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

Tuesday, 1 May 2007

Attorney-General: Koori staff

44. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Attorney-General):

- (1) How many Koori staff do the Department of Justice employ.
- (2) In what positions are they employed.
- (3) How many Koori staff were there in —
 - (a) 2003;
 - (b) 2004;
 - (c) 2005; and
 - (d) 2006.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

(1) & (2)

As of 14 February 2007 there are 54 self-identified Koori staff employed within the Department of Justice in the following positions:

Positions	No.
Identified	41
Mainstream	4
Designated	6
Youth Employment Scheme (YES) Trainees	3
Total	54

Many of the Department’s Koori staff are employed in Identified and Designated Positions. An Identified Position is one in which all or the majority of the duties involve the development and/or delivery of policy, programs and services which impact on Indigenous people and/or involve interaction with Indigenous communities or their representatives. The occupant of an Identified Position (Koori or non-Koori) is required to have an understanding of the issues affecting the Indigenous community and is required to communicate effectively and sensitively with the target group.

Designated Positions are positions, through exemption under the Equal Opportunity Act (1995), which have to be filled by Indigenous persons. A Designated Position is one in which all of the duties involve the development and/or delivery of policy, programs and services which impact on Indigenous people and/or involve interaction with Indigenous communities or their representatives

- (3) The number of Koori staff in the Department from 2003-2006 were:
 - (a) 2003: 46;
 - (b) 2004: 48;

- (c) 2005: 53; and
- (d) 2006: 53.

I am proud of my Department's record of encouraging the participation of Koori Victorians and believe the Department's work will benefit from their expertise and involvement.

Attorney-General: Koori staff

- 45. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Attorney-General): How many staff development programs did the Department of Justice run for Koori employees in —
- (a) 2003;
 - (b) 2004;
 - (c) 2005; and
 - (d) 2006.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

In relation to the years cited above, the Department of Justice, through the Indigenous Issues Unit, coordinated an annual Koori Staff Network Conference. The Conference, which continues to be held, is a forum for all Koori staff employed across the Justice Portfolio to come together and build linkages across the portfolio, share program information, participate in staff development opportunities and workshop ideas. All Koori staff are encouraged and supported by their respective business unit managers to attend the Conference.

In addition to the above Conference, in 2006/2007 the Department conducted additional courses for Koori staff in the Koori Mediators Training delivered through the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria and Certificate IV in Workplace Assessment Training (Koori Specific) delivered by RMIT University.

Attorney-General: Koori staff

- 46. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Attorney-General): How many Koori staff members participated in Staff Development Programs in the Department of Justice in —
- (a) 2003;
 - (b) 2004;
 - (c) 2005; and
 - (d) 2006.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

This information is not centrally located due to privacy reasons. Staff development is a key component of each worker's performance plan which is individually negotiated with their direct supervisor. Based on a recent survey where Koori staff were requested to self identify courses which they have attended, the Indigenous Issues Unit have advised that they are aware of 24 Koori staff that have participated in Staff Development Programs in 2006/2007 financial year. Courses have included, but are not limited to, Information Technology, Writing Skills and Project Management Training.

Finance: members vehicles

60. MR BARBER — To ask the Minister for Education (for the Minister for Finance): In relation to VicFleet vehicles available for Members of Parliament:

- (1) What makes and models are available for Members.
- (2) What is the number of each make and model available for Members.

ANSWER:

The number of current makes and models of vehicles available to Members of Parliament are outlined in the table below.

