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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.

Tuesday, 30 May 2006

Environment: Alpine Resorts Coordinating Council — capital works

6523. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Alpine Resorts Coordinating 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:

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority's annual report of operations.

Environment: Lake Mountain Alpine Resort Management Board — capital works

6525. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Lake Mountain Alpine Resort Management Board'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:

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority's annual report of operations.

Environment: Mount Hotham Alpine Resort Management Board — capital works

6528. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Mount Hotham Alpine Resort Management Board'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:

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority's annual report of operations.

Environment: Mount Stirling Alpine Resort Management Board — capital works

6529. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Mount Stirling Alpine Resort Management Board’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:

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority’s annual report of operations.

Environment: EcoRecycle Victoria — capital works

6535. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to EcoRecycle Victoria’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:

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority’s annual report of operations.

Environment: Environment Protection Authority — capital works

6536. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Environment Protection Authority’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:

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority’s annual report of operations.

Environment: Environment Protection Board — capital works

6537. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Environment Protection Board’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:

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority's annual report of operations.

Environment: Victorian Environment Assessment Council — capital works

6568. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Victorian Environment Assessment 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:

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority's annual report of operations.

Environment: Central Coastal Board — capital works

6569. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Central Coastal Board'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:

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Environment: Gippsland Coastal Board — capital works

6570. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Gippsland Coastal Board'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:

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority's annual report of operations.

Environment: Western Coastal Board — capital works

6571. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Western Coastal Board'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:

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority's annual report of operations.

Environment: Barwon Water — capital works

6572. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Barwon Water'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:

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

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority's annual report of operations.

Environment: Central Gippsland Water — capital works

6573. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Central Gippsland Water'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:

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

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority's annual report of operations.

Environment: Central Highlands Water — capital works

6574. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Central Highlands Water'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:

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

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority's annual report of operations.

Environment: Coliban Water — capital works

6575. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Coliban Water'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:

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

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority's annual report of operations.

Environment: Westernport Water — capital works

6576. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Westernport Water'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:

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

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority's annual report of operations.

Environment: Glenelg Water — capital works

6577. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Glenelg Water'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:

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

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority's annual report of operations.

Commonwealth Games: minister's office — mobile telephones

6655. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA— To ask the Minister for Commonwealth Games: What was the cost of providing mobile telephone services to the Minister's staff for 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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

Education services: minister's office — mobile telephones

6671. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA— To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Education Services): What was the cost of providing mobile telephone services to the Minister's staff for 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The provision of the information requested cannot be justified on the grounds that it would require an unreasonable diversion of time and resources.

Environment: Alpine Resorts Coordinating Council — stress-related leave

7173. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of the Alpine Resorts Coordinating 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:

No staff members of the Alpine Resorts Coordinating Council took stress-related leave during the 2004–05 financial year.

Environment: Falls Creek Alpine Resort Management Board — stress-related leave

7174. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of the Falls Creek Alpine Resort Management Board 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:

No staff members of the Falls Creek Alpine Resort Management Board took stress-related leave in the 2004–05 financial year.

Environment: Lake Mountain Alpine Resort Management Board — stress-related leave

7175. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of the Lake Mountain Alpine Resort Management Board 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:

No staff members of the Lake Mountain Alpine Resort Management Board took stress-related leave during the 2004–05 financial year.

Environment: Mount Buller Alpine Resort Management Board — stress-related leave

7177. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of the Mount Buller Alpine Resort Management Board 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:

No staff members of the Mount Buller Alpine Resort Management Board took stress-related leave in the 2004–05 financial year.

Environment: EcoRecycle Victoria — stress-related leave

7185. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of EcoRecycle Victoria 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:

No staff members of EcoRecycle Victoria took stress-related leave in the 2004–05 financial year.

Environment: National Parks Advisory Council — stress-related leave

7188. 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 Parks Advisory 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:

No staff members of the National Parks Advisory Council took stress-related leave in the 2004–05 financial year.

Environment: Parks Victoria — stress-related leave

7189. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of Parks Victoria 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:

Some stress-related leave was taken by staff of the Parks Victoria in 2004–05, however disclosing further details of this leave could lead to the identification of an individual. I have, therefore, declined to publicly release this information.

Environment: Reference Areas Advisory Committee — stress-related leave

7190. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of the Reference Areas Advisory 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:

No staff members of the Reference Areas Advisory Committee took stress-related leave in the 2004–05 financial year.

Environment: Royal Botanic Gardens Board — stress-related leave

7191. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of the Royal Botanic Gardens Board 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:

No staff members of the Royal Botanic Gardens Board took stress-related leave in the 2004–05 financial year.

Environment: Scientific Advisory Committee — stress-related leave

7192. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of the Scientific Advisory 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:

No staff members of the Scientific Advisory Committee took stress-related leave in the 2004–05 financial year.

Environment: Sustainable Energy Authority Victoria — stress-related leave

7193. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of the Sustainable Energy Authority Victoria 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:

No staff members of the Sustainable Energy Authority of Victoria took stress-related leave in the 2004–05 financial year.

Environment: Trust for Nature — stress-related leave

7195. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of the Trust for Nature 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:

No staff members of the Trust for Nature took stress-related leave during the 2004–05 financial year.

Environment: Corangamite Catchment Management Authority — stress-related leave

7196. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority 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:

Some stress-related leave was taken by staff of the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority in 2004–05, however disclosing further details of this leave could lead to the identification of an individual. I have, therefore, declined to publicly release this information.

Environment: East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority — stress-related leave

7197. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of the East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority 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:

No staff members of the East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority took stress-related leave in 2004–05.

Environment: Glenelg-Hopkins Catchment Management Authority — stress-related leave

7198. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of the Glenelg-Hopkins Catchment Management Authority 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:

No staff members of the Glenelg-Hopkins Catchment Management Authority took stress-related leave in the 2004–05 financial year.

Environment: Goulburn-Broken Catchment Management Authority — stress-related leave

7199. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of the Goulburn-Broken Catchment Management Authority 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:

No staff members of the Goulburn-Broken Catchment Management Authority took stress-related leave in the 2004–05 financial year.

