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

Tuesday, 3 October 2006

Treasurer: Brighton and Brighton East business taxes

- 514.** Ms ASHER to ask the Treasurer — with reference to businesses located in postcodes 3186 (Brighton) and 3187 (Brighton East) —
- (1) How many businesses were levied with payroll tax in —
 - (a) 2000–2001;
 - (b) 2001–2002;
 - (c) 2002–2003;
 - (d) 2003–2004.
 - (2) What was the total value of payroll tax for each postcode in —
 - (a) 2000–2001;
 - (b) 2001–2002;
 - (c) 2002–2003;
 - (d) 2003–2004.
 - (3) How many individuals and businesses were levied with land tax in —
 - (a) 2000–2001;
 - (b) 2001–2002;
 - (c) 2002–2003;
 - (d) 2003–2004.
 - (4) What was the total value of land tax for each postcode in —
 - (a) 2000–2001;
 - (b) 2001–2002;
 - (c) 2002–2003;
 - (d) 2003–2004.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The answer to all parts of your question is that the State Revenue Office does not collect data on this basis. It is therefore not possible to respond to the question.

Planning: planning scheme amendments

- 932.** Mr BAILLIEU to ask the Minister for Planning — with reference to requests for approval to prepare a planning scheme amendment —

- (1) How many requests have been received in each month since the relevant change was made to the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.
- (2) How many of those requests have been rejected.
- (3) How many of those requests remain undetermined.
- (4) What was the average length of the turnaround of each decision.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The following requests have been received:

Date	Number of requests
23 May 2005–31 May 2005	25
June 2005	38
July 2005	30
August 2005	38
September 2005	42
October 2005	42
November 2005	45
December 2005	32
January 2006	23
February 2006	21
March 2006	27
April 2006	18
May 2006	22
June 2006	22
July 2006	24
Total	388

- (2) 15 requests have been rejected.
- (3) At the end of July 2006 the Department of Sustainability and Environment was preparing reports on 74 requests and had sought further information from Councils in relation to another 13.
- (4) The time of DSE turnaround varies depending on the complexity of the request.
- (5) These are the statistics relating to the new process. The benefits are that the consideration of strategic and State Policy issues are considered at the beginning of the amendment process rather than delaying the approval of the amendments at the end. Prior to Authorisation there was no effective process for the State’s views to be known early in the amendment process. Authorisation provides a mechanism for these issues to be identified before an amendment is prepared. This now avoids more significant delays when amendments are submitted for approval.

Agriculture: agricultural production

977. Mr WALSH to ask the Minister for Agriculture —

- (1) What proportion of Victorian agricultural production in 2005 was produced from natural resources managed within their capacity.
- (2) How does the Government determine whether agricultural production is produced from natural resources that are managed within their capacity.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Total Victorian agricultural production of around \$8 billion (2004–05) has been maintained despite adverse seasonal conditions over the past 3 years.

Water use is a good indicator of how resources are well managed for community, economic and environmental needs by the agricultural sector. The farm sector continually adjusts its management of water resources within its natural and economic capacity and according to their operating environment.

Annual reporting by water authorities to the Auditor-General ensures that water infrastructure allocation and delivery systems are managed according to their capacity.

- (2) Targeted assistance for improved natural resource management is one way that Government determines that primary industries, through private owners and managers, can be managed within their capacity.

Whole Farm Planning (WFP) is a key tool for managing water and land within its capacity. WFP deals with improved layout, access, infrastructure, water use efficiency, drainage, salinity, nutrients, soil health and native vegetation issues and is supported by generous Government grants.

Finance: minister's private office

- 1017(ak).** Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Treasurer for the Minister for Finance — what furniture items, including moveable furniture, fixed furniture and electrical goods were purchased for the Minister's private office in 2004–05 and what was the total cost of all such items purchased.

ANSWER:

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

All furniture and electrical goods within my office are on loan and are property of the Department of Treasury and Finance, and remain the property of the department.

Major projects: minister's private office

- 1017(am).** Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Treasurer for the Minister for Major Projects — what furniture items, including moveable furniture, fixed furniture and electrical goods were purchased for the Minister's private office in 2004–05 and what was the total cost of all such items purchased.

ANSWER:

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

All furniture and electrical goods within my office are on loan and are property of the Department of Treasury and Finance, and remain the property of the department.

Women's affairs: minister's private office

- 1017(ap).** Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Women's Affairs — what furniture items, including moveable furniture, fixed furniture and electrical goods were purchased for the Minister's private office in 2004–05 and what was the total cost of all such items purchased.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

According to the finance system of the Department for Victorian Communities, the answer is nil.

Arts: Commonwealth Games entertainment expenses

1019(e). **Mr HONEYWOOD** to ask the Minister for the Arts — what was the total amount spent by all Government departments for invited guests and those who were hosting guests on entertainment expenses at the Commonwealth Games including —

- (1) Alcohol.
- (2) Food.
- (3) Admission to Commonwealth Games events.
- (4) Admission to other entertainment events.
- (5) Special gifts.
- (6) All transport and corporate box leasing.

ANSWER:

I am informed that/as follows:

The Victorian Government and the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Corporation jointly provided hosting opportunities for Ministers and Senior Departmental Officers during the Commonwealth Games. These hosting expenses form part of the whole Games budget. The accounts are still being received and when collated will be included in the Government's financial report on the Games.

Treasurer: Commonwealth Games entertainment expenses

1019(ai). **Mr HONEYWOOD** to ask the Treasurer — what was the total amount spent by all Government departments for invited guests and those who were hosting guests on entertainment expenses at the Commonwealth Games including —

- (1) Alcohol.
- (2) Food.
- (3) Admission to Commonwealth Games events.
- (4) Admission to other entertainment events.
- (5) Special gifts.
- (6) All transport and corporate box leasing.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Victorian Government and the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Corporation jointly provided hosting opportunities for Ministers and senior Departmental officers during the Commonwealth Games. These entertainment expenses form part of the whole of Games budget.

Arts: charter flights

1020(e). **Mr HONEYWOOD** to ask the Minister for the Arts — what are the details of all chartered flights, including helicopters and light planes, used by the Minister in 2004–05, indicating for each flight —

- (1) Date.
- (2) Carrier.

- (3) Destination.
- (4) Cost.
- (5) Purpose.

ANSWER:

I am informed that/as follows:

Nil response.

Health: charter flights

1020(u). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Health — what are the details of all chartered flights, including helicopters and light planes, used by the Minister in 2004–05, indicating for each flight —

- (1) Date.
- (2) Carrier.
- (3) Destination.
- (4) Cost.
- (5) Purpose.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Victorian Government is committed to governing for all Victorians and ensures that there are regular visits undertaken to regional Victoria.

Travel costs are only incurred as and when the Minister is required to attend functions in regional areas. The use of light planes is sometimes required. Costs are monitored to ensure the mode of transport used is the most efficient and effective.

Aboriginal affairs: international travel

1022(o). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Environment for the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs — what was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all international travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

According to the financial records of the Department for Victorian Communities, the answer is nil.

Women's affairs: international travel

1022(ap). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Women's Affairs — what was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all international travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

According to the finance system of the Department for Victorian Communities, the answer is nil.

WorkCover: interstate travel

1023(d). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Agriculture for the Minister for WorkCover — what was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all interstate travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.

ANSWER:

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

I am advised that the cost of interstate travel could not be separated according to my individual portfolio responsibilities. The total cost of interstate travel across all of my ministerial responsibilities for the time frame specified was \$14 694.

Further, travel costs are only incurred as and when I am required to travel and can bring benefit to Victoria.

Planning: interstate travel

1023(ab). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Planning — what was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all interstate travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Interstate travel expenses are included along with other domestic travels expenses in a generic travel expenses cost centre. The research required to separate these expenses would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources. However, the financial records of the Department of Sustainability and Environment indicate that domestic travel expenses incurred by me in my capacity as Minister for Planning and my ministerial staff during the 2005 calendar year totalled \$3234.41.

Finance: interstate travel

1023(ak). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Treasurer for the Minister for Finance — what was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all interstate travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.

ANSWER:

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

I am advised that the cost of interstate travel could not be separated according to individual portfolio responsibilities. The total cost of interstate travel across all of my ministerial responsibilities for the time frame specified was \$14 694.

