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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

Tuesday, 11 March 2008

Health: Health Professions Registration Act

482. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): Could the Minister provide details of the advice given to her in relation to the calculated cost to the 12 health boards in Victoria to implement the *Health Professions Registration Act 2005*.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department advised that the reform proposals contained in the Health Professions Registration Act did not require a Business Impact Assessment (BIA) as they were not expected to impose an appreciable burden on businesses.

The department also provided advice on the projected costs associated with transfer of the hearing of serious misconduct matters from the registration boards to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal. This information was published on the department's website.

Public transport: Parliamentary Secretary for Transport

802. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): Between 25 November 2006 and 2 August, 2007, what support was provided for Mr Martin Pakula, MLC and at what cost, in his capacity as Parliamentary Secretary for Transport for—

- (a) telephone and other communication support;
- (b) car hire and rental car access including dates, destination and purpose;
- (c) air flights, where to, on what date and how much did each flight cost;
- (d) meal and entertainment costs;
- (e) staff assisting him, their effective full time number and cost to the department; and
- (f) any other support or reimbursement provided including details of the nature and cost of the support or reimbursement.

ANSWER:

This question has been incorrectly addressed to the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport). This question is more appropriately directed to the Minister for Roads and Ports, as Mr. Pakula is the Parliamentary Secretary for Roads and Ports.

Treasurer: Parliamentary Secretary for Treasury and Finance

804. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Treasurer: Between 25 November 2006 and 2 August, 2007, what support was provided for Mr Luke Donnellan, MP and at what cost, in his capacity as Parliamentary Secretary for Treasury and Finance for —

- (a) telephone and other communication support;
- (b) car hire and rental car access including dates, destination and purpose;
- (c) air flights, where to, on what date and how much did each flight cost;
- (d) meal and entertainment costs;
- (e) staff assisting him, their effective full time number and cost to the department; and
- (f) any other support or reimbursement provided including details of the nature and cost of the support or reimbursement.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The Parliamentary Secretary for Treasury and Finance occupies office space within the Office of the Treasurer and is supported by the Office of the Treasurer. Therefore, no budget is specifically allocated to the Parliamentary Secretary.

Health: minister's office — expenses

984. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): Between 25 November 2006 and 2 August 2007 what are the details of expenses of the office of the Minister for:

- (a) staff salaries and on-costs;
- (b) number of Ministerial staff (including driver);
- (c) any other Ministerial office operating costs (recurrent expenses);
- (d) Minister's and/or office international flights;
- (e) Minister's and/or office domestic flights;
- (f) Minister's and/or office charter flights;
- (g) travel related expenses (international);
- (h) travel related expenses (domestic);
- (i) entertainment/hospitality expenses; and
- (j) alcohol costs.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

To provide details as requested would be an unreasonable diversion of my Department's resources.

Environment and climate change: fire prevention — Dandenong Ranges National Park

1018. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: In relation to the approximately 650 hectare portion of the Dandenong Ranges National Park abutting the electorate of Ferntree Gully south of the Mountain Highway and west of the Mount Dandenong Tourist Road:

- (1) How many hectares fall into each of zones 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.
- (2) Of the 160 hectares subject to a controlled burn over the previous 10 years, how many hectares were burnt in each of zones 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.
- (3) How many of the 25 hectares that will be burnt over the next three years will be in each of zones 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

- (4) When will forest in the remaining section of the National Park, that has not been subject to a controlled burn nor will be in the next three years, be subject to a controlled burn in each of zones 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The research required to provide this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources, particularly as we have now entered the 2007/08 fire season.

Environment and climate change: fire prevention — Lysterfield State Park

1019. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: In relation to Lysterfield State Park:

- (1) How many of the 1,430 hectares in the Park fall into each of zones 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.
- (2) How many of the 80 hectares subject to controlled burns and the 110 hectares burnt in the 2003 wildfire were in each of zones 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.
- (3) How many of the 30 hectares to be burnt over the next three years are in each of zones 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.
- (4) When will forest that has either not been subject to the 2003 wildfire, a controlled burn nor will be in the next three years, be subject to a controlled burn in each of zones 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The research required to provide this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources, particularly as we have now entered the 2007/08 fire season.

Environment and climate change: fire prevention — Churchill National Park

1020. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: In relation to controlled burning in the Churchill National Park:

- (1) How much of the 290 hectare section of the Park falls into each of zones 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.
- (2) When does the Government intend to conduct controlled burns in each of zones 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The whole park is Zone 3.

There are three burns planned for the park.

It is not possible to predict exactly when planned burns will actually be ignited.

Although they are listed as planned over the next three years, ignition time is dependent on many factors, including local weather conditions and district priorities.

Environment and climate change: fuel loads — national parks

1048. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: What was the fuel load in each of Victoria's National Parks in each of the years 2000-06.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

To determine a park by park response would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources, particularly as we have now entered the 2007/08 fire season.

Environment and climate change: fuel loads — state forests

1049. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: What was the fuel load in each of Victoria's State Forests in each of the years 2000-06.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

To determine a park by park response would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources, particularly as we have now entered the 2007/08 fire season.

Environment and climate change: fuel loads — parks

1050. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: What was the fuel load in each of Victoria's Regional and other Parks in each of the years 2000-06.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

To determine a park by park response would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources, particularly as we have now entered the 2007/08 fire season.

Environment and climate change: fire prevention — Warrandyte State Park

1081. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: In relation to the current Fire Operations Plan 2007-08 to 2009-10 which states that there are five separate fuel reduction burns to be conducted in Warrandyte State Park over the next two financial years: For which months are these fuel reduction burns scheduled.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The research required to provide this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources, particularly as we have now entered the 2007/08 fire season.

Public transport: rail — early morning patronage

1102. MR KOCH — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to Connex Melbourne rail network's early morning patronage on Wednesday, 31 October 2007 and the use of Metcards and V/Line tickets valid for zones 1 and 2 respectively:

- (1) How many passengers used these tickets to enter each of Flinders Street, Melbourne Central, Parliament, Flagstaff and Southern Cross railway stations between —
 - (a) 5.00 a.m. and 5.59 a.m.;
 - (b) 6.00 a.m. and 6.59 a.m.;
 - (c) 7.00 a.m. and 7.59 a.m.; and
 - (d) 8.00 a.m. and 8.59 a.m.

- (2) How many passengers used these tickets to exit each of the railway stations outlined in (1) between —
 - (a) 5.00 a.m. and 5.59 a.m.;
 - (b) 6.00 a.m. and 6.59 a.m.;
 - (c) 7.00 a.m. and 7.59 a.m.; and
 - (d) 8.00 a.m. and 8.59 a.m.

- (3) How many passengers are estimated to have used each Frankston and Watergardens line train scheduled to arrive at Flinders St before 7.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 31 October 2007.

ANSWER:

In responding to this question it is assumed that ‘valid for zones 1 and 2’ means valid in the metropolitan area and that the request for early morning train loads refers to train loads after the introduction of the Early Bird ticket. On the basis of this interpretation the answer is:

- (1) The number of passengers that used Metcards valid for zones one and two to enter Flinders Street, Melbourne Central, Parliament, Flagstaff and Southern Cross Railway Stations on 31 October 2007:

Railway Station	(a) Between 5.00 am and 5.59 am	(b) Between 6.00 am and 6.59 am	(c) Between 7.00 am and 7.59 am	(d) Between 8.00 am and 8.59 am
Flinders Street	59	246	1,283	1,742
Melbourne Central	23	75	237	469
Parliament	14	57	276	505
Flagstaff	2	26	144	247
Southern Cross	3	97	452	598

Notes

- The table shows all entry validations of valid Metcards.
- Some passengers with valid Metcards will have passed through open barriers without validating their tickets.
- Non-Metcard tickets issued by V/Line are paper based and do not generate validation transactions in the automatic ticketing system. The number of passengers using V/Line tickets to enter stations is not counted by Connex staff.

- (2) The number of passengers that used Metcards valid for zones 1 and 2 to exit Flinders Street, Melbourne Central, Parliament, Flagstaff and Southern Cross Railway Stations on 31 October 2007:

	(a) Between 5.00 am and 5.59 am	(b) Between 6.00 am and 6.59 am	(c) Between 7.00 am and 7.59 am	(d) Between 8.00 am and 8.59 am
Railway Station				
Flinders Street	8	770	6,377	14,068
Melbourne Central	117	944	5,069	10,437
Parliament	30	1,045	6,103	13,787
Flagstaff	28	633	3,559	7,545
Southern Cross	6	315	3,930	8,566

Notes

- The table shows all exit validations of valid Metcards. This includes passengers who travelled on V/Line services using Metcard tickets.
- Some passengers with valid Metcards will have passed through open barriers without validating their tickets.
- Non-Metcard tickets issued by V/Line are paper based and do not generate validation transactions in the automatic ticketing system. The number of passengers using V/Line tickets to enter stations is not counted by Connex staff.

3) Data is not available on the number of passengers that used the Frankston and Watergardens line trains scheduled to arrive at Flinders Street Station before 7.00 am on 31 October 2007.

Public transport: buses — Nightrider service

1157. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to comments in an article titled ‘Call for more Nightrider routes’ in the *Manningham Leader* on 8 August 2007 regarding a review of Melbourne’s Nightrider bus service this year:

- (1) Has the review commenced.
- (2) Will there be any public input.
- (3) What is the expected date of conclusion of the review.
- (4) When will recommendations arising from the review be put into action.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) The Nightrider Bus Service Review has been completed.
- (2) A range of stakeholders were consulted during the review process including current Nightrider users and non users, Bus Association Victoria, current Nightrider bus operators, Victoria Police and the Melbourne City Council. The views of local Members of Parliament, Municipal Councils and the community were also considered following a review of representations received in recent years requesting improvements to the Nightrider network.
- (3) The Nightrider Bus Service Review has been completed.
- (4) The Government will announce its decision in relation to the recommendations at the appropriate time.

Community services: shared supported accommodation

1212. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to people with disabilities and Shared Supported Accommodation (SSA), as at 30 June 2007:

- (1) What was the total funding allocated to SSA.
- (2) How much of the Department's funding was for managed accommodation.
- (3) How much of the funding is the amount of Capital Asset Charge attributed to Secretary-owned accommodation.
- (4) How much of the funding is a proportion of state-wide corporate infrastructure costs attributed to Secretary-owned accommodation.
- (5) How much of the funding forms revenue offsets applied to support the accommodation of residents.
- (6) How many people were residents in Department managed accommodation.
- (7) How much of the funding was for non-Government managed accommodation.
- (8) How many people were residents in non-Government managed accommodation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The total funding allocated to Shared Supported Accommodation in 2006-07 was \$402.6M, which excludes Capital Asset Charge and Corporate Infrastructure.
- (2) The funding for Department of Human Services managed accommodation in 2006-07 was \$252.9M.
- (3) The funding amount of Capital Asset Charge attributed to Secretary-owned accommodation in 2006-07 is not a standard data set reported by Disability Services Division, as CAC is attributed at an output level (e.g. Residential Accommodation Services).
- (4) This is not a standard data set reported by Disability Services Division.
- (5) This is not a standard data set reported by Disability Services Division.
- (6) This is not a standard data set reported by Disability Services Division.
- (7) The funding for non-government managed accommodation in 2006-07 was \$156.3M.
- (8) This is not a standard data set reported by Disability Services Division.

