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

Tuesday, 28 March 2006

Health: public hospitals — staff

1338. THE HON. DAVID DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to each financial year from 1999-2000 to 2002-2003, how many staff were working in the public hospital system as — (i) medical staff; (ii) nursing staff; (iii) allied health staff; (iv) catering staff; (v) cleaning and maintenance staff; (vi) administrative staff; and (vii) social workers.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My answer to parts (i) to (vii) is that to the extent the information is publicly available it will be published in hospital annual reports. Any information over and above this is not routinely published.

Health: Bayside Health — consultancies

1426. THE HON. DAVID DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Bayside Health for 2002-03:

- (a) What was the total number of consultancy contracts over \$100,000.
- (b) What was the total cost of consultancy contracts over \$100,000.
- (c) What was the cost of each consultancy contract over \$100,000.
- (d) What is the name of the company that each of the consultancy contracts over \$100,000 was awarded to.
- (e) What is the contract purpose and description for each consultancy contract over \$100,000.
- (f) What was the commencement day of each consultancy contract over \$100,000.
- (g) What was or is the expiry date of each consultancy contract over \$100,000.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Human Services does not collect this information.

Health: Austin Health — consultancies

1439. THE HON. DAVID DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Austin Health for 2002-03:

- (a) What was the total number of consultancy contracts under \$100,000.
- (b) What was the total cost of consultancy contracts under \$100,000.
- (c) What was the cost of each consultancy contract under \$100,000.

- (d) What is the name of the company that each of the consultancy contracts under \$100,000 was awarded to.
- (e) What is the contract purpose and description for each consultancy contract under \$100,000.
- (f) What was the commencement day of each consultancy contract under \$100,000.
- (g) What was or is the expiry date of each consultancy contract under \$100,000.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Human Services does not collect this information.

Health: Bayside Health — consultancies

1440. THE HON. DAVID DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Bayside Health for 2002-03:

- (a) What was the total number of consultancy contracts under \$100,000.
- (b) What was the total cost of consultancy contracts under \$100,000.
- (c) What was the cost of each consultancy contract under \$100,000.
- (d) What is the name of the company that each of the consultancy contracts under \$100,000 was awarded to.
- (e) What is the contract purpose and description for each consultancy contract under \$100,000.
- (f) What was the commencement day of each consultancy contract under \$100,000.
- (g) What was or is the expiry date of each consultancy contract under \$100,000.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Human Services does not collect this information.

Health: Eastern Health — consultancies

1441. THE HON. DAVID DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Eastern Health for 2002-03:

- (a) What was the total number of consultancy contracts under \$100,000.
- (b) What was the total cost of consultancy contracts under \$100,000.
- (c) What was the cost of each contract under \$100,000.
- (d) What is the name of the company that each of the consultancy contracts under \$100,000 was awarded to.
- (e) What is the contract purpose and description for each consultancy contract under \$100,000.
- (f) What was the commencement day of each consultancy contract under \$100,000.
- (g) What was or is the expiry date of each consultancy contract under \$100,000.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Human Services does not collect this information.

Health: Rural Northwest Health — consultancies

1453. THE HON. DAVID DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Rural Northwest Health for 2002-03:

- (a) What is total cost of consultancy consultancies under \$100,000.
- (b) What is the name of each supplier for all consultancies under \$100,000.
- (c) What is the purpose of each contract under \$100,000.
- (d) What is the total cost of consultancies over \$100,000.
- (e) What is the name of each supplier for all consultancies over \$100,000.
- (f) What is the purpose of each contract over \$100,000.
- (g) How many executive salaries were paid by the health service.
- (h) What was the total cost of the executive salaries paid.
- (i) What were the names of those executives paid by the health service.
- (j) How many motor vehicles were purchased or under lease by the health service.
- (k) What was the total cost of motor vehicles purchased or under lease.
- (l) What was the total cost of staff accommodation paid by the health service.
- (m) How many mobile phone bills were paid by the health service.
- (n) What was the total cost of mobile phone bills paid for by the health service.
- (o) How many mobile phones are paid for by the health service.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Human Services does not collect this information.

Health: Terang and Mortlake Health Service — board members

1466. THE HON. DAVID DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Terang and Mortlake Health Service and the recent advertisement and appointment of board members:

- (a) How many board terms expired.
- (b) How many board positions were available to be filled.
- (c) Did those board members seek re-appointment.
- (d) How many applications were received for board appointment.
- (e) On what date were the board members appointed.
- (f) On what date did the terms of new board members commence.
- (g) On what date will the terms of the new board members be completed.
- (h) Are there any remaining board vacancies.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My answer to parts (a) to (h) is that information about board appointments considered to be in the public interest will be published by the hospital in its forthcoming annual report. Information over and above this is not routinely published.

Health: Tallangatta Health Service — board members

1467. THE HON. DAVID DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Tallangatta Health Service and the recent advertisement and appointment of board members:

- (a) How many board terms expired.
- (b) How many board positions were available to be filled.
- (c) Did those board members seek re-appointment.
- (d) How many applications were received for board appointment.
- (e) On what date were the board members appointed.
- (f) On what date did the terms of new board members commence
- (g) On what date will the terms of the new board members be completed.
- (h) Are there any remaining board vacancies.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My answer to parts (a) to (h) is that information about board appointments considered to be in the public interest will be published by the hospital in its forthcoming annual report. Information over and above this is not routinely published.

Health: Cohuna District Hospital — board members

1468. THE HON. DAVID DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Cohuna District Hospital and the recent advertisement and appointment of board members:

- (a) How many board terms expired.
- (b) How many board positions were available to be filled.
- (c) Did those board members seek re-appointment.
- (d) How many applications were received for board appointment.
- (e) On what date were the board members appointed.
- (f) On what date did the terms of new board members commence.
- (g) On what date will the terms of the new board members be completed.
- (h) Are there any remaining board vacancies.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My answer to parts (a) to (h) is that information about board appointments considered to be in the public interest will be published by the hospital in its forthcoming annual report. Information over and above this is not routinely published.

Health: Mansfield District Hospital — board members

1469. THE HON. DAVID DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Mansfield District Hospital and the recent advertisement and appointment of board members:

- (a) How many board terms expired.
- (b) How many board positions were available to be filled.
- (c) Did those board members seek re-appointment.

- (d) How many applications were received for board appointment.
- (e) On what date were the board members appointed.
- (f) On what date did the terms of new board members commence.
- (g) On what date will the terms of the new board members be completed.
- (h) Are there any remaining board vacancies.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My answer to parts (a) to (h) is that information about board appointments considered to be in the public interest will be published by the hospital in its forthcoming annual report. Information over and above this is not routinely published.

Health: Echuca Regional Hospital — board members

1470. THE HON. DAVID DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Echuca Regional Hospital and the recent advertisement and appointment of board members:

- (a) How many board terms expired.
- (b) How many board positions were available to be filled.
- (c) Did those board members seek re-appointment.
- (d) How many applications were received for board appointment.
- (e) On what date were the board members appointed.
- (f) On what date did the terms of new board members commence.
- (g) On what date will the terms of the new board members be completed.
- (h) Are there any remaining board vacancies.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My answer to parts (a) to (h) is that information about board appointments considered to be in the public interest will be published by the hospital in its forthcoming annual report. Information over and above this is not routinely published.

Health: Nathalia Hospital — board members

1471. THE HON. DAVID DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Nathalia Hospital and the recent advertisement and appointment of board members:

- (a) How many board terms expired.
- (b) How many board positions were available to be filled.
- (c) Did those board members seek re-appointment.
- (d) How many applications were received for board appointment.
- (e) On what date were the board members appointed.
- (f) On what date did the terms of new board members commence.
- (g) On what date will the terms of the new board members be completed.
- (h) Are there any remaining board vacancies.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My answer to parts (a) to (h) is that information about board appointments considered to be in the public interest will be published by the hospital in its forthcoming annual report. Information over and above this is not routinely published.

Health: Wodonga Regional Health Service — board members

1472. THE HON. DAVID DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Wodonga Regional Health Service and the recent advertisement and appointment of board members:

- (a) How many board terms expired.
- (b) How many board positions were available to be filled.
- (c) Did those board members seek re-appointment.
- (d) How many applications were received for board appointment.
- (e) On what date were the board members appointed.
- (f) On what date did the terms of new board members commence.
- (g) On what date will the terms of the new board members be completed.
- (h) Are there any remaining board vacancies.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My answer to parts (a) to (h) is that information about board appointments considered to be in the public interest will be published by the hospital in its forthcoming annual report. Information over and above this is not routinely published.

Health: South Gippsland Hospital — board members

1473. THE HON. DAVID DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to South Gippsland Hospital and the recent advertisement and appointment of board members:

- (a) How many board terms expired.
- (b) How many board positions were available to be filled.
- (c) Did those board members seek re-appointment.
- (d) How many applications were received for board appointment.
- (e) On what date were the board members appointed.
- (f) On what date did the terms of new board members commence.
- (g) On what date will the terms of the new board members be completed.
- (h) Are there any remaining board vacancies.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My answer to parts (a) to (h) is that information about board appointments considered to be in the public interest will be published by the hospital in its forthcoming annual report. Information over and above this is not routinely published.

Health: Alpine Health — board members

1474. THE HON. DAVID DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Alpine Health and the recent advertisement and appointment of board members:

- (a) How many board terms expired.
- (b) How many board positions were available to be filled.
- (c) Did those board members seek re-appointment.
- (d) How many applications were received for board appointment.
- (e) On what date were the board members appointed.
- (f) On what date did the terms of new board members commence.
- (g) On what date will the terms of the new board members be completed.
- (h) Are there any remaining board vacancies.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My answer to parts (a) to (h) is that information about board appointments considered to be in the public interest will be published by the hospital in its forthcoming annual report. Information over and above this is not routinely published.

