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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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

**Tuesday, 8 April 2008**

**Premier: Parliamentary Secretary assisting the Premier on Multicultural Affairs**

- 795. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Premier): Between 25 November 2006 and 2 August 2007, what support was provided for Mr Telmo Languiller, MP and at what cost, in his capacity as Parliamentary Secretary assisting the Premier (Multicultural Affairs) 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 informed that:

Mr Davis submitted an FOI request on 22/08/07 requesting similar information to the above Question on Notice, as follows:

- (a) telephone and other telecommunications costs;
- (b) car hire and rental costs;
- (c) air flights, where to and how much did each flight cost;
- (d) meal and entertainment costs; and
- (e) staff assisting him, their EFT number and cost.

Documents supporting the FOI request were provided to Mr Davis on 25 October 2007. These included invoices, receipts, claim forms and other documents detailing all costs incurred through the Department of Premier and Cabinet by Mr Telmo Languiller MP in his capacity as Parliamentary Secretary assisting the Premier (Multicultural Affairs) between 25 November 2006 and 2 August 2007.

The documents provided in relation to Telmo Languiller, were for telephone costs as no other documents existed relating to any other costs mentioned in the FOI request, Parts (a) to (e).

In relation to Part (f) of the Question, no other support or reimbursement was provided to Mr Telmo Languiller MP.

**Premier: Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier and Arts**

**798. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Honourable the Treasurer (for the Premier): Between 25 November 2006 and 2 August, 2007, what support was provided for the Hon Marsha Thomson, MP and at what cost, in her capacity as Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier and Arts 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 informed that:

Mr Davis submitted an FOI request on 22/08/07 requesting similar information to the above Question on Notice, as follows:

- (a) telephone and other telecommunications costs;
- (b) car hire and rental costs;
- (c) air flights, where to and how much did each flight cost;
- (d) meal and entertainment costs; and
- (e) staff assisting him, their EFT number and cost.

Documents supporting the FOI request were provided to Mr Davis on 25 October 2007. These included invoices, receipts, claim forms and other documents detailing all costs incurred through the Department of Premier and Cabinet by the Hon Marsha Thomson MP in her capacity as Parliamentary Secretary assisting the Premier and Arts between 25 November 2006 and 2 August 2007.

The documents provided in relation to Marsha Thomson, were for telephone costs, Parts (a).

No other documents existed relating to any other costs mentioned in the FOI request, Parts (b) to (d).

Documents pertaining to Parts (e) were exempt under s33(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 1982 as their release would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information relating to the personal affairs of individuals.

In relation to Part (f) of the Question, no other support or reimbursement was provided to the Hon Marsha Thomson MP.

**Premier: Parliamentary Secretary assisting the Premier on the National Reform Agenda and Innovation**

**806. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Premier): Between 25 November 2006 and 2 August, 2007, what support was provided for Mr Evan Thornley, MLC and at what cost, in his capacity as Parliamentary Secretary assisting the Premier (National Reform Agenda) 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 informed that:

Mr Davis submitted an FOI request on 22/08/07 requesting similar information to the above Question on Notice, as follows:

- (a) Telephone and other telecommunications costs;
- (b) Car hire and rental costs;
- (c) Air flights, where to and how much did each flight cost;
- (d) Meal and entertainment costs; and
- (e) Staff assisting him, their EFT number and cost.

Documents supporting the FOI request were provided to Mr Davis on 25 October 2007. These included invoices, receipts, claim forms and other documents detailing all costs incurred through the Department of Premier and Cabinet by Mr Evan Thornley MLC in his capacity as Parliamentary Secretary assisting the Premier (National Reform Agenda) between 25 November 2006 and 2 August 2007.

The documents provided in relation to Evan Thornley were for:-

- (a) telephone and other telecommunications;
- (c) cost, air flights, where to and how much did each flight cost; and

No documents existed relating to any other costs mentioned in the FOI request, Parts (b) and (d).

Documents pertaining to Part (e) were exempt under s33(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 1982 as their release would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information relating to the personal affairs of individuals.

In relation to Part (f) of the Question, no other support or reimbursement was provided to Mr Evan Thornley MLC.

**Environment and climate change: Port Phillip Bay — channel deepening**

**1066. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: In relation to the Inquiry Panel (the Panel) into the Channel Deepening Project (CDP) Supplementary Environmental Effects Statement (SEES) which asked the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) to assist them to determine whether the Port of Melbourne Corporation (PoMC) had met ‘best practice’ in relation to the State Environmental Protection Policy, Waters of Victoria, Schedule F6 – Waters of Port Phillip Bay:

- (1) Given that Mr Stuart O’Connell, Director of Science and Technology, in delivering the EPA’s presentation to the Inquiry said that the EPA had not yet decided whether the CDP was best practice, does the Minister know whether the EPA has come to a conclusion as to whether the Port of Melbourne has met ‘best practice’ in relation to the CDP; if so —
  - (a) Did the EPA undertake independent investigations in order to verify their conclusion; and
  - (b) can the Minister confirm that the conclusion is satisfactory, given that PoMC is still working on the Environmental Management Program, which they have described as a ‘work in progress’ (SEES Inquiry, 30 July 2007), and that several important studies for the SEES are still being completed.

- (2) Given that Mr Stuart O'Connell informed the Panel on 6 July 2007 that it was the responsibility of the Panel, rather than the EPA, to determine whether the CDP is 'best practice', is the Minister satisfied that the Panel, which lacks experience in marine or ecological science, is qualified to determine without assistance, whether PoMC has met 'best practice'.
- (3) Can the Minister confirm that the role of the EPA in relation to the CDP is confined to identifying whether 'considerations' relevant to 'best practice' have been addressed by PoMC, rather than whether the standard of 'best practice' has actually been met.
- (4) Can the Minister outline which precise statutory functions the EPA has in relation to the CDP.
- (5) Given that Section 3.1 of the Best Practice Environmental Management Guidelines states that 'where feasible, sediments from the urban lower reaches of the Yarra should be disposed by land' and that the EPA has concluded that 'reuse and disposal on land of contaminated sediments proved to be impracticable,' admitting that it has not 'independently verified this conclusion' but had rather relied on information provided by the Port of Melbourne Corporation [Question 8, Letter to Panel, 24 July 2007; see also p. 14 of the EPA's submission to the SEES Inquiry], does the Minister consider that the EPA has satisfactorily discharged its statutory responsibility to investigate whether the option of land disposal has been adequately explored by the Port of Melbourne Corporation.
- (6) What further advice will the Minister seek from the EPA on whether the Port of Melbourne Corporation has met 'best practice' before granting approval for the CDP under the Coastal Management Act 1995.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Thank you for your question in relation to the Channel Deepening Project. Since you asked this question, the report of the SEES Inquiry and the Minister for Planning's assessment have been released. The Inquiry's report and the Minister's assessment address the question of best practice and the management of dredge spoil.

