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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

*Answers to the following questions on notice were circulated on the date shown.  
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The portfolio of the minister answering the question on notice starts each heading.*

**Tuesday, 19 June 2007**

**Roads and ports: Victoria–King streets, Doncaster**

**48. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and State Development (for the Minister for Roads and Ports):

In relation to the proposal to install traffic control lights at the corner of Victoria Street and King Street in Doncaster:

- (1) What action has been taken so far on the design process, including details of the design.
- (2) Have any tenders been let and if so who was the preferred supplier.
- (3) What is the time frame for completion.
- (4) What is the allocated budget for this project.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1) VicRoads is completing the detailed design for the traffic signal layout, required intersection modifications and public lighting for this project.
- (2) A tender has not yet been let. The tender is scheduled to be advertised shortly.
- (3) It is expected that the installation of the traffic signals will be completed during the 2007/08 financial year.
- (4) The estimated cost of the project is \$600,000.

**Roads and ports: Springvale–Old Warrandyte roads, Donvale**

**49. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and State Development (for the Minister for Roads and Ports):

In relation to the proposal to install traffic control lights at the intersection of Springvale and Old Warrandyte roads in Donvale:

- (1) What action has been taken so far on the design process, including details of the design.
- (2) Have any tenders been let.
- (3) What is the time frame for completion.
- (4) What is the allocated budget for the project.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1) The Government has requested VicRoads to proceed with developing the proposal for signals at the intersection of Springvale Road and Old Warrandyte Road, Donvale.

- (2) No tenders have yet been let.
- (3) Delivery of the project will commence in 2008/09.
- (4) The estimated cost for the proposed works is \$3 million.

**Public transport: tram and train tender**

**134. MR BARBER** — To ask the Minister for Industry and State Development (for the Minister for Public Transport):

- (1) You were recently reported as saying that contracts to operate Melbourne's trams and trains be put to open tender in 2008. Is this true or will the arrangements with the existing franchisees be extended.
- (2) Is the form of the contract expected to be significantly altered, especially with respect to:
  - (a) increased service frequency;
  - (b) a process to allow renegotiations over changes to service levels; and
  - (c) the sharing of risks and ownership between the government and the operator.
- (3) Has your department carried out any research on the implications of bringing the rail and tram services back into public ownership when current contracts expire in 2008.
- (4) Is any study of likely growth in demand in different parts of the public transport system being carried out to guide the setting of service levels under new contracts.
- (5) What opportunities will there be for public discussion and public input into setting service levels before the new contracts are prepared.
- (6) What research is your department undertaking into timetable coordination across modes, to guide the development of defining services under any new contracts into setting standards for improvements to create a properly integrated network of train, tram and bus services in Melbourne.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1–2) Parts 1 and 2 of the member's question breach the Standing Orders of the Legislative Council in that those parts of the question ask for an expression of opinion or a statement or announcement of Government policy. I therefore decline to provide an answer to parts 1 and 2.
- (3) The government is currently working through a number of options for the rail franchises after the expiry of the current contracts in November 2008. This work will look at all aspects of the operations including amendments that may be required to the current arrangements.
- (4) Yes.
- (5) The Government is committed to consulting the community and input from the public is a crucial part of the development of any changes to service levels.
- (6) Processes are already in place between public transport operators to ensure that there is effective timetable coordination across all transport modes. Clause 7.11 of the Franchise Agreement requires Connex to work in cooperation with other transport operators to coordinate passenger information and to improve facilities. Bus services across Melbourne are being progressively reviewed to ensure, among other things, that train, tram and bus timetables are properly coordinated.

**Water, environment and climate change: Doncaster Crown land**

**140. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Water, Environment and Climate Change):

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:**

I am informed that:

A schedule of all Crown land parcels and the associated details of each in the electorate of Doncaster has been prepared, along with a corresponding map indicating the location of each parcel.

*[Map supplied in format unsuitable for incorporation in Hansard. Map can be viewed in electronic form under 'Questions on notice' at <http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/downloadhansard/council.htm>]*

The responsibility for Crown land (under the *Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978* and the *Land Act 1958*) in the main rests with the Minister for Planning. The responsibility for the sale of Crown land rests with the Minister for Finance.

RESERVE No	PURPOSE	TYPE OF MANAGEMENT	MANAGER	AREA Ha
1204199	PUBLIC PARK - YARRAN DHERAN	RESERVE (COFM - COUNCIL)	WHITEHORSE CITY COUNCIL	0.291
1204681	PUBLIC RECREATION	RESERVE (COFM - COUNCIL)	MANNINGHAM CITY COUNCIL	2.019
1204745	PUBLIC PARK	RESERVE (COFM - COUNCIL)	MANNINGHAM CITY COUNCIL	0.733
1204872	PUBLIC BUILDINGS - DONCASTER EAST POLICE STATION	RESERVE (IMPLIED MGT - POLICE)	DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	0.229
2015002	PUBLIC PURPOSES (PROJECT)	RESERVE (COFM - OTHER)	SOUTHERN AND EASTERN INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AUTHORITY (SEITA)	3.496

PARCEL NO	SPI	RELATED RESERVE	COMMENTS	Area Ha
P360014	5A~10A\PP2264	1204745	PUBLIC PARK RESERVE	0.733
P360004	C1~6\PP2264	1204872	CROWN LAND	0.077
P360005	C2~6\PP2264	1204877	PUBLIC BUILDING RESERVE	0.152
P374245	2011\PP3337	2015002	MITCHAM - FRANKSTON FREEWAY	8.023
P360011	15B3\PP2264	1204681	PUBLIC PARK RESERVE	2.019
P244170	17A4\PP3753		STREAMSIDE RESERVE	1.131
P374261	2013\PP3337	2015002	MITCHAM - FRANKSTON FREEWAY	9.745
P374260	2012\PP3337	2015002	MITCHAM - FRANKSTON FREEWAY	9.030
P372302	2008\PP3337		STREAMSIDE RESERVE	0.406
P372303	2009\PP3337		STREAMSIDE RESERVE	0.351
P374263	2015\PP3337	2015002	MITCHAM - FRANKSTON FREEWAY	2.513
P374315	2019\PP3753	2015002	MITCHAM - FRANKSTON FREEWAY	0.983
P360848	127D\PP3337	204199	PUBLIC PARK RESERVE	0.339
P372299	2006\PP3337		STREAMSIDE RESERVE	0.014

**Energy and resources: Doncaster Crown land**

**141. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and State Development (for the Minister for Energy and Resources):

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:

There is no Crown land held within the Doncaster electorate that relates to the portfolio of the Minister for Energy and Resources. There is no intention to acquire any such land.