Health: East Grampians Health Service — board members

1475. THE HON. DAVID DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to East Grampians Health Service and the recent advertisement and appointment of board members:

- (a) How many board terms expired.
- (b) How many board positions were available to be filled.
- (c) Did those board members seek re-appointment.
- (d) How many applications were received for board appointment.
- (e) On what date were the board members appointed.
- (f) On what date did the terms of new board members commence.
- (g) On what date will the terms of the new board members be completed.
- (h) Are there any remaining board vacancies.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My answer to parts (a) to (h) is that information about board appointments considered to be in the public interest will be published by the hospital in its forthcoming annual report. Information over and above this is not routinely published.

Health: Stawell Regional Health — board members

1476. THE HON. DAVID DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Stawell Regional Health and the recent advertisement and appointment of board members:

- (a) How many board terms expired.
- (b) How many board positions were available to be filled.

- (c) Did those board members seek re-appointment.
- (d) How many applications were received for board appointment.
- (e) On what date were the board members appointed.
- (f) On what date did the terms of new board members commence.
- (g) On what date will the terms of the new board members be completed.
- (h) Are there any remaining board vacancies.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My answer to parts (a) to (h) is that information about board appointments considered to be in the public interest will be published by the hospital in its forthcoming annual report. Information over and above this is not routinely published.

Health: Yarrawonga District Health Service — board members

1477. THE HON. DAVID DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Yarrawonga District Health Service and the recent advertisement and appointment of board members:

- (a) How many board terms expired.
- (b) How many board positions were available to be filled.
- (c) Did those board members seek re-appointment.
- (d) How many applications were received for board appointment.
- (e) On what date were the board members appointed.
- (f) On what date did the terms of new board members commence.
- (g) On what date will the terms of the new board members be completed.
- (h) Are there any remaining board vacancies.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My answer to parts (a) to (h) is that information about board appointments considered to be in the public interest will be published by the hospital in its forthcoming annual report. Information over and above this is not routinely published.

Health: Wonthaggi Hospital — board members

1478. THE HON. DAVID DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Wonthaggi Hospital and the recent advertisement and appointment of board members:

- (a) How many board terms expired.
- (b) How many board positions were available to be filled.
- (c) Did those board members seek re-appointment.
- (d) How many applications were received for board appointment.
- (e) On what date were the board members appointed.
- (f) On what date did the terms of new board members commence.
- (g) On what date will the terms of the new board members be completed.
- (h) Are there any remaining board vacancies.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My answer to parts (a) to (h) is that information about board appointments considered to be in the public interest will be published by the hospital in its forthcoming annual report. Information over and above this is not routinely published.

Information and communication technology: advertising campaigns

1490. THE HON. GORDON RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Information and Communication Technology: In relation to the department and each agency and authority within the Minister's administration, since 1 January 2003, what are the details of all advertising campaigns indicating the purpose and total costs of each campaign.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

A total of one advertising campaign was undertaken by the Department of Infrastructure relating to my Information and Communications Technology portfolio between 1 January 2003 and 30 March 2004.

The following program was undertaken:

1. New Realities ICT Careers Awareness Program

The purpose of this awareness campaign was to inform Victorians of the 2003 New Realities program which was launched on 15 April 2003 and concluded 19 September 2003. The program was aimed at the parents of students in Years 9 and 10, and provided valuable information about ICT careers so that parents could help their teenagers choose a bright future.

The total cost of the program including advertising was \$473,000.

There are no relevant agencies or authorities within my administration.

Information and communication technology: publications

1494. THE HON. GORDON RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Information and Communication Technology: Since January 2003 to 30 March 2004, what are the details of all publications produced, indicating in each case the — (i) title; (ii) date of issue/distribution; (iii) cost of production; (iv) number printed; (v) name of printer; (vi) details of distribution, including numbers and cost; and (vii) purpose of production.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

For a list of publications produced by Multimedia Victoria in the Department of Infrastructure, please refer to the Department's Annual Reports for 2002-03 and 2003-04.

There were no publications produced by the Office of the Chief Information Officer, Department of Premier and Cabinet for the requested period.

Police and emergency services: Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board — advertising

2162. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board's advertising undertaken between 1 July 2002 and 30 June 2003:

- (a) What was the — (i) date of approval of each contract; (ii) cost of each contract; (iii) purpose of the advertisements; and (iv) duration of each advertisement.
- (b) Where and when was each advertisement published or broadcast.
- (c) To whom was each contract awarded.

ANSWER:

The advertising expenditure undertaken by the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board between 1 July 2002 and 30 June 2003 totalled \$162,217.18. This figure is inclusive of GST (\$14,747.02). This expenditure includes advertising, sponsorship contribution and joint promotional work with other authorities. This consists of:

Fire Safety Community Education Programs:

These programs are designed to provide community education on fire safety.

- Shop-a-docket advertising to the Vietnamese communities in the Western suburbs of Melbourne - \$5,714.95 (\$5,195.41 excluding GST) for the period 19 November 2002 to 28 February 2003
- GasSafe—contribution of \$10,000 (\$9,090.91 excluding GST) toward the winter gas safety campaign conducted by the Office of Gas Safety—Winter 2003.
- Production and printing of winter fire safety campaign posters \$10,510.50 (\$9,555.00 excluding GST)
- MFB/CFA joint winter safety campaign totalling \$19,420.30 (\$17,654.82 excluding GST) coordinated by the CFA. The CFA manages this campaign. Please refer to the CFA for the campaign financial details.
- Yellow Pages advertising for Community Safety - \$6,089.00 (\$5,535.45 excluding GST)

Fire Equipment Services (FES)

FES is an independent business unit of the MFB and while it contributes to the financial performance of the organisation, it derives no funding from State or Local Government or from Insurance contributions.

- Annual advertising in the yellow pages \$26,884.00 (\$24,480 excluding GST)
- Production of marketing collateral including promotional calculators, pens, rulers, brochures, posters, signage and stationery \$58,258.20 (\$52,962.00 excluding GST). This amount includes several separate amounts spread across the financial year including:
 - \$31,270.00 (\$28,427.27 excluding GST) for marketing collateral as described above with a contract purchase order to Graphic Design Communications, approved and raised on 18 September 2002.
 - \$15,966.50 (\$14,515.00 excluding GST) purchase from Marketing Solutions Pty Ltd.

Request for Tenders

- In line with policy and financial delegations individual requests for tender totalled \$8,819.58 (\$8,017.80 excluding GST). This includes several tenders with individual contract purchase orders raised to cover each tender.

Staff Advertising

- Advertising for various situations vacant totalled \$11,020.65 (\$10,018.77 excluding GST) incorporating several positions throughout the year with media placements in The Melbourne Age, Herald-Sun, Geelong Advertiser, The Australian, and the Australian Financial Review.

Other

- Sponsorship contribution toward the Department of Justice Calendar targeting workforce diversity \$5,500.00 (\$5,000 excluding GST)

State and regional development: Victorian Industry Participation Policy report — projects

4709. THE HON. GRAEME STONEY — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for State and Regional Development): In relation to the Victorian Industry Participation Policy (VIPP) report for 2003-04:

- (1) Further to Table 1, 'Application of the VIPP since inception' on page 3 of the report —
 - (a) What were the 25 new projects that VIPP was applied to in 2001;
 - (b) What were the 46 new projects that VIPP was applied to in 2001-02;
 - (c) What were the 56 new projects that VIPP was applied to in 2002-03;
 - (d) What were the 99 new projects that VIPP was applied to in 2003-04;
 - (e) What new jobs were created from each of the 25 new projects that VIPP was applied to in 2001;
 - (f) What new jobs were created from each of the 46 new projects that VIPP was applied to in 2001-02;
 - (g) What new jobs were created from each of the 56 new projects that VIPP was applied to in 2002-03; and
 - (h) What new jobs were created from each of the 99 new projects that VIPP was applied to in 2003-04.
- (2) Further to point 3f on page 5 of the report —
 - (a) Why did VIPP not apply to 23 projects;
 - (b) To how many projects was VIPP partially applied and why;
 - (c) To how many projects was VIPP applied incorrectly;
 - (d) To which projects was VIPP applied incorrectly; and
 - (e) Why did some projects have VIPP applied incorrectly.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This matter is not part of my Ministerial responsibility.

Information and communication technology: consultancies

4883. THE HON. GORDON RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Information and Communication Technology: Since 1 April 2004, in respect of the department and each agency and authority within the Minister's administration, what are the details of each consultancy commissioned, indicating the —

- (a) date;
- (b) cost;
- (c) purpose;
- (d) name and address of the consultant;
- (e) recommendations made;
- (f) action taken in response to any recommendations; and

(g) whether tenders were called.

ANSWER:

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

For the period to 4 May 2005 when this Question was raised, the answers to points (a), (b), (c), (d) and (g) for my portfolio as Minister for Information and Communication Technology are contained in the Attachment.

However the information requested for points (e) and (f) of the question, is not readily available. The time and resources necessary to obtain and process the information sought cannot be justified.

There are no relevant agencies or authorities within my administration.