Community services: shared supported accommodation — Eastern region

1213. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to people with disabilities in the Eastern region as at 30 June 2007 and Shared Supported Accommodation:

- (1) What was the total funding allocated to Shared Supported Accommodation.
- (2) How much of the funding was for Department managed accommodation.
- (3) How many people were residents in Department managed accommodation.
- (4) How much of the funding was for non-Government managed accommodation.
- (5) How many people were residents in non-Government managed accommodation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In the Eastern Region as at 30 June 2007 –

- (1) The total funding allocated to shared supported accommodation was \$105.1M
- (2) The funding allocated to shared supported accommodation for Department managed accommodation was \$54.7M
- (3) The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division
- (4) The funding allocated to shared supported accommodation for non-Government managed accommodation was \$50.4M
- (5) The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.

Community services: shared supported accommodation — Southern region

1214. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to people with disabilities in the Southern region as at 30 June 2007 and Shared Supported Accommodation:

- (1) What was the total funding allocated to Shared Supported Accommodation.
- (2) How much of the funding was for Department managed accommodation.
- (3) How many people were residents in Department managed accommodation.
- (4) How much of the funding was for non-Government managed accommodation.
- (5) How many people were residents in non-Government managed accommodation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In the Southern Region as at 30 June 2007 –

- (1) The total funding allocated to shared supported accommodation was \$72.9m
- (2) The funding allocated to shared supported accommodation for Department managed accommodation was \$34.5m
- (3) The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.
- (4) The funding allocated to shared supported accommodation for non-Government managed accommodation was \$38.4m.
- (5) The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.

Community services: shared supported accommodation — North and West region

1215. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to people with disabilities in the Northern region as at 30 June 2007 and Shared Supported Accommodation:

- (1) What was the total funding allocated to Shared Supported Accommodation.
- (2) How much of the funding was for Department managed accommodation.

- (3) How many people were residents in Department managed accommodation.
- (4) How much of the funding was for non-Government managed accommodation.
- (5) How many people were residents in non-Government managed accommodation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Northern Region and Western Region have been merged to form North and West Region. In the North and West Region as at 30 June 2007 –

- (1) The total funding allocated to shared supported accommodation was \$111.2m.
- (2) The funding allocated to shared supported accommodation for Department managed accommodation was \$78.2m.
- (3) The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.
- (4) The funding allocated to shared supported accommodation for non-Government managed accommodation was \$33.0m.
- (5) The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.

Community services: shared supported accommodation —Western region

1216. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to people with disabilities in the Western region as at 30 June 2007 and Shared Supported Accommodation:

- (1) What was the total funding allocated to Shared Supported Accommodation.
- (2) How much of the funding was for Department managed accommodation.
- (3) How many people were residents in Department managed accommodation.
- (4) How much of the funding was for non-Government managed accommodation.
- (5) How many people were residents in non-Government managed accommodation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Northern Region and Western Region have been merged to form North and West Region. In the North and West Region as at 30 June 2007 –

- (1) The total funding allocated to shared supported accommodation was \$111.2m.
- (2) The funding allocated to shared supported accommodation for Department managed accommodation was \$78.2m.
- (3) The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.
- (4) The funding allocated to shared supported accommodation for non-Government managed accommodation was \$33.0m.
- (5) The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.

Community services: shared supported accommodation — Barwon South Western region

1217. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to people with disabilities in the Barwon South Western region as at 30 June 2007 and Shared Supported Accommodation:

- (1) What was the total funding allocated to Shared Supported Accommodation.
- (2) How much of the funding was for Department managed accommodation.
- (3) How many people were residents in Department managed accommodation.
- (4) How much of the funding was for non-Government managed accommodation.
- (5) How many people were residents in non-Government managed accommodation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In the Barwon Region as at 30 June 2007 –

- (1) The total funding allocated to shared supported accommodation was \$22.2m.
- (2) The funding allocated to shared supported accommodation for Department managed accommodation was \$13.3m.
- (3) The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.
- (4) The funding allocated to shared supported accommodation for non-Government managed accommodation was \$8.9m.
- (5) The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.

Community services: shared supported accommodation — Grampians region

1218. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to people with disabilities in the Grampians region as at 30 June 2007 and Shared Supported Accommodation:

- (1) What was the total funding allocated to Shared Supported Accommodation.
- (2) How much of the funding was for Department managed accommodation.
- (3) How many people were residents in Department managed accommodation.
- (4) How much of the funding was for non-Government managed accommodation.
- (5) How many people were residents in non-Government managed accommodation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In the Grampians Region as at 30 June 2007 –

- (1) The total funding allocated to shared supported accommodation was \$31.5m.
- (2) The funding allocated to shared supported accommodation for Department managed accommodation was \$27.0m.
- (3) The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.

- (4) The funding allocated to shared supported accommodation for non-Government managed accommodation was \$4.5.
- (5) The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.

Community services: shared supported accommodation — Hume region

1219. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to people with disabilities in the Hume region as at 30 June 2007 and Shared Supported Accommodation:

- (1) What was the total funding allocated to Shared Supported Accommodation.
- (2) How much of the funding was for Department managed accommodation.
- (3) How many people were residents in Department managed accommodation.
- (4) How much of the funding was for non-Government managed accommodation.
- (5) How many people were residents in non-Government managed accommodation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In the Hume Region as at 30 June 2007 –

- (1) The total funding allocated to shared supported accommodation was \$23.1m.
- (2) The funding allocated to shared supported accommodation for Department managed accommodation was \$15.8m.
- (3) The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.
- (4) The funding allocated to shared supported accommodation for non-Government managed accommodation was \$7.3m.
- (5) The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.

Community services: shared supported accommodation — Gippsland region

1220. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to people with disabilities in the Gippsland region as at 30 June 2007 and Shared Supported Accommodation:

- (1) What was the total funding allocated to Shared Supported Accommodation.
- (2) How much of the funding was for Department managed accommodation.
- (3) How many people were residents in Department managed accommodation.
- (4) How much of the funding was for non-Government managed accommodation.
- (5) How many people were residents in non-Government managed accommodation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In the Gippsland Region as at 30 June 2007–

- (1) The total funding allocated to shared supported accommodation was \$17.0m.

- (2) The funding allocated to shared supported accommodation for Department managed accommodation was \$10.5m.
- (3) The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.
- (4) The funding allocated to shared supported accommodation for non-Government managed accommodation was \$6.5m
- (5) The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.

Community services: shared supported accommodation — Loddon Mallee region

1221. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to people with disabilities in the Loddon Mallee region as at 30 June 2007 and Shared Supported Accommodation:

- (1) What was the total funding allocated to Shared Supported Accommodation.
- (2) How much of the funding was for Department managed accommodation.
- (3) How many people were residents in Department managed accommodation.
- (4) How much of the funding was for non-Government managed accommodation.
- (5) How many people were residents in non-Government managed accommodation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In the Loddon Mallee Region as at 30 June 2007 –

- (1) The total funding allocated to shared supported accommodation was \$19.6m.
- (2) The funding allocated to shared supported accommodation for Department managed accommodation was \$12.6m.
- (3) The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.
- (4) The funding allocated to shared supported accommodation for non-Government managed accommodation was \$7.0m.
- (5) The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.

Community services: disability support register

1222. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Disability Support Register, for the 12 months ending 30 June 2007:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.

Community services: shared supported accommodation

1223. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): For the 12 months ending 30 June 2007:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.

Community services: shared supported accommodation

1224. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): For the year ending 30 June 2007 how many people in each region have moved from Shared Supported Accommodation through the Support and Choice/Individualised Planning and Support Initiative.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.

Community services: disability services — residential care

1225. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to disability services residential care:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The capacity of disability services residential care varies over time due to a variety of circumstances, especially the decommissioning/recommissioning of facilities as they are upgraded or redeveloped.

Information on the number of clients in Shared Supported Accommodation is available in the Annual Report of the Department of Human Services.

Community services: shared supported accommodation

1226. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): As at 30 June 2007:

- (1) How many clients in Government managed shared supported accommodation were aged —
 - (a) under 25 years;
 - (b) 25 to 44 years;
 - (c) 45 to 55 years;
 - (d) 56 to 64 years;
 - (e) 65 to 74 years; and
 - (f) 75 or more years.

- (2) How many clients in non-Government managed shared supported accommodation were aged —
 - (a) under 25 years;
 - (b) 25 to 44 years;
 - (c) 45 to 55 years;
 - (d) 56 to 64 years;
 - (e) 65 to 74 years; and
 - (f) 75 or more years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.

Community services: Kew Residential Services

1227. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to people with disabilities at Kew Residential Services as at 30 June 2007: How many were —

- (a) under 40 years;
- (b) 40 to 44 years;
- (c) 45 to 55 years;
- (d) 56 to 65 years;
- (e) 66 to 75 years; and
- (f) over 75 years of age.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The information requested is not a standard data set reported by Disability Services Division.

Community services: disability support register

1228. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Disability Support Register at 30 June 2007:

- (1) How many individuals had lodged applications on the Disability Support Register.

- (2) How many individuals who had lodged applications have intellectual disabilities.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The requested information is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.

Information on the Disability Support Register for 2007 is available and published on the Disability Services Division website.

Community services: disability support register

1230. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Disability Support (DS) Register as at 30 June 2007: How many individuals were registered for —

- (a) support to move from DS supported accommodation;
- (b) support to move to non-DS supported accommodation;
- (c) support to continue to live in non-DS supported accommodation;
- (d) family support options;
- (e) support to achieve personal goals (non-housing);
- (f) part-time activities;
- (g) part-time activities with flexible support;
- (h) full-time activities;
- (i) full-time activities with flexible support;
- (j) DS supported accommodation;
- (k) DS supported accommodation with part-time activities;
- (l) DS supported accommodation with full-time activities; and
- (m) DS supported accommodation with ISP.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The requested information is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.

Information on the Disability Support Register for 2007 is available and published on the Disability Services Division website.

Community services: disability support register

1231. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Disability Support Register as at 30 June 2007: How many of the people registered were aged —

- (a) under 18 years;
- (b) 18 to 24 years;
- (c) 25 to 29 years;
- (d) 30 to 39 years;
- (e) 40 to 49 years; and
- (f) 50 or more years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The requested information is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.

Information on the Disability Support Register for 2007 is available and published on the Disability Services Division website.

Community services: disability support register

1232. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to people on the Disability Support Register as at 30 June 2007:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The requested information is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.

Information on the Disability Support Register for 2007 is available and published on the Disability Services Division website.

Community services: disability services — capital expense

1233. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): What was the Disability Services Division total capital expense in 2006-07.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The total capital expense in 2006-07 for Disability Services was \$32.2M, inclusive of capital grants.

Community services: disability advocacy organisations

1234. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to advocacy organisations for disability for the year ended 30 June 2007:

- (1) Which organisations were funded as advocacy organisations.
- (2) What was the funding for each organisation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In 2006-07 Disability Services Division funded the organisations below for the provision of disability advocacy support.