**Health: Doncaster Crown land**

**143. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Community Services (for the Minister for Health):

Can the Minister provide descriptions of, and where available the addresses of, all Crown owned land in the electorate of Doncaster relating to her portfolio and indicate whether the Government intends to sell any of this land or acquire any new land in the Doncaster electorate.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Department of Human Services does not control any Crown owned land in the electorate of Doncaster relating to its portfolio and there are no plans to acquire any Crown owned land in the electorate.

**Industry and state development: Doncaster Crown land**

**145. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and State Development:

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:**

I am informed as follows:

“There is no crown land owned nor any intentions to acquire any in the electorate of Doncaster relating to my portfolio responsibilities as the Minister for Industry and State Development.”

**Sports, recreation and youth affairs: Doncaster Crown land**

**146. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Community Services (for the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs):

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:**

I am informed as follows:

Under the portfolio of Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs I do not have responsibility for the management of Crown land or the sale and acquisition of land.

The Minister for Planning is responsible for the management of Crown land.

**Housing: Doncaster Crown land**

**147. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Community Services (for the Minister for Housing and Local Government):

Can the Minister provide descriptions of, and where available the addresses of, all Crown owned land in the electorate of Doncaster relating to the Housing portfolio and indicate whether the Government intends to sell any of this land or acquire any new land in the Doncaster electorate.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The office of Housing does not control any Crown owned land in the electorate of Doncaster relating to its portfolio and there are no plans to acquire any Crown owned land in the electorate.

**Community services: Doncaster Crown land**

**148. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Community Services:

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:**

I am informed that:

The Department of Human Services does not control any Crown owned land in the electorate of Doncaster relating to its portfolios and there are no plans to acquire any Crown owned land in the electorate.

**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:

- (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 209 reinstated by order of President on 22 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1205]*

**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:

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

*[Part (2) of question 210 reinstated by order of President on 22 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1206]*

**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:

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

*[Part (2) of question 211 reinstated by order of President on 22 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1206]*

**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:

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

*[Part (2) of question 212 reinstated by order of President on 22 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1207]*

**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:

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

*[Part (2) of question 213 reinstated by order of President on 22 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1208]*

**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:

- (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 214 reinstated by order of President on 22 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1208]*

**Education: Park Orchards Primary School**

**215. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to Park Orchards Primary School located in the Warrandyte 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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Decisions relating to funding and commencement of the remainder of the commitment will be in future budgets.

*[Part (2) of question 215 reinstated by order of President on 22 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1209]*

**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:

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

*[Part (2) of question 216 reinstated by order of President on 22 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1209]*

**Education: Ringwood Heights Primary School**

**217. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to Ringwood Heights Primary School located in the Warrandyte 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 217 reinstated by order of President on 22 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1210]*

**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:

- (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 218 reinstated by order of President on 22 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1211]*

**Education: Warrandyte Primary School**

**219. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to Warrandyte Primary School located in the Warrandyte 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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Decisions relating to funding and commencement of the remainder of the commitment will be in future budgets.

*[Part (2) of question 219 reinstated by order of President on 22 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1211]*

**Education: Warranwood Primary School**

**220. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to Warranwood Primary School located in the Warrandyte 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 220 reinstated by order of President on 22 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1212]*

**Education: Yarra Road Primary School**

**221. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to Yarra Road Primary School located in the Warrandyte 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 221 reinstated by order of President on 22 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1213]*

**Education: Laburnum Primary School**

**222. MR ATKINSON** — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to Laburnum Primary School located in the Mitcham 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 222 reinstated by order of President on 23 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1213]*

**Education: Mitcham Primary School**

**223. MR ATKINSON** — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to Mitcham Primary School located in the Mitcham 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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Decisions relating to funding and commencement of the remainder of the commitment will be in future budgets.

*[Part (2) of question 223 reinstated by order of President on 23 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1214]*

**Education: Nunawading Primary School**

**224. MR ATKINSON** — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to Nunawading Primary School located in the Mitcham 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 224 reinstated by order of President on 23 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1214]*

**Education: Mount Pleasant Primary School**

**225. MR ATKINSON** — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to Mount Pleasant Primary School located in the Mitcham 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 225 reinstated by order of President on 23 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1215]*

**Education: Old Orchard Primary School**

**226. MR ATKINSON** — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to Old Orchard Primary School located in the Mitcham 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 226 reinstated by order of President on 23 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1216]*

**Education: Blackburn Primary School**

**227. MR ATKINSON** — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to Blackburn Primary School located in the Mitcham 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 227 reinstated by order of President on 23 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1216]*

**Education: Blackburn Lake Primary School**

**228. MR ATKINSON** — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to Blackburn Lake Primary School located in the Mitcham 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 228 reinstated by order of President on 23 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1217]*

**Education: Antonio Park Primary School**

**229. MR ATKINSON** — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to Antonio Park Primary School located in the Mitcham 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 229 reinstated by order of President on 23 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1217]*

**Education: Rangeview Primary School**

**230. MR ATKINSON** — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to Rangeview Primary School located in the Mitcham 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 230 reinstated by order of President on 23 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1218]*

**Education: Springview Primary School**

**231. MR ATKINSON** — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to Springview Primary School located in the Mitcham 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 231 reinstated by order of President on 23 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1219]*

**Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission: WorkCover investigations**

**267. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Education (for the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and TAC):

- (1) How many workplace safety investigators are employed by WorkCover?
- (2) What is the WorkCover budget for workplace safety investigation?
- (3) Is there a cut-off point on costs for investigations?