Further travel costs are only incurred as and when I am required to travel and can bring benefit to Victoria.

Major projects: interstate travel

1023(am). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Treasurer for the Minister for Major Projects — what was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all interstate travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.

ANSWER:

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

I am advised that the cost of interstate travel could not be separated according to my individual portfolio responsibilities. The total cost of interstate travel across all of my ministerial responsibilities for the time frame specified was \$14 694.

Further, travel costs are only incurred as and when I am required to travel and can bring benefit to Victoria.

Women's affairs: interstate travel

1023(ap). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Women's Affairs — what was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all interstate travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

According to the finance system of the Department for Victorian Communities, \$977.59 was expended for interstate travel in the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.

Attorney-General: intrastate travel

1024(f). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Attorney-General — what was the cost, including airfares, air charter, accommodation and expenses, of all intrastate travel undertaken by the Ministers and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Information on airfare, taxi, personal and accommodation expenses for intrastate travel only is not readily available, as the Department's financial system does not distinguish between different types of travel (e.g. interstate and intrastate travel).

It would place an unreasonable burden on the Department's time and resources to collect this information.

However if the member wishes to refine his question, further consideration will be given to it.

Health: intrastate travel

1024(u). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Health — what was the cost, including airfares, air charter, accommodation and expenses, of all intrastate travel undertaken by the Ministers and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Victorian Government is committed to governing for all Victorians and ensures that there are regular visits undertaken to regional Victoria.

Travel costs are only incurred as and when the Minister is required to attend functions in regional areas. The use of light planes is sometimes required. Costs are monitored to ensure the mode of transport used is the most efficient and effective.

Planning: intrastate travel

1024(ab). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Planning — what was the cost, including airfares, air charter, accommodation and expenses, of all intrastate travel undertaken by the Ministers and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Intrastate travel is included with interstate travel within a general domestic travel expenses accounting code. Accordingly, the answer to this question is included in the response provided to Question on Notice 1023(ab).

Women's affairs: intrastate travel

1024(ap). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Women's Affairs — what was the cost, including airfares, air charter, accommodation and expenses, of all intrastate travel undertaken by the Ministers and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

According to the finance system of the Department for Victorian Communities, the answer is nil.

Agriculture: entertainment expenses

1025(b). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Agriculture — with reference to the entertainment expenses incurred by Ministers and ministerial staff —

- (1) What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (2) What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (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 in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) A history of entertainment expenses by the most recent Ministers for Agriculture is as follows:

Financial Year	Minister Patrick McNamara	Minister Keith Hamilton	Minister Bob Cameron
1998/1999	\$6,813.58		
1999/2000	\$16,994.67	\$3,475.68	
2000/2001		\$7,828.93	
2001/2002		\$15,150.70	
2002/2003		\$4,632.30	\$3,015.41
2003/2004			\$5,543.38
2004/2005			\$4,092.94
2005/2006			\$3,251.33

(2) A history of alcohol purchases by the most recent Ministers for Agriculture is as follows:

Financial Year	Minister Patrick McNamara	Minister Keith Hamilton	Minister Bob Cameron
1997/1998	\$2,125.67		
1998/1999	\$3,087.41		
1999/2000	\$647.75	\$3,119.50	
2000/2001		\$624.80	
2001/2002		\$1,002.12	
2002/2003			\$778.60
2003/2004			\$0.00
2004/2005			\$648.00
2005/2006			\$1,392.00

(3) Expenses for alcohol for the Minister, Ministerial Staff and Minister's Office are not incurred by the department and agencies under the Minister's administration.

WorkCover: entertainment expenses

1025(d). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Agriculture for the Minister for WorkCover — with reference to the entertainment expenses incurred by Ministers and ministerial staff —

- (1) What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (2) What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (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 in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) The accounting systems in place do not allow individual portfolio responsibilities to be separated, nor is 'entertainment expenses' an expense line item.

The total cost incurred for expenses related to ‘entertainment’ across all of my portfolio responsibilities for the time frame specified was \$85.59.

(2) and (3)
Nil.

Arts: entertainment expenses

1025(e). **Mr HONEYWOOD** to ask the Minister for the Arts — with reference to the entertainment expenses incurred by Ministers and ministerial staff —

- (1) What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (2) What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (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 in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am informed that/as follows:

Total expenditure on functions and hosting was \$8,627.89 in 2005.

Financial services: entertainment expenses

1025(s). **Mr HONEYWOOD** to ask the Minister for Financial Services — with reference to the entertainment expenses incurred by Ministers and ministerial staff —

- (1) What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (2) What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (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 in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The broad nature of the question and given that identical questions have been asked across Government indicates that this is not a genuine inquiry but a wholesale trawling expedition and as such a response would require an unreasonable diversion of time and resources.

Manufacturing and export: entertainment expenses

1025(z). **Mr HONEYWOOD** to ask the Minister for Manufacturing and Export — with reference to the entertainment expenses incurred by Ministers and ministerial staff —

- (1) What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (2) What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.

- (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 in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The broad nature of the question and given that identical questions have been asked across Government indicates that this is not a genuine inquiry but a wholesale trawling expedition and as such a response would require an unreasonable diversion of time and resources.

Small business: entertainment expenses

1025(ae). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Small Business — with reference to the entertainment expenses incurred by Ministers and ministerial staff —

- (1) What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (2) What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (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 in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The broad nature of the question and given that identical questions have been asked across Government indicates that this is not a genuine inquiry but a wholesale trawling expedition and as such a response would require an unreasonable diversion of time and resources.

Finance: entertainment expenses

1025(ak). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Treasurer for the Minister for Finance — with reference to the entertainment expenses incurred by Ministers and ministerial staff —

- (1) What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (2) What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (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 in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) The accounting systems in place do not allow individual portfolio responsibilities to be separated, nor is entertainment expenses an expense line item.

The total cost incurred for expenses related to 'entertainment' across all of my portfolio responsibilities for the time frame specified was \$85.59.

- (2) and (3)
Nil.

Major projects: entertainment expenses

1025(am). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Treasurer for the Minister for Major Projects — with reference to the entertainment expenses incurred by Ministers and ministerial staff —

- (1) What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (2) What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (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 in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) The accounting systems in place do not allow individual portfolio responsibilities to be separated, nor is 'entertainment expenses' an expense line item.

The total cost incurred for expenses related to 'entertainment' across all of my portfolio responsibilities for the time frame specified was \$85.59.

- (2) and (3)
Nil.

Women's affairs: entertainment expenses

1025(ap). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Women's Affairs — with reference to the entertainment expenses incurred by Ministers and ministerial staff —

- (1) What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (2) What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (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 in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (a) According to the finance system of the Department for Victorian Communities, entertainment expenses to the value of \$180.50 were incurred in 2005.
- (b) According to the finance system of the Department for Victorian Communities, the answer is nil.
- (c) According to the finance system of the Department for Victorian Communities, the answer is nil.

Arts: ministerial staff

1026(e). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for the Arts — with reference to the total cost and engagement of ministerial staff —

- (1) How many ministerial staff were employed by the Minister as at 1 March 2006.

- (2) What was the total cost associated with the engagement of ministerial staff including salaries, superannuation and WorkCover for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (3) How many public servants were on secondment to the Minister's private office as at 1 March 2006 and were not counted within the ministerial staffing budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed that/as follows:

Ministerial staff are employed by the Premier.

Financial services: ministerial staff

1026(s). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Financial Services — with reference to the total cost and engagement of ministerial staff —

- (1) How many ministerial staff were employed by the Minister as at 1 March 2006.
- (2) What was the total cost associated with the engagement of ministerial staff including salaries, superannuation and WorkCover for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (3) How many public servants were on secondment to the Minister's private office as at 1 March 2006 and were not counted within the ministerial staffing budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

- (1) Ministerial staff for each Minister are listed in the Victorian Government Directory, of which complimentary copies are distributed to each Member of Parliament.
- (2) This question does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities as the engagement of ministerial staff, including salaries, superannuation and WorkCover falls within the budget of the Department of Premier & Cabinet.
- (3) In my capacity as Minister for Manufacturing and Export, Minister for Financial Services and Minister for Small Business, two public servants from the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development were seconded to my office as at 1 March 2006.