The report of the Inquiry for the Channel Deepening Project SEES concluded that:

- It was satisfied that the dredging technology is best practice and fit for purpose;
- Disposal of contaminated material to land is not practicable;
- There are no immediately practicable options for the reuse of uncontaminated material on land; and
- Disposal of material in Bass Strait is not a preferred option relative to placement in the Bay.

In his assessment of the project the Minister for Planning noted:

- The design of the CDP appropriately responds to relevant legislation, policy, strategies and guidelines;
- The technology selected for the CDP represents best practice in the context of the project; and moreover,
- The residual effects of the CDP can be effectively managed or offset.

In making my decision to provide a consent to the project under the Coastal Management Act, I am satisfied that concerns about any effects of deepening the main shipping channels in Port Phillip Bay can be addressed through the environmental strategies and plans attached to the project.

EPA's role in relation to the channel deepening project is described on its website [www.epa.vic.gov.au](http://www.epa.vic.gov.au).

**Environment and climate change: Port Phillip Bay — channel deepening**

- 1067. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: In relation to the Environmental Protection Authority's (EPA) role in monitoring the Port of Melbourne Corporation's (PoMC) Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the Channel Deepening Project (CDP):

- (1) What legislative powers does the EPA have to intervene if there is a breach of the EMP which makes it necessary for works to cease immediately, given that —
  - (a) a Pollution Abatement Notice (PAN) issued under section 31A of the Environmental Protection Act, takes effect 30 days after it is served; and
  - (b) a Minor Works PAN issued under section 31B is effective immediately and may be served if urgent action is required, but only if the cost of compliance is not in excess of \$50,000.
- (2) Given that the PoMC has indicated that it is the Government's responsibility to engage an independent external auditor for the EMP (SEES Inquiry, 30 July), will the EPA be auditing the EMP; if not, which Government agency, if any, will be responsible for auditing the EMP.
- (3) Will the EPA play any direct role in monitoring whether environmental controls in the EMP, environmental law, regulations, and policy are adhered to by the PoMC during the CDP and in particular, will EPA officers be present on the dredge or other vessels to monitor performance.
- (4) If the EPA will take responsibility for environmental monitoring (to any degree), will the Government provide funding to an adequate level to ensure that the EPA can adequately and comprehensively ensure conformity of the project with the EMP.
- (5) Does the EPA have responsibility for the stability of the Great Sands beach processes in the Southern Bay, and potential rock spill; if not, which agencies are responsible for these issues.
- (6) Given that the EPA found in their audit of the trial dredge that the PoMC had seriously breached environmental conditions under the Coastal Management Act 1995, as well as within its own EMP, but no action was taken to halt the trial dredge, enforce compliance, or impose penalties —
  - (a) who has responsibility for enforcing the Coastal Management Act; and
  - (b) does the EPA or any other Government agency, department or Minister have the power to investigate breaches of the Coastal Management Act 1995 and apply appropriate compliance measures, including rehabilitation and compensation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

I have approved the Channel deepening project under the Coastal Management Act 1995. I have asked the Secretary DSE who will provide a single point of accountability and regulatory oversight of the project on a day-to-day basis.

To assist the Secretary DSE in this role, EPA has made available relevant statutory powers under the Environment Protection Act 1970. This includes powers available to Authorised Officers under the Environment Protection Act 1970 to give directions having immediate effect under certain circumstances. This does not preclude EPA from acting or relieve EPA of any responsibility for protecting the environment

The Government has also appointed an Independent Environmental Monitor to advise PoMC, relevant Ministers and the Secretary DSE. EPA will provide any assistance requested by the Environmental Monitor.

EPA has expanded its current Port Phillip Bay water quality monitoring program for the duration of the Channel Deepening Project. EPA will also monitor contaminant concentrations in fish following the completion of dredging of contaminated material from the Yarra River. These programs are part of the baywide monitoring programs outlined in the Environmental Management Plan for the project. For further information about the baywide monitoring programs included as part of the Environment Management Plan refer to [www.oem.vic.gov.au](http://www.oem.vic.gov.au).

EPA will also monitor water quality at beaches weekly for the duration of the Project.

The results of all of EPA's monitoring in relation to the Channel Deepening Project, along with the results of monitoring by other agencies, will be made available through the website of the Independent Environmental Monitor.

EPA's role with regard to investigating pollution or other environmental offences does not change, and its enforcement powers remain available if action is needed to protect the environment.

**Public transport: trams — North Balwyn–Doncaster line**

**1164. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the answer by the Minister to Question on Notice No. 129 in the Legislative Assembly regarding the proposed tramline extension from North Balwyn to Doncaster:

- (1) Does any of the existing tramline in Melbourne exceed more than a six per cent grade limitation; if so, where.
- (2) Do any of the existing tram stops in Melbourne exceed a grade maximum of 2.5 per cent or more; if so, which stops.
- (3) What are the details of the unit costs for the tramline extensions at Box Hill and Vermont South.
- (4) What do the “extra costs” expected for Doncaster Road consist of and how much was allowed for each extra cost.
- (5) How many additional trams would need to be purchased if the tramline was extended from Balwyn North to Doncaster Shoppingtown using the current service schedule.

**ANSWER:**

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

(1-2) The Disability Discrimination Act, referred to in the answer to LA129, applies to new infrastructure.

(3a) The 2.2 kilometre Box Hill tram extension cost \$12.7 million/km in 2003.

(3b) The 3.0 kilometre Vermont South tram extension cost \$10.2 million/km in 2005.

These figures only cover the capital cost of the projects. The costs do not include any additional operating or maintenance costs associated with extending tram services to Box Hill or Vermont South.

- (4) It is not possible to identify “extra costs” associated with a tram extension along Doncaster Road, as the project has not been scoped.
- (5) The number of additional trams required if the tramline was extended from Balwyn North to Doncaster Shoppingtown has not been identified as the project has not been scoped.

**Community services: supported residential services — Barwon south-west Mallee region**

**1165. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to Supported Residential Services (SRS) in the Barwon South West Mallee Region:

- (1) How many pension level SRS facilities (as defined by the SAVVI Initiative) closed in each of the years 2000 to 2007.
- (2) How many above pension and pension level beds respectively were closed in each of these years as a result.
- (3) How many pension level facilities were allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 30 June 2007.
- (4) For each facility allocated a state appointed administrator —
  - (a) what year was it appointed;
  - (b) what is the name of the appointed administrator;

- (c) what is the name of the facility;
- (d) what percentage of pension level beds do/did they have; and
- (e) what was the reason for the appointment of the administrator.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Data is provided for the years 2006 and 2007 as the SAVVI project did not commence until 2006

- (1) In Victoria for the 2006 calendar year
  - 2 pension level SRS facilities closed

In Victoria for the 2007 calendar year:

  - 3 pension level SRS facilities closed
- (2) In Victoria as a result of the closure of pension level SRS facilities
  - for the 2006 calendar year 26 beds were closed
  - for the 2007 calendar year 197 beds were closed
- (3) In Victoria for the 2006 & 2007 calendar year
  - Administrator appointments were made at 3 pension level SRS facilities.
- (4) In Victoria for pension level SRS facilities
  - (a) Administrators were appointed in 2006 and 2007
  - (b) The Administrators appointed were
    - Sims Partners
    - Patrick Bowden
    - Wesley Mission Melbourne
    - Western Region Health Centre
  - (c) The names of the SRS facilities were
    - Maroondah Lodge
    - Bellden Supported Residential Service
    - Western Lodge
    - Western Lodge
  - (d) The percentage of pension level beds at the time of closure cannot be precisely determined.
  - (e) The reason for the appointment of an administrator was that the Minister's delegate believed on reasonable grounds that the appointment of an administrator to a supported residential service was necessary to protect the interests of the residents of the service. There were issues relating to provisions of care for residents and the lack of proprietors financial viability.

