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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, 5 June 2007**

**Major projects: external legal advice**

- 64. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: In relation to the portfolio of Major Projects, would the Minister provide in table form for 2003–04, 2004–05, 2005–6 and 1 July 2006 to date —
- (a) The names of the legal firms or consultancies from which the department obtained external advice;
  - (b) The nature and purpose of each piece of legal advice obtained through the firms listed;
  - (c) The expenditure by the Department on the legal firms and advice referred to above; and
  - (d) The tender or advertising arrangements used in each of the above pieces of legal advice.

**ANSWER:**

Information on consultancies and other contracts entered into by Major Projects Victoria can be found in the Department of Infrastructure's annual report and on the [www.contracts.vic.gov.au](http://www.contracts.vic.gov.au) website.

**Major projects: public relations staff and consultancies**

- 69. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: In relation to your portfolio of Major Projects:
- (1) What is the number and cost of staff working in his office.
  - (2) What is the number of staff working in each Public Relations Unit indicating —
    - (a) the total operating budget; and
    - (b) the total promotional budget.
  - (3) What contracts have been entered into in 2005–06 for public relations and/or communications strategies with outside consultants or persons giving —
    - (a) the person/company contracted;
    - (b) the date of the contract;
    - (c) the contract sum;
    - (d) the amount paid; and
    - (e) a brief summary of work done.

**ANSWER:**

Information on staffing and budget levels at Major Projects Victoria can be found in the Department of Infrastructure Annual Report. Information on consultancies and other contracts entered into by Major Projects Victoria can be found in the Department of Infrastructure's Annual Report and on the [www.contracts.vic.gov.au](http://www.contracts.vic.gov.au) website.

**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Minister for Education in Ministerial Offices as Ministerial Staff.
- (2) What were their names.
- (3) What is the annual cost of these staff members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Question 1.

Due to the nature of the work undertaken an accurate figure for the purposes of your question cannot be provided. However the 2005/2006 Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) Annual Report lists 259 people as being employed by DPC as part of Ministerial and Parliamentary Services in a full time, part time or casual nature. This includes Ministers for the Crown, ministerial staff (including Premier's Private Office), Leader of Opposition and the Leader of the National Party and past Premiers' staff.

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- 2005 - \$59,412,000
- 2006 - \$64,597,000

**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Deputy Premier in the Deputy Premier's Office as Ministerial Staff.
- (2) What were their names.
- (3) What is the annual cost of these staff members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Treasurer in the Treasurer’s Office as Ministerial Staff.
- (2) What were their names.
- (3) What is the annual cost of these staff members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Minister for Arts in Ministerial Offices as Ministerial Staff.
- (2) What were their names.
- (3) What is the annual cost of these staff members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Minister for Finance in Ministerial Offices as Ministerial Staff.
- (2) What were their names.
- (3) What is the annual cost of these staff members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Minister for WorkCover and TAC in Ministerial Offices as Ministerial Staff.
- (2) What were their names.
- (3) What is the annual cost of these staff members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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- 2006 - \$64,597,000

**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Minister for Information and Communication Technology in Ministerial Offices as Ministerial Staff.
- (2) What were their names.
- (3) What is the annual cost of these staff members.

**ANSWER:**

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- 2006 - \$64,597,000

**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Minister for Community Services in Ministerial Offices as Ministerial Staff.
- (2) What were their names.
- (3) What is the annual cost of these staff members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs in Ministerial Offices as Ministerial Staff.
- (2) What were their names.
- (3) What is the annual cost of these staff members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Minister for Victorian Communities in Ministerial Offices as Ministerial Staff.
- (2) What were their names.
- (3) What is the annual cost of these staff members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs in Ministerial Offices as Ministerial Staff.
- (2) What were their names.
- (3) What is the annual cost of these staff members.

**ANSWER:**

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**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Minister for Veterans' Affairs in Ministerial Offices as Ministerial Staff.
- (2) What were their names.
- (3) What is the annual cost of these staff members.

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**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Minister for Women’s Affairs in Ministerial Offices as Ministerial Staff.
- (2) What were their names.
- (3) What is the annual cost of these staff members.

**ANSWER:**

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**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs in Ministerial Offices as Ministerial Staff.
- (2) What were their names.
- (3) What is the annual cost of these staff members.

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**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Minister for Housing and Local Government in Ministerial Offices as Ministerial Staff.
- (2) What were their names.
- (3) What is the annual cost of these staff members.

**ANSWER:**

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**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Minister for Health in Ministerial Offices as Ministerial Staff.
- (2) What were their names.
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**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Minister for Mental Health in Ministerial Offices as Ministerial Staff.
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**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Minister for Children and Aged Care in Ministerial Offices as Ministerial Staff.
- (2) What were their names.
- (3) What is the annual cost of these staff members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Minister for Planning in Ministerial Offices as Ministerial Staff.
- (2) What were their names.
- (3) What is the annual cost of these staff members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Minister for Water, Environment and Climate Change in Ministerial Offices as Ministerial Staff.
- (2) What were their names.
- (3) What is the annual cost of these staff members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Attorney-General in Ministerial Offices as Ministerial Staff.
- (2) What were their names.
- (3) What is the annual cost of these staff members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Minister for Racing in Ministerial Offices as Ministerial Staff.
- (2) What were their names.
- (3) What is the annual cost of these staff members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Minister for Gaming in Ministerial Offices as Ministerial Staff.
- (2) What were their names.
- (3) What is the annual cost of these staff members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Minister for Consumer Affairs in Ministerial Offices as Ministerial Staff.
- (2) What were their names.
- (3) What is the annual cost of these staff members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services in Ministerial Offices as Ministerial Staff.
- (2) What were their names.
- (3) What is the annual cost of these staff members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Minister for Corrections in Ministerial Offices as Ministerial Staff.
- (2) What were their names.
- (3) What is the annual cost of these staff members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Minister for Industry and State Development in Ministerial Offices as Ministerial Staff.
- (2) What were their names.
- (3) What is the annual cost of these staff members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Minister for Major Projects in Ministerial Offices as Ministerial Staff.
- (2) What were their names.
- (3) What is the annual cost of these staff members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Minister for Small Business in Ministerial Offices as Ministerial Staff.
- (2) What were their names.
- (3) What is the annual cost of these staff members.