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Contract Name/Purpose	Vendor Name	Vendor Address	Procurement Method	Public Tender Called Y/N	Start Date	Current Contract Value (inc Var & Ext)
MULTIMEDIA VICTORIA, DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE						
Broadband Attitudinal Research	Open Mind Research Group	6 Drummond Street, Carlton	3 or More Quotations - DOI General Conditions for Provision of Services	N	21/4/04	\$38,000
Review of MMV Workforce Data Collection & Reporting	Fiveness Consulting	PO Box 359, Mt Waverly, 3149	1 Quotation - DOI General Conditions for Provision of Services	N	3/5/04	\$21,945
Sub-Sectors of Competitive Advantage within Victorian ICT Industry	Allen Consulting Group	4 th Floor, 128 Exhibition St, Melbourne 3000	Certificate of Waiver from Quotations - DOI Agreement for Professional Services or Consultancy	N	31/5/04	\$99,000
Economic Impacts of Broadband Adoption in Victoria—Additional Options	Acil Tasman	Lvl 6, 224-236 Queen St, Melbourne 3000	Certificate of Waiver from Quotations - DOI Agreement for Professional Services or Consultancy	N	18/6/04	\$15,000 (\$0 spent)
Financial Modelling—Wired Development	KPMG Corporate Finance	161 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000	Certificate of Waiver from Quotations - DOI Agreement for Professional Services or Consultancy	N	30/6/04	\$66,500
Whitehorse Competitive Study 2004	Whitehorse Strategic Group	Level 3, 45 Williams Street, Melbourne 3000	1 Quotation - DOI General Conditions for Provision of Services	N	1/7/04	\$15,950
Gas Pipeline Fibre Review	Gibson Quai	Level 1, 118 Balmain Street, Melbourne 3000	3 or More Quotations - DOI General Conditions for Provision of Services	N	19/7/04	\$132,000
ICT Market Assessment for P&TS Businesses in Victoria's Northern Region	Vision ICT	PO Box 848, Bendigo Central, 3552	3 or More Quotations - DOI General Conditions for Provision of Services	N	2/8/04	\$65,000
Modelling HiBIS Implications for Victoria	Acil Tasman	Lvl 6, 224-236 Queen St, Melbourne 3000	Certificate of Waiver from Quotations - DOI Agreement for Professional Services or Consultancy	N	23/8/04	\$60,000
Feasibility Study of Computer for Every Child	Pricewaterhouse Coopers	GPO Box 1331L, Melbourne 3001	Certificate of Waiver from Quotations - DOI Agreement for Professional Services or Consultancy	N	15/9/04	\$33,000

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Growing the ICT Industry through collaboration with strategic Victorian industry sectors	Dandolo Partners Pty Ltd	Level 34, 360 Collins St, Melbourne 3000	Public Tender	Y	8/12/04	\$148,500
Access to ICT Training for ICT Contractors	BDO Consulting	563 Bourke Street, Melbourne 3000	3 or More Quotations-DOI General Conditions for Provision of Services	N	2/5/05	\$93,500
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET						
Data Centre Consolidation Business Case development	Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	PO Box N837, Grosvenor Place, Sydney, NSW 1220	eServices Panel	N	13 April 04	\$41,800
Website Management Framework Communications Strategy Report	Tactics Consulting	Level 2, 180 Albert Road, South Melbourne, VIC 3205	eServices Panel	N	20 April 04	\$80,860
Website Management Framework Organisational Capability	ParisFirst Pty Ltd	Level 5.01/365 Little Collins St, Melbourne, VIC 3000	eServices Panel	N	3 May 04	\$94,400
Enterprise Content Management Strategic Project Plan	Landell Corporation	PO Box 18311, Melbourne, VIC 8003	1 quote	N	7 May 04	\$5,700
Enterprise Content Management Strategic Project Plan Cost Model	Total Metrics Pty Ltd	Suite 1, 667 Burke Rd, Camberwell, VIC 3124	3 quotes	N	24 May 04	15,000
State Crisis Centre Communications	Band 1 Solutions	17A Were St, Montmorency, VIC 3089	1 quote	N	11 Jun 04	\$7,700
Integrated Website Measurement and Demographic Profiling	Eclipse Group Pty Ltd	PO Box N837 Grosvenor Place, Sydney, NSW 1220	eServices Panel	N	1 Jun 04	\$248,820
ICT Strategy process and implementation	Wave Axion Pty Ltd	11 Otrira Rd, Caulfield North, VIC 3161	eServices Panel	N	18 Jun 04	\$3,465
Victorian Business Master Key Business Case and Project Initiation Document	Stenning and Associates Pty Ltd	Office 1, 51 Salamanca Place, Hobart, TAS 7000	eServices Panel	N	5 Jul 04	\$109,395
Data Centre Consolidation Probity Advisory Services	Blake Dawson Waldron	Level 39, 101 Collins St, Melbourne, VIC 3000	Legal Services panel	N	19 Jul 04	\$25,000
Data Centre Consolidation DET Business Case Development	SMS Management and Technology	Level 18, IBM Centre, Southbank, VIC 3006	eServices Panel	N	26 Jul 04	\$34,650
Whole of Victorian Government (WoVG) Grants , Strategic Policy Framework Analysis	NOUS Group	380 Flinders Lane, Melbourne VIC 3000	eServices Panel	N	26 Jul 04	\$49,665

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Development of a Strategic Business Plan for VICNET	TFG International	Level 12 Gateway, 1 Macquarie Place, Circular, Sydney, NSW 2000	3 quotes	N	29 Jul 04	\$52,500
Development of an approach for valuation of intangible benefits	Intangible Management Pty Ltd	Suite 157, 199 Toorak Rd, South Yarra, VIC 3141	Exemption from 3 quotes	N	16 Aug 04	\$55,000
Data Centre Consolidation Strategic Project Plan advisory services	Landell Corporation	PO Box 18311, Melbourne, VIC 8003	1 quote	N	17 Aug 04	\$13,000
Human Resource Management System Business Process Strategy	Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	GPO Box 78B, Melbourne, VIC 3001	eServices Panel	N	23 Aug 04	\$278,800
Website Management Framework Stage 2B Implementation	MKS Consulting Systems	2 Ferguson St, Williamstown VIC 3016	eServices Panel	N	27 Aug 04	\$70,909
WoVG Shared Services Business Model—Initiation phase	Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	GPO Box 78B, Melbourne, VIC 3001	eServices Panel	N	1 Oct 04	\$100,000
Enterprise Architecture Methodology Implementation Plan	META Group	Level 7, 10 Barrack St, Sydney, NSW 2000	3 quotes	N	5 Oct 04	\$30,000
WoVG Electronic Grants Management Requirements and Business Case	Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	GPO Box 78B, Melbourne, VIC 3001	eServices Panel	N	1 Nov 04	\$98,400
Software Metrics Services—WoVG Electronic Grants Management System Request For Tender process	Total Metrics Pty Ltd	Suite 1, 667 Burke Rd, Camberwell, VIC 3124	eServices Panel	N	17 Nov 04	\$78,750
Website User Interface Standards	Acumentum Pty Ltd	Level 11, Ashley House, 409 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne, VIC 3004	eServices Panel	N	26 Nov 04	\$39,800
Development of a Business Case and Project Initiation Document (PID) for the Victorian Business Masterkey (VBMK)	Stemming and Associates	Office 1, 51 Salamanca Place, Hobart, TAS 7000	eServices Panel	N	1 Dec 04	\$17,600
Land Exchange Investment review	TFG International	Level 12 Gateway, 1 Macquarie Place, Circular Quay, Sydney, NSW 2000	1 quote	N	6 Jan 05	\$18,000

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Contract Name/Purpose	Vendor Name	Vendor Address	Procurement Method	Public Tender Called Y/N	Start Date	Current Contract Value (inc Var & Ext)
Revision to WoVG Electronic Grants Management System Business Case	Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	GPO Box 78B, Melbourne, VIC 3001	eServices Panel	N	14 Jan 05	\$3,740
Legal advice on Open Standing Offer Arrangements for Assets	Blake Dawson Waldron	Level 39, 101 Collins St, Melbourne, VIC 3000	Probity Services panel	N	23 Feb 05	\$3,000
Propose options and identify costs for the LEAP database redevelopment.	Charismatek	175 Dorcas St, South Melbourne, VIC 3205	eServices Panel	N	10 Mar 05	\$24,000
LEAP redevelopment options	Software Engineering Management	4 Sadie St, Mount Waverley, VIC 3149	3 quotes	N	10 Mar 05	\$20,000
Shared Services Business Case Development	PA Consulting	Level 30, 360 Collins St, Melbourne, VIC 3000	eServices Panel	N	11 Apr 05	\$88,000
Major ICT Project Reporting	Software Engineering Management	4 Sadie St, Mount Waverley, VIC 3149	3 quotes	N	2 May 05	\$15,000
Shared Services Business Case Development	Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	GPO Box 78B, Melbourne, VIC 3001	eServices Panel	N	3 May 05	\$321,200

Major projects: Docklands Authority — communications staff

4992. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: As at 30 June 2005:

- (1) How many officers in the Docklands Authority are engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.
- (2) What is the salary band for each of these officers.
- (3) What is the job title for each of these officers.

ANSWER:

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

As at 30 June 2005, the Docklands Authority did not exist. Docklands Authority and the URLC merged on 1 August 2003 to form VicUrban. Given this, there were no Docklands Authority officers engaged in communications as at 30 June 2005.

Major projects: VicUrban — communications staff

4993. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: As at 30 June 2005:

- (1) How many officers in the VicUrban are engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.
- (2) What is the salary band for each of these officers.
- (3) What is the job title for each of these officers.

ANSWER:

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

VicUrban is involved in one the biggest urban renewal programs undertaken in Australia and as a result interaction with stakeholders and the Victorian public is a necessary part of that program.

Therefore, a number of VicUrban staff at times may engage in communications. On this basis, it would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to provide the information requested.

Arts: Opera Victoria — performance dates

5258. THE HON. ANDREA COOTE — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for the Arts): In relation to the Government's new policy to re-establish Opera Victoria:

- (1) On what date will it be confirmed where Opera Victoria will perform.
- (2) On what date will the new Opera Victoria start performing.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The announcement of performance venues and dates will be made by Victorian Opera in 2006.

Arts: Opera Victoria — funding

5259. THE HON. ANDREA COOTE — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for the Arts): From where will funding for the new Opera Victoria project come.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The allocation of \$7.6m over four years for a Victorian opera venture was announced in the 2005-06 budget.

Arts: Edith Melva Thompson Bequest Fund — uses

5260. THE HON. ANDREA COOTE — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for the Arts): In relation to the Edith Melva Thompson Bequest Fund:

- (1) Has Arts Victoria used any of this bequest fund to date.
- (2) Does the Government plan to use this bequest fund in the future.
- (3) If this fund is to be used, specifically where within Arts Victoria would it be used.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Arts Victoria is not a party to the proceedings in which the executors of the will of Mrs Thompson have sought the Supreme Court's directions as to who should receive the bequest.