**Community services: supported residential services — Loddon Mallee region**

**1166. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to Supported Residential Services (SRS) in the Loddon Mallee Region:

- (1) How many pension level SRS facilities (as defined by the SAVVI Initiative) closed in each of the years 2000 to 2007.

- (2) How many above pension and pension level beds respectively were closed in each of these years as a result.
- (3) How many pension level facilities were allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 30 June 2007.
- (4) For each facility allocated a state appointed administrator —
  - (a) what year was it appointed;
  - (b) what is the name of the appointed administrator;
  - (c) what is the name of the facility;
  - (d) what percentage of pension level beds do/did they have; and
  - (e) what was the reason for the appointment of the administrator.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Data is provided for the years 2006 and 2007 as the SAVVI project did not commence until 2006

- In Victoria for the 2006 calendar year 2 pension level SRS facilities closed  
In Victoria for the 2007 calendar year 3 pension level SRS facilities closed
- In Victoria as a result of the closure of pension level SRS facilities
  - for the 2006 calendar year 26 beds were closed
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- In Victoria for the 2006 & 2007 calendar year
  - Administrator appointments were made at 3 pension level SRS facilities.
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  - (d) The percentage of pension level beds at the time of closure cannot be precisely determined
  - (e) The reason for the appointment of an administrator was that the Minister’s delegate believed on reasonable grounds that the appointment of an administrator to a supported residential service was necessary to protect the interests of the residents of the service. There were issues relating to provisions of care for residents and the lack of proprietors financial viability.

**Community services: supported residential services — Grampians region**

**1167. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to Supported Residential Services (SRS) in the Grampians Region:

- (1) How many pension level SRS facilities (as defined by the SAVVI Initiative) closed in each of the years 2000 to 2007.
- (2) How many above pension and pension level beds respectively were closed in each of these years as a result.
- (3) How many pension level facilities were allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 30 June 2007.
- (4) For each facility allocated a state appointed administrator —
  - (a) what year was it appointed;
  - (b) what is the name of the appointed administrator;
  - (c) what is the name of the facility;
  - (d) what percentage of pension level beds do/did they have; and
  - (e) what was the reason for the appointment of the administrator.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Data is provided for the years 2006 and 2007 as the SAVVI project did not commence until 2006

- In Victoria for the 2006 calendar year 2 pension level SRS facilities closed  
In Victoria for the 2007 calendar year 3 pension level SRS facilities closed
- In Victoria as a result of the closure of pension level SRS facilities
  - for the 2006 calendar year 26 beds were closed
  - for the 2007 calendar year 197 beds were closed
- In Victoria for the 2006 & 2007 calendar year
  - Administrator appointments were made at 3 pension level SRS facilities.
- In Victoria for pension level SRS facilities
  - (a) Administrators were appointed in 2006 and 2007
  - (b) The Administrators appointed were
    - Sims Partners
    - Patrick Bowden
    - Wesley Mission Melbourne
    - Western Region Health Centre
  - (c) The names of the SRS facilities were
    - Maroondah Lodge
    - Bellden Supported Residential Service
    - Western Lodge
    - Western Lodge
  - (d) The percentage of pension level beds at the time of closure cannot be precisely determined
  - (e) The reason for the appointment of an administrator was that the Minister's delegate believed on reasonable grounds that the appointment of an administrator to a supported residential service was necessary to protect the interests of the residents of the service. There were issues relating to provisions of care for residents and the lack of proprietors financial viability.

**Community services: supported residential services — Hume region**

**1168. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to Supported Residential Services (SRS) in the Hume Region:

- (1) How many pension level SRS facilities (as defined by the SAVVI Initiative) closed in each of the years 2000 to 2007.
- (2) How many above pension and pension level beds respectively were closed in each of these years as a result.
- (3) How many pension level facilities were allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 30 June 2007.
- (4) For each facility allocated a state appointed administrator —
  - (a) what year was it appointed;
  - (b) what is the name of the appointed administrator;
  - (c) what is the name of the facility;
  - (d) what percentage of pension level beds do/did they have; and
  - (e) what was the reason for the appointment of the administrator.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Data is provided for the years 2006 and 2007 as the SAVVI project did not commence until 2006

- (1) In Victoria for the 2006 calendar year
  - 2 pension level SRS facilities closed

In Victoria for the 2007 calendar year:

  - 3 pension level SRS facilities closed
- (2) In Victoria as a result of the closure of pension level SRS facilities
  - for the 2006 calendar year 26 beds were closed
  - for the 2007 calendar year 197 beds were closed
- (3) In Victoria for the 2006 & 2007 calendar year
  - Administrator appointments were made at 3 pension level SRS facilities.
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    - Maroondah Lodge
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    - Western Lodge
    - Western Lodge
  - (d) The percentage of pension level beds at the time of closure cannot be precisely determined.



- (e) The reason for the appointment of an administrator was that the Minister's delegate believed on reasonable grounds that the appointment of an administrator to a supported residential service was necessary to protect the interests of the residents of the service. There were issues relating to provisions of care for residents and the lack of proprietors financial viability.

**Community services: supported residential services — Gippsland region**

**1169. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to Supported Residential Services (SRS) in the Gippsland Region:

- (1) How many pension level SRS facilities (as defined by the SAVVI Initiative) closed in each of the years 2000 to 2007.
- (2) How many above pension and pension level beds respectively were closed in each of these years as a result.
- (3) How many pension level facilities were allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 30 June 2007.
- (4) For each facility allocated a state appointed administrator —
  - (a) what year was it appointed;
  - (b) what is the name of the appointed administrator;
  - (c) what is the name of the facility;
  - (d) what percentage of pension level beds do/did they have; and
  - (e) what was the reason for the appointment of the administrator.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Data is provided for the years 2006 and 2007 as the SAVVI project did not commence until 2006

- In Victoria for the 2006 calendar year 2 pension level SRS facilities closed  
In Victoria for the 2007 calendar year 3 pension level SRS facilities closed
- In Victoria as a result of the closure of pension level SRS facilities
  - for the 2006 calendar year 26 beds were closed
  - for the 2007 calendar year 197 beds were closed
- In Victoria for the 2006 & 2007 calendar year
  - Administrator appointments were made at 3 pension level SRS facilities.
- In Victoria for pension level SRS facilities
  - (a) Administrators were appointed in 2006 and 2007
  - (b) The Administrators appointed were
    - Sims Partners
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    - Wesley Mission Melbourne
    - Western Region Health Centre
  - (c) The names of the SRS facilities were
    - Maroondah Lodge
    - Bellden Supported Residential Service
    - Western Lodge

– Western Lodge

- (d) The percentage of pension level beds at the time of closure cannot be precisely determined
- (e) The reason for the appointment of an administrator was that the Minister's delegate believed on reasonable grounds that the appointment of an administrator to a supported residential service was necessary to protect the interests of the residents of the service. There were issues relating to provisions of care for residents and the lack of proprietors financial viability.