**ANSWER:**

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**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Minister for Regional and Rural Development in Ministerial Offices as Ministerial Staff.
- (2) What were their names.
- (3) What is the annual cost of these staff members.

**ANSWER:**

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**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Minister for Innovation in Ministerial Offices as Ministerial Staff.
- (2) What were their names.
- (3) What is the annual cost of these staff members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Minister for Tourism in Ministerial Offices as Ministerial Staff.
- (2) What were their names.
- (3) What is the annual cost of these staff members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Minister for Industrial Relations in Ministerial Offices as Ministerial Staff.
- (2) What were their names.
- (3) What is the annual cost of these staff members.

**ANSWER:**

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**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Minister for Public Transport in Ministerial Offices as Ministerial Staff.
- (2) What were their names.
- (3) What is the annual cost of these staff members.

**ANSWER:**

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**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Minister for Roads and Ports in Ministerial Offices as Ministerial Staff.
- (2) What were their names.
- (3) What is the annual cost of these staff members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Minister for Agriculture in Ministerial Offices as Ministerial Staff.
- (2) What were their names.
- (3) What is the annual cost of these staff members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Minister for Energy and Resources in Ministerial Offices as Ministerial Staff.
- (2) What were their names.
- (3) What is the annual cost of these staff members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Premier: ministerial staff**

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

- (1) As at 31 January 2007, how many staff employed by the Premier worked for the Minister for Skills, Education Services and Employment in Ministerial Offices as Ministerial Staff.
- (2) What were their names.
- (3) What is the annual cost of these staff members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Roads and ports: Stud Road, Bayswater**

**121. MRS PETROVICH** — To ask Minister for Industry and State Development (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): Are there any plans or proposals by the Victorian Government to duplicate the lanes on Stud Road (a major North-South arterial) between Mountain Highway and Boronia Road, given the history of multiple major accidents and fatalities.

**ANSWER:**

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

Proposals for improvement projects must be considered and prioritised on a statewide basis and any future duplication of Stud Road will be considered in this context.

I note that in the five years to December 2005, there was one casualty crash along the section of Stud Road between the Mountain Highway and Boronia Road. As both intersections currently have duplicated carriageways, any crash history at the intersections themselves would be unlikely to be affected by the duplication of the road. No fatalities have occurred along this length of road, including at the intersections, in the last seven years.

**Children: children’s health and wellbeing survey**

**128. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Community Services (for the Minister for Children): In regard to the State of Victoria’s Children Report 2006, what data collection strategies for the Victorian Child and Adolescent Monitoring system were put in place in 2005 and in 2006.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Since 2005, the Statewide Outcomes for Children Branch in the Office for Children have liaised with the Departments of Education, Victorian Communities, Justice, and VicPolice to identify administrative data, already collected by government, to fulfil the information needs of the Victorian Child and Adolescent Monitoring System. Through this process gaps in data related to children’s health, safety, learning, development and wellbeing have been identified. In order to fill these data gaps a series of annual data collections have been implemented.

In 2005 the Statewide Outcomes for Children Branch implemented the first in this series of annual data collections. The Victorian Child Health and Wellbeing Survey was conducted from Dec 2005 through March 2006 and consisted of a 23-minute telephone survey of 5000 parents of children less than 13 years of age. The response rate from this survey was 86%.

The second collection—a Local Level Child Health and Wellbeing Survey was developed in 2006 and is currently being conducted in 25 Local Government Areas that have Best Start programs.

**Community services: disability support register**

**252. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Community Services: When will the transition from the Service Needs Register to the Disability Support Register be completed.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Disability Support Register replaced the Service Needs Register as the Department’s reporting system for disability service needs on the 31 December 2006.

**Planning: Cedar Woods development**

**268. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Planning: With reference to the Laverton Airbase/Cedar Woods development site rezoning from Industrial to Commercial Residential and the Minister’s related statements of 15 March 2007:

- (1) What offsets have been agreed to since the developer’s agreement to provide contributions to the Trust for Nature (Victoria) as an offset, in accordance with the State Government native vegetation management framework.”
- (2) Will the offsets be sufficient to offset the destruction of at least 30 habitat hectares of native grassland (according to latest DSE figures), given that a consultant ecologist has quoted between \$500,000 and \$1 million for restoring one habitat hectare of degraded grassland.

- (3) Did the Government receive, or require to be prepared, detailed mapping of grassland quality and/or an assessment of the significance of habitat for threatened species as required under the Native Vegetation Framework.
- (4) Have any further reserves been agreed to by the developer other than pre-existing reserves (two isolated pockets of 10 hectares each, plus wetland reserve, together comprising 55 hectares, set aside by the Federal Government as part of a contract of sale in 1999).
- (5) How has the State Government accounted for recommendations of the Wyndham Smart Growth Report to modify the developer's proposals to protect the outstanding biodiversity values outside of the existing reserves.
- (6) What measures have been taken outside the existing reserves in relation to the Native Vegetation Framework recommendations of a three-step approach—avoiding clearing, minimising clearing and offsetting clearing.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The redevelopment of the former Laverton Airbase will include a major retail and employment centre, a new rail and bus interchange and much needed facilities in the area. These include sporting and community facilities, and new schools as well as the protection and conservation of the majority, and most intact areas, of habitat in three conservation reserves—the reserves form 55ha or 20% of the total site area.