MAKE	MODEL	NUMBER
FORD	FAIRMONT 4.0L SEDAN	24
FORD	FALCON XT 4.0L SEDAN	—
FORD	FALCON XT 4.0L SEDAN (LPG)	-
FORD	FALCON XT 4.0L STATION WAGON	-
FORD	FALCON XT 4.0L STATION WAGON (LPG)	-
FORD	FUTURA 4.0L SEDAN	-
FORD	FUTURA 4.0L SEDAN (LPG)	-
FORD	FUTURA STATION WAGON	2
FORD	FUTURA STATION WAGON (LPG)	1
FORD	TERRITORY TX RWD	36
HOLDEN	BERLINA 3.6L SEDAN	27
HOLDEN	BERLINA 3.6L STATION WAGON	12
HOLDEN	COMMODORE EXEC 3.6L STATION WAGON	-
HOLDEN	COMMODORE OMEGA 3.6L SEDAN	-
HOLDEN	COMMODORE OMEGA 3.6L SEDAN (LPG)	-
MITSUBISHI	380 ES	-
MITSUBISHI	380 LX	1
TOYOTA	AURION AT-X 3.5L SEDAN	-
TOYOTA	AURION PRODIGY 3.5L SEDAN	1
TOYOTA	CAMRY ALTISE 2.4L SEDAN	-
TOYOTA	CAMRY ATEVA 2.4L SEDAN	1
TOYOTA	CAMRY GRANDE 2.4L SEDAN	-
TOYOTA	PRIUS 1.5L SEDAN	3
Total number of current model vehicles in the Fleet.		108

The following discontinued models listed in the table below are still currently used by Members of Parliament.

HOLDEN	Acclaim Sedan	1
HOLDEN	Acclaim Wagon	1
HOLDEN	Adventra SX Wagon	6
TOYOTA	Avalon	1
MITSUBISHI	Verada Sedan	1

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The total number of vehicles in the Fleet is 126.

Premier: Victorian public service

116. MR D. M. DAVIS— To ask the Minister for Education (for the Premier):

- (1) What was the total number of Victorian public servants employed by the Government at the end of each financial year from 2000-01 until 2005-06.
- (2) What was the total salaries and benefits paid (excluding superannuation) by the Government to all members of the Victorian Public Service employed in each of those years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Information about the total number of Victorian public servants employed by the Government at the end of the 2005-06 and 2004-05 financial years, is available in the Annual Reports of the State Services Authority.

Prior to the establishment of the State Services Authority, information regarding the total number of public servants at the end of each financial year was available in the annual reports prepared by the Commissioner for Public Employment.

- (2) Information about public sector wages and benefits is provided in public service departments' and agencies' annual reports, as well as in the annual Budget Papers and the Government's Annual Financial Report, all of which are publicly available.

Aboriginal affairs: low birth weights

129. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs: What is the difference between the percentage of low birth weight for babies born to indigenous and non-indigenous mothers in Victoria in 2005 in —

- (a) North and West Metropolitan Victoria;
- (b) Loddon Mallee Region; and
- (c) Gippsland.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The issue raised sits within the portfolio of the Minister for Health.

Aboriginal affairs: low birth weights

130. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs: What is the difference between the percentage of low birth weight for babies born to indigenous and non-indigenous mothers in Victoria in 2006 in —

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- (b) Loddon Mallee Region; and
- (c) Gippsland.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The question raised sits within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Health.

Aboriginal affairs: infant mortality

- 131. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs: What is the infant mortality rate of the Victorian indigenous population.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The question raised sits within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Health.

Mental health: Aboriginal petrol sniffing

- 137. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs (for the Minister for Mental Health): How many Aboriginal Children between the ages of 10 and 18 were treated for petrol sniffing in Victoria in each calendar year from 2002 to 2006.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Human Services, Alcohol and Drug Information System (ADIS) records information on clients presenting for treatment to drug and alcohol services.

Data is collected for 'Volatile Substances' as a primary drug of concern but does not record or distinguish between the type of volatile substance.

Education: funding

- 177. MR P. R. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Education: What was the total amount of money provided as specific purpose grants for education purposes from the Commonwealth Government to the Victorian Government in 1999-2000.

ANSWER:

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

Information regarding grants from the Commonwealth Government is available on the MCEETYA, DEST and the Commonwealth Budget websites.

Education: funding

- 178. MR P. R. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Education: What was the total amount of money provided as specific purpose grants for education purposes from the Commonwealth Government to the Victorian Government in 2000-01.

ANSWER:

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

Information regarding grants from the Commonwealth Government is available on the MCEETYA, DEST and the Commonwealth Budget websites.

Education: funding

179. MR P. R. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Education: What was the total amount of money provided as specific purpose grants for education purposes from the Commonwealth Government to the Victorian Government in 2001–02.

ANSWER:

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

Information regarding grants from the Commonwealth Government is available on the MCEETYA, DEST and the Commonwealth Budget websites.

Education: funding

180. MR P. R. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Education: What was the total amount of money provided as specific purpose grants for education purposes from the Commonwealth Government to the Victorian Government in 2002–03.