**Community services: supported residential services — north-west region**

**1170. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to Supported Residential Services (SRS) in the North-West Region:

- (1) How many pension level SRS facilities (as defined by the SAVVI Initiative) closed in each of the years 2000 to 2007.
- (2) How many above pension and pension level beds respectively were closed in each of these years as a result.
- (3) How many pension level facilities were allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 30 June 2007.
- (4) For each facility allocated a state appointed administrator —
  - (a) what year was it appointed;
  - (b) what is the name of the appointed administrator;
  - (c) what is the name of the facility;
  - (d) what percentage of pension level beds do/did they have; and
  - (e) what was the reason for the appointment of the administrator.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Data is provided for the years 2006 and 2007 as the SAVVI project did not commence until 2006

- (1) In Victoria for the 2006 calendar year
  - 2 pension level SRS facilities closed

In Victoria for the 2007 calendar year:

  - 3 pension level SRS facilities closed
- (2) In Victoria as a result of the closure of pension level SRS facilities
  - for the 2006 calendar year 26 beds were closed
  - for the 2007 calendar year 197 beds were closed
- (3) In Victoria for the 2006 & 2007 calendar year
  - Administrator appointments were made at 3 pension level SRS facilities.
- (4) In Victoria for pension level SRS facilities
  - (a) Administrators were appointed in 2006 and 2007
  - (b) The Administrators appointed were
    - Sims Partners
    - Patrick Bowden
    - Wesley Mission Melbourne
    - Western Region Health Centre

- (c) The names of the SRS facilities were
  - Maroondah Lodge
  - Bellden Supported Residential Service
  - Western Lodge
  - Western Lodge
- (d) The percentage of pension level beds at the time of closure cannot be precisely determined.
- (e) The reason for the appointment of an administrator was that the Minister’s delegate believed on reasonable grounds that the appointment of an administrator to a supported residential service was necessary to protect the interests of the residents of the service. There were issues relating to provisions of care for residents and the lack of proprietors financial viability.

**Community services: supported residential services — eastern region**

**1171. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to Supported Residential Services (SRS) in the Eastern Region:

- (1) How many pension level SRS facilities (as defined by the SAVVI Initiative) closed in each of the years 2000 to 2007.
- (2) How many above pension and pension level beds respectively were closed in each of these years as a result.
- (3) How many pension level facilities were allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 30 June 2007.
- (4) For each facility allocated a state appointed administrator —
  - (a) what year was it appointed;
  - (b) what is the name of the appointed administrator;
  - (c) what is the name of the facility;
  - (d) what percentage of pension level beds do/did they have; and
  - (e) what was the reason for the appointment of the administrator.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Data is provided for the years 2006 and 2007 as the SAVVI project did not commence until 2006

- (1) In Victoria for the 2006 calendar year
  - 2 pension level SRS facilities closed

In Victoria for the 2007 calendar year:

  - 3 pension level SRS facilities closed
- (2) In Victoria as a result of the closure of pension level SRS facilities
  - for the 2006 calendar year 26 beds were closed
  - for the 2007 calendar year 197 beds were closed
- (3) In Victoria for the 2006 & 2007 calendar year
  - Administrator appointments were made at 3 pension level SRS facilities.
- (4) In Victoria for pension level SRS facilities
  - (a) Administrators were appointed in 2006 and 2007
  - (b) The Administrators appointed were

- Sims Partners
  - Patrick Bowden
  - Wesley Mission Melbourne
  - Western Region Health Centre
- (c) The names of the SRS facilities were
- Maroondah Lodge
  - Bellden Supported Residential Service
  - Western Lodge
  - Western Lodge
- (d) The percentage of pension level beds at the time of closure cannot be precisely determined.
- (e) The reason for the appointment of an administrator was that the Minister’s delegate believed on reasonable grounds that the appointment of an administrator to a supported residential service was necessary to protect the interests of the residents of the service. There were issues relating to provisions of care for residents and the lack of proprietors financial viability.

**Community services: supported residential services —southern region**

**1172. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to Supported Residential Services (SRS) in the Southern Region:

- (1) How many pension level SRS facilities (as defined by the SAVVI Initiative) closed in each of the years 2000 to 2007.
- (2) How many above pension and pension level beds respectively were closed in each of these years as a result.
- (3) How many pension level facilities were allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 30 June 2007.
- (4) For each facility allocated a state appointed administrator —
  - (a) what year was it appointed;
  - (b) what is the name of the appointed administrator;
  - (c) what is the name of the facility;
  - (d) what percentage of pension level beds do/did they have; and
  - (e) what was the reason for the appointment of the administrator.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Data is provided for the years 2006 and 2007 as the SAVVI project did not commence until 2006

- (1) In Victoria for the 2006 calendar year
  - 2 pension level SRS facilities closed

In Victoria for the 2007 calendar year:

  - 3 pension level SRS facilities closed
- (2) In Victoria as a result of the closure of pension level SRS facilities
  - for the 2006 calendar year 26 beds were closed
  - for the 2007 calendar year 197 beds were closed
- (3) In Victoria for the 2006 & 2007 calendar year

- Administrator appointments were made at 3 pension level SRS facilities.
- (4) In Victoria for pension level SRS facilities
- (a) Administrators were appointed in 2006 and 2007
  - (b) The Administrators appointed were
    - Sims Partners
    - Patrick Bowden
    - Wesley Mission Melbourne
    - Western Region Health Centre
  - (c) The names of the SRS facilities were
    - Maroondah Lodge
    - Bellden Supported Residential Service
    - Western Lodge
    - Western Lodge
  - (d) The percentage of pension level beds at the time of closure cannot be precisely determined.
  - (e) The reason for the appointment of an administrator was that the Minister’s delegate believed on reasonable grounds that the appointment of an administrator to a supported residential service was necessary to protect the interests of the residents of the service. There were issues relating to provisions of care for residents and the lack of proprietors financial viability.