The matter was referred to the Priority Development Panel (PDP). The PDP considered native vegetation on the site in the context of pre-existing conservation management agreements with the Federal Government, existing planning controls that allowed the site to be cleared of vegetation without a planning permit and the Government's Native Vegetation Framework.

The developer has agreed to pay \$500,000 as an offset payment under the Native Vegetation Framework, in addition to providing three conservation reserves totalling 55ha and agreeing to an improved Conservation Management Plan.

**Community services: disability services**

**291. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Community Services: In relation to community participation and inclusion for people with disabilities as at 31 December 2006, how many were:

- (a) clients with day activities; and
- (b) Futures for Young Adults clients.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The most recent figures for the number of clients with day activities and Futures for Young Adults clients are for June 2006.

- (a) The number of clients with Day Activities is recorded in the Department of Human Services Annual Report 2005–06; and
- (b) The number of Futures for Young Adults clients is recorded in the Department of Human Services Annual Report 2005–06.

**Community services: disability services**

**295. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Community Services: In relation to flexible care packages for people with disabilities as at 31 December 2006, how many people were in receipt of:

- (a) short-term assistance packages; and
- (b) on-going assistance packages.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Information on flexible care packages is not currently categorised in this way.

**Community services: Colanda**

**298. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Community Services: In relation to people with disabilities at Colanda as at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many people were in residence.
- (2) What was the total recurrent funding provided by the Department.
- (3) How many people received on-site day programs.
- (4) What was the total expenditure in 2004–05 for on-site day programs.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

In relation to people with disabilities at Colanda at 30 June 2006:

- (1) The number of people in residence was 136.
- (2) The total recurrent funding provided by the Department in 2005–06 was \$14.8m
- (3) The number of people that received on-site day programs was 77.
- (4) The total expenditure in 2004–05 for on-site day programs was \$0.5m

**Community services: disability funding**

**299. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Community Services:

- (1) What funds did Victoria receive from the Commonwealth in 2005–06 under the Commonwealth State Territory Disability Agreement.
- (2) What funds did Victoria contribute to meet its responsibilities under the Agreement in 2005–06.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

In relation to the Commonwealth State Territory Disability Agreement (CSTDA) for 2005–06:

- (1) Victoria received Commonwealth funding totalling \$136.2m in 2005–06 under the Commonwealth State Territory Disability Agreement.
- (2) Victoria contributed \$977m excluding other revenue sources to meet its responsibilities under the Agreement in 2005–06.

**Community services: disability funding**

**301. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Community Services:

- (1) What funds did Victoria receive from the Commonwealth for 2005–06 for the Bilateral Agreement COAG Younger People with Disability in Residential Aged Care Program.
- (2) Under the agreement, what funds did Victoria contribute in 2005–06 to meet its responsibilities under the Program.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Commonwealth funding was zero
- (2) Victoria 's contribution was zero.

**Community services: disability funding**

**302. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Community Services:

- (1) What funds does Victoria expect to receive from the Commonwealth for 2006–07 for the Bilateral Agreement COAG Younger People with Disability in Residential Aged Care Program.
- (2) Under the agreement, what funds does Victoria expect to contribute in 2006–07 to meet its responsibilities under the Program.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Victoria received \$1.0m from the Commonwealth for 2006–07 for the Bilateral Agreement COAG Younger People with Disability in Residential Aged Care Program.
- (2) Under the agreement, Victoria contributed \$1.7m in 2006–07 to meet its responsibilities under the Program.

**Community services: disability services**

**303. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Community Services: In relation to the Disability Support Register as at 31 December 2006–

- (1) In total how many individuals were registered.
- (2) Of the total individuals registered, how many were recommended for Priority Status.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

In relation to the Disability Support Register as at 31 December 2006–

- (1) The total number of people registered was 3,194.
- (2) Of the total individuals registered, 334 were recommended for Priority Status.

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Wednesday, 6 June 2007**

**Water, environment and climate change: reservoir dead water**

**32. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Water, Environment and Climate Change): What is the current exact amount of dead water in the —

- (a) Cardinia reservoir;
- (b) Silvan reservoir;
- (c) Sugarloaf reservoir;
- (d) Thomson reservoir;
- (e) Upper Yarra reservoir;
- (f) Yan Yean reservoir;
- (g) Greenvale reservoir; and
- (h) Tarago reservoir.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Melbourne Water reports reservoir storage levels as a percentage of the total full storage capacity of nine reservoirs. The total storage reported for these reservoirs is 1,773,000 ML. This does not include Tarago Reservoir which will be reconnected to the metropolitan system in 2010. All of this 1,773,000 ML is recoverable.

For most of the reservoirs, there is an additional volume of water that is not included in the total reported storage figure. The volume of water for each dam that is not included in the storage figure is provided in the attached table. This water could be pumped to be accessed if required.

<b>Reservoir</b>	<b>Total Reported System Storage (ML)</b>	<b>Unreported Water - (ML)</b>
<b>Thomson</b>	1,068,000	55,089
<b>Upper Yarra</b>	200,000	4,406
<b>Cardinia</b>	287,000	2,053
<b>Sugarloaf</b>	96,000	2,969
<b>Maroondah</b>	22,000	6,054
<b>O'Shannassy</b>	3,000	unknown (low vol)
<b>Silvan</b>	40,000	136
<b>Yan Yean</b>	30,000	2,859
<b>Greenvale</b>	27,000	662

Reservoir	Total Reported System Storage (ML)	Unreported Water - (ML)
Tarago		Being investigated
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,773,000</b>	<b>74,228</b>

**Children: children’s wellbeing information campaign**

**124. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Community Services (for the Minister for Children): In relation to the State of Victoria’s Children Report 2006:

- (1) What was done in 2005 in relation to an extensive public information campaign of the Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005 and the Children Youth and Families Act 2005.
- (2) What was done in Rural and Regional Victoria.
- (3) How much did this campaign cost.
- (4) What has the outcome been.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Information and training relating to the *Children, Youth and Families Act 2005* and the *Child Well-being and Safety Act 2005* has been targeted at professionals to assist them to understand their new legal obligations and cultural and practice changes involved in implementing the new legislation.