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) WorkSafe has 241 inspectors to ensure that workplaces comply with Victoria’s health and safety legislation. A specialist team of 20 investigators conducts comprehensive investigations into alleged breaches of these laws.
- (2) WorkSafe’s forecast expenditure in 2006/07 for the Legal Services and Investigations Division is \$5,308,972.
- (3) No.

**Water, environment and climate change: Dandenong Ranges National Park**

**284. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Water, Environment and Climate Change):

In relation to the Dandenong Ranges National Park (with respect to that portion which abuts the Assembly District of Ferntree Gully):

- (1) When was the last occasion (s) that this section of National Park was burnt in a controlled environment (i.e. fuel reduction burn).
- (2) Taking into consideration the topography and flora of this area, how often should this area be subject to a controlled burn in order to reduce the amount of available fuel.
- (3) When is the next occasion (s) that this section of National Park will be subject to a controlled burn.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

– For the purposes of answering this question, the Department has interpreted the portion of the Dandenong Ranges National Park abutting the Assembly District of Ferntree Gully as that area south of the Mountain Highway and west of the Mount Dandenong Tourist Road (approximately 650 hectares).

- (1) Since the 1997 wildfire which burnt 340 hectares of this area, 24 fuel reduction burns have been conducted covering 160 hectares.
- (2) The frequency with which this area is fuel reduced is determined by the fuel management strategies defined in the East Port Phillip Fire Protection Plan (Nov 2003). This plan assigns fuel management zones based on the strategic importance of different areas, the appropriateness of burning to manage fuels, and the natural and developed values on or adjacent to the area. There are currently five zones: Zone 1 Asset Protection, Zone 2 Strategic fuel reduced corridors, Zone 3 Broad-acre fuel reduced mosaic, Zone 4 Specific flora and fauna management and Zone 5 Exclusion of prescribed burning. Each zone has triggers based on overall fuel hazard that determines when fuel reduction should be undertaken.

In this area approximately 11% is Zone 1, 70% is Zone 3 and 19% Zone 5.

Overall fuel hazard is monitored and used in conjunction with community and stakeholder input to determine when an area is next programmed for burning.

- (3) This area will be looked at again during the annual Fire Operations Planning process, and the community will be consulted formally in September. It is anticipated that at least 25 hectares will be programmed for burning over the next three years.

**Water, environment and climate change: Lysterfield State Park**

**285. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Water, Environment and Climate Change):

In relation to the Lysterfield State Park:

- (1) When was the last occasion (s) that this section of State Park was burnt in a controlled environment (i.e. fuel reduction burn).
- (2) Taking into consideration the topography and flora of this area, how often should this area be subject to a controlled burn in order to reduce the amount of available fuel.
- (3) When is the next occasion (s) that this section of State Park will be subject to a controlled burn.

**ANSWER:**

– For the purposes of answering this question, my Department has assumed the area in question is Lysterfield Park (approximately 1430 ha).

- (1) In the last ten years, seven burns have been conducted covering approximately 80 hectares. In 2003, 110 hectares was burnt in a wildfire.

- (2) The frequency with which this area is fuel reduced is determined by the fuel management strategies defined in the East Port Phillip Fire Protection Plan (Nov 2003). This plan assigns fuel management zones based on the strategic importance of different areas, the appropriateness of burning to manage fuels, and the natural and developed values on or adjacent to the area. There are currently five zones: Zone 1 Asset Protection, Zone 2 Strategic fuel reduced corridors, Zone 3 Broad-acre fuel reduced mosaic, Zone 4 Specific flora and fauna management and Zone 5 Exclusion of prescribed burning. Each zone has triggers based on overall fuel hazard that determines when fuel reduction should be undertaken.

In this area approximately 1% is Zone 1, 5% is Zone 2, 83% is Zone 3 and 11% Zone 5.

Overall fuel hazard is monitored and used in conjunction with community and stakeholder input to determine when an area is next programmed for burning.

- (3) This area will be looked at again during the annual Fire Operations Planning process, and the community will be consulted formally in September. It is anticipated that at least 30 hectares will be programmed for burning over the next three years.

### **Water, environment and climate change: Churchill National Park**

- 286. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Water, Environment and Climate Change):

In relation to the Churchill National Park:

- (1) When was the last occasion (s) that this section of National Park was burnt in a controlled environment (i.e., fuel reduction burn).
- (2) Taking into consideration the topography and flora of this area, how often should this area be subject to a controlled burn in order to reduce the amount of available fuel.
- (3) When is the next occasion (s) that this section of National Park will be subject to a controlled burn.

#### **ANSWER:**

- For the purposes of answering this question, my Department has assumed the area in question is the Churchill National Park (approximately 290 hectares).

- (1) This area has not been fuel reduced or burnt by wildfire in the last ten years.
- (2) The frequency with which this area is fuel reduced is determined by the fuel management strategies defined in the East Port Phillip Fire Protection Plan (Nov 2003). This plan assigns fuel management zones based on the strategic importance of different areas, the appropriateness of burning to manage fuels, and the natural and developed values on or adjacent to the area. There are currently five zones: Zone 1 Asset Protection, Zone 2 Strategic fuel reduced corridors, Zone 3 Broad-acre fuel reduced mosaic, Zone 4 Specific flora and fauna management and Zone 5 Exclusion of prescribed burning. Each zone has triggers based on overall fuel hazard that determines when fuel reduction should be undertaken.