Manufacturing and export: ministerial staff

1026(z). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Manufacturing and Export — with reference to the total cost and engagement of ministerial staff —

- (1) How many ministerial staff were employed by the Minister as at 1 March 2006.
- (2) What was the total cost associated with the engagement of ministerial staff including salaries, superannuation and WorkCover for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (3) How many public servants were on secondment to the Minister's private office as at 1 March 2006 and were not counted within the ministerial staffing budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

- (1) Ministerial staff for each Minister are listed in the Victorian Government Directory, of which complimentary copies are distributed to each Member of Parliament.

- (2) This question does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities as the engagement of ministerial staff, including salaries, superannuation and WorkCover falls within the budget of the Department of Premier & Cabinet.
- (3) In my capacity as Minister for Manufacturing and Export, Minister for Financial Services and Minister for Small Business, two public servants from the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development were seconded to my office as at 1 March 2006.

Small business: ministerial staff

1026(ae). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Small Business — with reference to the total cost and engagement of ministerial staff —

- (1) How many ministerial staff were employed by the Minister as at 1 March 2006.
- (2) What was the total cost associated with the engagement of ministerial staff including salaries, superannuation and WorkCover for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (3) How many public servants were on secondment to the Minister's private office as at 1 March 2006 and were not counted within the ministerial staffing budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

- (1) Ministerial staff for each Minister are listed in the Victorian Government Directory, of which complimentary copies are distributed to each Member of Parliament.
- (2) This question does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities as the engagement of ministerial staff, including salaries, superannuation and WorkCover falls within the budget of the Department of Premier & Cabinet.
- (3) In my capacity as Minister for Manufacturing and Export, Minister for Financial Services and Minister for Small Business, two public servants from the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development were seconded to my office as at 1 March 2006.

Arts: credit cards

1027(e). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for the Arts — Does the Minister and/or staff of the Minister hold one or more credit cards issued by the Government; if so, what is the total value of purchases on each such credit card since 1 January 2005 to 1 March 2006 and of the purchases made —

- (1) What was the date of each purchase.
- (2) What was the cost of each purchase.
- (3) Who is the credit card provider.
- (4) What was the criteria for issue.
- (5) What was the criteria for usage.
- (6) What is the spending limit.
- (7) What type of authority is required for purchase.

ANSWER:

I am informed that/as follows:

Nil response.

Arts: training expenditure

1028(e). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for the Arts — with reference to expenditure on conferences, seminars, workshops and training courses or like events by each department, agency or authority within their administration for the period 1 January 2004 to 1 March 2006 —

- (1) What was the name of each conference, course seminar, workshop or like event attended indicating —
 - (a) the locality;
 - (b) the venue;
 - (c) the purpose;
- (2) What was the cost of each event including —
 - (a) accommodation;
 - (b) entertainment;
 - (c) meals and refreshments;
 - (d) travel;
 - (e) taxis and hire cars;
 - (f) other expenses.
- (3) Was the event was externally organised; if so, by which company and at what cost.

ANSWER:

I am informed that/as follows:

To provide information on training expenditure for the period between 1 January 2004 to 1 March 2006 to the level of detail requested would be an unreasonable diversion of resources in Arts Victoria and of the seven arts agencies.

Employment and youth affairs: training expenditure

1028(m). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs — with reference to expenditure on conferences, seminars, workshops and training courses or like events by each department, agency or authority within their administration for the period 1 January 2004 to 1 March 2006 —

- (1) What was the name of each conference, course seminar, workshop or like event attended indicating —
 - (a) the locality;
 - (b) the venue;
 - (c) the purpose;
- (2) What was the cost of each event including —
 - (a) accommodation;
 - (b) entertainment;
 - (c) meals and refreshments;
 - (d) travel;
 - (e) taxis and hire cars;
 - (f) other expenses.
- (3) Was the event was externally organised; if so, by which company and at what cost.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Due to the broad nature of the question, the research required to provide a response would place an unreasonable burden on the time and resources of the Department.

Financial services: training expenditure

1028(s). **Mr HONEYWOOD** to ask the Minister for Financial Services — with reference to expenditure on conferences, seminars, workshops and training courses or like events by each department, agency or authority within their administration for the period 1 January 2004 to 1 March 2006 —

- (1) What was the name of each conference, course seminar, workshop or like event attended indicating —
 - (a) the locality;
 - (b) the venue;
 - (c) the purpose;
- (2) What was the cost of each event including —
 - (a) accommodation;
 - (b) entertainment;
 - (c) meals and refreshments;
 - (d) travel;
 - (e) taxis and hire cars;
 - (f) other expenses.
- (3) Was the event was externally organised; if so, by which company and at what cost.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The broad nature of the question and given that identical questions have been asked across Government indicates that this is not a genuine inquiry but a wholesale trawling expedition and as such a response would require an unreasonable diversion of time and resources.

Manufacturing and export: training expenditure

1028(z). **Mr HONEYWOOD** to ask the Minister for Manufacturing and Export — with reference to expenditure on conferences, seminars, workshops and training courses or like events by each department, agency or authority within their administration for the period 1 January 2004 to 1 March 2006 —

- (1) What was the name of each conference, course seminar, workshop or like event attended indicating —
 - (a) the locality;
 - (b) the venue;
 - (c) the purpose;
- (2) What was the cost of each event including —
 - (a) accommodation;

- (b) entertainment;
- (c) meals and refreshments;
- (d) travel;
- (e) taxis and hire cars;
- (f) other expenses.

- (3) Was the event was externally organised; if so, by which company and at what cost.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The broad nature of the question and given that identical questions have been asked across Government indicates that this is not a genuine inquiry but a wholesale trawling expedition and as such a response would require an unreasonable diversion of time and resources.

Small business: training expenditure

1028(ae). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Small Business — with reference to expenditure on conferences, seminars, workshops and training courses or like events by each department, agency or authority within their administration for the period 1 January 2004 to 1 March 2006 —

- (1) What was the name of each conference, course seminar, workshop or like event attended indicating —
- (a) the locality;
 - (b) the venue;
 - (c) the purpose;
- (2) What was the cost of each event including —
- (a) accommodation;
 - (b) entertainment;
 - (c) meals and refreshments;
 - (d) travel;
 - (e) taxis and hire cars;
 - (f) other expenses.
- (3) Was the event was externally organised; if so, by which company and at what cost.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The broad nature of the question and given that identical questions have been asked across Government indicates that this is not a genuine inquiry but a wholesale trawling expedition and as such a response would require an unreasonable diversion of time and resources.

Women's affairs: training expenditure

1028(ap). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Women's Affairs — with reference to expenditure on conferences, seminars, workshops and training courses or like events by each department, agency or authority within their administration for the period 1 January 2004 to 1 March 2006 —

- (1) What was the name of each conference, course seminar, workshop or like event attended indicating —
 - (a) the locality;
 - (b) the venue;
 - (c) the purpose;

- (2) What was the cost of each event including —
 - (a) accommodation;
 - (b) entertainment;
 - (c) meals and refreshments;
 - (d) travel;
 - (e) taxis and hire cars;
 - (f) other expenses.

- (3) Was the event was externally organised; if so, by which company and at what cost.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Due to the broad nature of the question, the department's financial system is not designed to provide such a detailed level of reporting on training expenditure.

WorkCover: departmental publications

1029(d). **Mr HONEYWOOD** to ask the Minister for Agriculture for the Minister for WorkCover — with reference to each department, agency, and authority under the Minister's administration from 1 January 2005 to 1 March 2006 — what are the details of all publications produced indicating in each case —

- (1) The title.
- (2) The date of issue.
- (3) Details of distribution.
- (4) The numbers printed.
- (5) The cost of production.
- (6) The purpose of production.
- (7) Who it was printed by.
- (8) Whether tenders were called.

ANSWER:

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

The broad nature of the question and given that identical questions have been asked across government indicates that this is not a genuine inquiry but a speculative question and as such a response would require an unreasonable diversion of time and resources.