In 2005 public information on the legislative review and the development of new legislation was provided through a dedicated web-page on Department of Human Services website. The protecting children website was launched on 9 November 2004.

- (2) Public information provided in rural and regional Victoria was as above.
- (3) The Department of Human Services website is not separately funded, costs are attributed to departmental web services.
- (4) Between 9 November 2004 and 30 March 2006 there were 26,800 hits on the protecting children website.

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In 2006 public information about the Children, Youth and Families Act and the Child Wellbeing and Safety Act was provided through:

- a web-page dedicated to implementation of the legislative and policy reforms, on the Department of Human Services website. This ‘every child every chance’ website launched on 10 April 2006.
- An advertising campaign aimed at recruiting child protection practitioners. An infomercial providing public information about the government’s reforms as well as specific information on how to become a child protection practitioner was included in metropolitan and regional press (including interstate papers), trade press, C.A.L.D., online and overseas media

- (2) Public information provided in rural and regional Victoria was as above.
- (3) The Department of Human Services website is not separately funded, costs are attributed to departmental web services. The advertising campaign, primarily aimed at recruiting child protection practitioners cost \$267,923.70.
- (4) Since 10 April 2006 there have been 45,515 hits on the every child every chance website.

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I am informed that:

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**Education: Doncaster Crown land**

**138. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education: Can the Minister provide descriptions of, and where available the addresses of, all Crown owned land in the electorate of Doncaster relating to his portfolio and indicate whether the Government intends to sell any of this land or acquire any new land in the Doncaster electorate.

**ANSWER:**

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

The purchase and disposal of Crown Land is the responsibility of the Minister for Finance.

**Water, environment and climate change: Tullamarine hazardous waste facility**

**287. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Water, Environment and Climate Change): With reference to the amended licence for BIS Cleanaway Ltd, being Licence No. HS346, as amended 16 March 2007, for the Tullamarine Toxic Waste Dump:

- (1) Can the licence conditions be amended by agreement between the EPA and BIS Cleanaway Ltd.
- (2) Can the 1 June 2010 closure date be amended by agreement between the EPA and Cleanaway Ltd.
- (3) Can the licence conditions be amended in future without public consultation.
- (4) Can the 1 June 2010 closure date be altered without public consultation.
- (5) If the 105,000 cubic metres of remaining space is not filled by 2010, will the dump still close.
- (6) How many times has the EPA fined BIS Cleanaway in the last 10 years.
- (7) If the landfill closes, will gas vents remain on the site. If so —
  - (a) how many, and for what period of time will they remain on the site; and
  - (b) what vapours and/or gases will they be venting to air and in what quantities per week.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- Detailed information in relation to the BIS Cleanaway Tullamarine landfill, including information relating to the EPA licence for the facility is available on the EPA website at [www.epa.vic.gov.au](http://www.epa.vic.gov.au).
- Provisions for the amendment of an EPA licence are provided within Section 20A of the *Environment Protection Act 1970*.
- Information in relation to enforcement action taken by EPA each year is available in EPA's annual reports.

**Water, environment and climate change: Tullamarine hazardous waste facility**

**288. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Water, Environment and Climate Change): With reference to Works Approval WA 5913 which was granted for the construction and operation of an oily leachate handling facility at BIS Cleanaway Tullamarine landfill on 22 September 2006:

- (1) How many air vents will be placed on the tank farm? What vapours will be vented and in what quantities per week.
- (2) What volume of light non-aqueous phase liquid or oil (LNAPL) will be extracted from the Tullamarine dump each year.
- (3) How long will it take to complete the treatment of LNAPL.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- Detailed information in relation to the BIS Cleanaway Tullamarine landfill, including information relating to Works Approval WA5913, the EPA licence and the ongoing management of the facility, is available on the EPA website at [www.epa.vic.gov.au](http://www.epa.vic.gov.au)

**Health: low birth weights**

**317. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Community Services (for the Minister for Health): 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 percentage of low birth weight babies born to indigenous and non-indigenous women in 2005 were:

- (a) North and West Metropolitan Region—15.7% in indigenous mothers and 6.9% in non-indigenous mothers;
- (b) Loddon Mallee Region - 15.6% in indigenous mothers and 6.0% in non-indigenous mothers;
- (c) Gippsland Region—20.0% in indigenous mothers and 8.3% in non-indigenous mothers.

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- This information is not yet available, as data processing for 2006 births is not completed.

**Health: Aboriginal infant mortality**

**319. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Community Services (for the Minister for Health): What is the infant mortality rate of the Victorian indigenous population.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- The infant mortality rate in babies born to indigenous women in Victoria in 2005 was 7.5 per thousand.
- This excludes babies with indigenous fathers if the mother is not indigenous, because the Perinatal Data Collection Unit does not collect information about the indigenous status of fathers
- This rate should be interpreted with caution because it is based on a small number of deaths.

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**Thursday, 7 June 2007**

**Education: Mountain Gate Primary School**

**149. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to the Mountain Gate Primary School located in the Ferntree Gully District:

- (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.

**ANSWER:**

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

The Bracks Government has committed a massive \$1.9 billion over this term, which will see about 500 schools being built or modernised to meet the challenges of the future and invest in the services that matter to their families.

The 2007–08 State Budget delivers on more than a quarter of this commitment with 131 Victorian schools receiving capital funding to commence building.

Decisions relating to funding and commencement of the remainder of the commitment will be in future budgets.