Environment: North Central Catchment Management Authority — stress-related leave

7201. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of the North Central Catchment Management Authority 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:

Some stress-related leave was taken by staff of the North Central Catchment Management Authority in 2004–05, however disclosing further details of this leave could lead to the identification of an individual. I have, therefore, declined to publicly release this information.

Community services: disability services — residential care

7380. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to disability services residential care —

- (1) What was the total capacity at 31 December 2005.
- (2) What is the capacity at any one time of government managed shared supported accommodation.
- (3) What is the capacity at any one time of non-government managed shared supported accommodation.
- (4) What is the capacity at any one time of government managed congregate care.
- (5) What is the capacity at any one time of non-government managed congregate care.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In relation to disability services residential care —

Information collected through the reporting system captures the number of clients accessing residential accommodation services. The capacity of the system is not reported.

Community services: disability service needs register

7381. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): Further to the answer to Question on Notice No. 4675 given in this House on 21 April 2005 in relation to the Disability Service Needs Register as at December 2004, with a total of 5081 individuals registered, and the answer to Question on Notice No. 5340 given in this House on 16 November 2005 in relation to the movement of 274 people onto the register and 196 people moving off the Disability Service Needs Register for the six months ending 30 June 2006, with an overall increase of 78 people, which would give a total of 5159 individuals on the Service Needs Register at 30 June 2005, how is this reconciled with the answer to Question on Notice No 5339 given in this House on 16 November 2005 with a total of 4761 individuals registered on the Disability Service Register as at 30 June 2005, i.e. a difference of 398 individuals.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Service Needs Register figures for 30 June 2006 are not yet available.

Community services: disability service needs register

7382. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Disability Service Needs Register, for the six months ending 31 December 2005, for each of Shared Supported Accommodation, HomeFirst and Day Programs —

- (1) How many people were registered for the first time.
- (2) How many people were moved off the register because they obtained services.
- (3) How many people were moved off the register because it was ascertained they no longer needed to obtain services.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Service Needs Register is a record for the number of people waiting for services and was not intended to provide this level of detail as readily as specified in this question and others relating to the Service Needs register.

Community services: disability service needs register

7383. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Disability Service Needs Register at 31 December 2005 —

- (1) How many individuals had lodged applications on the Disability Service Needs Register.
- (2) How many individuals on the Disability Service Needs Register were waiting for —
 - (a) shared supported accommodation;

- (b) in-home accommodation support; and
 - (c) day programs.
- (3) For each category, how many were classified as —
- (a) urgent priority;
 - (b) high priority; and
 - (c) low priority.
- (4) How many individuals for each category have intellectual disabilities.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Service Needs Register is a record for the number of people waiting for services and was not intended to provide this level of detail as readily as specified in this question and others relating to the Service Needs register.

Community services: disability service needs register

- 7384. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Disability Service Needs Register at 31 December 2005, how many of the people registered for shared supported accommodation were aged —
- (a) under 18 years;
 - (b) 18 to 24 years;
 - (c) 25 to 29 years;
 - (d) 30 to 44 years;
 - (e) 45 or more years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In relation to the Disability Service Needs Register at 31 December 2005, the number of people registered for Shared Supported Accommodation aged —

- (a) under 18 years was 178;
- (b) 18 to 24 years was 515;
- (c) 25 to 29 years was 354;
- (d) 30 to 44 years was 908; and
- (e) 45 or more years was 604.

Community services: disability service needs register

- 7385. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Disability Service needs register at 31 December 2005, how many people registered for HomeFirst were aged —
- (a) under 18 years;
 - (b) 18 to 24 years;
 - (c) 25 to 29 years;

- (d) 30 to 44 years;
- (e) 45 or more years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In relation to the Disability Service Needs Register at 31 December 2005, the number of people registered for HomeFirst aged —

- (a) under 18 years was 118;
- (b) 18 to 24 years was 214;
- (c) 25 to 29 years was 133;
- (d) 30 to 44 years was 384; and
- (e) 45 or more years was 441.

Community services: disability service needs register

7386. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Disability Service needs register at 31 December 2005, how many people registered for Day Programs were aged —

- (a) under 18 years;
- (b) 18 to 24 years;
- (c) 25 to 29 years;
- (d) 30 to 44 years;
- (e) 45 or more years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In relation to the Disability Service Needs Register at 31 December 2005, the number of people registered for Day Programs aged —

- (a) under 18 years was 2;
- (b) 18 to 24 years was 29;
- (c) 25 to 29 years was 21;
- (d) 30 to 44 years was 243; and
- (e) 45 or more years was 199.

Community services: disability service needs register

7387. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to people on the Disability Service Needs Register for Shared Supported Accommodation at 31 December 2005 —

- (1) How many have a carer.

- (2) How many do not have a carer.
- (3) How many have their carer's age recorded.
- (4) How many do not have their carer's age recorded.
- (5) How many of the carers with their age recorded are aged—
 - (a) under 55;
 - (b) 55 to 64;
 - (c) 65 to 69;
 - (d) 70 or more years

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In relation to people on the Disability Service Needs Register for Shared Supported Accommodation at 31 December 2005—

- (1) The number of people recorded as having a carer was 1,574.
- (2) The number of people not recorded as having a carer was 985.
- (3) The number of people that had their carer's age recorded was 1,285.
- (4) The number of people that did not have their carer's age recorded was 289.
- (5) The number of carers with their age recorded aged—
 - (a) under 55 was 594;
 - (b) 55 to 64 was 312;
 - (c) 65 to 69 was 110;
 - (d) 70 or more years was 269.

Community services: disability service needs register

7388. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to people on the Disability Service Needs Register for HomeFirst at 31 December 2005 —

- (1) How many have a carer.
- (2) How many do not have a carer.
- (3) How many have their carer's age recorded.
- (4) How many do not have their carer's age recorded.
- (5) How many of the carers with their age recorded are aged —
 - (a) under 55;
 - (b) 55 to 64;
 - (c) 65 to 69;
 - (d) 70 or more years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In relation to people on the Disability Service Needs Register for HomeFirst at 31 December 2005—

- (1) The number of people recorded as having a carer was 696.
- (2) The number of people not recorded as having a carer was 594.
- (3) The number of people that had their carer's age recorded was 629.
- (4) The number of people that did not have their carer's age recorded was 67.
- (5) The number of carers with their age recorded aged—
 - (a) under 55 was 332;
 - (b) 55 to 64 was 163;
 - (c) 65 to 69 was 36;
 - (d) 70 or more years was 98.

