate barriers, following reports of damage.
- (6) What was the highest and lowest time take to reinstate barriers, following reports of damage and what was the location.
- (7) For each location how many complaints were received in relation to the installation and location of barriers.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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

Roads and ports: road surfaces — maintenance

2147. **Mr MULDER** to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports with reference to road surface maintenance — for each of 2000–01, 2001–02, 2002–03, 2003–04, 2004–05, 2005–06, 2006–07, 2007–08 and 2008–09 —

- (1) How many kilometres of road surfaces maintained by VicRoads or its contractors were identified as having wheel rutting damage, including in each case the locations.

- (2) How many kilometres of road surface were repaired using the method known as crack sealing or other similar methods that aim to repair minor surface cracking in each VicRoads —
 - (a) metropolitan region;
 - (b) rural region.
- (3) What percentage of the VicRoads network does each VicRoads metropolitan and rural region represent.
- (4) How many kilometres of rumble strips have been installed on VicRoads roads by metropolitan and rural VicRoads regions.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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

Roads and ports: road surfaces — complaints

2148. Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports with reference to road surface complaints received by VicRoads — for each of 2000–01, 2001–02, 2002–03, 2003–04, 2004–05, 2005–06, 2006–07, 2007–08 and 2008–09 —

- (1) How many complaints were received by each VicRoads region regarding —
 - (a) potholes;
 - (b) rough road surfaces.
- (2) What location was the subject of each complaint received by each VicRoads region regarding —
 - (a) potholes;
 - (b) rough road surfaces.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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

Roads and ports: VicRoads — fault reports and signage

2149. Mr MULDER to ask the Minister for Roads and Ports —

In each of 2000–01, 2001–02, 2002–03, 2003–04, 2004–05, 2005–06, 2006–07, 2007–08 and 2008–09 — in each VicRoads region —

- (1) How many faulty traffic light reports were received by VicRoads.
- (2) How many complaints were received by VicRoads in relation to temporary roadwork-related speed restrictions.
- (3) How many changes to existing speed zones occurred.
- (4) How many official VicRoads road signs were present on the road network.
- (5) How many official VicRoads road signs were —
 - (a) installed for the first time due to —
 - (i) new information being required to be displayed;

- (ii) collision or accident-related damage;
 - (iii) graffiti;
 - (iv) other vandalism;
 - (v) changes to the road concerned such as duplication;
 - (vi) other reasons;
- (b) replaced due to —
 - (i) new information being required to be displayed;
 - (ii) collision or accident-related damage;
 - (iii) graffiti;
 - (iv) other vandalism;
 - (v) changes to the road concerned such as duplication;
 - (vi) other reasons.
- (6) How many requests for road signage were received from —
 - (a) other Government agencies or departments;
 - (b) the private sector.
- (7) How many requests for road signage received from —
 - (a) other Government agencies and departments were approved by —
 - (i) VicRoads;
 - (ii) other agencies;
 - (iii) the private sector;
 - (b) other Government agencies and departments were rejected by —
 - (i) VicRoads;
 - (ii) other agencies;
 - (iii) the private sector;
 - (c) the private sector were approved by —
 - (i) VicRoads;
 - (ii) other agencies;
 - (iii) the private sector;
 - (d) the private sector were rejected by —
 - (i) VicRoads;
 - (ii) other agencies;
 - (iii) the private sector.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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