*[Part (2) of question 149 reinstated by order of President on 1 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 18 April 2007, page 935]*

**Education: Kent Park Primary School**

**150. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to the Kent Park Primary School located in the Ferntree Gully District:

- (2) If the school does qualify —
  - (a) what will be undertaken as part of the redevelopment;
  - (b) when will the upgrade/redevelopment commence; and
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*[Part (2) of question 150 reinstated by order of President on 1 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 18 April 2007, page 936]*

**Education: Fairhills Primary School**

**151. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to the Fairhills Primary School located in the Ferntree Gully District:

- (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.

**ANSWER:**

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*[Part (2) of question 151 reinstated by order of President on 1 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 18 April 2007, page 937]*

**Education: Ferntree Gully North Primary School**

**152. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to the Ferntree Gully North Primary School located in the Ferntree Gully District:

- (2) If the school does qualify —
  - (a) what will be undertaken as part of the redevelopment;
  - (b) when will the upgrade/redevelopment commence; and
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**ANSWER:**

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*[Part (2) of question 152 reinstated by order of President on 1 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 18 April 2007, page 937]*

**Education: Wattleview Primary School**

**153. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to the Wattleview Primary School located in the Ferntree Gully District:

- (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.

**ANSWER:**

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*[Part (2) of question 153 reinstated by order of President on 1 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 18 April 2007, page 938]*

**Education: Karoo Primary School**

**154. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to the Karoo Primary School located in the Ferntree Gully District:

- (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.

**ANSWER:**

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*[Part (2) of question 154 reinstated by order of President on 1 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 18 April 2007, page 938]*

**Education: Lysterfield Primary School**

**155. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to the Lysterfield Primary School located in the Ferntree Gully District:

- (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.

**ANSWER:**

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

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*[Part (2) of question 155 reinstated by order of President on 1 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 18 April 2007, page 939]*

**Education: Parkridge Primary School**

**156. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to the Parkridge Primary School located in the Ferntree Gully District:

- (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.

**ANSWER:**

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*[Part (2) of question 156 reinstated by order of President on 1 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 18 April 2007, page 940]*

**Education: Heany Park Primary School**

**157. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education: Heany Park Primary School located in the Ferntree Gully District:

- (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.

**ANSWER:**

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*[Part (2) of question 157 reinstated by order of President on 1 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 18 April 2007, page 940]*

**Education: Rowville Primary School**

**158. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to the Rowville Primary School located in the Ferntree Gully District:

- (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.

**ANSWER:**

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Decisions relating to funding and commencement of the remainder of the commitment will be in future budgets.

*[Part (2) of question 158 reinstated by order of President on 1 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 18 April 2007, page 941]*

**Education: Rowville Secondary College**

**159. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to the Rowville Secondary College (East and West campus) located in the Ferntree Gully District:

- (2) If the school does qualify —
  - (a) what will be undertaken as part of the redevelopment;
  - (b) when will the upgrade/redevelopment commence; and
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*[Part (2) of question 159 reinstated by order of President on 1 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 18 April 2007, page 941]*

**Education: Manningham Park Primary School**

**160. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to the Manningham Park Primary School located in the Bulleen District:

- (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.

**ANSWER:**

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Decisions relating to funding and commencement of the remainder of the commitment will be in future budgets.

*[Part (2) of question 160 reinstated by order of President on 1 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 18 April 2007, page 942]*

**Education: Templestowe Valley Primary School**

**161. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to the Templestowe Valley Primary School located in the Bulleen District:

- (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.

**ANSWER:**

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

The Bracks Government has committed a massive \$1.9 billion over this term, which will see about 500 schools being built or modernised to meet the challenges of the future and invest in the services that matter to their families.

The 2007–08 State Budget delivers on more than a quarter of this commitment with 131 Victorian schools receiving capital funding to commence building.

Decisions relating to funding and commencement of the remainder of the commitment will be in future budgets.

*[Part (2) of question 161 reinstated by order of President on 1 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 18 April 2007, page 943]*

**Education: Templestowe Heights Primary School**

**162. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to the Templestowe Heights Primary School located in the Bulleen District:

- (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.

**ANSWER:**

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*[Part (2) of question 162 reinstated by order of President on 1 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 18 April 2007, page 943]*

**Education: Serpell Primary School**

**163. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to the Serpell Primary School located in the Bulleen District:

- (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.

**ANSWER:**

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

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*[Part (2) of question 163 reinstated by order of President on 1 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 18 April 2007, page 944]*

**Education: Bulleen Heights Primary School**

**164. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to the Bulleen Heights Primary School located in the Bulleen District:

- (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.

**ANSWER:**

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*[Part (2) of question 164 reinstated by order of President on 1 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 18 April 2007, page 945]*

**Education: Templestowe Park Primary School**

**165. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to the Templestowe Park Primary School located in the Bulleen District:

- (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.

**ANSWER:**

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*[Part (2) of question 165 reinstated by order of President on 1 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 18 April 2007, page 945]*

**Education: Templestowe College**

**166. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to the Templestowe College located in the Bulleen District:

- (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.

**ANSWER:**

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*[Part (2) of question 166 reinstated by order of President on 1 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 18 April 2007, page 946]*

**Education: Wantirna South Primary School**

**167. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to the Wantirna South Primary School located in the Bayswater District:

- (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.

**ANSWER:**

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

The Bracks Government has committed a massive \$1.9 billion over this term, which will see about 500 schools being built or modernised to meet the challenges of the future and invest in the services that matter to their families.

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*[Part (2) of question 167 reinstated by order of President on 1 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 18 April 2007, page 946]*

**Education: Marlborough Primary School**

**168. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to the Marlborough Primary School located in the Bayswater District:

- (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.