ORGANISATION	TOTAL \$
ACTION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING INC CONSORTIUM	\$ 310,000
ACTION ON DISABILITY WITHIN ETHNIC COMMUNITIES INC	\$ 113,200
ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN WITH A DISABILITY INC	\$ 107,900
BARWON DISABILITY RESOURCE COUNCIL INC	\$ 47,600
BEAR IN MIND INC	\$ 27,800
BLIND CITIZENS AUSTRALIA	\$ 45,500
CAUS INC	\$ 90,400
COLLECTIVE OF SELF HELP GROUPS INC	\$ 12,200
CYSTIC FIBROSIS VICTORIA INC	\$ 45,000
DISABILITY ADVOCACY AND INFORMATION SERVICE INC	\$ 45,500
EASTERN ACCESS COMMUNITY HEALTH INC	\$ 10,800
GRAMPIANS DISABILITY ADVOCACY ASSOCIATION INC	\$ 90,400
LARYNGECTOMEE ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INC	\$ 2,200
LATROBE CITY COUNCIL	\$ 1,800
MIGRANT RESOURCE CENTRE NORTH WEST REGION INC	\$ 144,400
REGIONAL INFORMATION & ADVOCACY COUNCIL INC	\$ 89,900
REINFORCE INC THE VICTORIAN ASSOCIATION OF INTELLECTUALLY DISADVANTAGED CITIZENS	\$ 46,300
STAR VICTORIA INC	\$ 47,500
VALID INC	\$ 263,300
VICTORIAN COUNCIL OF DEAF PEOPLE INC-VCOD	\$ 50,900
VICTORIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE CONSORTIUM (DISABILITY ADVOCACY RESOURCE UNIT)	\$ 225,300
WESTERNPORT SPEAKING OUT INC CONSORTIUM (SELF ADVOCACY RESOURCE UNIT)	\$ 221,200
WOMEN'S HEALTH VICTORIA INC (VICTORIAN WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES NETWORK ADVOCACY INFORMATION SERVICE)	\$ 149,400
YOUTH AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF VICTORIA INC CONSORTIUM	\$ 150,300

Community services: disability organisation information services

1235. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to organisations for disability for the year ended 30 June 2007:

- (1) Which organisations were funded to provide information services.
- (2) What was the funding for each organisation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In 2006-07 Disability Services Division funded the organisations below to provide Information Services.

ORGANISATION		TOTAL \$
ACTION ON DISABILITY WITHIN ETHNIC COMMUNITIES INC	\$	112,400
ARBIAS LIMITED	\$	56,900
ARTS ACCESS SOCIETY INC	\$	187,100
ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN WITH A DISABILITY INC	\$	176,700
AUSTRALIAN HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION VIC INC	\$	89,900
AUTISM VICTORIA INC	\$	150,600
BETTER HEARING AUSTRALIA VICTORIA BRANCH INC	\$	89,900
BLIND CITIZENS AUSTRALIA	\$	45,000
BRAIN FOUNDATION VICTORIA LIMITED (MERGED WITH BRAINLINK SERVICES LTD. IN LATE 2006-07)	\$	45,500
BRAINLINK SERVICES LTD	\$	67,500
CARERS ASSOCIATION VICTORIA INC	\$	15,400
CAUS INC	\$	89,900
CEREBRAL PALSY SUPPORT NETWORK INC	\$	45,000
CYSTIC FIBROSIS VICTORIA INC	\$	90,400
DEAF CHILDREN AUSTRALIA	\$	261,000
DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INC	\$	103,900
EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF VICTORIA INC	\$	353,800
HEADWAY VICTORIA	\$	68,000
INFOXCHANGE AUSTRALIA INC	\$	8,800
LARYNGECTOMEE ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INC	\$	4,100
MELBOURNE CITY MISSION INC.	\$	2,200
MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INC	\$	89,900
MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF VICTORIA LIMITED	\$	119,900
MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION INC	\$	89,900
PARAQUAD VICTORIA	\$	176,100
PARKINSON'S VICTORIA INC	\$	176,600
SCOPE VIC LTD	\$	45,000
VALID-THE VICTORIAN ADVOCACY LEAGUE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES	\$	18,500
VICTORIAN COUNCIL OF DEAF PEOPLE INC-VCOD	\$	45,000
VICTORIAN DEAF SOCIETY	\$	369,700
VISION AUSTRALIA	\$	1,056,300
WIMMERA HEARING SOCIETY INC	\$	2,200
YOORALLA SOCIETY OF VICTORIA	\$	75,500

Community services: disability peak organisations

1236. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to peak organisations for disability for the year ended 30 June 2007:

- (1) Which organisations were funded as peak organisations.
- (2) What was the funding for each organisation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

(1) The following organisations were funded as peak organisations in 2006-07:

- ACROD Limited–Victorian Division (changed its name to National Disability Services Limited)
- Council of Intellectual Disability Agencies (Vic) Inc
- VICRAID Inc

Late in 2006-07, both the Council of Intellectual Disability Agencies (Vic) Inc and VICRAID Inc merged with National Disability Services Limited.

(2) The funding in 2006-07 for each organisation was:

National Disability Services Limited	\$320,286
Council of Intellectual Disability Agencies (Vic) Inc	\$42,120
VICRAID Inc	\$20,848

Community services: respite services

1237. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In the year ended 30 June 2007:

- (1) How many individuals received respite services.
- (2) What was the disability services total expenditure for respite services.
- (3) What was the disability services expenditure for Government managed and non-Government managed facility-based respite.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Respite services data is recorded in the Department of Human Services Annual Report 2006-2007.

Community services: disability services — aids and equipment

1238. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to people with disabilities as at 30 June 2007:

- (1) How many clients were accessing aids and equipment.
- (2) How many clients accessing aids and equipment were aged 65 or more years.
- (3) What was the disability services total expenditure for aids and equipment.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The number of clients accessing aids and equipment is reported in the Annual Report of the Department of Human Services.
- (2) The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.
- (3) The disability services total expenditure for aids and equipment in 2006/07 was \$34.4M.

Community services: disability services — support initiative

1239. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Support and Choice/Individualised Planning and Support initiative for people with disabilities, as at 30 June 2007:

- (1) How many people were assisted by this funding.
- (2) How many people were allocated funding —
 - (a) up to \$10,000;
 - (b) between \$10,001 and \$25,000;
 - (c) between \$25,001 and \$55,000; and
 - (d) \$55,001 and above.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Information on the number of people assisted is reported in the Annual Report of the Department of Human Services.
- (2) The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.

Community services: disability services — flexible care packages

1240. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to flexible care packages for people with disabilities as at 30 June 2007:

- (1) How many people were in receipt of —
 - (a) short-term assistance packages; and
 - (b) on-going assistance packages.
- (2) What was the Disability Services total expenditure for —
 - (a) short-term assistance packages; and
 - (b) on-going assistance packages.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.

Community services: disabilities services — accommodation and support

1243. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): For people with disabilities as at 30 June 2007:

- (1) How many people 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.
- (2) What was the total expenditure for —
- (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:

- (1) Information on the number of people receiving these services is reported in the Annual Report of the Department of Human Services.
- (2) In the financial year ending 30 June 2007, the total expenditure for —
- (a) accommodation outreach support was \$11.4 million;
 - (b) family options support is included in the expenditure for flexible support packages;
 - (c) flexible support packages was \$35.4 million;
 - (d) home first was \$46.2 million;
 - (e) individualised support packages was \$40.1 million;
 - (f) shared supported accommodation was \$409.2 million;
 - (h) transitional accommodation support is included in the expenditure for shared supported accommodation.

Community services: disability services — clients

1245. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to community participation and inclusion for people with disabilities as at 30 June 2007:

- (1) How many people were —
- (a) clients with day activities; and
 - (b) futures for young adults clients.
- (2) What was the total Disability Services expenditure for —
- (a) clients with day activities; and
 - (b) futures for young adults clients.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Information on the number of people receiving these services is reported in the Annual Report of the Department of Human Services.
- (2) The total Disability Services expenditure in 2006/07 for —

- (a) clients with day activities was \$96.2M;
- (b) Futures for Young Adults clients \$70.3M.

Community services: disability services — clients

1247. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to futures for young adults clients as at 30 June 2007: How many of these people are also Disability Services residential accommodation clients.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.

Community services: commonwealth state/territory disability agreement — ageing parent carers

1248. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services):

- (1) What funds did Victoria receive from the Commonwealth for 2006-07 for the Bilateral Agreement under the terms of the Commonwealth States/Territories Disability Agreement for respite for ageing parent carers.
- (2) What funds did Victoria contribute in 2006-07 to meet its responsibilities under the Bilateral Agreement under the terms of the Commonwealth States/Territories Disability Agreement for respite for ageing parent carers.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Victoria received \$4.8M in 2006–07 from the Commonwealth for the Bilateral Agreement for respite for ageing parent carers.
- (2) Victoria contributed \$5.5M in 2006–07 to meet its responsibilities under the Bilateral Agreement for respite for ageing parent carers.

Community services: commonwealth state/territory disability agreement — ageing parent carers

1249. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): From the Disability Services quarterly Data Collection for 2005-06, how many carers in the age group of 65 years and above benefited from the respite funding provided by the Bilateral Agreement under the Commonwealth States/Territories Disability agreement for respite for ageing parent carers.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.

Community services: disability services — respite care

1250. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): How many people with disabilities accommodated in respite beds as at 30 June 2007 were requiring a permanent placement.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The information requested is not a standard data set reported by Disability Services Division.

Community services: disability services — accommodation and support

1251. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): For people with disabilities at 30 June 2006, how many people were in receipt of —

- (1) accommodation outreach support;
- (2) family options support;
- (3) flexible support packages;
- (4) home first;
- (5) individualised support packages;
- (6) shared supported accommodation; and
- (7) transitional accommodation support.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Information on the number of people receiving these services is reported in the 2005-06 Annual Report of the Department of Human Services.

Community services: Colanda

1252. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to people with disabilities at Colanda as at 30 June 2007:

- (1) How many people were in residence.
- (2) What was the total recurrent funding provided by the Department.
- (3) How many people received on-site day programs.
- (4) What was the total expenditure in 2006-07 for on-site day programs.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The total number of people with disabilities who were in residence at Colanda as at 30 June 2007 was 131.
- (2) The total recurrent funding provided by the Department of Human Services was \$15.4M.
- (3) 74 people received on-site day programs at Colanda.
- (4) The total expenditure in 2006-07 for on-site day programs was \$0.56M.

Community services: Colanda

1253. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to people with disabilities at Colanda as at 30 June 2007, how many were —

- (a) under 40 years;
- (b) 40 to 44 years;
- (c) 45 to 55 years;
- (d) 56 to 65 years;
- (e) 66 to 75 years; and
- (f) over 75 years of age.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In relation to people with disabilities at Colanda as at 30 June 2007 —

The number of people aged —

- (a) under 40 years was 21;
- (b) 40 to 44 years was 29;
- (c) 45 to 55 years was 52;
- (d) 56 to 65 years was 19;
- (e) 66 to 75 years was 4;
- (f) over 75 years was 6.

Community services: community information sessions

1254. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the community information sessions held to provide information about the *Disability Act 2006*: How many people with a disability, parents, carers, family representatives and other interested members of the community registered for the session held on —

- (a) 18 July at Bendigo, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.;
- (b) 19 July at Ringwood East, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.;
- (c) 23 July at Colac, 10 a.m. to 12 noon;
- (d) 24 July at Warragul, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.;
- (e) 25 July at Frankston, 10 a.m. to 12 noon;
- (f) 27 July at Geelong, 10 a.m. to 12 noon;
- (g) 30 July at Mildura, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.;
- (h) 1 August at Sale, 10 a.m. to 12 noon;
- (i) 1 August at Traralgon, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.;
- (j) 7 August at Ringwood East, 10 a.m. to 12 noon; and
- (k) 9 August at Wodonga, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of registrations by date and location are:

- (a) 18 July 2007 at Bendigo - 47 registrations
- (b) 19 July 2007 at Ringwood East - 34 registrations
- (c) 23 July 2007 at Colac 41 registrations
- (d) 24 July 2007 at Warragul - No session held in Warragul on 24 July 2007
- (e) 25 July 2007 at Frankston - 105 registrations
- (f) 27 July 2007 at Geelong - 62 registrations
- (g) 30 July 2007 at Mildura - 29 registrations
- (h) 1 August 2007 at Sale - 15 registrations
- (i) 1 August 2007 at Traralgon - 24 registrations
- (j) 7 August 2007 at Ringwood East - 82 registrations
- (k) 9 August 2007 at Wodonga - 41 registrations

Police and emergency services: Nepean Highway — traffic lights

1260. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to the traffic lights at the intersection of the Nepean Highway and Karen Street and in particular the lighting sequence governing traffic making a right hand turn from Karen Street in a northerly direction along the Nepean Highway which turns are monitored by a red light camera: How many reported accidents were there for right turn vehicles colliding with Bay Road to Karen Street eastbound vehicles for each of the financial years 2002-03 to 2006-07.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Victoria Police has provided data which indicates the number of reported collisions from 2002-2007 on an annual basis, of vehicles making a right hand turn from Karen Street to travel north along the Nepean Highway and colliding with vehicles travelling east from Bay Road. The data is outlined in the table below.