Arts: Australian Centre for the Moving Image — stability

5261. THE HON. ANDREA COOTE — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for the Arts): How is the Government going to achieve and sustain the operational and financial stability of the Australian Centre for the Moving Image in 2005-06.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of ACMI's financial results for 2004-2005 are contained in the organisation's annual report.

Arts: Victorian College of the Arts and University of Melbourne — proposed amalgamation

5262. THE HON. ANDREA COOTE — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for the Arts):

- (1) Does the Government support the proposed amalgamation of the Victorian College of the Arts and the University of Melbourne.
- (2) What are the reasons for the Government's response to this issue.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Victorian College of the Arts has been an affiliated college of the University of Melbourne since 1991. The Victorian College of the Arts will fully integrate with the University from 1 January 2007, becoming the Faculty of the VCA.

Arts: Victorian College of the Arts — funding

5263. THE HON. ANDREA COOTE — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for the Arts): What funding has the Government (through Arts Victoria) given to the Victorian College of the Arts in 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004 and 2004-2005, respectively.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Since 1999/2000 the Victorian College of the Arts has received from the State Government a total of \$1,300,964.28 in operating funding and \$10 million in capital funds.

Police and emergency services: mobile traffic safety cameras

5281. THE HON. ANDREW BRIDESON — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): What is the general criteria for the siting of mobile traffic safety cameras.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The primary aim of the mobile camera program is to encourage drivers to comply with speed limits, and thus reduce the unacceptable level of trauma on Victoria's roads.

Mobile speed camera site selection is a critical element of the speed camera program and the criteria have been carefully developed to meet known technical, legal and community acceptance requirements.

The placement of mobile cameras is influenced by accident statistics and other risk factors identified by Victoria Police in consultation with VicRoads, the Transport Accident Commission and Community Road Safety Councils.

Potential mobile camera sites are assessed by the various Traffic Management Units of Victoria Police and have a documented history of serious and major injury collisions within the previous 12 months or have been the subject of a valid written complaint of excessive speeds. The written assessment must indicate that driver behaviour demonstrates a significant risk of speed related collisions.

Prior to a location being used as a mobile camera site, it must first be evaluated and approved by the relevant Traffic Management Unit.

Arts: State Library of Victoria — deaccession of newspaper collection

5318. THE HON. ANDREA COOTE — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for the Arts): In relation to the State Library of Victoria's proposal to deaccession its newspaper collection:

- (1) What is the dollar value of the newspapers that the Library proposes to deaccession.
- (2) How much will it cost the Library to deaccession its newspapers.
- (3) What accounting model has the Library used to determine the value of the assets it proposes to deaccession and why was this model selected over other accounting models.
- (4) What dollar value did the Library place on the social capital stored in the newspapers it has acquired and stored over the last century and which it now proposes to deaccession.
- (5) How was this dollar value used to determine which newspapers the Library chose to deaccession from its collections.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The newspapers proposed for deaccessioning have no commercial value and that the Library estimates that direct costs for deaccessioning these papers will be less than \$2,000.

Arts: State Library of Victoria — deaccession of newspaper collections

5319. THE HON. ANDREA COOTE — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for the Arts): In relation to the State Library of Victoria's proposal to deaccession newspaper collections from the Library, what are the long-term plans for the collections.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Library will continue to collect and store all Victorian newspapers, and selected interstate and international titles. The Library currently provides electronic access to over 300 international and Australian newspapers.

Arts: State Library of Victoria — deaccession of newspaper collections

5320. THE HON. ANDREA COOTE — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for the Arts): What are the Government's reasons for proposing to deaccession:

- (1) The State Library of Victoria's 20 year run collection of the Queensland *Maryborough Chronicle* newspaper to the National Library of Australia.
- (2) Interstate and international hard copy newspapers, including 'unique issues', that have been purchased with Victorian funds and that are used for purposes of research.
- (3) Other parts of the Library's newspaper collection.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The State Library does not propose to deaccession a 20-year run of the *Maryborough Chronicle* to the National Library of Australia.

Environment: Sustainability and Environment — freedom of information requests

6079. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Department of Sustainability and Environment for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of the number of requests received and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Glenelg-Hopkins Catchment Management Authority — freedom of information requests

6093. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Glenelg-Hopkins Catchment Management Authority for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Goulburn-Broken Catchment Management Authority — freedom of information requests

6094. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Goulburn-Broken Catchment Management Authority for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Mallee Catchment Management Authority — freedom of information requests

6095. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Mallee Catchment Management Authority for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: North Central Catchment Management Authority — freedom of information requests

6096. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the North Central Catchment Management Authority for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: North East Catchment Management Authority — freedom of information requests

6097. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the North East Catchment Management Authority for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority — freedom of information requests

6098. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority — freedom of information requests

6099. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Wimmera Catchment Management Authority — freedom of information requests

6100. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Wimmera Catchment Management Authority for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Victorian Coastal Council — freedom of information requests

6101. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Victorian Coastal Council for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Victorian Environment Assessment Council — freedom of information requests

6102. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Victorian Environment Assessment Council for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Central Coastal Board — freedom of information requests

6103. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Central Coastal Board for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER

I am informed that:

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Gippsland Coastal Board — freedom of information requests

6104. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Gippsland Coastal Board for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Western Coastal Board — freedom of information requests

6105. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Western Coastal Board for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;

- (c) released in full; and
- (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Barwon Water — freedom of information requests

6106. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by Barwon Water for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Central Gippsland Water — freedom of information requests

6107. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by Central Gippsland Water for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Central Highlands Water — freedom of information requests

6108. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by Central Highlands Water for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Coliban Water — freedom of information requests

6109. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by Coliban Water for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Westernport Water — freedom of information requests

6110. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by Westernport Water for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Glenelg Water — freedom of information requests

6111. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by Glenelg Water for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Goulburn Valley Water — freedom of information requests

6112. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by Goulburn Valley Water for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Lower Murray Urban and Rural Water Authority — freedom of information requests

6114. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Lower Murray Urban and Rural Water Authority for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: North East Region Water Authority — freedom of information requests

6115. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the North East Region Water Authority for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Portland Coast Water — freedom of information requests

6116. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by Portland Coast Water for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: South West Water — freedom of information requests

6117. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by South West Water for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Western Region Water Authority — freedom of information requests

6118. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Western Region Water Authority for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: First Mildura Irrigation Trust — freedom of information requests

6119. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the First Mildura Irrigation Trust for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Southern Rural Water — freedom of information requests

6120. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by Southern Rural Water for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Goulburn-Murray Water — freedom of information requests

6121. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by Goulburn-Murray Water for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Lower Murray Water — freedom of information requests

6122. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by Lower Murray Water for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water — freedom of information requests

6123. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: City West Water — freedom of information requests

6124. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by City West Water for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Police and emergency services: Victoria State Emergency Service — stress-related leave

7090. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to staff members of the Victoria State Emergency Service on stress-related leave in 2004-05, what was the — (i) number of days taken; (ii) estimated cost; and (iii) total number of staff involved.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (i) Information relating to the number of stress leave days taken is unavailable. However, the duration of the claims can be provided as follows:
 - Case 1: Claim duration 21 Jun 04 to 24 Jan 05;
 - Case 2: Claim duration 18 Oct 04 to 17 Aug 05;
 - Case 3: Claim duration 2 Feb 05 to 17 Aug 05.
- (ii) The estimated cost is \$45,056.
- (iii) A total of three WorkCover claims were made. Each claim was made by a volunteer.

It should be noted that VICSES maintains a Critical Incident Stress Management Program, headed by a staff psychologist and staffed by volunteer members of the Service, which considerably ameliorates the impact on VICSES responders of the stressful aspects of their work in dealing with emergency situations.

Attorney-General: Municipal Electoral Tribunal — stress-related leave

7099. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): In relation to staff members of the Municipal Electoral Tribunal on stress-related leave in 2004-05, what was the — (i) number of days taken; (ii) estimated cost; and (iii) total number of staff involved.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

There was no stress-related leave taken by staff of the Municipal Electoral Tribunal in 2004-05.

Environment: Caulfield Racecourse Trust — stress-related leave

7180. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of the Caulfield Racecourse Trust on stress-related leave in 2004-05, what was the — (i) number of days taken; (ii) estimated cost; and (iii) total number of staff involved.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Caulfield Racecourse Trust is not within my portfolio responsibilities and your question should more appropriately be asked of the responsible Minister.

Environment: National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust — stress-related leave

7181. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of the National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust on stress-related leave in 2004-05, what was the — (i) number of days taken; (ii) estimated cost; and (iii) total number of staff involved.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust ceased to exist in 1995.

Environment: Phillip Island Nature Park Board — stress-related leave

7182. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of the Phillip Island Nature Park Board of Management on stress-related leave in 2004-05, what was the — (i) number of days taken; (ii) estimated cost; and (iii) total number of staff involved.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Phillip Island Nature Park Board of Management is not within my portfolio responsibilities and your question should more appropriately be asked of the responsible Minister.

Environment: Shrine of Remembrance Trust — stress-related leave

7183. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of the Shrine of Remembrance Trust on stress-related leave in 2004-05, what was the — (i) number of days taken; (ii) estimated cost; and (iii) total number of staff involved.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Shrine of Remembrance Trust is not within my portfolio responsibilities and your question should more appropriately be asked of the responsible Minister.

Environment: Yarra Bend Park Trust — stress-related leave

7184. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of the Yarra Bend Park Trust on stress-related leave in 2004-05, what was the — (i) number of days taken; (ii) estimated cost; and (iii) total number of staff involved.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Yarra Bend Park Trust is not within my portfolio responsibilities and your question should more appropriately be asked of the responsible Minister.