Arts: departmental publications

1029(e). **Mr HONEYWOOD** to ask the Minister for the Arts — with reference to each department, agency, and authority under the Minister's administration from 1 January 2005 to 1 March 2006 — what are the details of all publications produced indicating in each case —

- (1) The title.
- (2) The date of issue.
- (3) Details of distribution.
- (4) The numbers printed.
- (5) The cost of production.
- (6) The purpose of production.
- (7) Who it was printed by.
- (8) Whether tenders were called.

ANSWER:

I am informed that/as follows:

To provide information on departmental publications of the seven arts agencies to the level of detail requested would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

Agriculture: Shannon's Way Pty Ltd

1045(b). Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Agriculture — with reference to government payments made to Shannon's Way Pty Ltd since 1 January 2005 —

- (1) What payments have been made to the company by the Minister's department or private office, or agency or statutory body under the Minister's administration.
- (2) On what dates were the payments made.
- (3) What projects were paid for with the payments.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

DPI has completed one contract with Shannon's Way during the period 1 January 2005 to 2 May 2006. The contract was for the provision of communication support tools to assist DPI staff to build awareness within the community of the purpose of the Department of Primary Industries and the services it offers. This contract is now complete. Payments between 1 January 2006 and 2 May 2006 totalled \$47,970.45.

One other payment of \$550 has been made to Shannon's Way as one of four agencies paid to submit designs for the Department of Primary Industries' Primary Voice publication. Shannon's Way were unsuccessful and no further payments were made.

There were no payments to Shannon's Way from the Minister's Office.

Providing a response for each agency or authority under the Minister's administration would place an undue strain on Departmental resources.

Finance: Shannon's Way Pty Ltd

1045(ak). Ms ASHER to ask the Treasurer for the Minister for Finance — with reference to government payments made to Shannon's Way Pty Ltd since 1 January 2005 —

- (1) What payments have been made to the company by the Minister's department or private office, or agency or statutory body under the Minister's administration.
- (2) On what dates were the payments made.
- (3) What projects were paid for with the payments.

ANSWER:

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

Nil

Major projects: Shannon's Way Pty Ltd

1045(am). Ms ASHER to ask the Treasurer for the Minister for Major Projects — with reference to government payments made to Shannon's Way Pty Ltd since 1 January 2005 —

- (1) What payments have been made to the company by the Minister's department or private office, or agency or statutory body under the Minister's administration.
- (2) On what dates were the payments made.
- (3) What projects were paid for with the payments.

ANSWER:

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

Nil

Police and emergency services: Brighton police station

1083. Ms ASHER to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — with reference to the Brighton Police Station and Brighton Criminal Investigation Unit (CIU) —

- (1) Why has the position as Officer in Charge of the Brighton CIU not been advertised or filled since the Detective Senior Sergeant who previously filled this position left the force in early July 2006.
- (2) Why have police resources in Bayside been rostered so as to produce the result that only one police van is available between Brighton and Sandringham during Monday morning shifts and when will the rosters be changed to rectify this to allow one van each for the Brighton area and the Sandringham area.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) With regard to the Brighton Crime Investigation Unit and the Detective Senior Sergeant's position:

The vacant position of Detective Senior Sergeant — Officer in Charge of the Brighton CIU is in the process of being gazetted. Following the resignation of the former Detective Senior Sergeant on 8 July 2006, the advertisement of the vacancy was held over for operational reasons pending the appointment of the Divisional Inspector, who will have responsibility for the Brighton CIU.

The Assistant Commissioner, Region 1, Central, recently authorised the gazetting of the Detective Senior Sergeant's position at Brighton CIU. The vacancy will now be filled subject to the relevant Victoria Police processes.

- (2) With regard to Bayside's rostering of a van for Brighton and Sandringham:

the allocation of police resources is prioritised to focus on areas of greatest need. Crime hot spots and public order issues require a specialist response and District Tasking Committees are acutely aware of these priorities. Any urgent request for police attendance will receive an immediate response allocated through police communications, and be prioritised and attended by a van or car crew closest to the scene.

Recently, morning shift vans at Brighton and Sandringham have only been attending 3–4 calls per shift on average. In busier areas van crews can respond to anything upward of 12–16 calls per shift. Following an evaluation of the District data available, it was determined that only one van was required for Brighton and Sandringham on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Data collected by Victoria Police indicates there is a greater need for more police patrols on afternoons and weekends. With the reallocation of resources Victoria Police is now able to provide a better service during peak times. The targeted provision of policing resources including flexible rostering is constantly being reviewed by District Tasking and Coordination committees and any changes are made in response to current evidence and intelligence.

The Bracks Government is determined to provide safe streets and homes for all Victorians by providing a highly professional and well-resourced police force. The decision on placement of resources to police facilities throughout the State is one for police command, on the basis of assessed operational needs. It is vital that this process is not subject to political interference. I am assured by the Chief Commissioner of Police that police resources are continuously monitored by the respective Regional Command Officers, with the view to maintaining optimum policing effectiveness.

Major projects: Southern Cross station

1084(d). Ms ASHER to ask the Treasurer for the Minister for Major Projects — with reference to the Southern Cross Station (formerly Spencer Street Station) redevelopment —

- (1) What payments have been made by the Government to Civic Nexus in addition to the amount specified in the original contract for the redevelopment.
- (2) On what date did the Government approve the change to the extent of ABN AMRO participation in Civic Nexus and the consequent involvement of Union Superannuation Funds.

ANSWER:

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

Questions in relation to Southern Cross Station should be directed to the Minister for Transport.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

*Answers to the following questions on notice were circulated on the date shown.
Questions have been incorporated from the notice paper of the Legislative Assembly.
Answers have been incorporated in the form supplied by the departments on behalf of the appropriate ministers.
The portfolio of the minister answering the question on notice starts each heading.*

Wednesday, 4 October 2006

Education and training: overseas and interstate travel

829(a). Mr PERTON to ask the Minister for Education and Training — what overseas and interstate trips on ministerial business has the Minister undertaken since 16 September 2003 and what were the purposes of each such trip.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Between 16 September 2003 and 11 August 2005, as Minister for Education and Training I undertook —

- the following overseas trips which related to the promotion and support of the export of education and training, and also to design:
 - United Arab Emirates, Oman and the United Kingdom — 13 to 27 February 2004,
 - Vietnam — 18 to 27 October 2004,
 - Jordan and the United Arab Emirates — 12 to 21 February 2005, and
 - Vietnam, Japan and China — 24 July to 5 August 2005.
- the following interstate trips:
 - 29–30 September 2003 — Adelaide — NAVCON 2K3 conference where I was a key note speaker,
 - 20–21 November 2003 — Gold Coast — ANTA MINCO,
 - 5 December 2003 — Canberra — MCEETYA,
 - 22–23 April 2004 — Sydney — MCEETYA,
 - 14 May 2004 — Sydney — Meeting with Education Ministers on MCEETYA regarding national consistent curriculum outcomes,
 - 30 March to 1 April 2005 — Perth — Meeting with Western Australian Premier and Minister for Education and Training regarding educational facilities and capital funding,
 - 11–13 May 2005 — Canberra — MCEETYA, and
 - 9–10 June 2005 — Sydney — ANTA MINCO.

Innovation: Australian Synchrotron

986. Mr RYAN to ask the Minister for Innovation — how much, in sum, have non-government project partners and governments other than the Victorian Government contributed or committed in funding for the Australian Synchrotron at Monash.

ANSWER:

Ten partners have each committed \$5 million capital funding for Australian Synchrotron beam lines, bringing the total beam line partner commitment to \$50 million. Beam line partners to date are:

- Association of Australian Medical Research Institutes;
- Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation;
- Commonwealth Science and Industrial Research Organisation;
- New Zealand (consortium formed by the NZ Government, NZ Crown Research Institutes and leading universities);
- Monash University;
- The University of Melbourne;
- New South Wales (consortium formed by the NSW Government and leading universities in NSW, ACT, Tasmania and NT)
- Queensland (consortium formed by the Queensland Government and leading universities);
- South Australia/La Trobe University (SA component of consortium includes SA Government and leading universities); and
- Western Australia (consortium formed by the WA Government and leading universities).

In addition MiniFAB has committed \$600,000 to pay for a clean room.

Resources: minister's private office

1017(c). **Mr HONEYWOOD** to ask the Minister for Agriculture for the Minister for Resources — what furniture items, including moveable furniture, fixed furniture and electrical goods were purchased for the Minister's private office in 2004–05 and what was the total cost of all such items purchased.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please refer to the response for LA1017(aj) in the Legislative Assembly *Hansard* of 22 August 2006.