Year	Collisions
2002/03:	3
2003/04:	8
2004/05:	2
2005/06:	2
2006/07:	1

Victoria Police has also advised that the camera system does not cover any turns from Karen Street, across the oncoming flow from Bay Road, into Nepean Highway northbound.

Police and emergency services: Nepean Highway — traffic lights

1261. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to the traffic lights at the intersection of Nepean Highway and Bay Road and in particular the lighting sequence governing traffic making a right hand from the Nepean Highway in a westerly direction down Bay Road which turns are monitored by a red light camera: How many reported accidents were there for right turn vehicles colliding with Nepean Highway north bound vehicles for each of the financial years 2002-03 to 2006-07.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Victoria Police has provided data, which indicates the number of reported collisions from 2002-2007 on an annual basis, of vehicles making a right hand turn from Nepean Highway west into Bay Road colliding with vehicles travelling north on Nepean Highway. The data is outlined in the table below.

Year	Number of Accidents
2002/03	6
2003/04	4
2004/05	4
2005/06	4
2006/07	1

Victoria Police has also advised that the camera system covers the right turn into Bay Road from Nepean Highway southbound.

Police and emergency services: Nepean Highway — traffic lights

1269. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to the traffic lights at the intersection of the Nepean Highway and Bay Road and the Nepean Highway and Karen Street particularly in relation to right hand turns monitored by red light cameras:

- (1) When were the red light right turn arrow cameras installed.
- (2) What were the various timing allowances for the green, amber and red arrows between the period 1 June 2007 and 5 September 2007, detailing in particular any adjustments made to the time allowed for the operation of the amber arrow.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) The Fixed Digital Safety Camera became operational on 5 February 2007.
- (2) Timing allowances for traffic light operation are the responsibility of the Minister for Roads and Ports.

Community services: service needs register — Gippsland region

1291. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Service Needs Register in the Gippsland Region in each of the calendar years 2003 to 2007:

- (1) How many people have a carer.
- (2) How many people do not have a carer.
- (3) How many people have their carer's age recorded.
- (4) How many people do not have their carer's age recorded.
- (5) How many of the carers with their age recorded are —
 - (a) under 21;
 - (b) under 55;
 - (c) 55 to 64;
 - (d) 65 to 69; and
 - (e) 70 or more years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Disability Support Register (DSR) replaced the Service Needs Register (SNR) in 2006.

The DSR records individuals' current need for ongoing support and does not enable a response to the information requested in this question. The DSR is also not directly comparable with the SNR because the latter included both people who were registering a current need as well as people who were registering a potential future need and registrations were recorded against different service types.

Community services: service needs register — Barwon South West

1292. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Service Needs Register in the Barwon South West Region in each of the calendar years 2003 to 2007:

- (1) How many people have a carer.
- (2) How many people do not have a carer.
- (3) How many people have their carer's age recorded.
- (4) How many people do not have their carer's age recorded.
- (5) How many of the carers with their age recorded are —
 - (a) under 21;
 - (b) under 55;
 - (c) 55 to 64;
 - (d) 65 to 69; and
 - (e) 70 or more years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Disability Support Register (DSR) replaced the Service Needs Register (SNR) in 2006.

The DSR records individuals' current need for ongoing support and does not enable a response to the information requested in this question. The DSR is also not directly comparable with the SNR because the latter included both people who were registering a current need as well as people who were registering a potential future need and registrations were recorded against different service types.

Community services: service needs register — Loddon Mallee region

1293. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Service Needs Register in the Loddon Mallee Region in each of the calendar years 2003 to 2007:

- (1) How many people have a carer.
- (2) How many people do not have a carer.
- (3) How many people have their carer's age recorded.
- (4) How many people do not have their carer's age recorded.
- (5) How many of the carers with their age recorded are —
 - (a) under 21;
 - (b) under 55;
 - (c) 55 to 64;
 - (d) 65 to 69; and
 - (e) 70 or more years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Disability Support Register (DSR) replaced the Service Needs Register (SNR) in 2006.

The DSR records individuals' current need for ongoing support and does not enable a response to the information requested in this question. The DSR is also not directly comparable with the SNR because the latter included both people who were registering a current need as well as people who were registering a potential future need and registrations were recorded against different service types.

Community services: service needs register — Grampians region

1294. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Service Needs Register in the Grampians Region in each of the calendar years 2003 to 2007:

- (1) How many people have a carer.
- (2) How many people do not have a carer.
- (3) How many people have their carer's age recorded.
- (4) How many people do not have their carer's age recorded.
- (5) How many of the carers with their age recorded are —
 - (a) under 21;
 - (b) under 55;
 - (c) 55 to 64;
 - (d) 65 to 69; and
 - (e) 70 or more years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Disability Support Register (DSR) replaced the Service Needs Register (SNR) in 2006.

The DSR records individuals' current need for ongoing support and does not enable a response to the information requested in this question. The DSR is also not directly comparable with the SNR because the latter included both people who were registering a current need as well as people who were registering a potential future need and registrations were recorded against different service types.

Community services: service needs register — Hume region

1295. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Service Needs Register in the Hume Region in each of the calendar years 2003 to 2007:

- (1) How many people have a carer.
- (2) How many people do not have a carer.
- (3) How many people have their carer's age recorded.
- (4) How many people do not have their carer's age recorded.
- (5) How many of the carers with their age recorded are —
 - (a) under 21;
 - (b) under 55;
 - (c) 55 to 64;
 - (d) 65 to 69; and
 - (e) 70 or more years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Disability Support Register (DSR) replaced the Service Needs Register (SNR) in 2006.

The DSR records individuals' current need for ongoing support and does not enable a response to the information requested in this question. The DSR is also not directly comparable with the SNR because the latter included both people who were registering a current need as well as people who were registering a potential future need and registrations were recorded against different service types.

Community services: service needs register — North-West region

1296. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Service Needs Register in the North-West Region in each of the calendar years 2003 to 2007:

- (1) How many people have a carer.
- (2) How many people do not have a carer.
- (3) How many people have their carer's age recorded.
- (4) How many people do not have their carer's age recorded.
- (5) How many of the carers with their age recorded are —
 - (a) under 21;
 - (b) under 55;
 - (c) 55 to 64;
 - (d) 65 to 69; and
 - (e) 70 or more years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Disability Support Register (DSR) replaced the Service Needs Register (SNR) in 2006.

The DSR records individuals' current need for ongoing support and does not enable a response to the information requested in this question. The DSR is also not directly comparable with the SNR because the latter included both people who were registering a current need as well as people who were registering a potential future need and registrations were recorded against different service types.

Community services: service needs register — Eastern region

1297. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Service Needs Register in the Eastern Region in each of the calendar years 2003 to 2007:

- (1) How many people have a carer.
- (2) How many people do not have a carer.
- (3) How many people have their carer's age recorded.
- (4) How many people do not have their carer's age recorded.
- (5) How many of the carers with their age recorded are —
 - (a) under 21;
 - (b) under 55;
 - (c) 55 to 64;
 - (d) 65 to 69; and
 - (e) 70 or more years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Disability Support Register (DSR) replaced the Service Needs Register (SNR) in 2006.

The DSR records individuals' current need for ongoing support and does not enable a response to the information requested in this question. The DSR is also not directly comparable with the SNR because the latter included both people who were registering a current need as well as people who were registering a potential future need and registrations were recorded against different service types.

Community services: service needs register — Southern region

1298. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Service Needs Register in the Southern Region in each of the calendar years 2003 to 2007:

- (1) How many people have a carer.
- (2) How many people do not have a carer.
- (3) How many people have their carer's age recorded.
- (4) How many people do not have their carer's age recorded.
- (5) How many of the carers with their age recorded are —
 - (a) under 21;
 - (b) under 55;

- (c) 55 to 64;
- (d) 65 to 69; and
- (e) 70 or more years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Disability Support Register (DSR) replaced the Service Needs Register (SNR) in 2006.

The DSR records individuals' current need for ongoing support and does not enable a response to the information requested in this question. The DSR is also not directly comparable with the SNR because the latter included both people who were registering a current need as well as people who were registering a potential future need and registrations were recorded against different service types.

Community services: service needs register — carers

1299. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Service Needs Register in Victoria in each of the calendar years 2003 to 2007:

- (1) How many people have a carer.
- (2) How many people do not have a carer.
- (3) How many people have their carer's age recorded.
- (4) How many people do not have their carer's age recorded.
- (5) How many of the carers with their age recorded are —
 - (a) under 21;
 - (b) under 55;
 - (c) 55 to 64;
 - (d) 65 to 69; and
 - (e) 70 or more years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Disability Support Register (DSR) replaced the Service Needs Register (SNR) in 2006.

The DSR records individuals' current need for ongoing support and does not enable a response to the information requested in this question. The DSR is also not directly comparable with the SNR because the latter included both people who were registering a current need as well as people who were registering a potential future need and registrations were recorded against different service types.

Community services: departmental staff

1331. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to staffing levels at 1 July in each of the years 2000 to 2007:

- (1) How many equivalent full time (EFT) vacancies were there in Child Protection Services.
- (2) What was the title, role and location of each of the vacant positions in Child Protection Services.
- (3) What was the total number of the active workforce (EFT) in Child Protection Services.
- (4) How many EFT vacancies were there in Family Services.

- (5) What was the title, role and location of each of the vacant positions in Family Services.
- (6) What was the total number of the active workforce (EFT) in Family Services.
- (7) How many EFT vacancies were there in Youth Justice Services
- (8) What was the title, role and location of each of the vacant positions in Youth Justice Services.
- (9) What was the total number of the active workforce (EFT) in Youth Justice Services.
- (10) How many EFT vacancies were there in Disability Services.
- (11) What was the title, role and location of each of the vacant positions in Disability Services.
- (12) What was the total number of the active workforce (EFT) in Disability Services.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) This data is not routinely collected across Child Protection Services as it is subject to change on a frequent basis.
- (2) This data is not routinely collected across Child Protection Services as it is subject to change on a frequent basis.
- (3) Workforce data is published in Departmental Annual Reports for the period 2000- June 2007. This data combines both Youth Justice and Child Protection Workforce.
- (4) This data is not routinely collected across Family Services as it is subject to change on a frequent basis
- (5) This data is not routinely collected across Family Services as it is subject to change on a frequent basis
- (6) Workforce data is published in Departmental Annual Reports for the period 2000- June 2007. This data combines both Child Protection and Family Services Workforce.
- (7) This data is not routinely collected across Youth Justice Services as it is subject to change on a frequent basis
- (8) This data is not routinely collected across Youth Justice Services as it is subject to change on a frequent basis
- (9) Workforce data is published in Departmental Annual Reports for the period 2000- June 2007. This data combines both Youth Justice and Child Protection Workforce.
- (10) This data is not routinely collected across Disability Services as it is subject to change on a frequent basis
- (11) This data is not routinely collected across Disability Services as it is subject to change on a frequent basis
- (12) Workforce data is published in Departmental Annual Reports for the period 2000-June 2007.