The entire Churchill National Park has been classified as Zone 3.

Overall fuel hazard is monitored and used in conjunction with community and stakeholder input to determine when an area is next programmed for burning.

- (3) This area will be looked at again during the annual Fire Operations Planning process, and the community will be consulted formally in September. However, given the nature of the vegetation (low fuel loading) and assets within and surrounding the park; it is unlikely that significant areas will be programmed for burning in the next three years.

**Roads and ports: Yarra River punt**

**289. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Industry and State Development (for the Minister for Roads and Ports):

- (1) Is the Government prepared to support the properly conducted trial of a punt service for cyclists and pedestrians across the Yarra River between Scienceworks and Fishermen’s Bend.
- (2) Is the Government prepared to fund a 2 year trial of the commuter punt service through the TravelSmart Local Government Grants Program.
- (3) Has the Minister considered the City of Hobsons Bay’s December 2006 submission to the Government for a re-established punt service, with a new operator and funding model.
- (4) Is the Minister aware that a petition with 1100 signatures calling for the return of the commuter punt was presented to the Member for Williamstown in February 2007.
- (5) Given the 37% increase during the last year in the number of cyclists commuting from the western suburbs to the city, what long-term plans does the Minister have for handling this extra load via existing infrastructure and for improving the safety of cyclists who travel this route each day.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1) (2) An initial three month trial of the service from 5 October 2005 to 5 January 2006, extended until 2 June 2006, indicated that despite a high level of publicity, the service attracted less than 50 trips per day. This was considered insufficient for the trial to be further continued. On this basis, the implementation of another trial is not supported.
- (3) I am advised that the Government has received a submission from the City of Hobsons Bay for a re-established punt service, with a new operator and funding model. The submission is currently being considered and a response will be provided to the City of Hobsons Bay.
- (4) I understand that a petition calling for the return of the commuter punt was presented to the Member for Williamstown in February 2007. I am advised that the petition was not in a format that allowed it to be tabled in Parliament.
- (5) I am advised by VicRoads that off-road bicycle paths along Footscray Road and Dynon Road provide direct access between the western suburbs and the Melbourne Central Business District (CBD). These paths are considered capable of carrying more than 500 cyclists per hour which is an increase of 80 per cent on the peak hour volumes that currently exist on the Footscray Road path providing a high degree of separation and a safe route for cyclists to use.

A key focus of the Government’s commitment to cycling is the continued expansion of bicycle facilities and cycling networks in the western suburbs of Melbourne. The aim of these initiatives is to improve access within the western suburbs, to the Footscray Transit City and between the western suburbs and other areas of Melbourne such as the CBD. I am advised that proposals are currently being developed along Barkly Street to provide access to the Footscray Transit City and to connect the Federation Trail with the Maribyrnong River Trail.

**CYCLIST VOLUMES ON FOOTSCRAY ROAD BICYCLE PATH**

**24 Hour Volumes**

Month	2006	2007	Increase	% Increase
January	1,276	1,491	215	17%
February	1,379	1,775	396	28%
March	1,428	1,654	226	16%
<b>Average</b>	<b>1,361</b>	<b>1,640</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>20%</b>

**AM Peak Hour Volumes**

Month	2006	2007	Increase	% Increase
January	188	288	100	53%
February	223	305	82	37%
March	219	266	47	21%
<b>Average</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>37%</b>

**PM Peak Volumes**

Month	2006	2007	Increase	% Increase
January	215	256	41	19%
February	231	319	88	38%
March	218	285	67	30%
<b>Average</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>29%</b>

**Community services: disability services**

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

For the 6 months ending 31 December 2006:

- (1) How many people with disabilities obtained a place in a government managed community residential unit.
- (2) How many people with disabilities obtained a place in a non-government managed community residential unit.
- (3) How many of those persons were relocated from congregate care to a community residential unit.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The staged implementation of the Client Relationship Information System (CRIS) across the DHS regions has involved transitional arrangements for the recording of information. These arrangements will not allow for comparable data reporting until the rollout is complete. The information requested is not currently available. The Department's new client information system will provide detail of service provision from July 2007.

**Community services: disability services**

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

In relation to Disability Services clients with day activities as at 31 December 2006, how many of these people are also Disability Services residential accommodation clients in:

- (a) government managed residential services; and
- (b) non-government managed residential services.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The staged implementation of the Client Relationship Information System (CRIS) across the DHS regions has involved transitional arrangements for the recording of information. These arrangements will not allow for

comparable data reporting until the rollout is complete. The information requested is not currently available. The Department's new client information system will provide detail of service provision from July 2007.

**Community services: disability services**

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

In relation to Futures for Young Adults clients as at 31 December 2006, how many of these are also Disability Services residential accommodation clients in:

- (a) government managed residential services; and
- (b) non-government managed residential services.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The staged implementation of the Client Relationship Information System (CRIS) across the DHS regions has involved transitional arrangements for the recording of information. These arrangements will not allow for comparable data reporting until the rollout is complete. The information requested is not currently available. The Department's new client information system will provide detail of service provision from July 2007.

**Community services: disability services**

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

In relation to Disability Services Specialist Services clients as at 31 December 2006, how many of these are also:

- (a) clients in government managed residential accommodation; and
- (b) clients in non-government managed residential accommodation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The staged implementation of the Client Relationship Information System (CRIS) across the DHS regions has involved transitional arrangements for the recording of information. These arrangements will not allow for comparable data reporting until the rollout is complete. The information requested is not currently available. The Department's new client information system will provide detail of service provision from July 2007.