WorkCover: minister's private office

1017(d). **Mr HONEYWOOD** to ask the Minister for Agriculture for the Minister for WorkCover — what furniture items, including moveable furniture, fixed furniture and electrical goods were purchased for the Minister's private office in 2004–05 and what was the total cost of all such items purchased.

ANSWER:

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

All furniture and electrical goods within my office are on loan and are property of the Department of Treasury and Finance, and remain the property of the department.

Treasurer: minister's private office

1017(ai). **Mr HONEYWOOD** to ask the Treasurer — what furniture items, including moveable furniture, fixed furniture and electrical goods were purchased for the Minister's private office in 2004–05 and what was the total cost of all such items purchased.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

All furniture and electrical goods within my office are on loan and are property of the Department of Treasury and Finance and remain the property of the department.

Multicultural affairs: minister's private office

1017(aq). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister assisting the Premier on Multicultural Affairs — what furniture items, including moveable furniture, fixed furniture and electrical goods were purchased for the Minister's private office in 2004–05 and what was the total cost of all such items purchased.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

According to the financial records of the Department for Victorian Communities, the answer is nil.

Resources: charter flights

1020(c). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Agriculture for the Minister for Resources — what are the details of all chartered flights, including helicopters and light planes, used by the Minister in 2004–05, indicating for each flight —

- (1) Date.
- (2) Carrier.
- (3) Destination.
- (4) Cost.
- (5) Purpose.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please refer to the response for LA1020(aj) in the Legislative Assembly *Hansard* of 22 August 2006.

Education and training: charter flights

1020(k). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Education and Training — what are the details of all chartered flights, including helicopters and light planes, used by the Minister in 2004–05, indicating for each flight —

- (1) Date.
- (2) Carrier.
- (3) Destination.
- (4) Cost.
- (5) Purpose.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

In the course of my portfolio duties I regularly travelled to regional Victoria, visiting various educational facilities including schools, TAFE Institutes, Adult Community and Further Education providers, and Universities.

I was accompanied by one or two staff members on each occasion.

The use of charter flights was sometimes required. The costs are closely monitored.

Treasurer: charter flights

1020(ai). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Treasurer — what are the details of all chartered flights, including helicopters and light planes, used by the Minister in 2004–05, indicating for each flight —

- (1) Date.
- (2) Carrier.
- (3) Destination.
- (4) Cost.
- (5) Purpose.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I did not charter any flights as Treasurer during that time period.

Multicultural affairs: charter flights

1020(aq). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister assisting the Premier on Multicultural Affairs — what are the details of all chartered flights, including helicopters and light planes, used by the Minister in 2004–05, indicating for each flight —

- (1) Date.
- (2) Carrier.
- (3) Destination.
- (4) Cost.
- (5) Purpose.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

According to the financial records of the Department for Victorian Communities, the answer is nil.

Education and training: international travel

1022(k). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Education and Training — what was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all international travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The total cost was \$51,428.39 for the following trips:

12–21 February 2005 — Jordan and the United Arab Emirates

25 July–5 August 2005 — Vietnam, Japan and People’s Republic of China.

Multicultural affairs: international travel

1022(aq). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister assisting the Premier on Multicultural Affairs — what was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all international travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

According to the financial records of the Department for Victorian Communities, the answer is nil.

Attorney-General: interstate travel

1023(f). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Attorney-General — what was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all interstate travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Information on airfare, taxi, personal and accommodation expenses for interstate travel only is not readily available, as the Department’s financial system does not distinguish between different types of travel (e.g. interstate and intrastate travel).

It would place an unreasonable burden on the Department’s time and resources to collect this information.

However if the member wishes to refine his question, further consideration will be given to it.

Education and training: interstate travel

1023(k). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Education and Training — what was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all interstate travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Victorian Government works with the Commonwealth Government and other state governments to improve the education and training available to all Victorians. From time to time this has required travelling interstate.

The costs are reasonable and closely monitored.

Multicultural affairs: interstate travel

1023(aq). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister assisting the Premier on Multicultural Affairs — what was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all interstate travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

According to the financial records of the Department for Victorian Communities, costs associated with interstate travel for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005 were:

Airfares:	\$5,483.91
Accommodation:	\$2,015.02
Total:	\$7,498.93

Resources: intrastate travel

1024(c). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Agriculture for the Minister for Resources — what was the cost, including airfares, air charter, accommodation and expenses, of all intrastate travel undertaken by the Ministers and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please refer to the response for LA1024(aj) in the Legislative Assembly *Hansard* of 22 August 2006.

Education and training: intrastate travel

1024(k). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Education and Training — what was the cost, including airfares, air charter, accommodation and expenses, of all intrastate travel undertaken by the Ministers and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The total cost was \$21,457.50.

Multicultural affairs: intrastate travel

1024(aq). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister assisting the Premier on Multicultural Affairs — what was the cost, including airfares, air charter, accommodation and expenses, of all intrastate travel undertaken by the Ministers and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

According to the financial records of the Department for Victorian Communities, costs associated with intrastate travel for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005 included:

Airfares:	\$398.44
Accommodation:	nil
Total:	\$398.44

Resources: entertainment expenses

1025(c). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Agriculture for the Minister for Resources — with reference to the entertainment expenses incurred by Ministers and ministerial staff —

- (1) What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (2) What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (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 in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

One component of the Ministerial office budget is hospitality expenses. From time to time hospitality is provided for functions held by my office. Hospitality expenses for my office are moderate.

Innovation: entertainment expenses

1025(y). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Innovation — with reference to the entertainment expenses incurred by Ministers and ministerial staff —

- (1) What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (2) What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (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 in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

- (1) During 2005, no entertainment expenses for the Minister and ministerial staff were paid by the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development.
- (2) During 2005, no alcohol expenses for the Minister and ministerial staff were paid by the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development.
- (3) According to the financial records of the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development, no alcohol expenses were purchased for the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05.

State and regional development: entertainment expenses

1025(af). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for State and Regional Development — with reference to the entertainment expenses incurred by Ministers and ministerial staff —

- (1) What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (2) What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (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 in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

- (1) During 2005, no entertainment expenses for the Minister and ministerial staff were paid by the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development.
- (2) During 2005, no alcohol expenses for the Minister and ministerial staff were paid by the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development.
- (3) According to the financial records of the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development, no alcohol expenses were purchased for the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05.

Multicultural affairs: entertainment expenses

1025(aq). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister assisting the Premier on Multicultural Affairs — with reference to the entertainment expenses incurred by Ministers and ministerial staff —

- (1) What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (2) What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005.
- (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 in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

According to the financial records of the Department for Victorian Communities, the answer is nil.

Treasurer: credit cards

1027(ai). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Treasurer — does the Minister and/or staff of the Minister hold one or more credit cards issued by the Government; if so, what is the total value of purchases on each such credit card since 1 January 2005 to 1 March 2006 and of the purchases made —

- (1) What was the date of each purchase.
- (2) What was the cost of each purchase.
- (3) Who is the credit card provider.
- (4) What was the criteria for issue.
- (5) What was the criteria for usage.
- (6) What is the spending limit.
- (7) What type of authority is required for purchase.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Government Credit Cards are not issued to Ministers or their staff.

Innovation: training expenditure

1028(y). **Mr HONEYWOOD** to ask the Minister for Innovation — with reference to expenditure on conferences, seminars, workshops and training courses or like events by each department, agency or authority within their administration for the period 1 January 2004 to 1 March 2006 —

- (1) What was the name of each conference, course seminar, workshop or like event attended indicating —
 - (a) the locality;
 - (b) the venue;
 - (c) the purpose;
- (2) What was the cost of each event including —
 - (a) accommodation;
 - (b) entertainment;
 - (c) meals and refreshments;
 - (d) travel;
 - (e) taxis and hire cars;
 - (f) other expenses.
- (3) Was the event was externally organised; if so, by which company and at what cost.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Government cannot justify diversion of the Department's time and resources required to gather this information and answer these questions.