**ANSWER:**

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

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*[Part (2) of question 168 reinstated by order of President on 1 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 18 April 2007, page 947]*

**Education: Beverly Hills Primary School**

**199. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to the Beverly Hills Primary School located in the Doncaster District:

- (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.

**ANSWER:**

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

The Bracks Government has committed a massive \$1.9 billion over this term, which will see about 500 schools being built or modernised to meet the challenges of the future and invest in the services that matter to their families.

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*[Part (2) of question 199 reinstated by order of President on 1 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 18 April 2007, page 950]*

**Education: Birralee Primary School**

**200. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to the Birralee Primary School located in the Doncaster District:

- (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.

**ANSWER:**

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

The Bracks Government has committed a massive \$1.9 billion over this term, which will see about 500 schools being built or modernised to meet the challenges of the future and invest in the services that matter to their families.

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*[Part (2) of question 200 reinstated by order of President on 1 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 18 April 2007, page 951]*

**Education: Donvale Primary School**

**201. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to the Donvale Primary School located in the Doncaster District:

- (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.

**ANSWER:**

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

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*[Part (2) of question 201 reinstated by order of President on 1 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 18 April 2007, page 951]*

**Education: Donburn Primary School**

**202. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to the Donburn Primary School located in the Doncaster District:

- (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.

**ANSWER:**

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

The Bracks Government has committed a massive \$1.9 billion over this term, which will see about 500 schools being built or modernised to meet the challenges of the future and invest in the services that matter to their families.

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*[Part (2) of question 202 reinstated by order of President on 1 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 18 April 2007, page 952]*

**Education: Doncaster Gardens Primary School**

**203. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to the Doncaster Gardens Primary School located in the Doncaster District:

- (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.

**ANSWER:**

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

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*[Part (2) of question 203 reinstated by order of President on 1 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 18 April 2007, page 953]*

**Education: Doncaster Primary School**

**204. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to the Doncaster Primary School located in the Doncaster District:

- (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.

**ANSWER:**

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

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*[Part (2) of question 204 reinstated by order of President on 1 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 18 April 2007, page 953]*

**Education: Milgate Primary School**

**205. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to the Milgate Primary School located in the Doncaster District:

- (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.

**ANSWER:**

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

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*[Part (2) of question 205 reinstated by order of President on 1 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 18 April 2007, page 954]*

**Education: Doncaster Secondary College**

**206. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to the Doncaster Secondary College located in the Doncaster District:

- (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.

**ANSWER:**

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

The Bracks Government has committed a massive \$1.9 billion over this term, which will see about 500 schools being built or modernised to meet the challenges of the future and invest in the services that matter to their families.

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*[Part (2) of question 206 reinstated by order of President on 1 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 18 April 2007, page 955]*

**Education: East Doncaster Secondary College**

**207. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to the East Doncaster Secondary College located in the Doncaster District:

- (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.

**ANSWER:**

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

The Bracks Government has committed a massive \$1.9 billion over this term, which will see about 500 schools being built or modernised to meet the challenges of the future and invest in the services that matter to their families.

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*[Part (2) of question 207 reinstated by order of President on 1 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 18 April 2007, page 955]*

**Major projects: contaminated public land**

- 249. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: When will the Government establish a funding stream to clean up publicly held land that is contaminated.

**ANSWER:**

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

This question should be directed to the Minister for Water, Environment & Climate Change, Hon John Thwaites MLA. It does not fall within the responsibility of Major Projects Victoria.

**Major projects: contaminated public land**

- 250. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Major Projects. When will the Government establish a funding stream to clear up the contaminated Gasworks Site in Port Melbourne.

**ANSWER:**

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

This question does not fall within the responsibility of the Minister for Major Projects. The question should be directed to the Minister for Water, Environment and Climate Change.

**Major projects: contaminated public land**

- 251. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: When will the Government establish a funding stream to clear up the contaminated school site on the Corner of Pickles and Richardson Streets in Port Melbourne.

**ANSWER:**

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

This question does not fall within the responsibility of the Minister for Major Projects. The question should be directed to the Minister for Water, Environment and Climate Change.

**Major projects: Cairnlea Estate**

**269. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: With reference to the site of the former Albion Explosives Factory site at Deer Park, which is now the site of the Cairnlea Estate:

- (1) What were the costs of the remediation for Audit Areas 17 and 18.
- (2) What was the amount of contaminated soil removed from Audit Areas 17 and 18.
- (3) How and where was the soil disposed of.
- (4) Was Symon Brothers, as sub-contractor for VicUrban, informed of contaminated areas for Audit Areas 17 and 18. If so, how were they informed.
- (5) Was there any flagging out of detrimental contaminated areas in audit areas 17 and 18.
- (6) Is the drinking fountain in the park in the Audit Area 18 contaminated area constructed using polypipe (which is easily infiltrated by organic chemicals known to be in the soil?). If so, why was its construction allowed.
- (7) Are the ponds in the park in Audit Area 18 filled with bore water that has been reported as unfit for use in swimming pools? If so, why has this been allowed.
- (8) Did VicUrban direct the independent auditor on how the audit should be conducted to reduce costs to VicUrban.