Environment: Timber Promotion Council — stress-related leave

7194. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of the Timber Promotion Council on stress-related leave in 2004-05, what was the — (i) number of days taken; (ii) estimated cost; and (iii) total number of staff involved.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Timber Promotion Council is not within my portfolio responsibilities and your question should more appropriately be asked of the responsible Minister.

Environment: Historic Buildings Management Committee — stress-related leave

7247. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of the Historic Buildings Management Committee on stress-related leave in 2004-05, what was the — (i) number of days taken; (ii) estimated cost; and (iii) total number of staff involved.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Historic Buildings Management Committee ceased to exist in 1999.

Commonwealth Games: Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Pty Ltd — stress-related leave

7273. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Commonwealth Games: In relation to staff members of Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Pty Ltd on stress-related leave in 2004-05, what was the — (i) number of days taken; (ii) estimated cost; and (iii) total number of staff involved.

ANSWER:

I am informed that/as follows:

Due to the parameters set under privacy legislation regarding personal information, Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Corporation (M2006) is only able to determine the number of WorkCover stress related cases and is not in a position to comment on any personal sick leave details.

In view of this, the number of M2006 staff on WorkCover stress-related leave in 2004-05 is nil.

Premier: Racing and Gambling Acts (Amendment) Bill — royal assent

7375. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Premier): With reference to his undated letter to the Presiding Officers concerning the delay of Royal Assent to the Racing and Gambling Acts (Amendment) Bill —

- (1) On what date was it brought to the attention of the Government that there were significant compliance issues with a group of stakeholders.
- (2) Who specifically brought these issues to the attention of the Government.
- (3) By what process were these issues brought to the attention of the Government.
- (4) Which group of stakeholders had these concerns.
- (5) What action did the Government take to assess the issues so raised.
- (6) Were the views of Racing Victoria Limited sought once these issues had been brought to the attention of the Government.
- (7) What specific actions were necessary by the concerned stakeholders to bring them into compliance.
- (8) How did the Government determine that six weeks was the appropriate length of time for deferral.
- (9) Why didn't the Government publicly announce its decision to advise the Governor to defer assent.
- (10) What other legislation has been deferred in Victoria in this way since the advent of responsible government.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) During October 2005.
- (2) The Australian Association of Bookmaking Companies, Racing Victoria Limited, corporate bookmakers and other wagering service providers.
- (3) By a variety of methods to the Minister for Racing.
- (4) Answered in response to question 2.
- (5) The Minister for Racing requested departmental advice.
- (6) Yes.
- (7) The Government ensured that the racing codes in exercising their new powers were aware of the need for procedural fairness and processes specific to each of the three (3) codes and the need for affected wagering providers to be notified.
- (8) As a reasonable period to ensure the department could provide the advice confirming industry compliance and readiness, including advising affected operators of their obligations.
- (9) The Government used appropriate Parliamentary procedures.
- (10) Solicitor Generals' legal opinion is that the deferral advice to the Governor was constitutional.

Health: fluorosis

7379. THE HON. PETER HALL — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): What is the rate of fluorosis in Melbourne school children, including the source of the figures.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The prevalence of dental fluorosis in Melbourne children is within expected limits. A 1998 study by the University of Melbourne concluded that *'that the degree of fluorosis in Melbourne is within expected limits of an optimally fluoridated community. This degree of fluorosis is of no public health concern, and the Melbourne water fluoridation program is strongly endorsed.'*

Name of study: Dental fluorosis prevalence in Melbourne 12-year-olds is within expected limits

Evans W., Morgan M. and Conn J.

The University of Melbourne

Presented at the IADR ANZ Division 38th Annual Scientific Meeting, September 1998

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Wednesday, 29 March 2006

Arts: State Library of Victoria — deaccession of newspaper collections

5321. THE HON. ANDREA COOTE — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for the Arts): In relation to the proposal to deaccession newspapers at the State Library of Victoria, has the Government and the Library consulted with the Crown Law Department as to whether the current deaccession proposals comply with the intent and spirit of the *Libraries Act 1988*.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Section 50 of the *Libraries Act 1988* is clear in the arrangements for the disposal of assets, including deaccessioning items from the Collation.

Arts: State Library of Victoria, Ballarat storage facility — contract

5324. THE HON. ANDREA COOTE — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for the Arts):

- (1) When will the State Library of Victoria's service contract with the University of Ballarat for the running of the Library's Ballarat storage facility be finalised.
- (2) What are the reasons for the service contract not having been finalised.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The service contract between the State Library of Victoria and the University of Ballarat will be finalised in time to commence operations at the store. This is in accordance with the Library's timetable for this project.

Arts: State Library of Victoria, Ballarat storage facility — transfer of storage items

5325. THE HON. ANDREA COOTE — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for the Arts): In relation to the State Library of Victoria's storage facility in Ballarat, why will the transfer of the Library's storage items take a total of eight months to be delivered and made available to the public.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The collection needs to be thoroughly cleaned, sorted, packaged and labeled prior to the move. The move will be sequenced carefully to ensure that the collection is shelved in correct order for easy retrieval.

Arts: State Library of Victoria, Ballarat storage facility — construction

5326. THE HON. ANDREA COOTE — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for the Arts): In relation to the State Library of Victoria's storage facility in Ballarat:

- (1) Can the Library guarantee that the lack of synchronicity between the signing of the contract for the construction of the storage facility for the Library, and the yet-to-be-signed contract with the University of Ballarat, has not given the University any advantage in negotiations over the services it will provide the Library and has not jeopardised the best outcome for the Library's users.
- (2) Will the search for missing books currently offered by the Library be part of its service contract with the University of Ballarat.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Library has an excellent working relationship with the University of Ballarat which will help to ensure a mutually beneficial arrangement and a high standard of service for its users from the new storage facility.

The Library will continue to provide this service.

Arts: State Library of Victoria, Ballarat storage facility — contractual arrangements and auditing process

5327. THE HON. ANDREA COOTE — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for the Arts): In relation to the State Library of Victoria's storage facility in Ballarat:

- (1) What particular government policy relating to contractual obligations of a non-State Government service provider has guided the Library's negotiations with the University of Ballarat.
- (2) What key performance indicators will be used to determine whether the University is meeting its contractual obligations in running the Library's Ballarat storage facility.
- (3) Will an independent auditor conduct an audit of the key performance indicators specified in the service contract between the Library and the University of Ballarat.
- (4) How often would this independent audit occur.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The negotiations are being conducted in accordance with all relevant government policy.

Key performance indicators will be established as part of the service contract.

A regular audit of the key performance indicators will be conducted by the Library's internal auditors.

Arts: State Library of Victoria, Ballarat storage facility — staff reductions

5328. THE HON. ANDREA COOTE — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for the Arts): In relation to the reduction of services at the State Library of Victoria which have taken place in 2005, does the Minister envisage further reductions in the next 3 years; if so, which services will these be and why.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Library will continue to review its services from time to time and make changes to ensure that available resources are put to the best possible use.

Arts: State Library of Victoria — evening services

5329. THE HON. ANDREA COOTE — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for the Arts): In relation to services at the State Library of Victoria, when does the Minister envisage a resumption of normal evening services such as book retrieval from the stacks, access to the Australiana reference desk and key reference room.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Library will continue to review its services from time to time and make changes to ensure that available resources are put to the best possible use.

Environment: Historic Buildings Management Committee — entertainment expenses

5371. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Historic Buildings Management Committee's entertainment expenses incurred in 2004-05, what are the itemised details of all expenditure in excess of \$500, including —

- (a) date incurred;
- (b) cost;
- (c) number of guests;
- (d) purpose; and
- (e) name of service provider.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Historic Buildings Management Committee ceased to exist in 1999.

Arts: Film Victoria — external legal advice

5543. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for the Arts): How much has been spent by Film Victoria on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The amount spent on legal advice by Film Victoria since 1 June 2004 totals \$12,910.02.

Arts: Geelong Performing Arts Centre Trust — external legal advice

5544. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for the Arts): How much has been spent by the Geelong Performing Arts Centre Trust on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Geelong Performing Arts Centre Trust has spent nothing on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

Arts: Council of Trustees of the National Gallery of Victoria — external legal advice

5545. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for the Arts): How much has been spent by the Council of Trustees of the National Gallery of Victoria on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Council of Trustees of the National Gallery of Victoria manages the affairs of the National Gallery of Victoria. Total expenditure by the Gallery on legal advice was \$96,154.

Arts: National Gallery of Victoria — external legal advice

5546. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for the Arts): How much has been spent by the National Gallery of Victoria on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

See answer 5545.

Arts: Library Board of Victoria — external legal advice

5547. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for the Arts): How much has been spent by the Library Board of Victoria on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Library Board of Victoria manages the affairs of the State Library of Victoria. Total expenditure by the Library on legal advice from 1 June 2004 to 30 September 2005 was \$42,200.

Arts: State Library of Victoria — external legal advice

5548. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for the Arts): How much has been spent by the State Library of Victoria on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

See answer 5547.

Arts: Museums Board of Victoria — external legal advice

5549. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for the Arts): How much has been spent by the Museums Board of Victoria on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Estimated legal advice provided to Museums Board of Victoria since 1 June 2004 amounts to \$295,001.26.

Arts: Museum Victoria — external legal advice

5550. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for the Arts): How much has been spent by the Museum Victoria on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

See answer 5549.

Arts: Victorian Arts Centre Trust — external legal advice

5551. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for the Arts): How much has been spent by the Victorian Arts Centre Trust on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The total expenditure by the Victorian Arts Centre Trust on legal advice since 1 June 2004 was \$230,450.39.

Arts: Victorian Council of the Arts — external legal advice

5552. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for the Arts): How much has been spent by the Victorian Council of the Arts on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Victorian Council of the Arts has no expenditure on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

Environment: Caulfield Racecourse Trust — external legal advice

5587. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the Caulfield Racecourse Trust on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Caulfield Racecourse Trust is not within my portfolio responsibilities and your question should more appropriately be asked of the responsible Minister.