Community services: disabilities services — accommodation

7389. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): For the six months ending 31 December 2005 —

- (1) How many people with disabilities waiting for shared supported accommodation obtained a place in a community residential unit.
- (2) On average, for how many days had those people been waiting for a place.
- (3) How many of those persons were relocated from congregate care to a community residential unit.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

For the six months ending 31 December 2005—

- (1) The number of people with disabilities waiting for Shared Supported Accommodation and obtained a place in a community residential unit was 47.
- (2) On average the people that waited for a Shared Supported Accommodation place who obtained a place in a community residential unit had waited for 218 weeks, however these people had been receiving a range of supports and services.
- (3) The number of people who were relocated from congregate care to a community residential unit was 2.

Health: Austin Health — expenditure

7391A. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Austin Health for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.
- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department does not collect this information from health services and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

Details of spending on entertainment, hospitality and travel are not required to be reported under the Financial Management Act 1994. However, the Honourable Member may obtain information on expenditure on capital works and infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, from the 2004–05 Annual Reports of Health Services that were tabled in the Autumn Session.

Health: Bayside Health — expenditure

7392A. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Bayside Health for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.
- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department does not collect this information from health services and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

Details of spending on entertainment, hospitality and travel are not required to be reported under the Financial Management Act 1994. However, the Honourable Member may obtain information on expenditure on capital works and infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, from the 2004–05 Annual Reports of Health Services that were tabled in the Autumn Session.

Health: Southern Health — expenditure

7393. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Southern health for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.
- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department does not collect this information from health services and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

Details of spending on entertainment, hospitality and travel are not required to be reported under the Financial Management Act 1994. However, the Honourable Member may obtain information on expenditure on capital

works and infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, from the 2004–05 Annual Reports of Health Services that were tabled in the Autumn Session.

Health: South Western Health — expenditure

7394. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to South Western health for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.
- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department does not collect this information from health services and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

Details of spending on entertainment, hospitality and travel are not required to be reported under the Financial Management Act 1994. However, the Honourable Member may obtain information on expenditure on capital works and infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, from the 2004–05 Annual Reports of Health Services that were tabled in the Autumn Session.

Health: Seymour District Health — expenditure

7395. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Seymour District Health for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.
- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department does not collect this information from health services and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

Details of spending on entertainment, hospitality and travel are not required to be reported under the Financial Management Act 1994. However, the Honourable Member may obtain information on expenditure on capital works and infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, from the 2004–05 Annual Reports of Health Services that were tabled in the Autumn Session.

Health: Stawell Regional Health — expenditure

7396. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Stawell Regional Health for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.
- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department does not collect this information from health services and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

Details of spending on entertainment, hospitality and travel are not required to be reported under the Financial Management Act 1994. However, the Honourable Member may obtain information on expenditure on capital works and infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, from the 2004–05 Annual Reports of Health Services that were tabled in the Autumn Session.

Health: Inglewood Health — expenditure

7397. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Inglewood health for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.
- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department does not collect this information from health services and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

Details of spending on entertainment, hospitality and travel are not required to be reported under the Financial Management Act 1994. However, the Honourable Member may obtain information on expenditure on capital works and infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, from the 2004–05 Annual Reports of Health Services that were tabled in the Autumn Session.

Health: Kerang District Health — expenditure

7398. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Kerang District Health for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.

- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department does not collect this information from health services and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

Details of spending on entertainment, hospitality and travel are not required to be reported under the Financial Management Act 1994. However, the Honourable Member may obtain information on expenditure on capital works and infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, from the 2004–05 Annual Reports of Health Services that were tabled in the Autumn Session.

Health: Royal Children’s Hospital — expenditure

7399. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to the Royal Children’s Hospital for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.
- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department does not collect this information from health services and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

Details of spending on entertainment, hospitality and travel are not required to be reported under the Financial Management Act 1994. However, the Honourable Member may obtain information on expenditure on capital works and infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, from the 2004–05 Annual Reports of Health Services that were tabled in the Autumn Session.

Health: Royal Women’s Hospital — expenditure

7400. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to the Royal Women’s Hospital for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.
- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department does not collect this information from health services and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

Details of spending on entertainment, hospitality and travel are not required to be reported under the Financial Management Act 1994. However, the Honourable Member may obtain information on expenditure on capital works and infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, from the 2004–05 Annual Reports of Health Services that were tabled in the Autumn Session.

Health: Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital — expenditure

7401. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.
- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department does not collect this information from health services and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

Details of spending on entertainment, hospitality and travel are not required to be reported under the Financial Management Act 1994. However, the Honourable Member may obtain information on expenditure on capital works and infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, from the 2004–05 Annual Reports of Health Services that were tabled in the Autumn Session.

Health: Queen Elizabeth Centre — expenditure

7402. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to the Queen Elizabeth Centre for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.
- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department does not collect this information from health services and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

Details of spending on entertainment, hospitality and travel are not required to be reported under the Financial Management Act 1994. However, the Honourable Member may obtain information on expenditure on capital works and infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, from the 2004–05 Annual Reports of Health Services that were tabled in the Autumn Session.

Agriculture: minister’s office — furnishings

7467. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): What furniture items, including moveable furniture, fixed furniture and electrical goods were purchased for the Minister’s private office in 2004–05 and what was the total cost of the items purchased.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In 2004–05, no furniture items (including moveable furniture, fixed furniture and electrical goods) were purchased for the Minister for Agriculture’s private office.

Agriculture: charter flights

7552. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to all chartered flights, including helicopters and light planes used by the Minister in 2004–05 what was the —

- (a) date;
- (b) carrier;
- (c) destination;
- (d) cost; and
- (e) purpose.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

All flights chartered flights used by the Minister for Agriculture in 2004–05 were return flights to Bendigo. The details are as follows:

Date	Carrier	Cost	Purpose
30/10/04	Bendigo Aviation	\$1,510	Industry and community consultation.
19/07/04	Australasian Jet	\$841	
30/03/05	Jetcity	\$1,677	

Agriculture: media research and public opinion polling

7594. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): For each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration, what are the details of all media research and public opinion polling conducted in 2004–05, including —

- (a) the title of each poll or item of research;
- (b) the date approved and duration of contract;
- (c) the cost;

- (d) the personnel conducting the project;
- (e) whether it was put to tender;
- (f) recommendations made; and
- (g) any actions taken by the department or Minister.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Primary Industries (DPI) does not conduct media research or public opinion polling.