Gaming: departmental publications

1029(t). **Mr HONEYWOOD** to ask the Minister for Gaming — with reference to each department, agency, and authority under the Minister's administration from 1 January 2005 to 1 March 2006 — what are the details of all publications produced indicating in each case —

- (1) The title.
- (2) The date of issue.
- (3) Details of distribution.
- (4) The numbers printed.
- (5) The cost of production.
- (6) The purpose of production.
- (7) Who it was printed by.
- (8) Whether tenders were called.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Please refer to the attached table.

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(1) Title	(2) Date of Issue	(3) Details of distribution	(4) No. printed	(5) Cost of production	(6) Purpose of production	(7) Printed by	(8) Were tenders called?
Information Paper— Review of the Electronic Gaming Machine, Club Keno and Wagering Licences and Funding Arrangements for the Racing Industry Post-2012	2 January 2006	Mail/Web Site	400	\$1,420	Information paper promoting the launch of the second stage of the commercial gambling licences review and outlining the basic processes that would be followed by the Steering Committee and Review Team, as well as the Terms of Reference and scope of the Review.	FedEx Kinko's	No
Gambling Licences Review Issues Papers — Wagering, Gaming, Club Keno and Funding of the Racing Industry Post-2012	4 March 2006	Mail/Web Site	2750	\$19,924	Issues Papers outlining the issues for consideration for the review of commercial gambling licences and the consultation process that will follow submissions.	FedEx Kinko's	No
Public lottery licensing Information Paper	19 April 2005	Printed copies provided to public on request; electronic version on Department web site.	100	\$952	To outline the competitive application process for applying for a public lotteries licence in Victoria, including the registration of interest process, timetable, evaluation criteria and overall licence conditions.	FedEx Kinkos	No

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(1) Title	(2) Date of Issue	(3) Details of distribution	(4) No. printed	(5) Cost of production	(6) Purpose of production	(7) Printed by	(8) Were tenders called?
Study of the Impact of Caps on Electronic Gaming Machine	May 2005	Web site and Industry request	300	\$4,776	Publicly release the results of a gambling research study	Document Printing Australia	No
Changes in Wagering within the Racing Industry	May 2005	Web site and Industry request	300	\$3,207	Publicly release the results of a gambling research study	Document Printing Australia	No
Community impact of Electronic Gaming Machine Gambling	December 2005	Web site and Industry request	200	\$6,231	Publicly release the results of a gambling research study	Document Printing Australia	No
Evaluation of Electronic Gaming Machines Harm Minimisation Measures	December 2005	Web site and Industry request	200	\$3,710	Publicly release the results of a gambling research study	Document Printing Australia	No
Problem Gambling and Harm: A national Definition	December 2005	Web site and Industry request	300	\$4,346	Publicly release the results of a gambling research study	Document Printing Australia	No
Gambler's Help DL Postcards	26 June 2005	Warehousing Fulfilment Distribution Solutions Pty. Ltd.	10,750	\$1,079	To promote Gambler's Help Services locations and telephone contact numbers.	Champion Press	No

(1) Title	(2) Date of Issue	(3) Details of distribution	(4) No. printed	(5) Cost of production	(6) Purpose of production	(7) Printed by	(8) Were tenders called?
Problem gambling research report for Indigenous communities	1 December 2005	Distributed at launch and through Problem Gambling Services	200	\$5,052	Research Report	DPA Document Printing Australia	No
Problem gambling research report for culturally and linguistically diverse communities	1 December 2005	Distributed at launch and through Problem Gambling Services	200	\$4,826	Research Report	DPA Document Printing Australia	No
Strategies for Change — English booklet	30 June 2005	Warehousing Fulfilment Distribution Solutions Pty. Ltd.	2,000	\$1,772	To provide information and assistance to Gamblers receiving Problem Gambling counselling	GT Graphics Pty Ltd.	No
'Think of What You're Really Gambling With Brochure'	27 May 2005	Warehousing Fulfilment Distribution Solutions Pty. Ltd.	10,000	\$1,495	To promote Gambler's Help Services locations and telephone contact numbers.	Gunn & Taylor (Aust) Pty Ltd	No
CPA Brochure — 8 PP A5 book	6 June 2005	Distributed through CPA Australia	10,000	\$2,205	To provide information on the partnership between Victorian Government and CPA Australia. Includes advice regarding Problem Gambling in a workplace setting.	Kosdown Printing Company Pty Ltd.	No

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(1) Title	(2) Date of Issue	(3) Details of distribution	(4) No. printed	(5) Cost of production	(6) Purpose of production	(7) Printed by	(8) Were tenders called?
CPA Brochure — 6 PP DL	6 June 2005	Distributed through CPA Australia	5,000	\$995	To provide information to CPA Australia members on the partnership between the Victorian Government and CPA Australia	Kosdown Printing Company Pty Ltd.	No
'Think of What You're Really Gambling With' — A3 Poster	30 August 2005	Warehousing Fulfilment Distribution Solutions Pty. Ltd.	1,000	\$779	To promote Gambler's Help Line.	Kosdown Printing Company Pty Ltd.	No
Gambler's Helpline — Adhesive labels	15 July 2005	Warehousing Fulfilment Distribution Solutions Pty. Ltd.	10,000	\$736	To promote Gambler's Help Line.	Kwik Kopy Printing Centre	No
Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation News June 2005	June 2005	Mail/Web Site	2,000	\$5,060	Inform gaming industry of developments in regulation and encourage compliance.	Lena Nappa / Champion Press	N/A

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(1) Title	(2) Date of Issue	(3) Details of distribution	(4) No. printed	(5) Cost of production	(6) Purpose of production	(7) Printed by	(8) Were tenders called?
Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation News September 2005	Sept 2005	Mail/Web Site	2,000	\$4577.76	Inform gaming industry of developments in regulation and encourage compliance.	Lena Nappa / Champion Press	N/A
Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation Annual Report 2004-05	October 2005	Mail/Web Site	1,000	\$19,227.98	To meet statutory requirement for accountability.	MDM Design Associates P/L	No

Racing: departmental publications

1029(ad). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Racing — with reference to each department, agency, and authority under the Minister's administration from 1 January 2005 to 1 March 2006 — what are the details of all publications produced indicating in each case —

- (1) The title.
- (2) The date of issue.
- (3) Details of distribution.
- (4) The numbers printed.
- (5) The cost of production.
- (6) The purpose of production.
- (7) Who it was printed by.
- (8) Whether tenders were called.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Please refer to the attached table.

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(1) Title	(2) Date of Issue	(3) Details of distribution	(4) Number printed	(5) Cost of production	(6) Purpose of production	(7) Printed by	(8) Were tenders called?
The Harness Racer	First day of the month	Mail	4,000 per month	\$165,070	Monthly magazine containing vital racing information and programs, together with editorial and news. Official gazette of Victoria, SA & Tasmania.	Harley Printing & Print Linx	Yes
Licence Holders Directory	October 2005	Mail	5,000	\$18,630	Annual publication listing contact details of licensees in Vic, SA & Tas. Includes rule book and other important racing information.	Harley Printing	Yes
HRV Annual Report	October 2005	Personal	500	\$4,569	Annual financial report as per statutory obligation	Harley Printing	Yes
Vision, Value, Victoria	March 2005	Mail	5,000	\$9,390	Information brochure on the V3 strategy	The Concept Centre	Yes
Isn't It Amazing This Harness Racing	September 2005	Mail & Personal	10,000	\$5,077	Information booklet on Victorian harness racing for 2005-06 racing season	Harley Printing	Yes

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HROA Membership & Owners Card	August 2005	Mail & Personal	20,000	\$6,750	Application form and explanation of new ownership initiative	Harley Printing	Yes
Calendar	June 2005	Mail & Personal	10,000	\$12,100	To provide race meeting dates throughout the year	Harley Printing	Yes
Adviser	Monthly	Mail	56,000	\$175,560	Industry Update	Ellikon	No
Rule book update	January 2006	Mail	500	\$1,700	Rules for participants	Ellikon	No

Small business: departmental publications

1029(ae). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Small Business — with reference to each department, agency, and authority under the Minister’s administration from 1 January 2005 to 1 March 2006 — what are the details of all publications produced indicating in each case —

- (1) The title.
- (2) The date of issue.
- (3) Details of distribution.
- (4) The numbers printed.
- (5) The cost of production.
- (6) The purpose of production.
- (7) Who it was printed by.
- (8) Whether tenders were called.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Details of major publications are included in each organisation’s annual report of operations and are publicly available in accordance with the Minister for Finance’s Financial Reporting Direction 22A issued under the Financial Management Act of 1994.