Environment: National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust — external legal advice

5588. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust ceased to exist in 1995.

Environment: Phillip Island Nature Park Board of Management — external legal advice

5589. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the Phillip Island Nature Park Board of Management on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Phillip Island Nature Park Board of Management is not within my portfolio responsibilities and your question should more appropriately be asked of the responsible Minister.

Environment: Shrine of Remembrance Trust — external legal advice

5590. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the Shrine of Remembrance Trust on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Shrine of Remembrance Trust is not within my portfolio responsibilities and your question should more appropriately be asked of the responsible Minister.

Environment: Yarra Bend Park Trust — external legal advice

5591. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the Yarra Bend Park Trust on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Yarra Bend Park Trust is not within my portfolio responsibilities and your question should more appropriately be asked of the responsible Minister.

Environment: Timber Promotion Council — external legal advice

5601. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the Timber Promotion Council on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Timber Promotion Council is not within my portfolio responsibilities and your question should more appropriately be asked of the responsible Minister.

Environment: Historic Buildings Management Committee — external legal advice

5655. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the Historic Buildings Management Committee on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Historic Buildings Management Committee ceased to exist in 1999.

Police and emergency services: Victoria State Emergency Service — entertainment expenses

5726. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to the Victoria State Emergency Service's entertainment expenses for 2004-05:

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

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) Expenditure on entertainment expenses totalled \$875.05.
- (2) There were no items of expenditure exceeding \$500.

Racing: Greyhound Racing Victoria — entertainment expenses

5748. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Racing): In relation to Greyhound Racing Victoria’s entertainment expenses for 2004-05:

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

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) \$67,759.13
- (2) Itemised details of all expenditure in excess of \$500:

(a) Date	25/11/2004	9/12/2004	10/12/2004	11/02/2005	18/02/2005
(b) Cost	\$981.82	\$503.31	\$4,027.27	\$1,035.00	\$57,778.92
(c) No. of Guests	18	42	48	12	426
(d) Purpose	Entertain the following Industry partners: TABCORP, Harness Racing Victoria, Media/Advertising/Sponsorship Premium Beverages; Tourism Victoria; 45 Degrees; Craftsman Press; Outdoor Media; Football Victoria, Andrew McKay.	Christmas Function	Stakeholder Function	Club Managers/ Greyhound Racing Victoria Senior Managers dinner	Greyhound of the Year - 2004
(e) Service Provider	Sandown Greyhound Racing Club	Greyhound Racing Victoria— held on premises	Link Tours—Emu Bottom	Chine On Paramount.	Crown Casino

Racing: Harness Racing Victoria — entertainment expenses

5749. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Racing): In relation to Harness Racing Victoria’s entertainment expenses for 2004-05:

- (1) What was the total cost incurred.

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

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) \$16,157.
- (2) Itemised details of all expenditure in excess of \$500:

(a) Date	(b) Cost	(c) Guests	(d) Purpose	(e) Service Provider
Aug-04	\$2,610	28	Industry Promotion - Vin Knight Medal Dinner	Harness Racing Weekly
Sep-04	\$787	10	Grand Final Luncheon	Vingt Cinq Club
Oct-04	\$1,091	20	Industry Promotion - Lewinns Ladies Luncheon	Moonee Valley Race Club
Nov-04	\$720	8	Industry Promotion - Caduceus Club Luncheon	Caduceus Club
Nov-04	\$1,756	22	Stewards Function	Melbourne Savage Club
Dec-04	\$5,713	94	Christmas Function	Atlantic South Warf
Dec-04	\$1,018	20	Christmas Lunch	Vic Harbour Kitchen & Bar

Police and emergency services: Private Agents Registry — entertainment expenses

5762. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to the Private Agents Registry’s entertainment expenses for 2004-05:

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

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) The total cost incurred from entertainment expenses by the Private Agents Registry in 2004-05 was \$1,102.41.
- (2) There were no individual items which exceeded \$500.

Environment: Caulfield Racecourse Trust — entertainment expenses

5814. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Caulfield Racecourse Trust's entertainment expenses for 2004-05:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Caulfield Racecourse Trust is not within my portfolio responsibilities and your question should more appropriately be asked of the responsible Minister.

Environment: National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust — entertainment expenses

5815. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust's entertainment expenses for 2004-05:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust ceased to exist in 1995.

Environment: Phillip Island Nature Park Board of Management — entertainment expenses

5816. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Phillip Island Nature Park Board of Management's entertainment expenses for 2004-05:

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

- (d) purpose; and
- (e) name of service provider.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Phillip Island Nature Park Board of Management is not within my portfolio responsibilities and your question should more appropriately be asked of the responsible Minister.

Environment: Shrine of Remembrance Trust — entertainment expenses

5817. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Shrine of Remembrance Trust's entertainment expenses for 2004-05:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Shrine of Remembrance Trust is not within my portfolio responsibilities and your question should more appropriately be asked of the responsible Minister.

Environment: Yarra Bend Park Trust — entertainment expenses

5818. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Yarra Bend Park Trust's entertainment expenses for 2004-05:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Yarra Bend Park Trust is not within my portfolio responsibilities and your question should more appropriately be asked of the responsible Minister.

Environment: Timber Promotion Council — entertainment expenses

5828. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Timber Promotion Council’s entertainment expenses for 2004-05:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Timber Promotion Council is not within my portfolio responsibilities and your question should more appropriately be asked of the responsible Minister.

Environment: Historic Buildings Management Committee — entertainment expenses

5882. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Historic Buildings Management Committee’s entertainment expenses for 2004-05:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Historic Buildings Management Committee ceased to exist in 1999.

Police and emergency services: Office of the Emergency Services Commissioner — capital works

6440. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to the Office of the Emergency Services Commissioner’s allocation of funds to major capital works, including major maintenance, replacement and upgrades, what were the priority major projects that were approved for the year 2004-05 and were each of these priority projects achieved.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

There were no priority major projects approved in the year 2004-05.

Environment: Caulfield Racecourse Trust — capital works

6530. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Caulfield Racecourse Trust's allocation of funds to major capital works, including major maintenance, replacement and upgrades, what were the priority major projects that were approved for the year 2004-05 and were each of these priority projects achieved.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Caulfield Racecourse Trust is not within my portfolio responsibilities and your question should more appropriately be asked of the responsible Minister.

Environment: National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust — capital works

6531. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust's allocation of funds to major capital works, including major maintenance, replacement and upgrades, what were the priority major projects that were approved for the year 2004-05 and were each of these priority projects achieved.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust ceased to exist in 1995.

Environment: Phillip Island Nature Park Board of Management — capital works

6532. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Phillip Island Nature Park Board of Management's allocation of funds to major capital works, including major maintenance, replacement and upgrades, what were the priority major projects that were approved for the year 2004-05 and were each of these priority projects achieved.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Phillip Island Nature Park Board of Management is not within my portfolio responsibilities and your question should more appropriately be asked of the responsible Minister.

Environment: Shrine of Remembrance Trust — capital works

6533. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Shrine of Remembrance Trust's allocation of funds to major capital works, including major maintenance, replacement and upgrades, what were the priority major projects that were approved for the year 2004-05 and were each of these priority projects achieved.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Shrine of Remembrance Trust is not within my portfolio responsibilities and your question should more appropriately be asked of the responsible Minister.

Environment: Yarra Bend Park Trust — capital works

6534. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Yarra Bend Park Trust's allocation of funds to major capital works, including major maintenance, replacement and upgrades, what were the priority major projects that were approved for the year 2004-05 and were each of these priority projects achieved.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Yarra Bend Park Trust is not within my portfolio responsibilities and your question should more appropriately be asked of the responsible Minister.

Environment: Timber Promotion Council — capital works

6544. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Timber Promotion Council's allocation of funds to major capital works, including major maintenance, replacement and upgrades, what were the priority major projects that were approved for the year 2004-05 and were each of these priority projects achieved.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Timber Promotion Council is not within my portfolio responsibilities and your question should more appropriately be asked of the responsible Minister.

Environment: Historic Buildings Management Committee — capital works

6606. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Historic Buildings Management Committee's allocation of funds to major capital works, including major maintenance, replacement and upgrades, what were the priority major projects that were approved for the year 2004-05 and were each of these priority projects achieved.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Historic Buildings Management Committee ceased to exist in 1999.

Sport and recreation: minister's office — mobile telephones

6654. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA— To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation: What was the cost of providing mobile telephone services to the Minister's staff for 2004-05.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

In 2004-05, the cost of providing mobile telephone services to my staff was \$9,348.33.

Finance: VicRoads — office accommodation

6694. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Finance: In relation to VicRoads's leases of office accommodation:

- (1) What is the location of each lease currently held.
- (2) What is the expiry of the leases currently held.
- (3) What is the cost per metre of each lease currently held.
- (4) What is the total cost of each lease currently held over the term of the contract.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This organisation does not fall within the ministerial responsibility of the Minister for Finance. Repeated failure to appropriately direct questions on notice to the Minister responsible places unnecessary demands on the resources of my department and devalues the entire questions on notice provisions of the Parliament.

Tourism: Australian Grand Prix Corporation — overseas travel

6837. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Tourism): In relation to overseas travel by the Australian Grand Prix Corporation for 2004-05:

- (1) How many trips were undertaken.
- (2) What were the destinations.
- (3) What was the purpose of each visit.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel, including —
 - (a) airfares;
 - (b) car rental and hire cars, including the type of cars rented or hired;
 - (c) taxis;
 - (d) accommodation, including the name of the establishment and itemised costs;
 - (e) entertainment, including its nature, the venue and itemised costs; and
 - (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

In 2004-05, twelve overseas trips were made to the United Kingdom, France, New Zealand, Hong Kong, China, Hungary and the Czech Republic by officials of the Australian Grand Prix Corporation for the purpose of attendance at races, meetings and a sales promotion.