In regard to agencies and authorities, providing a consolidated response detailing media research and public opinion polling conducted by each individual agency and authority within my administration, would place an undue strain on Departmental resources.

Agriculture: minister's office — international travel

- 7636. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): What was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all international travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The total cost of international travel undertaken by the Minister for Agriculture and his staff in 2004–05 was \$26,423. The largest component of which was to lead an agribusiness trade delegation, promoting the “Naturally Victorian” Brand.

Agriculture: minister's office — interstate travel

- 7678. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): What was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all interstate travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The cost of interstate travel undertaken by the Minister for Agriculture and his staff in 2004–05 was \$9,461.

Agriculture: minister's office — intrastate travel

- 7720. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): What was the cost, including airfares, air charter, accommodation and expenses of all intrastate travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The cost of all intrastate travel undertaken by the Minister for Agriculture and his staff in 2004–05 was \$11,207.

Children: minister's office — entertainment expenses

7740. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Children): What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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

Community services: minister's office — entertainment expenses

7741. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see response for Question 7440.

Sport and recreation: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7844. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation: What expenses were incurred by each Department and Agency for the purchase of alcohol for the Minister ministerial staff and the Minister's office in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Department for Victorian Communities and its agencies have not purchased any alcohol for the Minister for Sport and Recreation's Office in 2004–05.

Commonwealth Games: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7845. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Commonwealth Games: What expenses were incurred by each Department and Agency for the purchase of alcohol for the Minister ministerial staff and the Minister's office in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Department for Victorian Communities and its agencies have not purchased any alcohol for the Minister for Commonwealth Games' Office in 2004–05.

Consumer affairs: minister's office — secondments

7985. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs: How many public servants were on secondment to the Minister's private office at 1 March 2006 and were not counted within the ministerial staffing budget.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The number of public servants on secondment to the Minister's private office as at 1 March 2006 is Nil.

Multicultural affairs: multicultural affairs — funding

8005. THE HON. JOHN VOGELS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): In relation to the Department of Victorian Communities Output Summary 2005-06 (Budget Paper No. 3), of the total output cost of \$9.1 million for Multicultural Affairs —

- (1) How much did your Portfolio receive.
- (2) How much was delivered to Multicultural Affairs and strategic grants to community organisations.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

As the 2005-06 year is currently still in progress, details regarding the full amount of output revenue received and how much will be delivered to Multicultural Affairs and strategic grants to community organisations is currently unavailable.

Estimated outturns for 2005/06 will be available as part of the 2006/07 Budget Papers.

Women's affairs: women's policy — funding

8006. THE HON. JOHN VOGELS — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Women's Affairs): In relation to the Department of Victorian Communities Output Summary 2005-06 (Budget Paper No. 3), of the total output cost of \$3.1 million for Women's Policy —

- (1) How much did your Portfolio receive.
- (2) How much was delivered to programs for women.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

As the 2005-06 year is currently still in progress, details regarding the full amount of output revenue received and how much will be delivered to programs for women is currently unavailable.

Estimated outturns for 2005/06 will be available as part of the 2006/07 Budget Papers.

Premier: seniors and veterans — funding

8007. THE HON. JOHN VOGELS — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Premier): In relation to the Department of Victorian Communities Output Summary 2005-06 (Budget Paper No. 3), of the total output cost of \$7.8 million for Seniors and Veterans —

- (1) How much did your Portfolio receive.
- (2) How much was delivered to programs to support Seniors and Veterans.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

As the 2005-06 year is currently still in progress, details regarding the full amount of output revenue received and how much will be delivered to programs to support Seniors and Veterans is currently unavailable.

Estimated outturns for 2005/06 will be available as part of the 2006/07 Budget Papers.

I am responsible for the Veterans component only within the Seniors and Veterans Output.

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.

Wednesday, 31 May 2006

Environment: Gippsland and Southern Rural Water Authority — entertainment expenses

5349. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Gippsland and Southern Rural Water Authority'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:

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

The research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Goulburn-Murray Rural Water Authority — entertainment expenses

5350. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Goulburn-Murray Rural Water Authority'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:

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

The research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Lower Murray Urban and Rural Water Authority — entertainment expenses

5351. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Lower Murray Urban and Rural Water Authority’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:

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

The research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water Authority — entertainment expenses

5352. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water Authority 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:

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

The research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: City West Water Ltd — entertainment expenses

5353. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to City West Water Ltd’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:

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

The research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Melbourne Water Corporation — entertainment expenses

5354. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Melbourne Water Corporation'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:

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

The research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: South East Water Ltd — entertainment expenses

5355. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to South East Water Ltd'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:

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

The research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Yarra Valley Water Ltd — entertainment expenses

5356. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Yarra Valley Water Ltd’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:

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

The research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Royal Melbourne Zoological Park and Gardens — entertainment expenses

5357. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Royal Melbourne Zoological Parks and Gardens’ 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 research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Healesville Sanctuary — entertainment expenses

5358. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Healesville Sanctuary’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 research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Open Range Zoo, Werribee — entertainment expenses

5359. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Victoria’s Open Range Zoo at Werribee 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 research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Alpine Advisory Committee — entertainment expenses

5370. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Alpine Advisory 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 name of service provider.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Victorian Mineral Water Committee — entertainment expenses

5372. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Victorian Mineral Water 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:

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

The research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Alpine Resorts Coordinating Council — entertainment expenses

5807. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Alpine Resorts Coordinating 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 research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Falls Creek Alpine Resort Management Board — entertainment expenses

5808. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Falls Creek Alpine Resort Management Board'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 research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Lake Mountain Alpine Resort Management Board — entertainment expenses

5809. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Lake Mountain Alpine Resort Management Board’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 research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Mount Baw Baw Alpine Resort Management Board — entertainment expenses

5810. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Mount Baw Baw Alpine Resort Management Board’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 research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Mount Buller Alpine Resort Management Board — entertainment expenses

5811. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Mount Buller Alpine Resort Management Board’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 research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Mount Hotham Alpine Resort Management Board — entertainment expenses