**Community services: supported residential services**

**1173. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to Supported Residential Services (SRS) in Victoria:

- (1) How many pension level SRS facilities (as defined by the SAVVI Initiative) closed in each of the years 2000 to 2007.
- (2) How many above pension and pension level beds respectively were closed in each of these years as a result.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Data is provided for the years 2006 and 2007 as the SAVVI project did not commence until 2006

- In Victoria for the 2006 calendar year
  - 2 pension level SRS facilities closed

In Victoria for the 2007 calendar year:

- 3 pension level SRS facilities closed
- In Victoria as a result of the closure of pension level SRS facilities
  - for the 2006 calendar year
    - 26 beds were closed
  - for the 2007 calendar year
    - 197 beds were closed

**Community services: supported residential services**

**1174. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to above pension Supported Residential Services (SRS) in Victoria:

- (1) How many above pension level SRS facilities (i.e. not pension-level SRS as defined by the SAVVI Initiative) closed in each of the years 2000 to 2007.
- (2) How many above pension and pension level beds respectively were closed in each of these years as a result.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (3) In Victoria for the 2006 calendar year
  - 4 above pension level SRS facilities closed
 In Victoria for the 2007 calendar year:
  - 6 above pension level SRS facilities closed
- (4) In Victoria as a result of the closure of above pension level SRS facilities
  - for the 2006 calendar year
    - 239 beds were closed
  - for the 2007 calendar year
    - 143 beds were closed

**Community services: supported residential services — Barwon south-west region**

**1175. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to above pension Supported Residential Services (SRS) in the Barwon South West Region:

- (1) How many above pension level SRS facilities (i.e. not pension-level SRS as defined by the SAVVI Initiative) closed in each of the years 2000 to 2007.
- (2) How many above pension and pension level beds respectively were closed in each of these years as a result.
- (3) How many above pension facilities were allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 31 June 2007.
- (4) For each facility allocated a state appointed administrator —
  - (a) what year was it appointed;
  - (b) what is the name of the appointed administrator;
  - (c) what is the name of the facility;
  - (d) what percentage of pension level beds do/did they have; and
  - (e) what was the reason for the appointment of the administrator.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Data is provided for the years 2006 and 2007 as the SAVVI project did not commence until 2006

- (1) In Victoria for the 2006 calendar year:

- 4 above pension level SRS facilities closed  
In Victoria for the 2007 calendar year:
- 6 above pension level SRS facilities closed
- (2) In Victoria as a result of the closure of above pension level SRS facilities,
  - for the 2006 calendar year
    - 239 beds were closed
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    - 143 beds were closed
- (3) State appointed administrator was appointed to four above pension SRS facilities
- (4) For above pension SRS facility
  - (a) Administrators were appointed in 2006 and 2007
  - (b) The names of the administrators appointed were
    - Ernst & Young
    - Ernst & Young
    - Ernst & Young
    - Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu
  - (c) The above pension facilities were
    - Anderly Aged Care
    - Care Life Australia Heidelberg
    - Care Life Australia Ringwood
    - Abbey Court
  - (d) The precise percentage of pension or above pension level beds can not be determined at the time of closure.
  - (e) The reason for the appointment of an administrator was that the Minister’s delegate believed on reasonable grounds that the appointment of an administrator to a supported residential service was necessary to protect the interests of the residents of the service. There were issues relating to provisions of care for residents and the lack of proprietors financial viability

**Community services: supported residential services — Loddon Mallee region**

- 1176. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to above pension Supported Residential Services (SRS) in the Loddon Mallee Region:
- (1) How many above pension level SRS facilities (i.e. not pension-level SRS as defined by the SAVVI Initiative) closed in each of the years 2000 to 2007.
  - (2) How many above pension and pension level beds respectively were closed in each of these years as a result.
  - (3) How many above pension facilities were allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 31 June 2007.
  - (4) For each facility allocated a state appointed administrator —
    - (a) what year was it appointed;
    - (b) what is the name of the appointed administrator;
    - (c) what is the name of the facility;
    - (d) what percentage of pension level beds do/did they have; and
    - (e) what was the reason for the appointment of the administrator.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Data is provided for the years 2006 and 2007 as the SAVVI project did not commence until 2006

- (1) In Victoria for the 2006 calendar year:
  - 4 above pension level SRS facilities closed

In Victoria for the 2007 calendar year:

  - 6 above pension level SRS facilities closed
- (2) In Victoria as a result of the closure of above pension level SRS facilities,
  - for the 2006 calendar year
    - 239 beds were closed
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  - (d) The precise percentage of pension or above pension level beds can not be determined at the time of closure.
  - (e) The reason for the appointment of an administrator was that the Minister’s delegate believed on reasonable grounds that the appointment of an administrator to a supported residential service was necessary to protect the interests of the residents of the service. There were issues relating to provisions of care for residents and the lack of proprietors financial viability.

**Community services: supported residential services — Hume region**

**1177. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to above pension Supported Residential Services (SRS) in the Hume Region:

- (1) How many above pension level SRS facilities (i.e. not pension-level SRS as defined by the SAVVI Initiative) closed in each of the years 2000 to 2007.
- (2) How many above pension and pension level beds respectively were closed in each of these years as a result.



- (3) How many above pension facilities were allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 31 June 2007.
- (4) For each facility allocated a state appointed administrator —
  - (a) what year was it appointed;
  - (b) what is the name of the appointed administrator;
  - (c) what is the name of the facility;
  - (d) what percentage of pension level beds do/did they have; and
  - (e) what was the reason for the appointment of the administrator.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Data is provided for the years 2006 and 2007 as the SAVVI project did not commence until 2006

- (1) In Victoria for the 2006 calendar year:
  - 4 above pension level SRS facilities closed
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- (2) In Victoria as a result of the closure of above pension level SRS facilities,
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**Community services: supported residential services — Grampians region**

**1178. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to above pension Supported Residential Services (SRS) in the Grampians Region:

- (1) How many above pension level SRS facilities (i.e. not pension-level SRS as defined by the SAVVI Initiative) closed in each of the years 2000 to 2007.
- (2) How many above pension and pension level beds respectively were closed in each of these years as a result.
- (3) How many above pension facilities were allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 31 June 2007.
- (4) For each facility allocated a state appointed administrator —
  - (a) what year was it appointed;
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  - (c) what is the name of the facility;
  - (d) what percentage of pension level beds do/did they have; and
  - (e) what was the reason for the appointment of the administrator.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Data is provided for the years 2006 and 2007 as the SAVVI project did not commence until 2006

- (1) In Victoria for the 2006 calendar year:
  - 4 above pension level SRS facilities closed
 In Victoria for the 2007 calendar year:
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- (2) In Victoria as a result of the closure of above pension level SRS facilities,
  - for the 2006 calendar year
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- (e) The reason for the appointment of an administrator was that the Minister's delegate believed on reasonable grounds that the appointment of an administrator to a supported residential service was necessary to protect the interests of the residents of the service. There were issues relating to provisions of care for residents and the lack of proprietors financial viability.