Costs associated with the overseas travel were \$67,479.67 for airfares, \$2,670.68 for car rental and hire cars, \$1,969.84 for taxis, \$19,994.82 for accommodation and \$2,456.44 for meals and incidentals.

No family members, associates or guests accompanied the travellers.

Consumer affairs: Patriotic Funds Council — overseas travel

6867. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs: In relation to overseas travel by the Patriotic Funds Council for 2004-05:

- (1) How many trips were undertaken.
- (2) What were the destinations.
- (3) What was the purpose of each visit.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel, including —
 - (a) airfares;
 - (b) car rental and hire cars, including the type of cars rented or hired;
 - (c) taxis;
 - (d) accommodation, including the name of the establishment and itemised costs;
 - (e) entertainment, including its nature, the venue and itemised costs; and
 - (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

From 1 July 2004 to 10 January 2005, the number of overseas trips taken by the Patriotic Funds Council was nil. On 10 January 2005, the Council became the responsibility of the Premier therefore the Department of Justice holds no data since that date.

Commonwealth Games: Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Pty Ltd — overseas travel

7044. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Commonwealth Games: In relation to overseas travel by Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Pty Ltd for 2004-05:

- (1) How many trips were undertaken.
- (2) What were the destinations.
- (3) What was the purpose of each visit.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel, including —
 - (a) airfares;
 - (b) car rental and hire cars, including the type of cars rented or hired;
 - (c) taxis;
 - (d) accommodation, including the name of the establishment and itemised costs;
 - (e) entertainment, including its nature, the venue and itemised costs; and
 - (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

ANSWER:

I am informed that/as follows:

1. The details of the 35 overseas trips undertaken by Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Corporation from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 are outlined below.
2. The destinations of these trips included Athens, London, Geneva, Monaco, Toronto, Japan and multiple countries and territories in Europe, Americas, Africa and the Caribbean for the Queens Baton Relay.
3. The purpose of these visits were:-
 - a) Athens Olympic Games

A total of 8 staff and board members from M2006 attended the Athens Olympics in a range of capacities:-

The Olympic Games is the largest multi-sport event in the world. It provides an important opportunity to observe key aspects of delivery and meet with stakeholders. In addition, as 54 of the 71 Commonwealth Games Associations are also National Olympic Committees, the CGF Executive Board and General Assembly meet during Olympic Games. M2006 has contractual obligations to attend this General Assembly to:

 - report to the Executive Board and its committees
 - report to the General Assembly and obtain approval for the Athletes Village.

In addition M2006 took the opportunity to:

 - host a briefing for the international media themed Next Stop Melbourne
 - observe key aspects of the Games including the opening ceremony which was produced by Jack Morton Worldwide, who are also producing the M2006 opening and closing ceremonies, the venues, the Athletes' Village and the technology used in presenting the Games.
 - b) Queens Baton Relay
 - International Launch - The launch of the QBR International Leg was hosted by the Commonwealth Games Federation in the forecourt of Buckingham Palace on Tuesday 14 March 2005. Three M2006 personnel travelled to London in February prior to the launch for preparations. Five M2006 personnel travelled to London in March to attend the launch. Following the official launch, the Baton was taken to the Commonwealth Day Observance at Westminster Abbey and a reception at the Commonwealth Secretariat at Marlborough House.
 - The event was a huge success with the launch of the Relay and the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games receiving extensive publicity throughout Australia and around the world.
 - Accompanying the Baton on the International Leg - To facilitate the passage of the Baton around the world, in general one M2006 staff member and two external support personnel (contracted photographers and Victoria Police personnel) travel with the Baton and work with community leaders to ensure the Baton is presented effectively and in an organised manner in order to gain maximum exposure. During this period, the Baton travelled to Commonwealth countries and territories in Europe, Americas, Africa and Caribbean. Over this period, three M2006 staff members accompanied the Baton at different stages.
 - c) Games planning and sporting events

Eight trips were undertaken by M2006 personnel to participate in a range of international events and opportunities for observation of event or ceremonies operations. These included:

 - International Sporting Events - M2006 staff attend International sporting events such as world championships to view Commonwealth Games events in operation from a planning, technology, logistics and risk management perspective.
 - Sport Accord - Sport Accord is an annual conference of all the international sports federations and sports industry players. It has proven to be a very effective forum for M2006 to meet annually with all the International Federations who will oversee the competitions in their various sports at the 2006 Commonwealth Games, removing the need for M2006 to travel to the individual offices around the world or to pay for officials to visit Melbourne.

- One M2006 staff member visited Japan and United Kingdom to inspect technical systems being commissioned for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

d) International Broadcast Rights Negotiations

- Two international visits were undertaken to London and to Toronto for the purpose of meeting with potential international television rights holders regarding broadcast rights and opportunities. For established relationships, contract negotiations and finalising contracts are better managed face to face.

e) Three visits were undertaken to London by M2006 to attend meetings to arrange Royal involvement in the Games and format of Commonwealth Day celebrations.

4. The total cost of overseas visits undertaken by Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Corporation in 2004/05 was:-

– Airfares	\$322,489
– Taxis, hire cars	\$47,401
– Accommodation	\$221,114
– Entertainment	\$3,040

5. Family Members

Two family members, the partners of the Chairman of M2006 and CEO of M2006, accompanied staff in official capacities on the Athens Olympics trip as attendance was expected at formal events hosted by the CGF. The total cost of these family members' attendance was \$50,470.

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 Council.
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.*

Thursday, 30 March 2006

Corrections: minister's office — alcohol purchases

- 5435. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Corrections): In relation to alcohol purchased by the Minister's Office since 30 June 2004, what was the —
- (a) the date of each purchase;
 - (b) the value of each purchase; and
 - (c) the items purchased.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

No alcohol has been purchased by the Minister's Office from 30 June 2004 to 4 October 2005, the date the question was asked.

Education services: minister's office — alcohol purchases

- 5436. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Education Services): In relation to alcohol purchased by the Minister's Office since 30 June 2004, what was the —
- (a) the date of each purchase;
 - (b) the value of each purchase; and
 - (c) the items purchased.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Between 30 June 2004 and up to the date of your question on 5 October 2005, there was nil expenditure by my office relating to alcohol purchases.

Arts: Australian Centre for the Moving Image — external legal advice

- 5542. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for the Arts): How much has been spent by the Australian Centre for the Moving Image on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The amount incurred by the Australian Centre for the Moving Image since 1 June 2004 totals \$202,926

Environment: Alpine Resorts Coordinating Council — freedom of information requests

6047. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Alpine Resorts Coordinating Council for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Falls Creek Alpine Resort Management Board — freedom of information requests

6048. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Falls Creek Alpine Resort Management Board for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Lake Mountain Alpine Resort Management Board — freedom of information requests

6049. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Lake Mountain Alpine Resort Management Board for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Mount Baw Baw Alpine Resort Management Board — freedom of information requests

6050. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Mount Baw Baw Alpine Resort Management Board for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Mount Buller Alpine Resort Management Board — freedom of information requests

6051. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Mount Buller Alpine Resort Management Board for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Mount Hotham Alpine Resort Management Board — freedom of information requests

6052. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Mount Hotham Alpine Resort Management Board for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Mount Stirling Alpine Resort Management Board — freedom of information requests

6053. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Mount Stirling Alpine Resort Management Board for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Caulfield Racecourse Trust — freedom of information requests

6054. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Caulfield Racecourse Trust for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Caulfield Racecourse Trust is not within my portfolio responsibilities and your question should more appropriately be asked of the responsible Minister.

Environment: National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust — freedom of information requests

6055. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.

- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust ceased to exist in 1995.

Environment: Phillip Island Nature Park Board of Management — freedom of information requests

6056. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Phillip Island Nature Park Board of Management for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Phillip Island Nature Park Board of Management is not within my portfolio responsibilities and your question should more appropriately be asked of the responsible Minister.

Environment: Shrine of Remembrance Trust — freedom of information requests

6057. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Shrine of Remembrance Trust for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Shrine of Remembrance Trust is not within my portfolio responsibilities and your question should more appropriately be asked of the responsible Minister.

Environment: Yarra Bend Park Trust — freedom of information requests

6058. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Yarra Bend Park Trust for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Yarra Bend Park Trust is not within my portfolio responsibilities and your question should more appropriately be asked of the responsible Minister.

Environment: EcoRecycle Victoria — freedom of information requests

6059. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the EcoRecycle Victoria for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Environment Protection Authority — freedom of information requests

6060. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Environment Protection Authority for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;

- (b) released in part;
- (c) released in full; and
- (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Environment Protection Board — freedom of information requests

6061. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Environment Protection Board for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: National Parks Advisory Council — freedom of information requests

6062. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the National Parks Advisory Council for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Parks Victoria — freedom of information requests

6063. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by Parks Victoria for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Reference Areas Advisory Committee — freedom of information requests

6064. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Reference Areas Advisory Committee for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Royal Botanic Gardens Board — freedom of information requests

6065. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Royal Botanic Gardens Board for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Scientific Advisory Committee — freedom of information requests

6066. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Scientific Advisory Committee for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Sustainable Energy Authority Victoria — freedom of information requests

6067. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Sustainable Energy Authority Victoria for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Timber Promotion Council — freedom of information requests

6068. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Timber Promotion Council for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Timber Promotion Council is not within my portfolio responsibilities and your question should more appropriately be asked of the responsible Minister.