5812. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Mount Hotham Alpine Resort Management Board'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 research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Mount Stirling Alpine Resort Management Board — entertainment expenses

5813. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Mount Stirling Alpine Resort Management Board'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 research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: EcoRecycle Victoria — entertainment expenses

5819. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to EcoRecycle 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 informed that:

The research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Environment Protection Authority — entertainment expenses

5820. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Environment Protection Authority'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 research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Environment Protection Board — entertainment expenses

5821. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Environment Protection Board'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 research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: National Parks Advisory Council — entertainment expenses

5822. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the National Parks Advisory 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 research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Parks Victoria — entertainment expenses

5823. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Parks 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 informed that:

The research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Reference Areas Advisory Committee — entertainment expenses

5824. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Reference Areas Advisory 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 research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Royal Botanic Gardens Board — entertainment expenses

5825. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Royal Botanic Gardens Board'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 research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Scientific Advisory Committee — entertainment expenses

5826. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Scientific Advisory 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 research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Sustainable Energy Authority Victoria — entertainment expenses

5827. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Sustainable Energy Authority 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 informed that:

The research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: South West Water — entertainment expenses

5858. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to South West Water’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:

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

The research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Western Region Water Authority — entertainment expenses

5859. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Western Region Water Authority’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:

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

The research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Westernport Water — entertainment expenses

5860. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Westernport Water’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:

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

The research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: First Mildura Irrigation Trust — entertainment expenses

5861. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the First Mildura Irrigation 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:

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

The research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Southern Rural Water — entertainment expenses

5862. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Southern Rural Water’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:

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

The research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Goulburn-Murray Water — entertainment expenses

5863. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Goulburn-Murray Water’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:

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

The research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: City West Water — entertainment expenses

5864. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to City West Water’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:

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

The research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Melbourne Water — entertainment expenses

5865. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Melbourne Water’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:

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

The research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: South East Water — entertainment expenses

5866. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to South East Water’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:

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

The research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Yarra Valley Water — entertainment expenses

5867. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Yarra Valley Water'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:

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

The research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Royal Melbourne Zoological Parks and Gardens — entertainment expenses

5868. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Royal Melbourne Zoological Parks and Gardens' 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 research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Healesville Sanctuary — entertainment expenses

5869. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Healesville Sanctuary’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 research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Falls Creek Alpine Resort Management Board — capital works

6524. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Falls Creek Alpine Resort Management Board’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:

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority’s annual report of operations.

Environment: Mount Baw Baw Alpine Resort Management Board — capital works

6526. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Mount Baw Baw Alpine Resort Management Board’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:

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority’s annual report of operations.

Environment: Mount Buller Alpine Resort Management Board — capital works

6527. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Mount Buller Alpine Resort Management Board'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:

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority's annual report of operations.

Environment: National Parks Advisory Council — capital works

6538. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the National Parks Advisory 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:

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority's annual report of operations.

Environment: Parks Victoria — capital works

6539. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Parks Victoria'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:

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority's annual report of operations.

Environment: Reference Areas Advisory Committee — capital works

6540. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Reference Areas Advisory 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:

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority's annual report of operations.

Environment: Royal Botanic Gardens Board — capital works

6541. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Royal Botanic Gardens Board'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:

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority's annual report of operations.

Environment: Scientific Advisory Committee — capital works

6542. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Scientific Advisory 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:

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority's annual report of operations.

Environment: Sustainable Energy Authority Victoria — capital works

6543. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Sustainable Energy Authority Victoria'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:

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority's annual report of operations.

Environment: Trust for Nature — capital works

6545. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Trust for Nature'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:

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority's annual report of operations.

Health: Peter McCallum Cancer Institute — expenditure

7403. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Peter McCallum Cancer Institute for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.
- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department does not collect this information from health services and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

Details of spending on entertainment, hospitality and travel are not required to be reported under the Financial Management Act 1994. However, the Honourable Member may obtain information on expenditure on capital works and infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, from the 2004–05 Annual Reports of Health Services that were tabled in the Autumn Session.

Health: expenditure

7406. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to North-Eastern health for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.
- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department advises that there is no Health Services known as North-Eastern Health.

Health: expenditure

7407. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to North-West health for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.
- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department advises that there is no Health Service known as North-West Health.

Health: Northern Health — expenditure

7410. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Northern health for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.
- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department does not collect this information from health services and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

Details of spending on entertainment, hospitality and travel are not required to be reported under the Financial Management Act 1994. However, the Honourable Member may obtain information on expenditure on capital works and infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, from the 2004–05 Annual Reports of Health Services that were tabled in the Autumn Session.

Health: Wodonga hospital — expenditure

7412. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Wodonga hospital for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.
- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department does not collect this information from health services and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

Details of spending on entertainment, hospitality and travel are not required to be reported under the Financial Management Act 1994. However, the Honourable Member may obtain information on expenditure on capital works and infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, from the 2004–05 Annual Reports of Health Services that were tabled in the Autumn Session.

Health: Wangaratta hospital — expenditure

7413. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Wangaratta hospital for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.
- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department does not collect this information from health services and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

Details of spending on entertainment, hospitality and travel are not required to be reported under the Financial Management Act 1994. However, the Honourable Member may obtain information on expenditure on capital works and infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, from the 2004–05 Annual Reports of Health Services that were tabled in the Autumn Session.

Health: Ballarat Health — expenditure

7417. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Ballarat health for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.
- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department does not collect this information from health services and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

Details of spending on entertainment, hospitality and travel are not required to be reported under the Financial Management Act 1994. However, the Honourable Member may obtain information on expenditure on capital

works and infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, from the 2004–05 Annual Reports of Health Services that were tabled in the Autumn Session.

Health: Bendigo Health — expenditure

7418. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Bendigo health for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.
- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department does not collect this information from health services and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

Details of spending on entertainment, hospitality and travel are not required to be reported under the Financial Management Act 1994. However, the Honourable Member may obtain information on expenditure on capital works and infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, from the 2004–05 Annual Reports of Health Services that were tabled in the Autumn Session.

Health: Eastern Health — expenditure

7419. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Eastern Health for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.
- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department does not collect this information from health services and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

Details of spending on entertainment, hospitality and travel are not required to be reported under the Financial Management Act 1994. However, the Honourable Member may obtain information on expenditure on capital works and infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, from the 2004–05 Annual Reports of Health Services that were tabled in the Autumn Session.