**Community services: disability services**

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

For people with disabilities as at 31 December 2006, how many were in receipt of:

- (a) accommodation outreach support;
- (b) family options support;
- (c) flexible support packages;
- (d) home first;
- (e) individualised support packages;
- (f) shared supported accommodation; and
- (g) transitional accommodation support.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The staged implementation of the Client Relationship Information System (CRIS) across the DHS regions has involved transitional arrangements for the recording of information. These arrangements will not allow for comparable data reporting until the rollout is complete. The information requested is not currently available. The Department's new client information system will provide detail of service provision from July 2007.

**Community services: disability services**

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

In relation to the implementation of the Disability Act 2006 and sector consultations for the development of Access Policy:

- (1) On which dates, times and locations were sector consultations held.
- (2) On which dates, times and locations were sector consultations held for families supporting persons with a disability.
- (3) How many families supporting persons with a disability attended each sector consultation held for families supporting persons with a disability.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Access Policy consultation was initially through a working group with a range of representatives from the Department of Human Services and community service organisations.

The working group met on a fortnightly basis from October 2006 to January 2007 and contributed significantly to the development of the draft Access Policy. These meetings were held on 11 and 25 October 2006, 8 and 11 November 2006, and 6 and 20 December 2006. All meetings were held at 10.00 +am at 50 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne. The group also met on 19 March 2007 at 3.00 pm to consider the draft policy.

The draft policy was circulated throughout March and April 2007, to members of the Disability Act - Parent, Carer and Family Representative Advisory Group, all disability service providers, advocacy agencies, carer networks and individuals, and comment was sought for incorporation into the final policy.

**Water, environment and climate change: national parks**

**304. MR BARBER** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Water, Environment and Climate Change):

As the Victorian Government did not make a submission to the recent Senate Inquiry into Australia's national parks, conservation reserves and marine protected areas, and as the Inquiry's subsequent report entitled 'Conserving Australia', identified climate change as one of the greatest threats to parks, exacerbating existing and growing threats such as weed and feral animal invasion:

- (1) Does the Government have a strategy to plan for and deal with the short and long-term effects of climate change on our great national parks; if so, what is the strategy.
- (2) If the Government does not have such a strategy, when will one exist.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Victoria has a magnificent parks and reserves system (including national parks) that cover nearly 4 million hectares. These areas, which aim to be representative of the diversity of the natural ecosystems occurring on public land, are critical for the protection of the State's biodiversity assets. They are also increasingly being recognised as important to regional economies.

Victoria continues to support and implement the nationally agreed statement *Directions for the National Reserve System – A Partnership Approach*, which recognises the need to establish and manage protected areas within a landscape context. It also actively pursues further research with other jurisdictions to inform the needs of the reserve system to adapt to pressures like climate change.

The Government recognises that climate change represents a new challenge to our parks and reserves system and the biodiversity it supports.

Victoria played an active role in the development of the *National Biodiversity and Climate Change Action Plan* (2004), which recognises the importance of the reserves system.

Victoria's *Sustainability Action Statement* (2006) commits to preparing Victoria for the impact of climate change, including improving the resilience of Victoria's natural assets to cope with the likely effects of climate change. These include the natural assets of our parks and reserves system.

Victoria is currently developing a White Paper on 'Land and biodiversity at a time of climate change'. This will provide strategic directions for the management of land and the protection of biodiversity across the landscape, including parks.

Increasing our understanding of ecosystems, taking a landscape approach and improving the resilience of our parks and reserves (e.g. through improved weed and pest animal control programs) are all important in dealing with the impacts of climate change (see examples below).

### **Public transport: Nunawading school bus route**

**316. MR DALLA-RIVA**—To ask the Minister for Industry and State Development (for the Minister for Public Transport):

In relation to the school bus route that runs along Springvale Road from Nunawading Station to the Pines Shopping Centre: What are the details of these performance measures: on-time service, cancellations and passenger patronage numbers —

- (a) from the period 1 January 2007;
- (b) for the period 1 July 2006 to 31 December 2006; and
- (c) for the period 1 January 2006 to 30 June 2006.

#### **ANSWER:**

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

There is insufficient information provided to answer this question as there are a number of school bus services operating in this area.

### **Water, environment and climate change: forest industry rationalisation**

**336. MR VOGELS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Water, Environment and Climate Change):

In relation to the Forest Industry, do you believe further rationalisation is necessary.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Victorian Government supports a sustainable native forest timber industry in Victoria.

The Government has through *Our Forests Our Future* stopped the over harvesting that was allowed to occur in Victoria's forests throughout the 1990's.

The Government has also established Vic Forests to ensure there is a strong future in Victoria.

**Mental health: drug program funding**

**375. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Community Services (for the Minister for Mental Health):

With reference to the new drug funding arrangements announced in the 2007–08 Budget:

- (1) Budget Paper 3, page 69, at footnote (f) states that the decrease in output cost is due to “the transfer of the Tobacco and Drugs and Poisons policy functions to the Public Health output”. Footnote (c) on page 88 states that “performance measures and funding related to drugs and poisons regulation, and tobacco” have moved to Public Health, while footnote (e) on page 90 states that “Drugs Services regulatory programs” have gone to Public Health. Do all these footnotes, worded differently, mean the same thing.
- (2) What exactly has been moved to Public Health, in terms of policy, programs and the dollar amount of funding.
- (3) Funding for drugs in 2006–07 was \$127.5 million (Drug Prevention and Control plus Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation outputs). In 2007–08 this figure will fall to \$116.8 million (Drug Prevention and Control plus Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation outputs). How does the Government justify reduced spending on drugs given this is a critical issue for the community.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) All three footnotes referred to (2007–08 Budget Paper no. 3 Footnote (f) on page 69, Footnote (c) on page 88 and Footnote (e) on page 90) relate to the transfer of the Drugs and Poisons and Tobacco Policy functions from Drugs Services to Public Health Outputs.
- (2) The following programs and allocations have transferred from Drugs Services to Public Health:
  - \$5.0m transfer in respect of the Tobacco Policy Program which manages Tobacco Policy and Regulation,
  - \$2.2m transfer in respect of the Drugs and Poisons Regulation Group which provides regulatory advice and compliance functions associated with controlled drugs, poisons and therapeutic goods.
- (3) There has been no reduction to the Drugs Services budget allocation for 2007–08. The movement from the 2006–07 budget of \$127.5 million to the 2007–08 budget of \$116.8m includes the following major changes:
  - adjustment for the one-off allocation of \$7.5m for facility development grants to drug services included in the 2006–07 budget; and
  - adjustment in respect of the movement of \$5m for Tobacco Policy and \$2.2m for Drugs and Poisons Regulation from Drugs Services to Public Health.