Community services: residential care accommodation

1334. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Placement and Support Capital Project:

- (1) How much funding from the 2000-01 budget was spent on high priority projects to improve placement and support residential facilities under the project.
- (2) How many facilities were upgraded with these funds and in what locations.
- (3) What was the completion date of each of these upgrades.
- (4) How many new facilities were purchased with these funds and in what locations.
- (5) On what dates were each of these facilities purchased, and on what dates were they ready for use.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) All \$5 million allocated from the 2000/01 budget was spent on high priority projects.
- (2) Three existing residential care facilities were refurbished located in Greensborough and Frankston (x 2)
- (3) The refurbishments were completed by April 2002
- (4) Ten new residential care facilities were constructed on newly purchased sites and one was constructed on the site of an existing old and inappropriate facility. The new facilities are located in Newcomb, Lilydale, Chadstone, Traralgon, Sebastopol, Shepparton, Eaglehawk, Glenroy, Dandenong, Altona North and Kealba
- (5) The newly constructed facilities were all completed by March 2003

Community services: kinship and permanent care

1345. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to funds of \$2 million for additional kinship and permanent care places in the 2003-04 budget:

- (1) How much of the above funding was expended in 2003-04.
- (2) How many new kinship and permanent care places were created in 2003-04 as a direct result of these funds.
- (3) How many new places in 2003-04 were located in each Department of Human Services region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) This funding was fully expended in 2003-04.
- (2) Between 30 June 2003 and 30 June 2004 the number of kinship care and permanent care placements increased by 234.
- (3) The new places were located in each of the Department of Human Services regions.

Community services: leaving care mentoring program

1347. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to funds of \$100,000 allocated in the 2003-04 budget to provide mentors to young people leaving care:

- (1) How much of the above funding was expended in 2003-04.
- (2) How many new mentors were provided in 2003-04 as a direct result of these funds.
- (3) How many young people were provided with mentors in 2003-04 as a direct result of these funds.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) \$100,000 was transferred to the selected service providers in May and June 2004 for utilisation during 2003/2004 and 2004/2005.
- (2) The first mentors were recruited in early 2004/2005.

- (3) No young people were provided with mentors in 2003/2004. The first matches occurred in 2004/2005.

Community services: leaving care mentoring program

1351. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Leaving Care Mentoring Program:

- (1) How much funding did this program receive in each of the financial years 2004-05 to 2006-07.
- (2) In each of these years, how many young people received mentoring through this program.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) 2004-05: \$ 53,332 (In addition to the \$100,000 provided in 2003/2004 for service delivery in 2003/2004 and 2004/2005)
 - 2005-06: \$303,650
 - 2006-07: \$303,650
- (2) 2004-05: 35 young people
 - 2005-06: 65 young people
 - 2006-07: 65 young people

(service targets)

Community services: children — funding

1352. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to funds of \$27.45 million allocated in the 2006-07 budget to deliver greater stability for children in care:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in 2006-07 and in 2007-08 to date.
- (2) Which specific services, in what locations, received this funding.
- (3) How much funding did each service receive.
- (4) How many families were able to regain custody of their children as a direct result of these funds in 2006-07 and in 2007-08 to date.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

1. (a) 2006-07 expenditure on this initiative was reported in the 2006-07 Annual Report of the Department of Human Services on page 121.
 - (b) 2007-08 expenditure will be reported in the 2007-08 Annual Report of the Department of Human Services
2. Funding was allocated to each Department of Human Service region.
3. Funding was allocated to each Department of Human Service region on the basis of the numbers of children in out of home care in each region.

4. This question does not relate to the broad purpose of these funds. This funding is to achieve stability of care for children whether this be in the care of their parents or in alternative long term care. In either situation, it is not possible to definitively state whether money, or other factors, have directly resulted in stability being achieved.

Community services: young people — funding

1355. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to funds of \$2.09 million growing to \$3.73 recurrently allocated in the 2006-07 budget to help young people leaving care make the transition to adulthood:

- (1) How much of the above funding was expended in 2006-07 and in 2007-08 to date.
- (2) Which specific services, in what locations, received this funding.
- (3) How much funding did each service receive.
- (4) How many young people have been supported, in each Department of Human Services region, as a direct result of these funds.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

1. 2006-07 expenditure on this initiative was reported in the 2006-07 Annual Report of the Department of Human Services on page 121.
2007-08 expenditure will be reported in the 2007-08 Annual Report of the Department of Human Services.
2. This funding is primarily provided to regions on the basis of their share of the young people leaving care.
3. see 2. above.
4. The 2006-07 information will be reported in 2008-09 Budget Paper 3 and the 2007-08 information will be reported in the 2007-08 Annual Report of the Department of Human Services.

Public transport: rail — Flinders Street station

1371. MR KOCH — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport):

- (1) Do the stairs leading down from the Flinders Street Swanston Street/ St Kilda Road concourse to platforms 12 and 13 comply with Federal disability legislation and any applicable Australian standards.
- (2) Will these stairs be upgraded and partly replaced by escalators.
- (3) Will signage from platforms 12 and 13 directing passengers to platform 10 be improved; if so, how and when will this occur.
- (4) Does Connex roster at least one staff member on platforms 12 and 13 at all times when Sandringham trains are operating; if not, at what hours are staff rostered.
- (5) Who decided to close off the relatively narrow access between platforms 10 and 12.
- (6) What date was this area fenced off and at what cost.
- (7) Can this access be reopened by repairing of the asphalt platform surface or through other works and at what cost.
- (8) Will ventilation on platforms 12 and 13 be improved; if so, what options have been considered and at what cost, and when will they be funded and installed.
- (9) Did the lift from the Swanston St/St Kilda Road concourse to platforms 12 and 13 fail on 5 November around 1.00 p.m.

- (10) How many times since Sandringham trains began operating from platforms 12 and 13 on weekdays from 30 September 2007 has this lift failed, and for how many hours in total has it been out of service for.
- (11) How many complaints about the weekday change in platforms for Sandringham trains have been received since 30 September 2007 by —
- (a) the Minister for Public Transport;
 - (b) the Department of Infrastructure;
 - (c) Connex Melbourne;
 - (d) Metlink Melbourne; and
 - (e) the Public Transport Ombudsman.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) Federal disability legislation applies to new infrastructure.
- (2) The Government will make announcements about future work at the appropriate time.
- (3) Directional signage to platform 10, from platforms 12 and 13, is currently being reviewed.
- (4) Roving platform staff are deployed across Flinders Street Station as needs determine.
- (5) The decision to close off the access area between platforms 10 and 12 was jointly agreed between Connex and the Department of Infrastructure for safety reasons.
- (6) The access area between platforms 10 and 12 was closed off in November 2007. The cost for supply and installation of the fence was approximately \$1,900.
- (7) No.
- (8) The ventilation on platforms 12 and 13 is currently deemed to be adequate.
- (9) No fault was reported to indicate that the lift from the Swanston Street and St Kilda Road concourse to platforms 12 and 13 failed on 5 November 2007 at approximately 1.00 pm.
- (10) Since 30 September 2007, the lift between the Swanston Street and St Kilda Road concourse and platforms 12 and 13:
 - Was reported to have failed twice, but on both occasions no fault was identified and the lift was operating when the technician arrived.
 - has been out of service for 1 hour and 52 minutes.
- (11) Since 30 September 2007:
 - (a) 11.
 - (b) 8.
 - (c) 26.
 - (d) Metlink is unable to provide this data as it only reports on a system / industry wide basis (it does not hold metropolitan train specific data);
 - (e) the Public Transport Ombudsman has not received any complaints.

Public transport: rail — Seymour, Albury and Shepparton lines

1373. MR KOCH — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport):

- (1) How many V/Line trains to and from Seymour (local), Albury, and Shepparton respectively were delayed between Broadmeadows and Craigieburn between 1 November and 4 December 2007.
- (2) What was the median number of minutes delay for each train to or from each of the above destinations.
- (3) How many of the delays in (1) were attributed to Connex trains blocking the down platform at Craigieburn.
- (4) What was the median number of minutes delay for occurrences in (3).

ANSWER:

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

- (1-2) A comprehensive report on the performance, punctuality and reliability of Victoria’s public transport services is released quarterly. Copies of Track Record can be found at www.doi.vic.gov.au/trackrecord.

A supplementary bulletin providing line-by-line punctuality and reliability information is released monthly.

- (3) Unknown—V/Line does not record this level of detail.
- (4) Unknown—V/Line does not record this level of detail.

Public transport: rail — Frankston–Stony Point line

1374. MR KOCH — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport):

- (1) How many times since 1 July 2007 have freight trains failed between Frankston and Long Island Junction.
- (2) On what dates, locations and times did each failure occur.
- (3) Were any Connex Frankston–Stony Point–Frankston services cancelled as a result on each date; if so, how many in each direction and what was the scheduled departure time from either Frankston or Stony Point of any such cancelled trains.
- (4) Why is the ‘A’ class V/Line locomotive used for the Stony Point passenger trains not used to assist a freight train if the latter fails between Frankston and Long Island Junction.

ANSWER:

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

- (1-2) I am advised that one Pacific National operated service failed between Frankston and Long Island Junction between 1 July 2007 and 4 December 2007. This failure took place on 18 October 2007 at approximately 1.10 pm.

- (3)

Cancelled Service Scheduled Departure Time		
Service Date	Service Direction (*)	Scheduled Departure
18/10/07	Down	2:25 PM
18/10/07	Up	3:15 PM
18/10/07	Down	4:13 PM
18/10/07	Up	5:18 PM
18/10/07	Down	6:12 PM
18/10/07	Up	7:15 PM

* Note Down = Services departing Frankston to Stony Point
Up = Services departing Stony Point to Frankston

- (4) There are a number of operational constraints which preclude the 'A' class locomotive from being used to assist a disabled freight train.

Public transport: rail — Seymour line

1378. MR KOCH — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): On Monday 4 December 2007:

- (1) Was locomotive N473 for the 4.32 p.m. train to Seymour late docking at Southern Cross station; if so, why.
- (2) What time did it dock.
- (3) Did the train then fail in the platform; if so, was it because of problems with head end power (HEP), or if this was not the case, what was the reason.
- (4) Was this train then cancelled.
- (5) Was the 5.10 p.m. train to Seymour constituted of two Sprinter railcars coupled together on this date; if not, what formed the train.
- (6) How many passengers were on the 5.10 p.m. train to Seymour when it left —
 - (a) Southern Cross;
 - (b) North Melbourne; and
 - (c) Broadmeadows.
- (7) How many of these passengers were estimated to be standing upon departure from each station listed in (6).

ANSWER:

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

- (1-7) During December 2007, the Seymour line experienced a high level of reliability. 99.1 per cent of services were operated. Of 738 services, 7 were cancelled. 86.5 per cent of services met punctuality standards. 633 services ran on time. There were 3 days of heat restrictions during the month.

During 2006-07 there were 1.15 million passenger trips on the Seymour line, a 9 per cent increase on the previous year.