Health: Benalla hospital — expenditure

7420. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Benalla Hospital for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.
- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department does not collect this information from health services and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

Details of spending on entertainment, hospitality and travel are not required to be reported under the Financial Management Act 1994. However, the Honourable Member may obtain information on expenditure on capital works and infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, from the 2004–05 Annual Reports of Health Services that were tabled in the Autumn Session.

Children: minister's office — furnishings

7445. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Children): What furniture items, including moveable furniture, fixed furniture and electrical goods were purchased for the Minister's private office in 2004–05 and what was the total cost of the items purchased.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The total cost of the items purchased was \$415.

Community services: minister's office — furnishings

7446. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): What furniture items, including moveable furniture, fixed furniture and electrical goods were purchased for the Minister's private office in 2004–05 and what was the total cost of the items purchased.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see response for Question 7445.

Consumer affairs: minister's office — furnishings

7480. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs: What furniture items, including moveable furniture, fixed furniture and electrical goods were purchased for the Minister's private office in 2004–05 and what was the total cost of the items purchased.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

According to the financial records of the Department of Justice, no furniture items were purchased in 2004–05.

Children: Human Services — entertainment expenses

7488. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Children): What was the total amount spent by the Minister’s department on entertainment expenses including alcohol, food, admission to Commonwealth Games events, admission to other entertainment events, special gifts, all transport and corporate box leasing for their invited guests and those who were hosting them at the Commonwealth Games.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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

Community services: Human Services — entertainment expenses

7489. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): What was the total amount spent by the Minister’s department on entertainment expenses including alcohol, food, admission to Commonwealth Games events, admission to other entertainment events, special gifts, all transport and corporate box leasing for their invited guests and those who were hosting them at the Commonwealth Games.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see response for Question 7488.

Gaming: charter flights

7547. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Gaming): In relation to all chartered flights, including helicopters and light planes used by the Minister in 2004–05 what was the —

- (a) date;
- (b) carrier;
- (c) destination;
- (d) cost; and
- (e) purpose.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

It would be an unreasonable diversion of the Department’s time and resources to provide an answer to this question.

Racing: charter flights

7549. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Racing): In relation to all chartered flights, including helicopters and light planes used by the Minister in 2004–05 what was the —

- (a) date;
- (b) carrier;
- (c) destination;
- (d) cost; and
- (e) purpose.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

It would be an unreasonable diversion of the Department’s time and resources to provide an answer to this question.

Children: ministerial staff — number

7908. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Children): How many ministerial staff were employed by the Minister at 1 March 2006.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities as the engagement of ministerial staff falls within the budget of the Department of Premier & Cabinet.

Community services: ministerial staff — number

7909. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): How many ministerial staff were employed by the Minister at 1 March 2006.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see response for Question 7908.

Children: minister’s office — secondments

7950. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Children): How many public servants were on secondment to the Minister’s private office at 1 March 2006 and were not counted within the ministerial staffing budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

2 public servants were on secondment to the Minister’s private office at 1 March 2006.

Community services: minister's office — secondments

7951. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): How many public servants were on secondment to the Minister's private office at 1 March 2006 and were not counted within the ministerial staffing budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see response for Question 7950.

Multicultural affairs: minister's office — secondments

7955. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): How many public servants were on secondment to the Minister's private office at 1 March 2006 and were not counted within the ministerial staffing budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The answer is nil.

Victorian communities: minister's office — secondments

7956. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Victorian Communities): How many public servants were on secondment to the Minister's private office at 1 March 2006 and were not counted within the ministerial staffing budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The answer is nil.

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, 1 June 2006

Environment: Trust for Nature — entertainment expenses

5829. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Trust for Nature’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 research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Corangamite Catchment Management Authority — entertainment expenses

5830. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority’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 research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority — entertainment expenses

5831. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority’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 research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Glenelg-Hopkins Catchment Management Authority — entertainment expenses

5832. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Glenelg-Hopkins Catchment Management Authority’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 research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Goulburn-Broken Catchment Management Authority — entertainment expenses

5833. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Goulburn-Broken Catchment Management Authority’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 research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Mallee Catchment Management Authority — entertainment expenses

5834. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Mallee Catchment Management Authority'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 research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: North Central Catchment Management Authority — entertainment expenses

5835. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the North Central Catchment Management Authority'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 research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: North East Catchment Management Authority — entertainment expenses

5836. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the North East Catchment Management Authority'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 research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority — entertainment expenses

5837. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority'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 research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority — entertainment expenses

5838. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority'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 research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Victoria's Open Range Zoo, Werribee — entertainment expenses

5870. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Victoria's Open Range Zoo at Werribee'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 research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Alpine Advisory Committee — entertainment expenses

5881. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Alpine Advisory 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 research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Victorian Mineral Water Committee — entertainment expenses

5883. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Victorian Mineral Water 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:

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

The research required to answer these questions would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Environment: Corangamite Catchment Management Authority — capital works

- 6546. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority'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:

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority's annual report of operations.

Environment: East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority — capital works

- 6547. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority'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:

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority's annual report of operations.

Environment: Glenelg-Hopkins Catchment Management Authority — capital works

- 6548. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Glenelg-Hopkins Catchment Management Authority'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:

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority's annual report of operations.

Environment: Goulburn-Broken Catchment Management Authority — capital works

6559. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Goulburn-Broken Catchment Management Authority'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:

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority's annual report of operations.

Environment: Mallee Catchment Management Authority — capital works

6560. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Mallee Catchment Management Authority'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:

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority's annual report of operations.

Environment: North Central Catchment Management Authority — capital works

6561. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the North Central Catchment Management Authority'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:

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority's annual report of operations.

Environment: North East Catchment Management Authority — capital works

6562. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the North East Catchment Management Authority'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:

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority’s annual report of operations.

Environment: Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority — capital works

6563. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority’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:

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority’s annual report of operations.

Environment: West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority — capital works

6564. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority’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:

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority’s annual report of operations.

Environment: Wimmera Catchment Management Authority — capital works

6565. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Wimmera Catchment Management Authority’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:

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority’s annual report of operations.