**ANSWER:**

1. The remediation of Audit Area 17 and Audit Area 18 was carried out in a project which remediated the whole of the former Albion Explosives Factory. Expenditure was controlled on a 'whole of project' basis and therefore information pertaining to the cost of remediating the two subject areas is not available.
2. 9,200 cubic metres of contaminated soil were removed from Audit Areas 17 and 18.
3. 3,700 of the 9,200 cubic metres of contaminated soil were removed to an on-site repository within the Albion site. The remaining 5,500 cubic metres were re-used in a sub-layer as part of the earth capping of a former landfill within the Albion site which was rehabilitated.
4. A copy of the Statement of Environmental Audit for Audit Area 18 was provided to Symon Bros before construction commenced, in accordance with statutory requirements.
5. Flagging out was not necessary and did not occur. The environmental audits establish the allowable uses of the land. The audits are assessed as protective of human health and the environment for these allowable uses.
6. A public park known as Glenbrook Waters has been developed at Cairnlea within parts of Audit Area 17 and 18. There is not a drinking fountain in Audit Area 18. There is a drinking fountain in the Glenbrook Waters park and it is located in Audit Area 17. The drinking fountain and its water supply are constructed in accordance with plumbing industry regulations and guidelines and do not use polythene pipe. The development by VicUrban of parts of Audit Areas 17 and 18 for use as a public park is allowed by the audits. The park and its related infrastructure are safe for public use.
7. The ponds in Audit Area 18 are not filled with bore water. A windmill in Glenbrook Waters park may create the impression that bore water is used, but this windmill simply circulates surface water from one pond to another to maintain water quality during summer. The ponds are filled with 'stormwater' run off from the adjacent parkland and residential areas.
8. VicUrban did not direct the auditor. The auditor is an independent expert who has been appointed to act as an Environmental Auditor by the Environment Protection Authority. The auditor acts in accordance with the Environment Protection Act and its related regulations and guidelines.

**Water, environment and climate change: Cairnlea Estate**

**270. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Water, Environment and Climate Change): With reference to the former Albion Explosives Factory site at Deer Park, which is now the site of the Cairnlea Estate:

- (1) What were the levels of organic chemicals in the soil in Audit Areas 17 and 18.
- (2) Where there any sub-audit areas in Audit Area 17? If so, were they certified as safe or detrimental.
- (3) Did the EPA approve a higher level of contamination as safe than that recommended in the Australian Defence Department’s report on the site, commissioned between 1986 and 1989? If so, what was the highest allowable level set for each organic chemical in Audit Areas 17 and 18.
- (4) Did the EPA issue a press release to the Star Newspaper in August 2005, referring to Mr Steven Daicos, who worked in Audit Areas 17 and 18, containing the statement “EPA Victoria has looked fully into claims that Mr Daicos has raised with us, and the sites that he has worked on have a clean bill of health”, even though area 18 was not certified as safe.
- (5) Why has the EPA been unable to supply information about the levels of contamination in Audit Areas 17 and 18 to applicant Mr Steven Daicos.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) This information is contained in the following reports available from EPA Victoria Office of the Chairman upon request :
  - Statutory Environmental Audit, Audit Area 17, Former Explosives Factory, Station Road St Albans.
  - Statutory Environmental Audit, Audit Area 18, Former Explosives Factory, Station Road St Albans.
- (2) Information on Audit Area 17 is contained in the following audit report available from EPA Victoria Office of the Chairman upon request::
  - Statutory Environmental Audit, Audit Area 17, Former Explosives Factory, Station Road St Albans.
- (3) The Auditor undertaking the audit of Areas 17 and 18 determined the criteria for audit. The criteria can be found in the following reports available from EPA Victoria Office of the Chairman upon request:
  - Statutory Environmental Audit, Audit Area 17, Former Explosives Factory, Station Road St Albans.
  - Statutory Environmental Audit, Audit Area 18, Former Explosives Factory, Station Road St Albans.
- (4) EPA Victoria did not issue a press release on this issue in August 2005. Audit Area 18 was issued with a Statement of Audit.
- (5) Mr Daicos has been provided with access to the audit reports for Audit Areas 16, 17 and 18

**Water, environment and climate change: Cairnlea Estate**

**271. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Water, Environment and Climate Change): With reference to the EPA’s role as the regulator of the independent auditor of the rehabilitation of the former Albion Explosives Factory site at Deer Park, which is now the site of the Cairnlea Estate:

- (1) Was there a conflict of interest in the former Manager of the EPA Land and Groundwater becoming an environmental auditor, then failing to provide information to health professionals and the EPA.
- (2) Was there any secondary testing of the auditor’s report at the Cairnlea Estate site.
- (3) Was there a random spot check system for the audit carried out at Cairnlea Estate site.

- (4) Will the EPA prosecute the auditor and/or the developer for misconduct in the way the environmental information has been withheld from those affected.
- (5) How many investigations into auditors and their conduct has the EPA undertaken in the last five years.
- (6) How many investigators does the EPA employ to investigate auditors, and what is their budget.
- (7) How can the EPA enforce or police auditors when the auditors can simply refuse to meet and answer the EPA's questions with no fear of recourse from the EPA.
- (8) Why is the EPA unable to suspend an auditor if they fail to cooperate with an investigation.
- (9) Is there a conflict of interest in the Victorian Government's developer VicUrban having a duty to create commercial success, whereas the Government's pollution enforcement agency, the EPA and the Government's workplace safety WorkCover, have duties relating to toxic contamination at the site.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Auditors are appointed pursuant to the *Environment Protection Act (1970)*. Audit reports for the former Albion Explosives factory site were provided in accordance with the *Environment Protection Act (1970)*.
- (2) Audits conducted at the former Albion explosives factory site were conducted in accordance with the EP Act (1970).
- (3) Audits conducted at the former Albion explosives factory site were conducted in accordance with the EP Act (1970).
- (4) EPA will undertake investigations of complaints about the conduct of an appointed environmental auditor pursuant to Guideline 865.5 *Environmental Auditor Guidelines for Appointment and Conduct*.
- (5) EPA will undertake investigations of complaints about the conduct of an appointed environmental auditor pursuant to Guideline 865.5 *Environmental Auditor Guidelines for Appointment and Conduct*.
- (6) EPA administers the Environmental Audit System pursuant to the *Environment Protection Act (1970)*.
- (7) Section 53ZC of the *Environment Protection Act (1970)* outlines offences and penalties with regards to environmental auditors.
- (8) Section 53ZD of the *Environment Protection Act (1970)* details the revocation of environmental auditor appointments.
- (9) Government entities are subject to the provisions of the *Environment Protection Act (1970)*.