**Community services: supported residential services — Gippsland region**

**1179. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to above pension Supported Residential Services (SRS) in the Gippsland Region:

- (1) How many above pension level SRS facilities (i.e. not pension-level SRS as defined by the SAVVI Initiative) closed in each of the years 2000 to 2007.
- (2) How many above pension and pension level beds respectively were closed in each of these years as a result.
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  - (e) what was the reason for the appointment of the administrator.

**ANSWER:**

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- (1) In Victoria for the 2006 calendar year:
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**Community services: supported residential services — north-west region**

**1180. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to above pension Supported Residential Services (SRS) in the North-West Region:

- (1) How many above pension level SRS facilities (i.e. not pension-level SRS as defined by the SAVVI Initiative) closed in each of the years 2000 to 2007.
- (2) How many above pension and pension level beds respectively were closed in each of these years as a result.
- (3) How many above pension facilities were allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 31 June 2007.
- (4) For each facility allocated a state appointed administrator —
  - (a) what year was it appointed;
  - (b) what is the name of the appointed administrator;
  - (c) what is the name of the facility;
  - (d) what percentage of pension level beds do/did they have; and
  - (e) what was the reason for the appointment of the administrator.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Data is provided for the years 2006 and 2007 as the SAVVI project did not commence until 2006

- (1) In Victoria for the 2006 calendar year:
  - 4 above pension level SRS facilities closed
 In Victoria for the 2007 calendar year:
  - 6 above pension level SRS facilities closed
- (2) In Victoria as a result of the closure of above pension level SRS facilities,
  - for the 2006 calendar year
    - 239 beds were closed
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- (4) For above pension SRS facility
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    - Abbey Court
  - (d) The precise percentage of pension or above pension level beds can not be determined at the time of closure.
  - (e) The reason for the appointment of an administrator was that the Minister's delegate believed on reasonable grounds that the appointment of an administrator to a supported residential service was necessary to protect the interests of the residents of the service. There were issues relating to provisions of care for residents and the lack of proprietors financial viability.

**Community services: supported residential services — eastern region**

**1181. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to above pension Supported Residential Services (SRS) in the Eastern Region:

- (1) How many above pension level SRS facilities (i.e. not pension-level SRS as defined by the SAVVI Initiative) closed in each of the years 2000 to 2007.
- (2) How many above pension and pension level beds respectively were closed in each of these years as a result.
- (3) How many above pension facilities were allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 31 June 2007.
- (4) For each facility allocated a state appointed administrator —
  - (a) what year was it appointed;
  - (b) what is the name of the appointed administrator;
  - (c) what is the name of the facility;
  - (d) what percentage of pension level beds do/did they have; and
  - (e) what was the reason for the appointment of the administrator.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Data is provided for the years 2006 and 2007 as the SAVVI project did not commence until 2006

- (1) In Victoria for the 2006 calendar year:
  - 4 above pension level SRS facilities closed
- In Victoria for the 2007 calendar year:
  - 6 above pension level SRS facilities closed

- (2) In Victoria as a result of the closure of above pension level SRS facilities,
- for the 2006 calendar year
    - 239 beds were closed
  - for the 2007 calendar year
    - 143 beds were closed
- (3) State appointed administrator was appointed to four above pension SRS facilities
- (4) For above pension SRS facility
- (a) Administrators were appointed in 2006 and 2007
  - (b) The names of the administrators appointed were
    - Ernst & Young
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    - Ernst & Young
    - Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu
  - (c) The above pension facilities were
    - Anderly Aged Care
    - Care Life Australia Heidelberg
    - Care Life Australia Ringwood
    - Abbey Court
  - (d) The precise percentage of pension or above pension level beds can not be determined at the time of closure.
  - (e) The reason for the appointment of an administrator was that the Minister’s delegate believed on reasonable grounds that the appointment of an administrator to a supported residential service was necessary to protect the interests of the residents of the service. There were issues relating to provisions of care for residents and the lack of proprietors financial viability.

**Community services: supported residential services — southern region**

**1182. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to above pension Supported Residential Services (SRS) in the Southern Region:

- (1) How many above pension level SRS facilities (i.e. not pension-level SRS as defined by the SAVVI Initiative) closed in each of the years 2000 to 2007.
- (2) How many above pension and pension level beds respectively were closed in each of these years as a result.
- (3) How many above pension facilities were allocated a state-appointed administrator between 1 July 2000 and 31 June 2007.
- (4) For each facility allocated a state appointed administrator —
  - (a) what year was it appointed;
  - (b) what is the name of the appointed administrator;
  - (c) what is the name of the facility;
  - (d) what percentage of pension level beds do/did they have; and
  - (e) what was the reason for the appointment of the administrator.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Data is provided for the years 2006 and 2007 as the SAVVI project did not commence until 2006

- (1) In Victoria for the 2006 calendar year:
  - 4 above pension level SRS facilities closed
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**Community services: disability support register**

**1229. 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:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Information on the Disability Support Register for 2007 is available and published on the Disability Services Division website.
- (2) The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.

**Community services: disability services — clients**

**1246. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to clients with day activities 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: supported residential services — Barwon south-west region**

**1300. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to Supported Residential Services (SRS) in the Barwon South West Region:

- (1) How many SRS facilities were registered with the Victorian State Government in each of the calendar years 2000 to 2007.
- (2) How many 'above pension' and 'pension level' beds, respectively, were registered in each of these years.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Response is made to this QON for the years 2003 and 2007 as comparable data does not exist for earlier years.

- (1) In Victoria there were 217 SRS facilities registered with the Government as at August 2003.

In Victoria there were 189 SRS facilities registered with the Government as at December 2007.

- (2) Individual beds are not registered as 'above pension' or 'pension level'

**Community services: supported residential services — Loddon Mallee region**

**1301. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to Supported Residential Services (SRS) in the Loddon Mallee Region:

- (1) How many SRS facilities were registered with the Victorian State Government in each of the calendar years 2000 to 2007.
- (2) How many 'above pension' and 'pension level' beds, respectively, were registered in each of these years.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Response is made to this QON for the years 2003 and 2007 as comparable data does not exist for earlier years.

- (1) In Victoria there were 217 SRS facilities registered with the Government as at August 2003.

In Victoria there were 189 SRS facilities registered with the Government as at December 2007.

- (2) Individual beds are not registered as 'above pension' or 'pension level'



**Community services: supported residential services — Grampians region**

**1302. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to Supported Residential Services (SRS) in the Grampians Region:

- (1) How many SRS facilities were registered with the Victorian State Government in each of the calendar years 2000 to 2007.
- (2) How many ‘above pension’ and ‘pension level’ beds, respectively, were registered in each of these years.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Response is made to this QON for the years 2003 and 2007 as comparable data does not exist for earlier years.

- (1) In Victoria there were 217 SRS facilities registered with the Government as at August 2003.

In Victoria there were 189 SRS facilities registered with the Government as at December 2007.