**Mental health: pharmacotherapy training**

**376. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Community Services (for the Minister for Mental Health):

In relation to page 89 of Budget Paper 3 where the expected outcome of 40 General Practitioners trained to perform pharmacotherapy, has been revised down from an original target of 60:

- (1) What is the expected impact on the community of this revised target.
- (2) What has contributed to this lower than expected figure and what will be done differently to ensure the Government reaches its new target of 70 in 2007–08.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The revision of this target is not expected to impact on the number of General Practitioners available to prescribe pharmacotherapy in Victoria in 2006–07. There are currently 490 General Practitioners approved as pharmacotherapy prescribers in Victoria.
- (2) This revision from the target of 60 to the expected outcome of 40 General Practitioners trained to provide pharmacotherapy services in 2006–07 reflects the establishment phase associated with the commencement of a new contract for the provision of training services. The overall target for the service provider is 180 General Practitioners trained over three years and the yearly targets have been set at 40 in the first year and 70 in each of the subsequent two years.

**Mental health: drug services measures**

**377. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Community Services (for the Minister for Mental Health):

In relation to Budget drug services measures and the labelling of episodes of care (EOC) by VAADA (the peak organisation representing alcohol and drug services), as “arbitrary, restrictive, non-responsive, unreflective of services provided” and affected by “client complexity and rural/regional costs”, and given that DHS has conceded that in a 2002 review there were issues raised within the sector until the measure:

- (1) Why are EOC’s still being used.
- (2) When will this measure be changed.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Episodes of care record the outcomes that clients achieve when undertaking alcohol and drug treatment programs. They are a qualitative measure of what a client achieves rather than a measure of inputs by agencies.

An episode of care (EOC) comprises a range of significant treatment goals attainments (STGAs). The client establishes their significant treatment goals in consultation with their clinician or alcohol and drug treatment worker when they enter a treatment program. These goals are recorded in an individual treatment plan. When the client achieves these goals (or STGAs), an episode of care is attained.

Following the review of episodes of care in 2002, DHS worked with representatives from across the sector, including VAADA members and consumer representatives, to identify Significant Treatment Goal Attainments (STGA) that accurately reflect the range of treatment goals that clients might seek to achieve

across all the different alcohol and drug treatment service types. STGAs have been in place for the last few years and take into account differences between service types.

- (2) Episodes of care provide a qualitative measure of client outcomes. This reflects good practice in service delivery measurement with a focus on what a client gets out of a service rather what goes into it.

**Community services: Alzheimer’s services**

**384. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Community Services:

How much State Government funding was directed to Alzheimer’s services in the years 2003–04, 2004–05, 2005–06, 2006–07 and 2007–08 respectively.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that funding allocated to Dementia Services under the Aged Services Support output for the financial years from 2003–04 to 2007–08 was:

- 2003–04      \$0.9 m
- 2004–05      \$1.2 m
- 2005–06      \$1.8 m
- 2006–07      \$2.2 m
- 2007–08      \$3.558 m

**Community services: aged support services**

**399. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Community Services:

Given that the 2005–06 total Budget output cost of Aged Support Services was targeted in 2006–07 Budget Paper 3 at \$74.2 million and the actual figure as indicated in the 2007–08 Budget Paper 3 was 67.8 million:

- (1) Can the Minister explain the \$6.4 million gap in the target versus actual output cost.
- (2) What services missed out as a result of this reduction in funding.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The \$6.4 million gap in the target versus actual output cost is due to a combination of administrative adjustments including funding transfers to other outputs, realignment of indirect charges such as hospital long service leave, depreciation and other corporate adjustments.
- (2) No services missed out as there was not a reduction in funding.

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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

**Wednesday, 20 June 2007**

**Education: Mullauna College**

**232. MR ATKINSON** — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to Mullauna College located in the Mitcham 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 232 reinstated by order of President on 23 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1219]*

**Education: Blackburn High School**

**233. MR ATKINSON** — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to Blackburn High School located in the Mitcham 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 233 reinstated by order of President on 23 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1220]*

**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:

- (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 234 reinstated by order of President on 23 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1221]*

**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:

- (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 235 reinstated by order of President on 23 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1221]*

**Education: Eltham North Primary School**

**236. MR ATKINSON** — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to Eltham North Primary School located in the Eltham 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 236 reinstated by order of President on 23 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1222]*

**Education: Eltham Primary School**

**237. MR ATKINSON** — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to Eltham Primary School located in the Eltham 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 237 reinstated by order of President on 23 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1222]*

**Education: Glen Katherine Primary School**

**238. MR ATKINSON** — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to Glen Katherine Primary School located in the Eltham 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 238 reinstated by order of President on 23 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1223]*

**Education: Greenhills Primary School**

**239. MR ATKINSON** — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to Greenhills Primary School located in the Eltham 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 239 reinstated by order of President on 23 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 22 May 2007, page 1471]*

**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:

- (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 240 reinstated by order of President on 23 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1224]*