Environment: Victorian Catchment Management Council — capital works

6566. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Victorian Catchment Management Authority’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:

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority’s annual report of operations.

Environment: Victorian Coastal Council — capital works

6567. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the Victorian Coastal 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:

This information is publicly available. All major capital works conducted by a statutory authority would be disclosed in the authority’s annual report of operations.

Environment: North East Catchment Management Authority — stress-related leave

7202. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of the North East Catchment Management Authority 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:

No staff members of the North East Catchment Management Authority took stress-related leave in the 2004–05 financial year.

Environment: Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority — stress-related leave

7203. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of the Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority 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:

No staff members of the Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority took stress-related leave in the 2004–05 financial year.

Environment: West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority — stress-related leave

7204. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority 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:

Some stress-related leave was taken by staff of the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority in 2004–05, however disclosing further details of this leave could lead to the identification of an individual. I have, therefore, declined to publicly release this information.

Environment: Wimmera Catchment Management Authority — stress-related leave

7205. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of the Wimmera Catchment Management Authority 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:

No staff members of the Wimmera Catchment Management Authority took stress-related leave in the 2004–05 financial year.

Environment: Victorian Catchment Management Council — stress-related leave

7206. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of the Victorian Catchment Management Authority 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:

No staff members of the Victorian Catchment Management Council took stress-related leave in the 2004–05 financial year.

Environment: Victorian Coastal Council — stress-related leave

7207. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of the Victorian Coastal 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:

No staff members of the Victorian Coastal Council took stress-related leave during the 2004–05 financial year.

Environment: Victorian Environment Assessment Council — stress-related leave

7208. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of the Victorian Environment Assessment 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:

Some stress-related leave was taken by staff of the Victorian Environment Assessment Council in 2004–05, however disclosing further details of this leave could lead to the identification of an individual. I have, therefore, declined to publicly release this information.

Environment: Central Coastal Board — stress-related leave

7209. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of the Central Coastal Board 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:

No staff members of the Central Coastal Board took stress-related leave during the 2004–05 financial year.

Environment: Barwon Water — stress-related leave

7212. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of Barwon Water 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:

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

Some stress-related leave was taken by staff of Barwon Water in 2004–05, however disclosing further details of this leave could lead to the identification of an individual. I have, therefore, declined to publicly release this information.

Environment: Central Highlands Water — stress-related leave

7214. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of Central Highlands Water 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:

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

No staff members of Central Highlands Water took stress-related leave in the 2004–05 financial year.

Environment: Coliban Water — stress-related leave

7215. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of Coliban Water 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:

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

No staff members of Coliban Water took stress-related leave in the 2004–05 financial year.

Environment: Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water — stress-related leave

7219. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water 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:

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

No staff members of Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water took stress-related leave in the 2004–05 financial year.

Health: Portland and District Hospital — expenditure

7404. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to the Portland and District Hospital for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.
- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.

- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department does not collect this information from health services and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

Details of spending on entertainment, hospitality and travel are not required to be reported under the Financial Management Act 1994. However, the Honourable Member may obtain information on expenditure on capital works and infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, from the 2004–05 Annual Reports of Health Services that were tabled in the Autumn Session.

Health: Peninsula Health — expenditure

7405. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Peninsula Health for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.
- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department does not collect this information from health services and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

Details of spending on entertainment, hospitality and travel are not required to be reported under the Financial Management Act 1994. However, the Honourable Member may obtain information on expenditure on capital works and infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, from the 2004–05 Annual Reports of Health Services that were tabled in the Autumn Session.

Health: Mercy hospital — expenditure

7408. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to the Mercy hospital for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.
- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department does not collect this information from health services and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

Details of spending on entertainment, hospitality and travel are not required to be reported under the Financial Management Act 1994. However, the Honourable Member may obtain information on expenditure on capital works and infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, from the 2004–05 Annual Reports of Health Services that were tabled in the Autumn Session.

Health: Melbourne Health — expenditure

7409. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Melbourne Health for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.
- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department does not collect this information from health services and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

Details of spending on entertainment, hospitality and travel are not required to be reported under the Financial Management Act 1994. However, the Honourable Member may obtain information on expenditure on capital works and infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, from the 2004–05 Annual Reports of Health Services that were tabled in the Autumn Session.

Health: St Vincent’s Hospital — expenditure

7411. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to St Vincent’s Hospital for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.
- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department does not collect this information from health services and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

Details of spending on entertainment, hospitality and travel are not required to be reported under the Financial Management Act 1994. However, the Honourable Member may obtain information on expenditure on capital works and infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, from the 2004–05 Annual Reports of Health Services that were tabled in the Autumn Session.

Health: Western Health — expenditure

7414. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Western health for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.
- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department does not collect this information from health services and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

Details of spending on entertainment, hospitality and travel are not required to be reported under the Financial Management Act 1994. However, the Honourable Member may obtain information on expenditure on capital works and infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, from the 2004–05 Annual Reports of Health Services that were tabled in the Autumn Session.

Health: Alpine Health — expenditure

7415. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Alpine Health for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.
- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department does not collect this information from health services and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

Details of spending on entertainment, hospitality and travel are not required to be reported under the Financial Management Act 1994. However, the Honourable Member may obtain information on expenditure on capital works and infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, from the 2004–05 Annual Reports of Health Services that were tabled in the Autumn Session.

Health: Barwon Health — expenditure

7416. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Barwon Health for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.
- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department does not collect this information from health services and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

Details of spending on entertainment, hospitality and travel are not required to be reported under the Financial Management Act 1994. However, the Honourable Member may obtain information on expenditure on capital works and infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, from the 2004–05 Annual Reports of Health Services that were tabled in the Autumn Session.

Health: Bass Coast Regional Health — expenditure

7421. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Bass Coast Regional Health for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.
- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department does not collect this information from health services and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

Details of spending on entertainment, hospitality and travel are not required to be reported under the Financial Management Act 1994. However, the Honourable Member may obtain information on expenditure on capital works and infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, from the 2004–05 Annual Reports of Health Services that were tabled in the Autumn Session.

Health: Latrobe Regional Hospital — expenditure

7422. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to La Trobe Regional Hospital for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.

- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department does not collect this information from health services and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

Details of spending on entertainment, hospitality and travel are not required to be reported under the Financial Management Act 1994. However, the Honourable Member may obtain information on expenditure on capital works and infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, from the 2004–05 Annual Reports of Health Services that were tabled in the Autumn Session.