**Planning: Port Campbell development**

**309. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the proposed development at 2-10 Lord Street, Port Campbell (Permit Application No. P2004/144, *Perrott Lyon Mathieson Pty Ltd v Corangamite Shire Council* [2006] VCAT 387):

- (1) The Orders of VCAT 387 (at [9]) require that the granting of a permit be conditional upon a further detailed geotechnical assessment being undertaken. Will a full extensive geotechnical assessment of the impact of the development on the public land surrounding the proposed development be undertaken, including the impact of the proposed development possibly accelerating the collapse of public land.
- (2) If so, will such an assessment take into account:

- (a) the detailed assessments undertaken by Russell Brown (VCAT Reports of September 2005 and August 2003);
  - (b) the letter from Dr Susan White of the Geological Society of Australia to the Hon. Rob Hulls of 7 September 2006; and
  - (c) the letter of Prof. Brian Finlayson of University of Melbourne to the Hon. Rob Hulls of 10 March 2007.
- (3) Who would be responsible for private and public property damage and loss of life in the event of a collapse as outlined in the above documents.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Corangamite Shire Council is the responsible authority for the administration and enforcement of the Corangamite Planning Scheme. This includes responsibility for ensuring compliance with permits issued under the provisions of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

VCAT directed council to issue a planning permit for the Southern Ocean Beach House development on 8 March 2006. The order involved a number of conditions including the requirement for further geotechnical assessment to be submitted to and approved by the responsible authority prior to the development commencing.

Condition 9 of the permit states “*Prior to any development commencing a further detailed geotechnical assessment shall be undertaken on the site in accordance with and based on the initial findings and recommendations made by Provincial Geotechnical Pty Ltd in their report dated 2002. Such assessment shall be submitted to the responsible authority for approval and endorsement prior to the commencement of construction.*”

This condition will enable risks to be addressed and identify the necessary construction techniques for the development, including those associated with groundwater management, and retaining structures.

Council has not yet received the geotechnical assessment, and there are a number of other outstanding conditions yet to be satisfied. Accordingly, council has not endorsed the plans.

It would be expected that council would review the assessment material in the context of the previous work undertaken by VicRoads and Mr Brown and the assertions of the other experts in respect to the geotechnical stability of this area.

The VCAT decision considered a range of expert evidence provided to it including the geotechnical stability of the site. VCAT noted that the coastline is fragile and volatile as demonstrated by subsistence issues in recent years. The decision dismisses suggestions by an objector that an Environment Effects Statement was required for the development.

No evidence or material was presented at the hearing to indicate that the proposal would impact on the coast (other than visual impact which is addressed through revisions to the plans).

The Beacon Point headland is a significant feature of the Port Campbell coastline, a coastline well known to be unstable in geological terms, where rock and cliff collapses are relatively common.

In recognition of the natural characteristics of the Port Campbell coastline, DSE is proposing a broad ranging geotechnical investigation of the headland to the boundary of the Southern Ocean Beachhouse development site, that will consider the coastal and geological processes influencing the longevity of the headland; the location and extent of the structural weaknesses including sea caves and the expected rates of retreat of the headland. This study will complement the work to be undertaken for the Southern Ocean Beachhouse development and will inform the future decision making about future land use and development of the Beacon Point headland. This study would not, however, remove the obligations of the Southern Ocean Beachhouse proponent to fulfil the VCAT conditions for full geotechnical assessment of the development site prior to any development proceeding.

Except for a question of law, the VCAT decision is final and binding on all parties.

The matter has been independently scrutinised by VCAT, which has determined the review.

I am confident that Corangamite Shire Council will exercise its responsibilities in relation to this matter judiciously.

### **Planning: Port Campbell development**

**310. MS HARTLAND** — To the Minister for Planning: In relation to the proposed development at 2-10 Lord Street, Port Campbell (Permit Application No. P2004/144, *Perrott Lyon Mathieson Pty Ltd v Corangamite Shire Council* [2006] VCAT 387), Order [7] and Reasons [28]) and the proposed change of use to remove 4 to 5 out of the 14 existing car park spaces and to accede some public land:

- (1) Has a full infrastructure assessment been undertaken to assess the impact on the port facility.
- (2) Have all stakeholders, including the RSL, been consulted.

#### **ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Corangamite Shire Council is the responsible authority for the administration and enforcement of the Corangamite Planning Scheme including monitoring and compliance with respect to permits issued pursuant to the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

The Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) directed council to issue a planning permit for the Southern Ocean Beach House development on 8 March 2006. The order involved a number of conditions including the requirement for further geotechnical assessment to be submitted to and approved by the responsible authority prior to the development commencing.

Condition 7 states “*Prior to the commencement of the development a plan showing alterations to the public car park to allow for the development must be submitted to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.*”

The VCAT decision considered a range of expert evidence including the removal of four spaces from the car park. VCAT did not consider the matter was problematic from the perspective of public parking supply that would be relied upon by the development at peak times. Further, VCAT acknowledged there may be competing demands for car spaces from time to time but that it would not result in the closure for port use. Consent was issued pursuant to the Coastal Management Act 1995 and funds were provided by the proponent to the council to facilitate car parking provisions elsewhere in Port Campbell.

The car park in question is partially a government road reserve managed directly by Corangamite Shire Council and partially public park reserve for which Corangamite Shire Council is the appointed committee of management. The car park was expanded in 2003 to provide greater capacity for car and boat trailer parking for port users. While the public park reserve contains a war memorial, the RSL have no legal management or consent role over the land itself.

The use and development of the car park to provide for bus egress from the hotel development does not in itself affect the land’s principal use as a car park and does not affect the war memorial. No boat trailer parks will be lost as a result of this use.