Agriculture: Crown land

1388. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Agriculture): Since 1 January 2002, what Crown land has been sold by the Department of Primary Industries, setting out in tabular form —

- (a) the location of the land;
- (b) the status of the land;
- (c) any assessments made of the land;
- (d) the method of sale (eg. tender, expression of interest); and
- (e) the price received for the sale of the land.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

No Crown land has been sold by the Department of Primary Industries since it was formed in December 2002 as the Minister for Finance is the only Minister with authority to sell Crown land.

Roads and ports: Wattletree Road, Eltham North — bridge

1390. MRS KRONBERG — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): In relation to VicRoads' Wattletree Road Bridge, Bridge Replacement Project in Eltham North: When will the planning study instigated by VicRoads in August 2007 be complete.

ANSWER:

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

The planning study for the future replacement of the Wattletree Road Bridge in Eltham was completed by VicRoads in November 2007.

Roads and ports: Wattletree Road, Eltham North — bridge

1391. MRS KRONBERG — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): In relation to VicRoads Wattletree Road Bridge, Bridge Replacement Project in Eltham North: When will the planning study instigated by VicRoads in August 2007 be available for public comment.

ANSWER:

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

Public comment was sought as part of a community consultation process in August 2007.

Roads and ports: Wattletree Road, Eltham North — bridge

1392. MRS KRONBERG — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): In relation to VicRoads Wattletree Road Bridge, Bridge Replacement Project in Eltham North: What are the results of discussions between the Nillumbik Shire Council and VicRoads regarding this project.

ANSWER:

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

I am advised that Nillumbik Shire Council officers support the preferred alignment presented at the community information sessions held in August 2007.

Roads and ports: Wattletree Road, Eltham North — bridge

1393. MRS KRONBERG — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for Minister for Roads and Ports): In relation to VicRoads Wattletree Road Bridge, Bridge Replacement Project in Eltham North: What measures does the Government plan to take to ensure the safety of school children using the school crossing serving Eltham North Primary School prior to the construction of the replacement bridge and during the anticipated 12-15 months of construction work.

ANSWER:

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

I am advised that the Eltham North Primary School is currently serviced by pedestrian operated signals, which have a school crossing supervisor during school starting and finishing times, and that a 40 km/hr school speed limit operates during peak drop-off and pick-up times.

The safety considerations of all road users, including pedestrians, will be taken into account as part of any future proposals for Wattletree Road Bridge.

Roads and ports: Wattletree Road, Eltham North — bridge

1394. MRS KRONBERG — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for Minister for Roads and Ports): In relation to VicRoads Wattletree Road Bridge, Bridge Replacement Project in Eltham North: What measures does the Government plan to take to ensure the safety of parents, many with toddlers, walking along footpaths on the approaches to the Eltham North Primary School prior to the construction of the replacement bridge and during the anticipated 12-15 months of construction works.

ANSWER:

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

The provision and maintenance of most footpaths in the Shire of Nillumbik is a Council responsibility, as outlined in the Road Management Act.

VicRoads will work with Council to investigate the opportunity to include foot path improvements within the scope of any future bridge replacement.

Pedestrian facilities would be maintained during construction of the new bridge.

Roads and ports: Wattletree Road, Eltham North — bridge

1395. MRS KRONBERG — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for Minister for Roads and Ports): In relation to VicRoads' Wattletree Road Bridge, Bridge Replacement Project in Eltham North: What are the forecast volumes of heavy vehicles likely to be travelling along Wattletree Road in the environs of the Eltham North Primary School after the replacement bridge is constructed.

ANSWER:

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

I have been advised that consultation with the local freight industry indicates that Wattletree Road is unlikely to attract additional heavy vehicles when the bridge is replaced.

Roads and ports: Wattletree Road, Eltham North — bridge

1396. MRS KRONBERG — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for Minister for Roads and Ports): In relation to VicRoads Wattletree Road Bridge, Bridge Replacement Project in Eltham North: What contingency plans does the Government have for safe access and egress by school children and parents should the Nillumbik Shire Council forge ahead with their plans to develop the land immediately opposite the Eltham North Primary School, thus drastically reducing the amount of space to safely alight from cars.

ANSWER:

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

I am advised that any future replacement would not impact on land in the direct vicinity of Eltham North Primary School.

Public transport: rail — Richmond station

- 1406. MR KOCH** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the Richmond station passenger interchange flows:
- (1) Did Connex Melbourne and Metlink conduct a passenger interchange flow survey at Richmond railway station on Wednesday 5 and Thursday, 6 December 2007.
 - (2) Were 26 staff employed on both days; if not, how many staff were employed.
 - (3) What hours did the survey cover.
 - (4) Who paid the survey staff.
 - (5) What was the cost of the survey and has or will Metlink or Connex Melbourne be submitting a claim to the Victorian Government for reimbursement.
 - (6) How many passengers entered and exited, respectively, from each of the Swan Street and Stewart Street barriers for each hour the survey was conducted on each of the two days.
 - (7) During each hour on each day on which the survey was conducted, how many passengers entered and exited respectively each of Platforms 1 and 2, Platforms 3 and 4, Platforms 5 and 6, Platforms 7 and 8 and Platforms 9 and 10 via the —
 - (a) east end ramps;
 - (b) middle of platform stairs; and
 - (c) west end (MCG/ Rod Laver Arena) end ramps.
 - (8) What was the maximum number of passengers observed detraining from an up Sandringham train during the survey period, and on what date and at what time did this occur.
 - (9) Why were Wednesday 5 and Thursday, 6 December 2007 chosen when many school and university students had completed their term or semester studies.
 - (10) Will this survey be repeated in a month when both school and university students are not on holidays.
 - (11) Have any studies been conducted since 1 January 2006 by the Department of Infrastructure, Office of Major Projects Victoria, Metlink or Connex Melbourne on options for improving passenger flows at Richmond station; if so, who conducted the studies and for which agency were they conducted.
 - (12) At what cost and over what dates were any studies referred to in (11) conducted.
 - (13) What options were proposed in any such studies and what was the estimated cost.
 - (14) Have any proposals been put forward to roof —
 - (a) the presently open areas of Richmond's five island platforms; and
 - (b) the station in its entirety.
 - (15) What was the estimated cost of (14)(a) and (b) and on what date were such estimates made.
 - (16) Are the Richmond station, building, platforms, bridges over Hoddle Street and bridges over Swan Street structurally sound and what is the asset life expectancy of each of these.
 - (17) Are strengthening or other remedial works considered necessary in the next five years; if so, what is the estimated cost of the works.
 - (18) Will any such works involve partial or complete closures of either Hoddle Street, Swan Street or Punt Road; if so, over what duration.
 - (19) Would installing a complete roof canopy over the station platforms require the station platform bridges over Hoddle Street to be strengthened; if so, at what estimated cost.

ANSWER:

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

(1-19) Surveys are conducted on the public transport system from time to time. Results from surveys are critical in ensuring that transport decisions are reflective of the actual behaviour of Victorians. Decisions in relation to station upgrades will be announced by the Government at the appropriate time.

Treasurer: media and communications staff

1407. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Treasurer: For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Department of Treasury and Finance and how many full time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Department.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

For the financial year 2006-07 the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Department of Treasury and Finance was \$0.9M.

As at 30 June 2007 the department's Communication Group had an FTE count of 10.6. However, the responsibilities of this group were much broader than 'media and communications'. It is difficult to assess what proportion of the 10.6 would be employed specifically for these tasks.

Public transport: V/Line — media and communications staff

1543. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the V/Line Passenger Corporation and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the agency.

ANSWER:

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

For the financial year 2006-07:

- Details on expenditure can be found in the V/Line Annual Report.
- There were 5.5 full-time equivalent staff employed by V/Line in media and communications roles.

Treasurer: VicFleet vehicles

1603. MR P. R. DAVIS — To ask the Treasurer: In relation to Contract No. 06-07-005 and Contract No. 06-07-012:

- (1) Are all vehicles supplied under these contracts managed by VicFleet as a whole of government function.
- (2) If not, specify the manager and management arrangements.
- (3) As a comparative measure, what was the cost of the supply and delivery of each of these categories of goods/services in financial year 2002-03.
- (4) How many passenger vehicles and light commercial vehicles (detailed separately) comprised the fleet managed by VicFleet and any other manager of government vehicles in each of the financial years 2002-03 to 2006-07.

ANSWER:

This answer does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities as the Government Standard Motor Vehicle policy is administered by the Minister for Finance.

Treasurer: media and communications staff

1605. MR P. R. DAVIS — To ask the Treasurer: In relation to the annual report of the Department of Premier and Cabinet 2006-07 that refers to the Strategic Communications Branch's media monitoring unit as continuing to provide a responsive, high quality service to Victorian Government clients and the fact that Government Contract CR-3571 provides for expenditure of \$1,084,090 for the purchase of monitoring software for the Victorian Government Media Monitoring Unit from March 2005 to March 2009:

- (1) Why has the Department of Treasury and Finance deemed it necessary to spend a further \$410,000 on media monitoring services over the period May 2006 to June 2008 under contract 06/07-094 entered into with Media Monitors (Australia) Pty Ltd.
- (2) What proportion of that service is provided to the offices of ministers whose portfolios fall within the ambit of the Department of Treasury and Finance.
- (3) Is the Department of Treasury and Finance currently a client of the Victorian Government Media Monitoring Unit; if so, what has been the cost of that service since May 2006.
- (4) Is it contemplated that the Department of Treasury and Finance will become a client of the Victorian Government Media Monitoring Unit beyond June 2008 for the exclusive provision of media monitoring services.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Media Monitors (Australia) Pty Ltd provide services relevant to the specific operations and responsibilities of the Department of Treasury and Finance (the department), which complement, rather than duplicate, services available through the Department of Premier and Cabinet's (DPC) media monitoring unit (MMU).
- (2) The service is provided for the appropriate officers across the department, but can also be accessed by the departmental liaison officers and ministerial advisers. As there is no additional cost for this, it is difficult to measure a proportion of the service utilised by the ministerial offices.
- (3) The department is a client of the MMU, however the services obtained are provided at no charge to the department.
- (4) Yes. DPC is currently examining options for a whole-of-government media monitoring service, and when arrangements have been made the department will utilise that service.

Mental health: local drug programs

1606. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): Regarding local programs to deal with drug use in 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03:

- (1) How many local programs involving traders and the community, as referred to in "Labor's plan to tackle the drug crisis" from July 1999, were established in each of the above years.
- (2) What was the name and location of each of these programs.
- (3) How much funding was allocated to each of these programs in each of the above years.
- (4) How much funding was expended on each of these programs in each of the above years.

- (5) Were funds ongoing to each of these programs; if so, how much was spent in each of the subsequent years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1-4) Municipal Drug Strategy funding was \$4m over three years (2000-2001 to 2002-2003). This funding was provided to five municipalities to implement local programs incorporating prevention and community strengthening initiatives and projects that focused on public space management. The five municipalities were the Cities of Yarra, Port Phillip, Maribyrnong, Melbourne and Dandenong. Funding was expended fully over the three years.
- (5) Recurrent funding of \$803k per annum (to be indexed annually) has been allocated to continue the Municipal Drug Strategy from 2006-2007.

Mental health: drug strategy initiatives

1607. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): Regarding \$19 million worth of funding for new initiatives announced by the Government on 28 November 2000:

- (1) How many new initiatives were funded in each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2003-04.
 (2) What was the name and location of each of these programs.
 (3) How much funding was allocated to each of these programs in each of the above years.
 (4) How much funding was expended on each of these programs in each of the above years.
 (5) Were funds ongoing to each of these programs; if so, how much was spent in each of the subsequent years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1-3) The Government announced \$19m of alcohol and drug initiatives on the 25 September 2001 to be funded over two years (2001-02 to 2002-03). Initiatives were funded in Prevention (\$4.8m), Treatment (\$7.545m) and Sustainability and Quality Assurance (\$7.12m).
- (4-5) Funding was fully expended over the two years and a number of programs funded under Prevention, Treatment and Sustainability and Quality Assurance were funded in an ongoing capacity through the approval of the ongoing Victorian Drug Strategy in 2007-2008.