ANSWER:

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

Information regarding grants from the Commonwealth Government is available on the MCEETYA, DEST and the Commonwealth Budget websites.

Education: funding

181. MR P. R. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Education: What was the total amount of money provided as specific purpose grants for education purposes from the Commonwealth Government to the Victorian Government in 2003–04.

ANSWER:

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

Information regarding grants from the Commonwealth Government is available on the MCEETYA, DEST and the Commonwealth Budget websites.

Education: funding

182. MR P. R. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Education: What was the total amount of money provided as specific purpose grants for education purposes from the Commonwealth Government to the Victorian Government in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

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

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Education: funding

183. MR P. R. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Education: What was the total amount of money provided as specific purpose grants for education purposes from the Commonwealth Government to the Victorian Government in 2005–06.

ANSWER:

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

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Education: funding

184. MR P. R. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Education: What was the total amount of money provided as general purpose grants by the Commonwealth Government to the Victorian Government and used for education purposes in 1999-2000.

ANSWER:

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

Information regarding grants from the Commonwealth Government is available on the MCEETYA, DEST and the Commonwealth Budget websites.

Education: funding

185. MR P. R. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Education: What was the total amount of money provided as general purpose grants by the Commonwealth Government to the Victorian Government and used for education purposes in 2000-01.

ANSWER:

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

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Education: funding

186. MR P. R. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Education: What was the total amount of money provided as general purpose grants by the Commonwealth Government to the Victorian Government and used for education purposes in 2001–02.

ANSWER:

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

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Education: funding

- 187. MR P. R. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Education: What was the total amount of money provided as general purpose grants by the Commonwealth Government to the Victorian Government and used for education purposes in 2002-03.

ANSWER:

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Education: funding

- 188. MR P. R. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Education: What was the total amount of money provided as general purpose grants by the Commonwealth Government to the Victorian Government and used for education purposes in 2003-04.

ANSWER:

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Education: funding

- 189. MR P. R. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Education: What was the total amount of money provided as general purpose grants by the Commonwealth Government to the Victorian Government and used for education purposes in 2004-05.

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Education: funding

- 190. MR P. R. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Education: What was the total amount of money provided as general purpose grants by the Commonwealth Government to the Victorian Government and used for education purposes in 2005-06.

ANSWER:

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

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Education: Andersons Creek Primary School

208. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to Andersons Creek Primary School located in the Warrandyte District:

- (1) Does the school qualify for an upgrade or redevelopment as part of the Bracks' Government 2006 Election Policy commitment under the Victorian School Plan.
- (2) If the school does qualify —
 - (a) what will be undertaken as part of the redevelopment;
 - (b) when will the upgrade/redevelopment commence; and
 - (c) when will the various stages be completed.
- (3) If the School does not qualify for an upgrade or redevelopment under the Victorian School Plan please explain why.

ANSWER:

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

The Bracks Government's Victorian School Plan is a ten year plan which will deliver the largest school building program in Victoria's history.

Education is this Government's number one priority. The Bracks Government has committed a massive \$1.9 billion over this term, which will see another 500 schools being built or modernised.

All schools will participate in the Building Futures framework which provides the conceptual framework that puts improved educational outcomes for students at the core of all planning and investment decisions.

I find your interest in this issue fascinating given the Liberal Party's track record on Education. When last in Government, your party cut funds to education, closed schools, sacked teachers and increased class sizes. More than 300 public schools were closed, 9000 teachers were sacked.

I welcome your renewed interest.

Education: Croydon Hills Primary School

209. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to Croydon Hills Primary School located in the Warrandyte District:

- (1) Does the school qualify for an upgrade or redevelopment as part of the Bracks' Government 2006 Election Policy commitment under the Victorian School Plan.
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Education: Croydon North Primary School

210. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to Croydon North Primary School located in the Warrandyte District:

- (1) Does the school qualify for an upgrade or redevelopment as part of the Bracks' Government 2006 Election Policy commitment under the Victorian School Plan.
- (2) If the school does qualify —
 - (a) what will be undertaken as part of the redevelopment;
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Education: Croydon West Primary School

211. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to Croydon West Primary School located in the Warrandyte District:

- (1) Does the school qualify for an upgrade or redevelopment as part of the Bracks' Government 2006 Election Policy commitment under the Victorian School Plan.
- (2) If the school does qualify —
 - (a) what will be undertaken as part of the redevelopment;

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Education: Kalinda Primary School

212. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to Kalinda Primary School located in the Warrandyte District:

- (1) Does the school qualify for an upgrade or redevelopment as part of the Bracks' Government 2006 Election Policy commitment under the Victorian School Plan.
- (2) If the school does qualify —
 - (a) what will be undertaken as part of the redevelopment;
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Education: Maroondah Secondary College

213. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to Maroondah Secondary College located in the Warrandyte District:

- (1) Does the school qualify for an upgrade or redevelopment as part of the Bracks' Government 2006 Election Policy commitment under the Victorian School Plan.
- (2) If the school does qualify —
 - (a) what will be undertaken as part of the redevelopment;
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Education: Norwood Secondary College

214. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to Norwood Secondary College located in the Warrandyte District:

- (1) Does the school qualify for an upgrade or redevelopment as part of the Bracks' Government 2006 Election Policy commitment under the Victorian School Plan.
- (2) If the school does qualify —
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Education: Park Orchards Primary School

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Education: Parkwood Secondary College

216. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to Parkwood Secondary College located in the Warrandyte District:

- (1) Does the school qualify for an upgrade or redevelopment as part of the Bracks' Government 2006 Election Policy commitment under the Victorian School Plan.

- (2) If the school does qualify —
 - (a) what will be undertaken as part of the redevelopment;
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Education: Ringwood Heights Primary School

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- (1) Does the school qualify for an upgrade or redevelopment as part of the Bracks' Government 2006 Election Policy commitment under the Victorian School Plan.
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Education: Warrandyte High School

218. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to Warrandyte High School located in the Warrandyte District:

- (1) Does the school qualify for an upgrade or redevelopment as part of the Bracks' Government 2006 Election Policy commitment under the Victorian School Plan.
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Education: Warrandyte Primary School

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Education: Warranwood Primary School

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- (1) Does the school qualify for an upgrade or redevelopment as part of the Bracks' Government 2006 Election Policy commitment under the Victorian School Plan.
- (2) If the school does qualify —
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Education: Yarra Road Primary School

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- (1) Does the school qualify for an upgrade or redevelopment as part of the Bracks' Government 2006 Election Policy commitment under the Victorian School Plan.
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Education: Laburnum Primary School

222. MR ATKINSON — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to Laburnum Primary School located in the Mitcham District:

- (1) Does the school qualify for an upgrade or redevelopment as part of the Bracks' Government 2006 Election Policy commitment under the Victorian School Plan.
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Education: Mitcham Primary School

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- (1) Does the school qualify for an upgrade or redevelopment as part of the Bracks' Government 2006 Election Policy commitment under the Victorian School Plan.
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Education: Nunawading Primary School

224. MR ATKINSON — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to Nunawading Primary School located in the Mitcham District:

- (1) Does the school qualify for an upgrade or redevelopment as part of the Bracks' Government 2006 Election Policy commitment under the Victorian School Plan.
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Education: Mount Pleasant Primary School

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Education: Old Orchard Primary School

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- (1) Does the school qualify for an upgrade or redevelopment as part of the Bracks' Government 2006 Election Policy commitment under the Victorian School Plan.
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Education: Blackburn Primary School

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Education: Blackburn Lake Primary School

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Education: Antonio Park Primary School

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Education: Rangeview Primary School

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Education: Springview Primary School

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Education: Mullauna College

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Education: Blackburn High School

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Education: Briar Hill Primary School

234. MR ATKINSON — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to Briar Hill Primary School located in the Eltham District:

- (1) Does the school qualify for an upgrade or redevelopment as part of the Bracks' Government 2006 Election Policy commitment under the Victorian School Plan.
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Education: Eltham East Primary School

235. MR ATKINSON — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to Eltham East Primary School located in the Eltham District:

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Education: Eltham North Primary School

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Education: Eltham Primary School

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Education: Glen Katherine Primary School

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Education: Lower Plenty Primary School

240. MR ATKINSON — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to Lower Plenty Primary School located in the Eltham District:

- (1) Does the school qualify for an upgrade or redevelopment as part of the Bracks' Government 2006 Election Policy commitment under the Victorian School Plan.
- (2) If the school does qualify —
 - (a) what will be undertaken as part of the redevelopment;
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Education: Montmorency Primary School

241. MR ATKINSON — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to Montmorency Primary School located in the Eltham District:

- (1) Does the school qualify for an upgrade or redevelopment as part of the Bracks' Government 2006 Election Policy commitment under the Victorian School Plan.
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Education: Montmorency South Primary School

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Education: Research Primary School

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- (2) If the school does qualify —
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Education: Sherbourne Primary School

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- (2) If the school does qualify —
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Education: Eltham High School

245. MR ATKINSON — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to Eltham High School located in the Eltham District:

- (1) Does the school qualify for an upgrade or redevelopment as part of the Bracks' Government 2006 Election Policy commitment under the Victorian School Plan.
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Education: Montmorency Secondary College

246. MR ATKINSON — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to Montmorency Secondary College located in the Eltham District:

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Education: St Helena Secondary College

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- (1) Does the school qualify for an upgrade or redevelopment as part of the Bracks' Government 2006 Election Policy commitment under the Victorian School Plan.
- (2) If the school does qualify —
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Aboriginal affairs: schoolchildren

255. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs: How many indigenous children in Victoria were eligible to attend school in each calendar year from 2002 to 2006.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The question raised sits within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Education.

Aboriginal affairs: schoolchildren

256. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs: How many indigenous children at Lake Tyers were eligible to attend school in each calendar year from 2002 to 2006.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The question raised sits within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Education.

Education: Orchard Grove Primary School

272. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to the Orchard Grove Primary School located in the Forest Hill District:

- (1) Does the school qualify for an upgrade or redevelopment as part of the Bracks' Government 2006 Election Policy commitment under the Victorian School Plan.
- (2) If the school does qualify —
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Education: Burwood East Primary School

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- (1) Does the school qualify for an upgrade or redevelopment as part of the Bracks' Government 2006 Election Policy commitment under the Victorian School Plan.
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Education: Forest Hill College

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Education: Burwood Heights Primary School

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Education: Weeden Heights Primary School

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Education: Vermont Secondary College

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Education: Livingstone Primary School

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Education: Parkmore Primary School

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Education: Vermont South Special School

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Education: Camelot Rise Primary School

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Education: Highvale Primary School

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Education: Highvale Secondary College

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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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, 2 May 2007

Premier: water harvesting

- 50. MR BARBER** — To ask the Minister for Education (for the Premier): In relation to your media release of 25 January 2007 in which you announced a number of drought contingency measures and attached a table listing a proposed action and the estimated water savings; titled 'Management of logging operations to maximise water harvesting/Up to 2000ML (2007,2008)':
- (1) How will logging operations be managed to maximise water harvesting in this measure.
 - (2) Will logging operations already scheduled be moved to different areas, if so provide reference details for the relevant coupes.
 - (3) Who prepared the estimate that 2000 ML would be saved as a result of these actions.
 - (4) What methodology was used to develop this estimate.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Timber harvesting is rotated across the four Yarra tributary catchments in State forests, with only one catchment available for timber harvesting each year. In line with best practice water quality management, the water from the catchment with timber harvesting taking place is not used for consumptive purposes. That is, it is used to augment environmental flows rather than going into Melbourne's water storages. As part of drought contingency measures announced in January 2007, water harvesting for Melbourne from the Yarra tributary catchments will be optimised by continuing logging operations in a lower water yielding catchment (with this water continuing to be used for environmental flow) rather than moving to a high water yielding catchment.
- (2) Due to a request to change catchments by Melbourne Water to increase water availability to Melbourne, a Timber Release Plan amendment was requested by VicForests and approved by DSE. Timber harvesting is now scheduled for the following coupes in the Starvation Creek catchment in the 2006/07 year:
 - 344-515-0003 Opposite Browns 2;
 - 344-553-0004 Red Creek;
 - 344-554-0005 Federal Junction; and
 - 344-554-0006 Federal Creek.
- (3) Hydrologists from Melbourne Water estimate that a maximum 2,000ML of water will be saved as a result of these actions.
- (4) These estimates are based on historical streamflow data.