Finance: departmental publications

1029(ak). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Treasurer for the Minister for Finance — with reference to each department, agency, and authority under the Minister’s administration from 1 January 2005 to 1 March 2006 — what are the details of all publications produced indicating in each case —

- (1) The title.
- (2) The date of issue.
- (3) Details of distribution.
- (4) The numbers printed.
- (5) The cost of production.
- (6) The purpose of production.
- (7) Who it was printed by.
- (8) Whether tenders were called.

ANSWER:

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

The broad nature of the question and given that identical questions have been asked across government indicates that this is not a genuine inquiry but a speculative question and as such a response would require an unreasonable diversion of time and resources.

Major projects: departmental publications

1029(am). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Treasurer for the Minister for Major Projects — with reference to each department, agency, and authority under the Minister’s administration from 1 January 2005 to 1 March 2006 — what are the details of all publications produced indicating in each case —

- (1) The title.
- (2) The date of issue.
- (3) Details of distribution.
- (4) The numbers printed.
- (5) The cost of production.
- (6) The purpose of production.
- (7) Who it was printed by.
- (8) Whether tenders were called.

ANSWER:

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

The broad nature of the question and given that identical questions have been asked across government indicates that this is not a genuine inquiry but a speculative question and as such a response would require an unreasonable diversion of time and resources.

Arts: government surveys

1030(e). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for the Arts — with reference to all surveys commissioned and conducted by all government departments, agencies or authorities under the Minister's administration between 1 March 2004 and 1 March 2006 —

- (1) What is the total number of surveys that have been commissioned or conducted.
- (2) What is the total cost of the surveys including —
 - (a) Production costs.
 - (b) The cost of the contracted firms conducting the surveys.

ANSWER:

I am informed that/as follows:

Arts Victoria has commissioned two surveys investigating participation and attendance by youth audiences and brand testing totalling \$91,000.

Financial services: government surveys

1030(s). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Financial Services — with reference to all surveys commissioned and conducted by all government departments, agencies or authorities under the Minister's administration between 1 March 2004 and 1 March 2006 —

- (1) What is the total number of surveys that have been commissioned or conducted.
- (2) What is the total cost of the surveys including —
 - (a) Production costs.
 - (b) The cost of the contracted firms conducting the surveys.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The broad nature of the question and given that identical questions have been asked across Government indicates that this is not a genuine inquiry but a wholesale trawling expedition and as such a response would require an unreasonable diversion of time and resources.

Manufacturing and export: government surveys

1030(z). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Manufacturing and Export — with reference to all surveys commissioned and conducted by all government departments, agencies or authorities under the Minister’s administration between 1 March 2004 and 1 March 2006 —

- (1) What is the total number of surveys that have been commissioned or conducted.
- (2) What is the total cost of the surveys including —
 - (a) Production costs.
 - (b) The cost of the contracted firms conducting the surveys.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The broad nature of the question and given that identical questions have been asked across Government indicates that this is not a genuine inquiry but a wholesale trawling expedition and as such a response would require an unreasonable diversion of time and resources.

Small business: government surveys

1030(ae). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Small Business — with reference to all surveys commissioned and conducted by all government departments, agencies or authorities under the Minister’s administration between 1 March 2004 and 1 March 2006 —

- (1) What is the total number of surveys that have been commissioned or conducted.
- (2) What is the total cost of the surveys including —
 - (a) Production costs.
 - (b) The cost of the contracted firms conducting the surveys.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The broad nature of the question and given that identical questions have been asked across Government indicates that this is not a genuine inquiry but a wholesale trawling expedition and as such a response would require an unreasonable diversion of time and resources.

Agriculture: external legal advice

1033(b). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Agriculture — what was the total amount spent on external legal advice by each department, agency or other authority under the Minister’s administration in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Primary Industries (DPI) external legal advice is sought from the Whole of Government Legal Services Panel, which is administered by the Department of Justice. For the 2004–05 financial year, records from the Department of Justice show that DPI spent \$950,960 (inclusive of GST) on external legal services. This expenditure includes legal fees, counsel fees, disbursements and other chargeables paid to Whole of Government Legal Panel firms, including work carried out by the Victorian Government Solicitor’s Office.

Providing a response for each agency or authority under the Minister's administration would place an undue strain on Departmental resources.

Resources: external legal advice

1033(c). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Agriculture for the Minister for Resources — what was the total amount spent on external legal advice by each department, agency or other authority under the Minister's administration in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please refer to the response for LA1033(aj) in the Legislative Assembly *Hansard* of 22 August 2006.

Arts: external legal advice

1033(e). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for the Arts — what was the total amount spent on external legal advice by each department, agency or other authority under the Minister's administration in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am informed that/as follows:

The total amount spent on external legal advice for 2004–05 for Arts Victoria was \$3,209.60. To obtain information from the seven arts agencies to the level of detail requested would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

Attorney-General: external legal advice

1033(f). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Attorney-General — what was the total amount spent on external legal advice by each department, agency or other authority under the Minister's administration in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

You should refer to the 2004–05 Department of Justice Annual Report.

Education and training: external legal advice

1033(k). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Education and Training — what was the total amount spent on external legal advice by each department, agency or other authority under the Minister's administration in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Details of legal expenses incurred by government departments and agencies are publicly available and can be found in the Government Legal Services Annual Report.

Arts: leasing arrangements

1034(e). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for the Arts — as at 1 March 2006 what is the total cost of leasing arrangements over the term of each contract for head office accommodation that has been entered into by all departments, agencies and authorities under the Minister’s administration.

ANSWER:

I am informed that/as follows:

Year 1 (Feb 03 to Jan 04) — \$32,205 per month (12 months — \$386,460)

Year 2 (Feb 04–Jan 05) — \$33,171 per month (12 months — \$398,053)

Year 3 (Feb 05–Jan 06) — \$34,166 per month (12 months — \$409,992)

Year 4 (Feb 06–Jan 07) — \$35,190 per month (12 months — \$422,280)

Year 5 (Feb 07–Jan 08) — \$36,247 per month (12 months — \$434,964)

WorkCover: stress leave

1035(d). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Agriculture for the Minister for WorkCover — with reference to each department, agency, and authority under the Minister’s administration — what is the total number of staff that have taken time off because of stress-related illnesses and of these —

- (1) What is the total number of days taken off by these staff.
- (2) What is the estimated cost of these staff absences
- (3) What are the details of each case.

ANSWER:

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

Staff are entitled to a range of authorised absences/leave including sick leave. No data is available as to whether any sick leave absences are due to any particular illness.

Arts: stress leave

1035(e). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for the Arts — with reference to each department, agency, and authority under the Minister’s administration — what is the total number of staff that have taken time off because of stress-related illnesses and of these —

- (1) What is the total number of days taken off by these staff.
- (2) What is the estimated cost of these staff absences
- (3) What are the details of each case.

ANSWER:

I am informed that/as follows:

Provision of details would be an unreasonable diversion of my Department’s resources.

Financial services: stress leave

1035(s). **Mr HONEYWOOD** to ask the Minister for Financial Services — with reference to each department, agency, and authority under the Minister’s administration — what is the total number of staff that have taken time off because of stress-related illnesses and of these —

- (1) What is the total number of days taken off by these staff.
- (2) What is the estimated cost of these staff absences
- (3) What are the details of each case.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The personal medical records of staff are in confidence between that staff member and their doctor, and therefore I have no intention of relaying details of staff members’ personal circumstances.

Manufacturing and export: stress leave

1035(z). **Mr HONEYWOOD** to ask the Minister for Manufacturing and Export — with reference to each department, agency, and authority under the Minister’s administration — what is the total number of staff that have taken time off because of stress-related illnesses and of these —

- (1) What is the total number of days taken off by these staff.
- (2) What is the estimated cost of these staff absences
- (3) What are the details of each case.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The personal medical records of staff are in confidence between that staff member and their doctor, and therefore I have no intention of relaying details of staff members’ personal circumstances.