Mental health: Eastern Drug and Alcohol Centre

1608. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): Regarding funding for out of hours support at Eastern Drug and Alcohol Centre announced on 24 January 2001:

- (1) On what date did this service commence.
 (2) How much funding was allocated to this service between January 2001 and June 2003.
 (3) How much funding was expended on this program in this timeframe.
 (4) Was funding ongoing to this service; if so, how much was spent in each of the subsequent years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The service commenced operation in 2000/2001.
- (2) \$185k was allocated to operate an extended hours service at Eastern Drug and Alcohol Service.
- (3) Funding was fully expended between January 2001 to June 2003.
- (4) The program was funded in an ongoing capacity at \$72,139 per annum (subject to annual indexation).

Mental health: family counselling services

1610. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): Regarding Family Counselling Programs funded in the 2001-2002 State budget:

- (1) How many Family Counselling Services were established in community based organisations in 2001-02 and on what date did each commence.
- (2) What was the name and location of each of these programs.
- (3) How much funding was allocated to each of these programs in 2001-02.
- (4) How much funding was expended on each of these programs in 2001-02.
- (5) Were funds ongoing to each of these programs; if so, how much was spent in each of the subsequent years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1-2) Funding for family counselling services was provided to each DHS region which in turn determined the allocation of resources to agencies.
- (3) In 2001-02 funds totalling \$607k was allocated to agencies via the regions.
- (4) In 2001-02 \$607k was expended.
- (5) Recurrent funding of \$671k per annum (subject to annual indexation) has been allocated as part of the Victorian Drug Strategy.

Mental health: homeless persons support programs

1611. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): Regarding Homeless Persons Support Programs funded in the 2001-2002 State budget:

- (1) On what date did this service commence.
- (2) How much funding was allocated to this program in 2001-02.
- (3) How much funding was expended on this program in 2001-02.
- (4) Was funding ongoing to this service; if so, how much was spent in each of the subsequent years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The Homeless and Drug Dependency Trial commenced operation in July 2001.
- (2) \$2.619m was allocated in 2001- 2002.
- (3) \$2.619m was fully expended in 2001-2002.

- (4) From 2006-2007, the program was funded in an ongoing capacity for a further four years at \$2.68m per annum (to be indexed each year).

Police and emergency services: Nepean Highway — traffic red light cameras

- 1613. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to the traffic lights at the intersection of Nepean Highway and Bay Road and Nepean Highway and Karen Street, particularly as they relate to right hand turns which are monitored by red light cameras: What repairs and/or modifications were made to the red light camera/sensor/operating equipment in relation to these turns on 23 November 2007.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

No repairs or modifications were made to this road safety camera on 23 November 2007, however regular independent testing was conducted on that date.

Treasurer: stamp duty

- 1637. MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Treasurer: What was the total dollar amount of stamp duty collected in 1999-2000 and 2006-07 on properties in the following municipalities —
- (a) Kingston;
 - (b) Frankston;
 - (c) Casey;
 - (d) Monash; and
 - (e) Greater Dandenong.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Stamp duty is levied at uniform rate regardless where the property is located and therefore this information is not collected.

Treasurer: land tax

- 1638. MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Treasurer: What was the total dollar amount of land tax collected in 1999-2000 and 2006-07 on properties in the following municipalities —
- (a) Kingston;
 - (b) Frankston;
 - (c) Casey;
 - (d) Monash; and
 - (e) Greater Dandenong.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In line with the practice in other States, land tax is assessed on the aggregate value of all property held by the property owner so it is not possible to say exactly what tax is collected on an individual property basis or by municipality location.

Finance: Doncaster public land

1733. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Finance): Can the Minister provide descriptions of, and where available the addresses of, all publicly owned land in the electorate of Doncaster, and indicate whether the Government intends to sell any of the land or acquire any new land in the Doncaster electorate.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Treasury and Finance is not responsible for any publicly owned land in the Doncaster electorate and is not aware of any intention to sell any publicly owned land or acquire any new land in the Doncaster electorate.

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Wednesday, 12 March 2008

Treasurer: car parking leases

1602. **MR P. R. DAVIS** — To ask the Treasurer: In relation to car parking spaces leased for the use of government employees, specifically employees of ministerial offices, departments, the business units of departments, agencies and statutory authorities:

- (1) How many car parking spaces were leased as at 30 June 2003 and what was the total annual cost of those spaces.
- (2) How many car parking spaces were leased as at 30 June 2007 and what was the total annual cost of those spaces.

ANSWER:

I am informed that

Some government employees receive car parking as part of their day to day activities and other government employees may also receive car parking entitlements as part of their remuneration package.

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Thursday, 13 March 2008

Attorney-General: drug treatment diversion

725. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Attorney-General): In relation to drug diversion:

- (1) How many offenders were diverted from the courts into compulsory drug treatment in each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2006-07.
- (2) How many of those diverted in those years satisfactorily completed the compulsory treatment.
- (3) What measure is used by the Government to determine satisfactory completion of compulsory treatment.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

In Victoria, no offenders can be diverted from the courts in the way suggested by the question.

Courts may instruct a person to attend or engage in alcohol and drug treatments. Failure to participate in or complete treatment programs may result in breach of associated Court orders.

Attorney-General: drug treatment diversion

726. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Attorney-General): In relation to the Criminal Justice Diversion Program (CJDP):

- (1) How many offenders were diverted from the courts into compulsory drug treatment in each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2006-07 through the Criminal Justice Diversion Program (CJDP).
- (2) How many of those diverted in each of those years satisfactorily completed the compulsory treatment.
- (3) What measure is used by the Government to determine satisfactory completion of compulsory treatment.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

In Victoria, no offenders can be diverted from the courts in the way suggested by the question.

Courts may instruct a person to attend or engage in alcohol and drug treatments. Failure to participate in or complete treatment programs may result in breach of associated Court orders.

Attorney-General: drug treatment diversion

727. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Attorney-General): In relation to the Court Referral and Evaluation for Drug Intervention and Treatment (CREDIT) program:

- (1) How many offenders were diverted from the courts into compulsory drug treatment in each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2006-07 through the Court Referral and Evaluation for Drug Intervention and Treatment (CREDIT) program.
- (2) How many of those diverted in those years satisfactorily completed the compulsory treatment.
- (3) What measure is used by the Government to determine satisfactory completion of compulsory treatment.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

In Victoria, no offenders can be diverted from the courts in the way suggested by the question.

Courts may instruct a person to attend or engage in alcohol and drug treatments. Failure to participate in or complete treatment programs may result in breach of associated Court orders.

Attorney-General: drug treatment diversion

728. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Attorney-General): In relation to the Drug Court:

- (1) How many offenders were diverted from the courts into compulsory drug treatment in each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2006-07 through the Drug Court.
- (2) How many of those diverted in those years satisfactorily completed the compulsory treatment.
- (3) What measure is used by the Government to determine satisfactory completion of compulsory treatment.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

In Victoria, no offenders can be diverted from the courts in the way suggested by the question.

Courts may instruct a person to attend or engage in alcohol and drug treatments. Failure to participate in or complete treatment programs may result in breach of associated Court orders.

Aboriginal affairs: stolen wages

933. MR BARBER — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs): In relation to the recent release of the National Report on (Indigenous) Stolen Wages and, specifically, wages earned by indigenous persons in Victoria held in trust by the Victorian Government:

- (1) What action is the Minister taking to investigate management of Koori wages and entitlements by Victorian governments during the twentieth century.
- (2) Is the Government aware of any evidence, to date, that practices in Victoria operated to withhold, underpay or not pay wages and welfare entitlements to Indigenous Victorians; if so, in which time periods did this occur and which government agencies were involved.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

- (1) The Public Record Office Victoria PROV is researching Victorian and Commonwealth archival material to determine whether the practices of withholding of payment of wages and welfare entitlements to Indigenous people occurred in Victoria.

- (2) The Victorian Government awaits the result of this research.

Aboriginal affairs: stolen wages

934. MR BARBER — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs): In relation to Recommendation 5(a) of the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee which requires the Victorian Government to ‘urgently consult with Indigenous people in relation to the stolen wages issues’:

- (1) What consultation has the Government undertaken.
- (2) Which groups has the Minister met with.
- (3) What evidence did the Minister obtain from these consultations.
- (4) Given the potential for files to have been lost or destroyed, why does stage one of the preliminary investigative process exclude oral testimony from Victorian Kooris despite recommendation 5(a).
- (5) Will the Government pledge not to invalidate the legal rights of those who claim these reparations for their stolen wages.
- (6) Will the findings of this investigation be available to the general public and when do you expect these results to be available.

ANSWER:

I am informed that/as follows:

- (1) The Victorian Government has not undertaken consultation with Indigenous people on the issue of stolen wages at this stage.
- (2) See above.
- (3) See above.
- (4) The Victorian Government is addressing the Senate Inquiry Report recommendations through research conducted through the Public Record Office Victoria (PROV). PROV will research Victorian and Commonwealth archival material to determine whether the practices of withholding of payment of wages and welfare entitlements to Indigenous people occurred in Victoria.
- (5) The Victorian Government will make a determination on whether the practices of withholding payment or non-payment of wages and welfare entitlements occurred to Indigenous people in Victoria once the research has been undertaken.
- (6) The Victorian Government will consider making the findings public after receiving the report and addressing any privacy issues that may arise.

Community services: foster carers

1329. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to foster carers:

- (1) How many carers received financial reimbursement from the Department of Human Services (DHS) in each DHS region during each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2006-07.
- (2) How many children and young people received foster care in each DHS region in each of the above years.
- (3) How many carers currently receive reimbursement from the DHS in each DHS region.
- (4) How many children and young people currently receive foster care in each DHS region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Around 2,000
- (2) Approximately 3,000 to 5,000
- (3) The number of foster carers fluctuates on a day to day basis.
- (4) The number of children and young people who received foster care fluctuates on a day to day basis.

Community services: out-of-home care services

1330. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to residential out of home care for Victorian children and young people who have been in contact with child protection:

- (1) How many residential facilities are operated by the Department of Human Services.
- (2) What is the location of each of these facilities.
- (3) How many beds do each of these facilities have.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Seven.
- (2) Across Melbourne's north and west.
- (3) Between three and eight.

Community services: child protection workers

1332. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to better professional development opportunities for child protection workers promised in the 2000-01 budget:

- (1) On what date did the child protection worker orientation program for newly recruited workers commence.
- (2) How much money was allocated to this program in 2000-01.
- (3) How much money was expended on this program in 2000-01.
- (4) In what locations was this program delivered.
- (5) Was this program ongoing; if so, how much money was expended on this program in each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2006-07.
- (6) How many staff went through this program in each of these years.
- (7) Has an evaluation of this program been carried out; if so, is it publicly available

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) An orientation program for new recruits to the Child Protection workforce has been provided since 1990.
- (2) \$0.3m

- (3) \$0.3m
- (4) Department of Human Services Head Office.
- (5) Yes. In the range of \$0.25m to \$0.3m annually.
- (6) Up to 200 participants per year.
- (7) Yes.