Health: Gippsland Southern Health — expenditure

7423. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Gippsland Southern Health for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.
- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department does not collect this information from health services and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

Details of spending on entertainment, hospitality and travel are not required to be reported under the Financial Management Act 1994. However, the Honourable Member may obtain information on expenditure on capital works and infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, from the 2004–05 Annual Reports of Health Services that were tabled in the Autumn Session.

Health: Goulburn Valley Health — expenditure

7424. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Goulburn Valley Health for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.
- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department does not collect this information from health services and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

Details of spending on entertainment, hospitality and travel are not required to be reported under the Financial Management Act 1994. However, the Honourable Member may obtain information on expenditure on capital works and infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, from the 2004–05 Annual Reports of Health Services that were tabled in the Autumn Session.

Health: Angliss Hospital — expenditure

7425. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to the Angliss Hospital for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.
- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Angliss Hospital ceased to operate in its own right from 31 July 1995 and became part of the Eastern Health Care Network.

Health: Wimmera Health Care Group — expenditure

7426. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Wimmera Health Care Group for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.
- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department does not collect this information from health services and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

Details of spending on entertainment, hospitality and travel are not required to be reported under the Financial Management Act 1994. However, the Honourable Member may obtain information on expenditure on capital works and infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, from the 2004–05 Annual Reports of Health Services that were tabled in the Autumn Session.

Health: Central Gippsland Health — expenditure

7427. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Central Gippsland Health for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.
- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department does not collect this information from health services and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

Details of spending on entertainment, hospitality and travel are not required to be reported under the Financial Management Act 1994. However, the Honourable Member may obtain information on expenditure on capital works and infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, from the 2004–05 Annual Reports of Health Services that were tabled in the Autumn Session.

Health: West Gippsland Health — expenditure

7428. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to West Gippsland Health for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.
- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department does not collect this information from health services and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

Details of spending on entertainment, hospitality and travel are not required to be reported under the Financial Management Act 1994. However, the Honourable Member may obtain information on expenditure on capital works and infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, from the 2004–05 Annual Reports of Health Services that were tabled in the Autumn Session.

Health: South Gippsland Health — expenditure

7429. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to South Gippsland Health for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.

- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department does not collect this information from health services and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

Details of spending on entertainment, hospitality and travel are not required to be reported under the Financial Management Act 1994. However, the Honourable Member may obtain information on expenditure on capital works and infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, from the 2004–05 Annual Reports of Health Services that were tabled in the Autumn Session.

Health: Kilmore and District Hospital — expenditure

7430. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Kilmore Hospital for 2004–05 —

- (1) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality.
- (2) What was the total amount spent on entertainment and hospitality by the Chief Executive.
- (3) What was the total amount spent on travel.
- (4) What was the total amount spent on travel by the Chief Executive.
- (5) How much was spent on capital works and infrastructure.
- (6) How much was spent on repairs and maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

My department does not collect this information from health services and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

Details of spending on entertainment, hospitality and travel are not required to be reported under the Financial Management Act 1994. However, the Honourable Member may obtain information on expenditure on capital works and infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, from the 2004–05 Annual Reports of Health Services that were tabled in the Autumn Session.

Agriculture: Primary Industries — entertainment expenses

7510. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): What was the total amount spent by the Minister’s department on entertainment expenses including alcohol, food, admission to Commonwealth Games events, admission to other entertainment events, special gifts, all transport and corporate box leasing for their invited guests and those who were hosting them at the Commonwealth Games.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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

Children: media research and public opinion polling

7572. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Children): For each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration, what are the details of all media research and public opinion polling conducted in 2004–05, including —

- (a) the title of each poll or item of research;
- (b) the date approved and duration of contract;
- (c) the cost;
- (d) the personnel conducting the project;
- (e) whether it was put to tender;
- (f) recommendations made; and
- (g) any actions taken by the department or Minister.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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

Community services: media research and public opinion polling

7573. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): For each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration, what are the details of all media research and public opinion polling conducted in 2004–05, including —

- (a) the title of each poll or item of research;
- (b) the date approved and duration of contract;
- (c) the cost;
- (d) the personnel conducting the project;
- (e) whether it was put to tender;
- (f) recommendations made; and
- (g) any actions taken by the department or Minister.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see response for Question 7572.

Children: minister's office — international travel

7614. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Children): What was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all international travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The total cost was \$25,534

Community services: minister's office — international travel

7615. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): What was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all international travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see response for Question 7614.

Children: minister's office — interstate travel

7656. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Children): What was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all interstate travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The total cost was \$6,000.

Community services: minister's office — interstate travel

7657. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): What was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all interstate travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see response for Question 7656.

Gaming: minister's office — entertainment expenses

7757. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Gaming): What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

According to the financial records of the Department of Justice, no entertainment expenses were incurred in 2005.

Children: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7782. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Children): What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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

Community services: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7783. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see response for Question 7782.

Gaming: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7799. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Gaming): What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

According to the financial records of the Department of Justice, no alcohol expenses were incurred in 2005.

Multicultural affairs: ministerial staff — cost

7871. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): What was the total cost associated with the engagement of ministerial staff, including salaries, superannuation and WorkCover in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Costs for the engagement of Ministerial staff are managed by the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Victorian communities: ministerial staff — cost

7872. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Victorian Communities): What was the total cost associated with the engagement of ministerial staff, including salaries, superannuation and WorkCover in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Costs for the engagement of Ministerial staff are managed by the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Consumer affairs: ministerial staff — cost

7901. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs: What was the total cost associated with the engagement of ministerial staff, including salaries, superannuation and WorkCover in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Ministerial Staff are employed by the Premier.

Multicultural affairs: ministerial staff — number

7913. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): How many ministerial staff were employed by the Minister at 1 March 2006.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

As Minister for Multicultural Affairs, I do not employ Ministerial staff.

Victorian communities: ministerial staff — number

7914. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Victorian Communities): How many ministerial staff were employed by the Minister at 1 March 2006.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I do not employ Ministerial staff.

Consumer affairs: ministerial staff — number

7943. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs: How many ministerial staff were employed by the Minister at 1 March 2006.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Ministerial Staff are employed by the Premier.