Small business: stress leave

1035(ae). **Mr HONEYWOOD** to ask the Minister for Small Business — with reference to each department, agency, and authority under the Minister’s administration — what is the total number of staff that have taken time off because of stress-related illnesses and of these —

- (1) What is the total number of days taken off by these staff.
- (2) What is the estimated cost of these staff absences
- (3) What are the details of each case.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The personal medical records of staff are in confidence between that staff member and their doctor, and therefore I have no intention of relaying details of staff members’ personal circumstances.

Finance: stress leave

1035(ak). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Treasurer for the Minister for Finance — with reference to each department, agency, and authority under the Minister’s administration — what is the total number of staff that have taken time off because of stress-related illnesses and of these —

- (1) What is the total number of days taken off by these staff.
- (2) What is the estimated cost of these staff absences
- (3) What are the details of each case.

ANSWER:

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

Staff are entitled to a range of authorised absences/leave including sick leave. No data is available as to whether any sick leave absences are due to any particular illness.

Major projects: stress leave

1035(am). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Treasurer for the Minister for Major Projects — with reference to each department, agency, and authority under the Minister’s administration — what is the total number of staff that have taken time off because of stress-related illnesses and of these —

- (1) What is the total number of days taken off by these staff.
- (2) What is the estimated cost of these staff absences
- (3) What are the details of each case.

ANSWER:

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

Staff are entitled to a range of authorised absences/leave including sick leave. No data is available as to whether any sick leave absences are due to any particular illness.

WorkCover: workers compensation costs

1037(d). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Agriculture for the Minister for WorkCover — with reference to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s jurisdiction, including the Ministerial Office — how many employees, both permanent and non-permanent, are currently on workers compensation as a result of workplace injury and what is the estimated cost resulting from these claims.

ANSWER:

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

The broad nature of the question and given it is one of a number of questions asked across the government suggests that it is not a genuine inquiry but a speculative question, however information regarding workers compensation claims of the Victorian WorkCover Authority can be found in the annual report. I refer the member to it.

Financial services: workers compensation costs

1037(s). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Financial Services — with reference to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s jurisdiction, including the Ministerial Office — how many

employees, both permanent and non-permanent, are currently on workers compensation as a result of workplace injury and what is the estimated cost resulting from these claims.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

There were no employees in the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development under the Minister for Financial Services jurisdiction, who were on workers compensation as at 28 March 2006.

Manufacturing and export: workers compensation costs

1037(z). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Manufacturing and Export — with reference to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s jurisdiction, including the Ministerial Office — how many employees, both permanent and non-permanent, are currently on workers compensation as a result of workplace injury and what is the estimated cost resulting from these claims.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

There were no employees in the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development under the Minister for Manufacturing and Export’s jurisdiction, who were on workers compensation as at 28 March 2006.

Planning: workers compensation costs

1037(ab). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Planning — with reference to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s jurisdiction, including the Ministerial Office — how many employees, both permanent and non-permanent, are currently on workers compensation as a result of workplace injury and what is the estimated cost resulting from these claims.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Information regarding workplace incidents and workers compensation claims can be found in the annual report of each department, agency and authority. In addition, whole-of-government data is provided in the Victorian WorkCover Authority’s Annual Report.

Small business: workers compensation costs

1037(ae). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Small Business — with reference to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s jurisdiction, including the Ministerial Office — how many employees, both permanent and non-permanent, are currently on workers compensation as a result of workplace injury and what is the estimated cost resulting from these claims.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

There was one employee in the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development under the Minister for Small Business’s jurisdiction, who was on workers compensation as at 28 March 2006. This claim is still open and therefore I am unable to estimate a cost.

Finance: workers compensation costs

1037(ak). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Treasurer for the Minister for Finance — with reference to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s jurisdiction, including the Ministerial Office — how many employees, both permanent and non-permanent, are currently on workers compensation as a result of workplace injury and what is the estimated cost resulting from these claims.

ANSWER:

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

The broad nature of the question and given it is one of a number of questions asked across government suggests that it is not a genuine inquiry but a speculative question, however information regarding workers compensation claims of the Department of Treasury and Finance can be found in the annual report. I refer the member to it.

Major projects: workers compensation costs

1037(am). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Treasurer for the Minister for Major Projects — with reference to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s jurisdiction, including the Ministerial Office — how many employees, both permanent and non-permanent, are currently on workers compensation as a result of workplace injury and what is the estimated cost resulting from these claims.

ANSWER:

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

The broad nature of the question and given it is one of a number of questions asked across government suggests that it is not a genuine inquiry but a speculative question, information regarding workers compensation claims for Major Projects Victoria is included as part of the Department of Infrastructure annual report. I refer the member to it.

WorkCover: web site costs

1038(d). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Agriculture for the Minister for WorkCover — what is the total number of websites currently owned, operated or administered by each department, agency or authority within the Minister’s jurisdiction what has been the total cost for the design, administration and maintenance of each web site from 1 March 2004 to 1 March 2006.

ANSWER:

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

The broad nature of the question and given that identical questions have been asked across government indicates that this is not a genuine inquiry but a speculative question and as such a response would require an unreasonable diversion of time and resources.

Racing: web site costs

1038(ad). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Racing — what is the total number of websites currently owned, operated or administered by each department, agency or authority within the Minister’s jurisdiction what has been the total cost for the design, administration and maintenance of each web site from 1 March 2004 to 1 March 2006.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The web site costs are as follows:

Web site	Cost of design	Cost of administration	Cost of maintenance
<i>Greyhound Racing Victoria web site</i>			
www.grv.org.au	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$15,000
<i>Harness Racing Victoria websites</i>			
www.harness.org.au	Not applicable (designed before 1 March 2004)	\$4,633	Not applicable
www.nightofglory.com	Not applicable (designed before 1 March 2004)	Not applicable (Administered internally by HRV)	Not applicable (Maintained internally by HRV)
www.huntercup.com.au	Not applicable (designed before 1 March 2004)	Not applicable (Administered internally by HRV)	Not applicable (Maintained internally by HRV)
www.bomberharness.com	Not applicable (designed before 1 March 2004)	Not applicable (Administered internally by HRV)	Not applicable (Maintained internally by HRV)
www.viccup.com.au	Not applicable (designed before 1 March 2004)	Not applicable (Administered internally by HRV)	Not applicable (Maintained internally by HRV)
www.poppyjhc.com.au	Not applicable (designed before 1 March 2004)	Not applicable (Administered internally by HRV)	Not applicable (Maintained internally by HRV)
www.winharness.com	Not applicable (designed before 1 March 2004)	Not applicable (Administered internally by HRV)	\$4,427
www.racepacer.com.au	\$13,353	Not applicable (Administered internally by HRV)	\$885

Finance: web site costs

1038(ak). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Treasurer for the Minister for Finance — what is the total number of websites currently owned, operated or administered by each department, agency or authority within the Minister’s jurisdiction what has been the total cost for the design, administration and maintenance of each web site from 1 March 2004 to 1 March 2006.

ANSWER:

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

The broad nature of the question and given that identical questions have been asked across government indicates that this is not a genuine inquiry but a speculative question and as such a response would require an unreasonable diversion of time and resources.

Major projects: web site costs

1038(am). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Treasurer for the Minister for Major Projects — what is the total number of websites currently owned, operated or administered by each department, agency or authority within the Minister's jurisdiction what has been the total cost for the design, administration and maintenance of each web site from 1 March 2004 to 1 March 2006.

ANSWER:

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

The broad nature of the question and given that identical questions have been asked across government indicates that this is not a genuine inquiry but a speculative question and as such a response would require an unreasonable diversion of time and resources.

Women's affairs: web site costs

1038(ap). Mr HONEYWOOD to ask the Minister for Women's Affairs — what is the total number of websites currently owned, operated or administered by each department, agency or authority within the Minister's jurisdiction what has been the total cost for the design, administration and maintenance of each web site from 1 March 2004 to 1 March 2006.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

In my Women's Affairs portfolio, there is one web site — the Queen Victoria Women's Centre InfoHub, which enables women to get practical information about health and wellbeing, violence against women and work and family balance, cost a total of \$88,000 to establish and run from 1 March 2004 to 1 March 2006.