- (2) Individual beds are not registered as ‘above pension’ or ‘pension level’

**Community services: supported residential services — Hume region**

**1303. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to Supported Residential Services (SRS) in the Hume Region:

- (1) How many SRS facilities were registered with the Victorian State Government in each of the calendar years 2000 to 2007.
- (2) How many ‘above pension’ and ‘pension level’ beds, respectively, were registered in each of these years.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Response is made to this QON for the years 2003 and 2007 as comparable data does not exist for earlier years.

- (1) In Victoria there were 217 SRS facilities registered with the Government as at August 2003.

In Victoria there were 189 SRS facilities registered with the Government as at December 2007.

- (2) Individual beds are not registered as ‘above pension’ or ‘pension level’

**Community services: supported residential services — Gippsland region**

**1304. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to Supported Residential Services (SRS) in the Gippsland Region:

- (1) How many SRS facilities were registered with the Victorian State Government in each of the calendar years 2000 to 2007.
- (2) How many ‘above pension’ and ‘pension level’ beds, respectively, were registered in each of these years.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Response is made to this QON for the years 2003 and 2007 as comparable data does not exist for earlier years.

- (1) In Victoria there were 217 SRS facilities registered with the Government as at August 2003.

In Victoria there were 189 SRS facilities registered with the Government as at December 2007.

- (2) Individual beds are not registered as 'above pension' or 'pension level'

**Community services: supported residential services — north-west region**

**1305. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to Supported Residential Services (SRS) in the North-West Region:

- (1) How many SRS facilities were registered with the Victorian State Government in each of the calendar years 2000 to 2007.
- (2) How many 'above pension' and 'pension level' beds, respectively, were registered in each of these years.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Response is made to this QON for the years 2003 and 2007 as comparable data does not exist for earlier years.

- (1) In Victoria there were 217 SRS facilities registered with the Government as at August 2003.

In Victoria there were 189 SRS facilities registered with the Government as at December 2007.

- (2) Individual beds are not registered as 'above pension' or 'pension level'

**Community services: supported residential services — eastern region**

**1306. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to Supported Residential Services (SRS) in the Eastern Region:

- (1) How many SRS facilities were registered with the Victorian State Government in each of the calendar years 2000 to 2007.
- (2) How many 'above pension' and 'pension level' beds, respectively, were registered in each of these years.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Response is made to this QON for the years 2003 and 2007 as comparable data does not exist for earlier years.

- (1) In Victoria there were 217 SRS facilities registered with the Government as at August 2003.

In Victoria there were 189 SRS facilities registered with the Government as at December 2007.

- (2) Individual beds are not registered as 'above pension' or 'pension level'

**Community services: supported residential services — southern region**

**1307. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to Supported Residential Services (SRS) in the Southern Region:

- (1) How many SRS facilities were registered with the Victorian State Government in each of the calendar years 2000 to 2007.
- (2) How many 'above pension' and 'pension level' beds, respectively, were registered in each of these years.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Response is made to this QON for the years 2003 and 2007 as comparable data does not exist for earlier years.

- (1) In Victoria there were 217 SRS facilities registered with the Government as at August 2003.  
In Victoria there were 189 SRS facilities registered with the Government as at December 2007.
- (2) Individual beds are not registered as 'above pension' or 'pension level'

**Community services: supported residential services**

**1308. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to Supported Residential Services (SRS) in Victoria:

- (1) How many SRS facilities were registered with the Victorian State Government in each of the calendar years 2000 to 2007.
- (2) How many 'above pension' and 'pension level' beds, respectively, were registered in each of these years.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Response is made to this QON for the years 2003 and 2007 as comparable data does not exist for earlier years.

- (1) In Victoria there were 217 SRS facilities registered with the Government as at August 2003.  
In Victoria there were 189 SRS facilities registered with the Government as at December 2007.
- (2) Individual beds are not registered as 'above pension' or 'pension level'

**Public transport: Infrastructure — contractors**

**1319. 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 were the names and purposes of all contractors employed by the Department of Infrastructure, setting out in tabular form —

- (a) the name of the contractor;
- (b) the date the contract was entered into;
- (c) the purpose of the contract;
- (d) the value of the contract;
- (e) the expected term of the contract; and
- (f) the amount paid on the contract in the period.

**ANSWER:**

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

DOI does not 'employ' contractors.

Information on contractors who are engaged by DOI is contained in the DOI Annual Report, while information on individual contracts is placed on the Government Contracts website in accordance with well established guidelines.

Information on contracts has also been provided to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee.

**Public transport: Infrastructure — contractors**

**1320. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): For the period 1 July to 30 November 2007 what were the names and purposes of all contractors employed by the Department of Infrastructure, setting out in tabular form —

- (a) the name of the contractor;
- (b) the date the contract was entered into;
- (c) the purpose of the contract;
- (d) the value of the contract;
- (e) the expected term of the contract; and
- (f) the amount paid on the contract in the period.

**ANSWER:**

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

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Information on contractors who are engaged by DOI is contained in the DOI Annual Report, while information on individual contracts is placed on the Government Contracts website in accordance with well established guidelines.

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**Community services: child protection workers**

**1340. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to funds of \$4.2 million for additional child protection workers in the 2002-03 budget:

- (1) How much of the above funding was expended in 2002-03.
- (2) How many additional child protection workers (full-time equivalent) were employed in 2002-03 as a direct result of these funds.
- (3) In what locations were these workers employed.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The entire allocation of \$4.2m was expended in 2002-03
- (2) As a result of the additional \$4.2m in 2002-03, a total of 60 additional Child Protection workers were employed by the Department
- (3) The staff numbers and locations are as follows: Barwon 5, Eastern 8, Gippsland 3, Grampians 3, Hume 3, Loddon 4, North-West 17, Southern 13 and Head Office 4.

**Community services: kinship and permanent care places**

**1341. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to funds of \$1.2 million for additional kinship and permanent care places in the 2002-03 budget:

- (1) How much of the above funding was expended in 2002-03.
- (2) How many new places were created in 2002-03 as a direct result of these funds.
- (3) How many new places in 2002-03 were located in each Department of Human Services region.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) This funding was fully expended in 2002-03.
- (2) Between 30 June 2002 and 30 June 2003 the number of kinship care and permanent care placements increased by 74.
- (3) The new places were located in each of the Department of Human Services regions.

**Community services: child protection services**

**1342. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to funds of \$300,000 for child protection service improvements in the 2002-03 budget:

- (1) How much of the above funding was expended in 2002-03.
- (2) What specific improvement were carried out using these funds in 2002-03.
- (3) Which specific services, in what locations, received this funding.
- (4) How much funding did each service receive.
- (5) Over what timeframe did each service receive these funds.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The entire allocation of \$300,000 was expended in 2002-03
- (2) The funds were used to review policy, guidelines and provide training to child protection workers
- (3) The funding provided was utilised for Head Office facilitated training for Child Protection workers
- (4) The funding was utilised centrally, rather than allocated to individual Regions
- (5) The funding was expended progressively during the course of the year

**Community services: child protection workers**

**1344. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the funds of \$16.8 million over four years, promised on 4 September 2002, to employ 60 new child protection caseworkers:

- (1) How much of the above funding was expended in each of the financial years 2002-03 to 2005-06.