**Education: Montmorency Primary School**

**241. MR ATKINSON** — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to Montmorency Primary School located in the Eltham 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 241 reinstated by order of President on 23 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1224]*

**Education: Montmorency South Primary School**

**242. MR ATKINSON** — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to Montmorency South Primary School located in the Eltham 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 242 reinstated by order of President on 23 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1225]*

**Education: Research Primary School**

**243.** MR ATKINSON — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to Research Primary School located in the Eltham 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 243 reinstated by order of President on 23 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1225]*

**Education: Sherbourne Primary School**

**244.** MR ATKINSON — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to Sherbourne Primary School located in the Eltham 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 244 reinstated by order of President on 23 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1226]*

**Education: Eltham High School**

**245. MR ATKINSON** — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to Eltham High School located in the Eltham 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 245 reinstated by order of President on 23 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1227]*

**Education: Montmorency Secondary College**

**246. MR ATKINSON** — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to Montmorency Secondary College located in the Eltham 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 246 reinstated by order of President on 23 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1227]*

**Education: St Helena Secondary College**

**247. MR ATKINSON** — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to St Helena Secondary College located in the Eltham 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 247 reinstated by order of President on 23 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1228]*

**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:

- (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 272 reinstated by order of President on 22 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1229]*

**Education: Burwood East Primary School**

**273. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to the Burwood East Primary School located in the Forest Hill 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 273 reinstated by order of President on 22 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1230]*

**Education: Forest Hill College**

**274. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to the Forest Hill College located in the Forest Hill 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 274 reinstated by order of President on 22 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1230]*

**Education: Burwood Heights Primary School**

**275. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to the Burwood Heights Primary School located in the Forest Hill 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 275 reinstated by order of President on 22 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1231]*

**Education: Weeden Heights Primary School**

**276. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to the Weeden Heights Primary School located in the Forest Hill 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 276 reinstated by order of President on 22 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1231]*

**Education: Vermont Secondary College**

**277. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to the Vermont Secondary College located in the Forest Hill 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 277 reinstated by order of President on 22 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1232]*

**Education: Livingstone Primary School**

**278. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to the Livingstone Primary School located in the Forest Hill 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 278 reinstated by order of President on 22 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1233]*

**Education: Parkmore Primary School**

**279. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to the Parkmore Primary School located in the Forest Hill 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 279 reinstated by order of President on 22 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1233]*

**Education: Vermont South Special School**

**280. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to the Vermont South Special School located in the Forest Hill 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 280 reinstated by order of President on 22 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1234]*

**Education: Camelot Rise Primary School**

**281. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to the Camelot Rise Primary School located in the Forest Hill 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 281 reinstated by order of President on 22 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1235]*

**Education: Highvale Primary School**

**282. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to the Highvale Primary School located in the Forest Hill 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 282 reinstated by order of President on 22 May 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 1 May 2007, page 1235]*

**Education: Highvale Secondary College**

**283. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education:

In relation to the Highvale Secondary College located in the Forest Hill 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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The portfolio of the minister answering the question on notice starts each heading.*

**Thursday, 21 June 2007**

**Children: children's centres**

**311. MR ATKINSON** — To ask the Minister for Children:

- (1) What criteria will be used to determine the location of the 46 new children's centres to be built under plans to improve outcomes in early childhood development.
- (2) What process will be established at local government or community level to plan for and establish these centres.

**ANSWER:**

I am pleased to advise that:

- (1) Criteria are under development and not yet final.
- (2) A formal submission process will be presented to councils as soon as it is available.

**Children: children's centres**

**312. MR ATKINSON** — To ask the Minister for Children:

How many of the 46 new children's centres to be built under plans to improve outcomes in early childhood development are to be established in the eastern, north eastern and outer eastern suburbs.

**ANSWER:**

I am pleased to advise that:

Locations of children's centres will be dependent on formal submission process.

**Energy and resources: clean coal power**

**371. MR BARBER** — To ask the Minister for Industry and State Development (for the Minister for Energy and Resources):

In relation to the Victorian Government's commitment of \$50 million last November to HRL Ltd towards the proposed 'clean coal' power plant in Gippsland:

- (1) Are there any performance benchmarks on which this grant is contingent relating to development time lines and technical performance of the facility; if so, what are they.
- (2) Are those conditions explained in any government documents.
- (3) Has this grant already gone to HRL Ltd.
- (4) Have any contracts been signed with HRL; if not, will any contracts be entered into with HRL in relation to the grant; if so, what is the expected time-line for contractual sign-off.

- (5) Does the Government have a project description that describes the project in more detail than has been provided in media releases to date.
- (6) What documentation exists in relation to the project.
- (7) Will a copy of the documentation be provided.
- (8) What are the estimated total greenhouse gas emissions from the HRL project if it proceeds.
- (9) What are the estimated emissions per megawatt hour.
- (10) Will the HRL project replace any current coal-fired generation or will it be additional.
- (11) Will the HRL plant result in a rise in Victoria's greenhouse gas emissions, or will the Government ensure savings are made elsewhere to offset the trial.
- (12) Where will the HRL project be sited.
- (13) Has community consultation begun in relation to siting the project.
- (14) How much water will the proposed plant use each year and per megawatt hour, and how does this compare with existing brown coal generators in the Latrobe Valley.
- (15) Where will this water come from.
- (16) Will market rates be paid for this water.
- (17) As the proponents claim that the project will be 30% less polluting than an equivalent sized conventional brown coal power station and use 50% less water, will meeting these performance levels be a condition of receiving the \$50 million grant from the Victorian Government?
- (18) Where else is the Integrated Drying Gasification and Combined Cycle technology in use and is it meeting the above performance improvements.
- (19) Will the HRL project be required to implement carbon capture and storage.
- (20) When is construction work likely to begin on the HRL project.
- (21) How is proceeding with the HRL project consistent with meeting the Government's target for reducing the State's greenhouse pollution by 60% by 2050.