Community services: child protection workers

1333. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to better professional development opportunities for child protection workers promised in the 2000-01 budget:

- (1) On what date did the leadership development program for child protection team leaders commence.
- (2) How much money was allocated to this program in 2000-01.
- (3) How much money was expended on this program in 2000-01.
- (4) In what locations was this program delivered.
- (5) Was this program ongoing; if so, how much money was expended on this program in each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2006-07.
- (6) How many staff went through this program in each of these years.
- (7) Has an evaluation of this program been carried out; if so, is it publicly available

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Professional development activities for new Child Protection team leaders have been offered since 1990.
- (2) Actual funding allocated to the program is not able to be discreetly determined for 2000 -01.
- (3) Actual expenditure on the program for 2000-01 is not able to be discreetly determined.
- (4) Leadership programs are centrally coordinated and delivered from central, residential and regional locations.
- (5) For earlier years, it is not possible to discretely determine expenditure. In Latter years, up to \$120,000 has been expended annually.
- (6) For earlier years, it is not possible to determine attendance due to manual data storage constraints. In latter years, up to 40 participants have been involved.
- (7) No.

Community services: child protection services

1335. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to funds of \$7.5 million allocated to child protection services to improve service provision in the 2001-02 budget:

- (1) How much of the funding was expended in 2001-02.
- (2) Which specific services, in what locations, received this funding.
- (3) How much funding did each service receive, and to carry out what function.

- (4) Over what timeframe did each service receive these funds.
- (5) Has funding to these services been ongoing in each of the financial years 2002-03 to 2006-07; if so, in what amounts.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) \$7.5 million.
- (2) A range of services across Victoria.
- (3) Funding was allocated on the basis of existing targets to:
 - Increase unit prices paid for direct delivery of Residential Care services
 - Introduce payment for case management services
 - Increase Residential Care targets for Hume Region
 - Establish a learning and development fund
- (4) Throughout 2001-2002.
- (5) Yes. Funding was provided on a recurrent basis.

Community services: child protection services

1337. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to funds of \$1 million allocated to expand after hours child protection services in regional and rural services in the 2001-02 budget:

- (1) How much of the above funding was expended in 2001-02.
- (2) Which specific services, in what locations, received this funding.
- (3) How much funding did each service receive.
- (4) Over what timeframe did each service receive these funds.
- (5) Has funding to these services been ongoing in each of the years 2002-03 to 2006-07; if so, in what amounts.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The entire allocation of \$1m.
- (2) Across a range of non-metropolitan regions.
- (3) Each region received up to \$231,000.
- (4) Funding was allocated throughout the course of the financial year.
- (5) Funding was provided on a recurrent basis from 2001-02 onwards.

Community services: placement and support capital project

1338. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Placement and Support Capital Project:

- (1) How much funding from the 2001-02 budget was allocated to this project in each of the financial years 2001-02 to 2003-04.
- (2) How much funding from the 2001-02 budget was expended under this project in each of these years.
- (3) In each of these years, how many facilities were upgraded with these funds and in what locations.
- (4) What was the completion date of each of these upgrades.
- (5) In each of these years, how many new facilities were purchased with these funds and in what locations.
- (6) On what dates were each of these facilities purchased, and on what dates were they ready for use.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) 2001/02 \$5 m
2002/03 \$5 m
2003/04 \$2 m
- (2) 2001/02 approximately \$4.4 m
2002/03 approximately \$5.5 m
2003/04 approximately \$2.1 m
- (3) 2001/02 Nil
2002/03 4 facilities across Victoria
2003/04 2 facilities across Victoria
- (4) All refurbishments were completed by December 2003
- (5) 2001/02 Nil
2002/03 5 facilities across Victoria
2003/04 6 facilities across Victoria
- (6) The newly constructed facilities were all completed and ready for use by March 2004.

Community services: intensive therapeutic service

1339. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to funds of \$5 million to establish an intensive therapeutic service for abused children and young people in the 2002-03 budget:

- (1) When did this service become operational.
- (2) Where is this service located.
- (3) How much of the above funding was expended in 2002-03.
- (4) Has funding to this service been ongoing in each of the financial years 2003-04 to 2006-07; if so, in what amount.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) 2004
- (2) In every Department of Human Services region.

- (3) Nil
- (4) Yes. \$5 million or more each financial year.

Community services: home-based carers

1346. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to funds of \$16 million allocated in the 2003-04 budget to increase fortnightly reimbursements to home-based carers:

- (1) When did this increase take effect.
- (2) By how much on average, per carer per fortnight, were payments increased.
- (3) What was the previous average rate of reimbursement and what was the rate of reimbursement following this increase.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The increase took effect from 01/07/2003.
- (2) Payments increased between \$40 and \$231 per fortnight.
- (3) The general rate of carer reimbursement is based on the age and needs of the child.

Community services: foster carers

1348. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to funds of \$20.7 million allocated in the 2004-05 budget to increase payments to foster carers:

- (1) When did this increase take effect.
- (2) By how much on average, per carer per fortnight, were payments increased.
- (3) What was the previous average rate of reimbursement and what was the average rate of reimbursement following this increase.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) 1 July 2004.
- (2) Fortnightly payments increased by between \$24 and \$122.

An additional \$800 per child per year was paid to assist foster carers to meet the educational and health needs of children and young people in care.

- (3) The general rate of carer reimbursement is based on the age and needs of the child.

Community services: adolescent mediation and diversion services

1349. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to funds of \$500,000 allocated in the 2004-05 budget to extend adolescent mediation and diversion services:

- (1) How much of the above funding was expended in 2004-05.
- (2) Which specific services, in what locations, received this funding.
- (3) How much funding did each service receive.
- (4) Has funding to these services been ongoing in each of the financial years 2005-06 and 2006-07; if so, in what amounts.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) \$500,000
- (2) The funding was allocated to all DHS regions.
- (3) Funding to services varied depending upon a range of funding criteria.
- (4) Yes. Funding levels to centres varies depending upon a range of funding criteria.

Community services: out-of-home care service

1353. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to funds of \$22.42 million allocated in the 2006-07 budget to improve the quality of out-of-home care services:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in 2006-07 and in 2007-08 to date.
- (2) Which specific services, in what locations, received this funding.
- (3) How much funding did each service receive.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) In 2006–07 all of the \$5.4 million was expended. As at 31 December 2007 half of the monies i.e. \$2.7 million had been expended.
- (2) All Community Service Organisations across the eight regions of the Department of Human Services providing foster care had their funding adjusted through this budget initiative.
- (3) Funding to individual CSOs varied.

Community services: child protection notifications

1354. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to funds of \$14.7 million allocated in the 2006-07 budget to investigate repeat child protection notifications:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in 2006-07 and in 2007-08 to date.
- (2) How many repeat notifications were investigated as a direct result of these funds.
- (3) How many repeat notifications were not investigated in 2006-07 and in 2007-08 to date.
- (4) How many extra child protection workers (full-time equivalent) have so far been recruited using these funds.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) (a) \$2.3M was expended.
- (b) \$3.54M was allocated, and is expected to be fully expended in 2007-08.
- (2) Data systems do not enable the attribution of these funds to the specific investigation of repeat notifications.
- (3) (a) Approximately 15,000.
- (b) Approximately 8,500 in the 6 months from July to December 2007.
- (4) Data systems do not enable the attribution of these funds to specific child protection workers.

Children and early childhood development: students with disabilities program

1615. MS LOVELL — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): What is the value of each of the six levels of disability funding for 2008.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Detailed information on the Program for Students with Disabilities which supports the education of more than 17,000 primary and secondary school students with disabilities, is available in the Auditor-General's Report of September 2007.

Since this Government was elected in 1999, expenditure for students with additional learning needs has increased by 82 per cent.

In 2008, the Government is investing more than \$359 million in the Program for Students with a Disability including \$29 million in the Language Support Program.

Every Victorian government school now receives funding to support students with language difficulties.

In addition to the Program for Students with Disabilities and Language Support Program, \$50 million is being allocated in 2008 for a range of other support services such as psychologists, speech pathologists, social workers and occupational therapists to assist students with disabilities in all Victorian government schools.

Children and early childhood development: students with disabilities program

1616. MS LOVELL — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): How many Victorian students receive disability funding.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Please refer to my response to question 1615.

Children and early childhood development: students with disabilities program

1617. MS LOVELL — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): Broken down by each of the six levels of disability funding, how many Victorian students receive funding in each level.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Please refer to my response to question 1615.

Children and early childhood development: students with disabilities program

1618. MS LOVELL — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): Broken down by year level, how many Victorian Students receive funding in each of the six levels of disability funding.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Please refer to my response to question 1615.

Children and early childhood development: students with disabilities program

1619. MS LOVELL — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): How many Victorian students are currently receiving disability funding under physical disability criteria.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Please refer to my response to question 1615.

Children and early childhood development: students with disabilities program

1620. MS LOVELL — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): How many Victorian students are currently receiving disability funding under visual impairment criteria.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Please refer to my response to question 1615.

Children and early childhood development: students with disabilities program

1621. MS LOVELL — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): How many Victorian students are currently receiving disability funding under severe behaviour disorder criteria.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Please refer to my response to question 1615.

Children and early childhood development: students with disabilities program

- 1622.** **MS LOVELL** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): How many Victorian students are currently receiving disability funding under hearing impairment criteria.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Please refer to my response to question 1615.

Children and early childhood development: students with disabilities program

- 1623.** **MS LOVELL** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): How many Victorian students are currently receiving disability funding under intellectual disability criteria.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Please refer to my response to question 1615.

Children and early childhood development: students with disabilities program

- 1624.** **MS LOVELL** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): How many Victorian students are currently receiving disability funding under autism spectrum disorder criteria.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Please refer to my response to question 1615.

Children and early childhood development: students with disabilities program

- 1625.** **MS LOVELL** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): How many Victorian students are currently receiving disability funding under severe language disorder with critical education needs criteria.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Please refer to my response to question 1615.

Children and early childhood development: students with disabilities program

- 1626.** **MS LOVELL** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): What is the value of the State Government's contribution to independent schools to support students with disabilities for each of the financial years 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Victorian Government's contribution (untied) to non-government schools includes a component to support students with a disability.

The Victorian Government's contribution to non-government schools is:

2005-06

\$315.2 million annual recurrent funding (untied) and \$7.1 million in targeted grants for students with special needs.

2006-07

\$352 million annual recurrent funding (untied) and \$7.3 million in targeted grants for students with special needs.

2007-08

\$380 million annual recurrent funding (untied) and \$7.5 million in targeted grants for students with special needs.

This Government is committed to delivering the best possible services for children and ensuring that all Victorian children receive the support they need, when they need it.

Corrections: intensive drug treatment program

1725. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Corrections): In relation to drug treatment for Victorian prisoners: How many episodes of intensive drug treatment for prisoners before and after release, as promised in a media release from the Premier's office on 28 November 2000, were delivered in the three years from the date of the press release.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Collation of information in the specific format sought by the honourable member represents an unreasonable diversion of resources by Corrections Victoria.

Senior Victorians: housing support for the aged program

1727. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to the Housing Support for the Aged Program:

- (1) How much funding did the program receive in 2000-01.
- (2) How much funding will the program receive in 2007-08.
- (3) How much funding did each of the sixteen service providers receive in 2007-08.
- (4) Does the Government have any plans to expand the program.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) In 2000-01, the Housing Support for the Aged program received \$1.3 m.
- (2) In 2007-08, it will receive \$1.59 m.

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- (3) There are 13 service providers, who will receive a total of \$1.59 m in 2007-08.
- (4) There are no plans to expand the Housing Support for the Aged program at this time.