Environment: Trust for Nature — freedom of information requests

6069. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Trust for Nature for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;

- (b) released in part;
- (c) released in full; and
- (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Corangamite Catchment Management Authority — freedom of information requests

6070. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority — freedom of information requests

6071. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Melbourne Water — freedom of information requests

6125. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by Melbourne Water for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: South East Water — freedom of information requests

6126. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by South East Water for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Yarra Valley Water — freedom of information requests

6127. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by Yarra Valley Water for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Royal Melbourne Zoological Parks and Gardens — freedom of information requests

6128. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Royal Melbourne Zoological Parks and Gardens for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Healesville Sanctuary — freedom of information requests

6129. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Healesville Sanctuary for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Victoria's Open Range Zoo at Werribee — freedom of information requests

6130. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by Victoria's Open Range Zoo at Werribee for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Alpine Advisory Committee — freedom of information requests

6141. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Alpine Advisory Committee for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Environment: Historic Buildings Management Committee — freedom of information requests

6142. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Historic Buildings Management Committee for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;
 - (c) released in full; and
 - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Historic Buildings Management Committee ceased to exist in 1999.

Environment: Victorian Mineral Water Committee — freedom of information requests

6143. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Victorian Mineral Water Committee for 2004-05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
 - (a) denied in full;
 - (b) released in part;

- (c) released in full; and
- (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

Details of the number of requests received by agencies and the outcomes of those requests are contained in the Attorney General's 2005 Freedom of Information Annual Report, which is publicly available.

In relation to part 2(d) of the question, all requests are processed in accordance with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Police and emergency services: Office of the Emergency Services Commissioner — interstate travel

6214. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to interstate travel by the Office of the Emergency Services Commissioner 2004-05:

- (1) How many trips were undertaken.
- (2) What were the destinations.
- (3) What was the purpose of each visit.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel, including —
 - (a) airfares;
 - (b) car rental and hire cars, including the type of cars rented or hired;
 - (c) taxis;
 - (d) accommodation, including the name of the establishment and itemised costs;
 - (e) entertainment, including its nature, the venue and itemised costs; and
 - (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

A total of 39 trips were undertaken by the Office of the Emergency Services Commissioner in 2004-05. The destinations were Sydney, Darwin, Adelaide, Perth and Hobart and the purposes of the visits were to attend conferences and meetings.

The costs of airfares totalled \$20,156.82. There were no car rental/hire car costs. The costs of hiring taxis totalled \$3,398.83.

Accommodation costs totalled \$3,710.90. An additional \$1,388.25 was incurred from expenditure on food and beverage. The names of the hotels are Crown Plaza, Holiday Inn, Best Western Tall Trees Motel, Riverview Hotel, Barrass John Bright Motor Inn, Hyatt, Flag Choice, Doherty Hotels, Comfort Inn, Lenna Salamanca Terraces, Stamford, Quality Inn McQuarie Manor and Quality Hotel The Melbourne.

There were no entertainment costs. Other expenses totalled \$53. One family member attended one trip at no cost to the Office of the Emergency Services Commissioner.

Police and emergency services: Victoria State Emergency Service — interstate travel

6215. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to interstate travel by the Victoria State Emergency Service in 2004-05:

- (1) How many trips were undertaken.
- (2) What were the destinations.
- (3) What was the purpose of each visit.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel, including —
 - (a) airfares;
 - (b) car rental and hire cars, including the type of cars rented or hired;
 - (c) taxis;
 - (d) accommodation, including the name of the establishment and itemised costs;
 - (e) entertainment, including its nature, the venue and itemised costs; and
 - (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

A total of 46 trips were undertaken. Destinations travelled to were Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra, Darwin, Hobart, Perth and Sydney.

The purposes of the visits included:

- Australian Bureau of Statistics Meeting;
- Australian Council of State Emergency Services, Sponsorship Meeting (ACSES);
- ACSES AAMI Sponsorship Meeting;
- ACSES Annual General Meeting & Australasian Fire Authorities Council (AFAC) Conference;
- AFAC Developing Future Leaders Program;
- Australian Council of State Emergency Services - Special General Meeting;
- Australian Road Rescue Organisation (ARRO) Meeting;
- Counter Terrorism Conference;
- Emergency Management Australia Safer Community Awards;
- Emergency Management Australia Volunteer Summit;
- Meeting with ACSES Chairman & NSWSES;
- National Communications Working Group (NCWG);

- National SES Equipment Committee;
- National SES Public Relations Committee;
- National Training Committee;
- NETC - WAFESA Search Party Training Kit Committee;
- NSW SES Volunteer Conference;
- Productivity Commission Meeting;
- Single Statewide Emergency Number, Project Meeting (SSEN);
- SSEN, Project Meeting;
- Storms Conference.

The cost of airfares totalled \$18,144.25. Car rental and hire car costs totalled \$495.80. Costs associated with taxis totalled \$1,308.48. The cost of accommodation totalled \$5,233.44. There were no entertainment costs. Other expenses totalled \$2,684.63.

No family members, guests or associates accompanied staff of the Victoria State Emergency Service.

Police and emergency services: Private Agents Registry — interstate travel

6250. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to interstate travel by the Private Agents Registry for 2004-05:

- (1) How many trips were undertaken.
- (2) What were the destinations.
- (3) What was the purpose of each visit.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel, including —
 - (a) airfares;
 - (b) car rental and hire cars, including the type of cars rented or hired;
 - (c) taxis;
 - (d) accommodation, including the name of the establishment and itemised costs;
 - (e) entertainment, including its nature, the venue and itemised costs; and
 - (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

A total of three trips were undertaken to Sydney and Canberra. The purpose of the travel was to attend conferences relating to the security industry.

The costs incurred included \$1692.95 for airfares, \$235 for taxi hire and \$1180 for accommodation.

There were no car rental/ hire car costs.

Other expenses totalled \$91.20.

No family members or guests accompanied staff on these trips.

Police and emergency services: Victoria Police — interstate travel

6251. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to interstate travel by Victoria Police for 2004-05:

- (1) How many trips were undertaken.
- (2) What were the destinations.
- (3) What was the purpose of each visit.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel, including —
 - (a) airfares;
 - (b) car rental and hire cars, including the type of cars rented or hired;
 - (c) taxis;
 - (d) accommodation, including the name of the establishment and itemised costs;
 - (e) entertainment, including its nature, the venue and itemised costs; and
 - (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

In relation to expenditure on interstate travel, Victoria Police has provided the following information based on relevant expense accounts:

- Air fares- National: \$828,045.13;
- Vehicle Hire (not taxis): \$38,739.36;
- Meals & Incidentals–National: \$132,718.52.

It would be an unreasonable diversion of Victoria Police’s resources to provide a detailed breakdown of expenses as specified by the question.

Police and emergency services: Office of the Emergency Services Commissioner — overseas travel

6841. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to overseas travel by the Office of the Emergency Services Commissioner for 2004-05:

- (1) How many trips were undertaken.
- (2) What were the destinations.
- (3) What was the purpose of each visit.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel, including —
 - (a) airfares;
 - (b) car rental and hire cars, including the type of cars rented or hired;
 - (c) taxis;
 - (d) accommodation, including the name of the establishment and itemised costs;
 - (e) entertainment, including its nature, the venue and itemised costs; and

- (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

One overseas trip was undertaken by the Office of the Emergency Services Commissioner in 2004-05. The destination was Sacramento, California and the purpose of the visit was to present a paper at a Conference.

The cost of airfares totalled \$2,309.07. There were no car rental/hire car costs and the cost of taxi and bus fares totalled \$55. The cost of accommodation (including meals) at the Holiday Inn Express, Sacramento totalled \$966. No entertainment costs were incurred. Other expenses totalled \$95.

No family members, associates or guests accompanied the traveller on this trip.

Police and emergency services: Victoria State Emergency Service — overseas travel

6842. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to overseas travel by the Victoria State Emergency Service for 2004-05:

- (1) How many trips were undertaken.
- (2) What were the destinations.
- (3) What was the purpose of each visit.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel, including —
 - (a) airfares;
 - (b) car rental and hire cars, including the type of cars rented or hired;
 - (c) taxis;
 - (d) accommodation, including the name of the establishment and itemised costs;
 - (e) entertainment, including its nature, the venue and itemised costs; and
 - (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

A total of four overseas trips were undertaken. The destinations were Christchurch and Auckland (x2) in New Zealand, and Germany via London. The purpose of the visits were to attend an Australian Road Rescue Organisation (ARRO) meeting (x2), to attend the Single Statewide Emergency Number Meeting (SSEN) and to visit the London Fire Service and attend the Interschulz Emergency Services Expo.

Airfares totalled \$6,031.79. There were no costs associated with car rental or hire cars and there were no costs associated with taxis. Accommodation expenses totalled \$3,530.42. There were no entertainment expenses. Other expenses totalled \$3174.03.

No family members, guests or associates accompanied staff of the Victoria State Emergency Service.

Police and emergency services: Police Appeals Board — overseas travel

6878. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to overseas travel by the Police Appeals Board for 2004-05:

- (1) How many trips were undertaken.
- (2) What were the destinations.
- (3) What was the purpose of each visit.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel, including —
 - (a) airfares;
 - (b) car rental and hire cars, including the type of cars rented or hired;
 - (c) taxis;
 - (d) accommodation, including the name of the establishment and itemised costs;
 - (e) entertainment, including its nature, the venue and itemised costs; and
 - (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Expenditure by the Police Appeals Board on overseas travel for 2004-2005 was nil.

Police and emergency services: Victoria Police — overseas travel

6880. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to overseas travel by Victoria Police for 2004-05:

- (1) How many trips were undertaken.
- (2) What were the destinations.
- (3) What was the purpose of each visit.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel, including —
 - (a) airfares;
 - (b) car rental and hire cars, including the type of cars rented or hired;
 - (c) taxis;
 - (d) accommodation, including the name of the establishment and itemised costs;
 - (e) entertainment, including its nature, the venue and itemised costs; and
 - (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

In relation to expenditure on overseas travel, Victoria Police has provided the following information based on relevant expense accounts:

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- Air Fares–Overseas: \$159,253.64;
- Personal Expenses–Overseas: \$ 73,839.13;
- Meals & Incidentals–Overseas: \$124,608.00.

It would be an unreasonable diversion of Victoria Police’s resources to provide a detailed breakdown of expenses as specified by the question.