**ANSWER:**

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

**Q1) Are there any performance benchmarks on which this grant is contingent relating to development time lines and technical performance of the facility; if so, what are they?**

The awarding of the grant was subject to a competitive process that involved assessment by three independent panels. A technical and commercial panel evaluated proposals in detail, and final recommendations were made to Government by an Independent Assessment Panel (IAP).

Time frames on development were included in the RFP and validated by both the technical and commercial panels, and also reaffirmed by the IAP. The panels were satisfied that HRL Ltd were capable of achieving these time frames. Note that delays of approximately six months in the Commonwealth process have occurred that have been outside of the control of HRL Ltd.

**Q2) Are those conditions in any government documents?**

The conditions can be found in the RFP.

**Q3) Has this grant already gone to HRL Ltd.**

To date, no contracts have been signed with HRL Ltd for this grant.

**Q4) Have any contracts been signed with HRL; if not, will any contracts be entered into with HRL in relation to the grant; If so, what is the expected time-line for contractual sign-off.**

To date, no contracts have been signed with HRL Ltd for this grant.

It is expected that contract negotiations will be largely completed this year.

**Q5) Does the Government have a project description that describes the project in more detail than has been provided in media releases to date.**

HRL Ltd has provided a complete and detailed project description as part of their application. This was provided under commercial-in-confidence conditions, as were all applications to the LSDP initiative. A summary of the project may be found on DPI's website.

**Q6) What documentation exists in relation to the project.**

Substantial documentation has been provided by HRL Ltd as part of their bid process. Documentation provided is commercial-in-confidence.

**Q7) Will a copy of the documentation be provided.**

All documentation supplied for this project and other LSDP initiatives and their evaluation is commercial-in-confidence.

**Q8) What are the estimated total greenhouse gas emissions from the HRL Ltd project if it proceeds.**

The HRL Ltd project is expected to generate a maximum emissions intensity of 0.83 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per megawatt hour (MWh), with an expected intensity of 0.77 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per MWh.

**Q9) What are the estimated emissions per MWh?**

Refer to previous answer.

**Q10) Will the HRL project replace any current coal-fired generation or will it be additional.**

The HRL Ltd project will be a pre-commercial demonstration plant, and during the demonstration phase it will not supplant any existing generation. The decision to extend the life of the plant beyond the demonstration will be a commercial one.

**Q11) Will the HRL plant result in a rise in Victoria's greenhouse gas emissions, or will the Government ensure savings are made elsewhere to offset the trial.**

The plant will add to Victoria's emissions, however, being highly efficient it is likely to displace lower efficiency plant with higher greenhouse emissions in the merit order if commercial operation occurs. During the demonstration phase the plant is likely to sell power into the electricity pool operated by the National Electricity Market Management Company (NEMMCO).

**Q12) Where will the HRL project be sited?**

The likely site for the HRL Ltd project will be at Loy Yang on land zoned specifically for power station use. Final agreement on a site will be subject to discussions with HRL Ltd and fulfilment of the planning approval process.

**Q13) Has community consultation begun in relation to siting the project.**

HRL Ltd is currently assessing the planning approval path required for this project. They have indicated that after the conclusion of this the company will embark on a community consultation process as per regulatory requirements.

**Q14) How much water will the proposed plant use each year and per megawatt hour, and how does this compare with existing brown coal generators in the Latrobe Valley.**

The plant will use in the order of 3 gigalitres (Gl) per annum for 400 MW. Approximately one tonne of water will be required per MWh. Best practice existing plant requires two tonnes of water per MWh.

**Q15) Where will this water come from.**

Discussions are under way to determine the final source of the water.

**Q16) Will market rates be paid for this water?**

Full market rates will be paid for any water that is required for the plant.

**Q17) As the proponents claim that the project will be 30% less polluting than an equivalent sized conventional brown coal power station and use 50% less water, will meeting these performance levels be a condition of receiving the \$50 million grant from the Victorian Government.**

Grant payments will be made in relation to the achievement of project milestones, which will be determined and agreed at the commencement of the project. Part of the demonstration requirement will be to show actual emissions and water use.

**Q18) Where else is the Integrated Drying Gasification and Combined Cycle (IDGCC) technology in use and is it meeting the above performance improvements.**

The IDGCC technology is a first of a kind developed specifically to deal with Victorian brown coal. The technology has been proven at a pilot scale (10 MW) demonstration in the 1990s. This large scale demonstration, if successful, will lead to commercial deployment in Australia, and possibly in China and other countries with large reserves of brown coal. The guidelines for the Energy Technology Innovation Strategy (ETIS) LSDP initiative preclude support for already commercial applications.

**Q19) Will the HRL project be required to implement carbon capture and storage?**

No infrastructure currently exists to store CO<sub>2</sub> captured from power stations in the Latrobe Valley. Projects supported under the LSDP initiative are required to be carbon capture ready at the commercialisation phase.

**Q20) When is construction work likely to begin on the HRL project?**

It is expected that construction work will commence in 2008, depending on the environmental approvals and contract process.

**Q21) How is proceeding with the HRL project consistent with meeting the Government's target for reducing the State's greenhouse pollution by 60% by 2050?**

Projects such as the HRL Ltd proposal provide a two stage approach to major cuts in emissions: the first is a significant reduction in greenhouse intensity per MWh and the second stage is carbon capture and storage which results in near zero emission outputs from power stations such as that proposed by HRL.

**Education: Doncaster Secondary College**

**372. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Education:**

In relation to the Government's commitment during the 2006 election to upgrade Doncaster Secondary College:

- (1) Why was this upgrade not funded in the 2007–08 Budget.
- (2) When will the Government provide the funds this school requires to bring its facilities up to date.

**ANSWER:**

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