- (2) How many new full-time equivalent (FTE) caseworkers were employed in each of these years with this funding.
- (3) How many new caseworkers (FTE) were employed in total with this funding.
- (4) How many of these new caseworkers (FTE) were employed in each Department of Human Services region.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1)
 

2202/2003	\$4.2m
2003/2004	\$4.2m
2004/2005	\$4.2m
2005/2006	\$4.2m
- (2)
 

2202/2003	60
2003/2004	60
2004/2005	60
2005/2006	60
- (3) A total of 60 additional Child Protection workers were employed by the Department
- (4) The staff numbers and locations are as follows: Barwon 5, Eastern 8, Gippsland 3, Grampians 3, Hume 3, Loddon 4, North-West 17, Southern 13 and Head Office 4.

**Community services: placement and support residential facility renewal strategy**

**1350. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to funds of \$10 million allocated in the 2004-05 budget for the Placement and Support Residential Facility Renewal Strategy:

- (1) How much of the above funding was expended in the financial years 2004-05 to 2006-07.
- (2) How many facilities were refurbished with these funds in each of these years.
- (3) What is the name and location of these facilities.
- (4) How many new facilities were constructed with these funds and opened, in each of these years.
- (5) What is the name and location of these facilities.
- (6) How many beds do each of the new facilities house.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) \$10 million
- (2) Three
- (3) The facilities are located across Victoria
- (4) Ten

- (5) The facilities are located across Victoria.
- (6) Of the 13 facilities, 8 contain 4 client bedrooms each and 5 contain 3 client bedrooms each.

**Premier: Manningham — community cabinet**

**1359. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Premier): In relation to the 16 October 2007 Community Cabinet visit to Manningham:

- (1) What was the total cost of the Community Cabinet visit.
- (2) How many ministers attended.
- (3) How many meetings did ministers hold with community groups.
- (4) How many meetings did departmental officials hold with community groups.
- (5) How many groups were not offered a meeting with either a minister or departmental official.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Community Cabinet is an integral part of the core functions of Department of Premier and Cabinet, with associated costs absorbed within existing programs and budgets and delivered through the Strategic Policy Advice and Projects output. Therefore, there is no separate costing available for the Manningham Community Cabinet visit.
- (2) There were 15 Ministers in attendance at the Manningham Community Cabinet.
- (3) Ministers held 21 formal submission meetings with community groups. In addition Ministers undertook 8 visits to community groups and held 4 community forums and roundtables on youth, business, multicultural affairs and women's affairs. Two submitter groups were invited to forums in lieu of individual meetings.
- (4) Departmental officials held 4 meetings with community groups.
- (5) There were 9 submissions that did not receive a meeting with either a Minister or a departmental official, however 2 of these were offered a meeting and declined or were unable to attend. Of the 7 submissions that were not offered a meeting, 1 submitter had 2 other submissions for which he was offered meetings. All 9 submissions that did not receive a meeting have received formal communication from the Minister's office or department in response to their issue.

**Public transport: rolling stock — door and window glass**

**1375. MR KOCH** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport):

- (1) What quality and thickness of glass is fitted to each of —
  - (a) drivers' compartments of each class of Melbourne's 496 trams;
  - (b) passenger saloons including doors and windows of each class of Melbourne's 496 trams;
  - (c) drivers' compartments of —
    - (i) Hitachi;
    - (ii) Comeng;
    - (iii) Siemens; and
    - (iv) X'Trapolis trains;
  - (d) passenger saloons including doors and windows of each of the four types of trains identified in (c);

- (e) the cabs of V/Line's —
    - (i) N;
    - (ii) A; and
    - (iii) P class locomotives;
  - (f) passenger saloons including doors and windows of —
    - (i) N set;
    - (ii) H set; and
    - (iii) MTH carriages;
  - (g) the buffet compartments of N set carriages;
  - (h) the drivers' compartments of —
    - (i) Sprinter; and
    - (ii) VLocity railcars; and
  - (i) the passenger saloons including doors and windows of —
    - (i) Sprinter; and
    - (ii) VLocity railcars.
- (2) In each case, are the windows double glazed or otherwise treated to offer maximum impact resistance.
  - (3) What Australian Standard does each type of glass installed meet.
  - (4) For each of trams, Connex suburban trains, V/Line locomotives, V/Line carriages and V/Line railcars respectively, how many windows were replaced between 1 January and 4 December 2007 due to each of vandalism, planned refurbishment and maintenance issues, and what was the total cost for each class of tram, locomotive, carriage or railcar.
  - (5) For each class in (4), how many trams, locomotives, railcars or carriages were withdrawn from service for window replacements each month between 1 January and 4 December 2007.
  - (6) How many tram, Connex train and V/ Line train services respectively were cancelled due to vandalised windows or doors in each month between 1 January and 4 December 2007.
  - (7) What percentage of cancelled trams or each type of train did this represent in each month.
  - (8) From where do Yarra Trams, Connex and V/Line respectively source each type of window or door glass used and what is the name and address of each supplier.

**ANSWER:**

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

(1-8) The train and tram fleets meet Australian Standard AS/NZS 2080 – safety glazing for land vehicles.

The Office of the Chief Investigator made the following recommendation in Rail Safety Investigation Report No. 2007 / 09:

“**RSA 2007011** That V/Line Passenger Pty Ltd considers alternative treatments which have the potential to reduce glass related injury.”

The Government accepted that recommendation and V/Line is considering alternative treatments.

**Corrections: sexual assault and sexual harassment incidents**

**1600. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Corrections): In relation to sexual assault in custody:



- (1) How and when has Corrections Victoria ('CV') implemented recommendations 19 and 20 which are specific to sexual assault in custody and of the Parliamentary Drugs and Crime Committee in their, 1997 Report 'Combating Sexual Assault Against Adult Men and Women.
- (2) What specific and dedicated sexual assault and sexual harassment prevention and response training are provided to prison officers and managers in all Victorian prisons.
- (3) Who provides training referred to in (2), what is it's content and is it provided on a refresher basis.
- (4) How has CV investigated the sexual and other assaults described in the Victorian Court of Appeals judgement in *R v SH [2006] VSCA 83*.
- (5) What were the findings and recommendations flowing from the CV investigation of the matters referred to in (4).
- (6) How many and in which prisons, were sexual assaults and sexual harassment by prisoners on other prisoners reported in each calendar year from 2003 to 2007 inclusive.
- (7) How many, and in which prisons, were sexual assaults and sexual harassment by staff on prisoners reported in each calendar year from 2003 to 2007 inclusive.
- (8) How many prisoners and staff have been charged (with external criminal and internal prison discipline offences) with sexual assault related offences for each calendar year from 2003 to 2007 inclusive.
- (9) What has been the final outcomes of such charges.
- (10) What specific policy and other measures does CV and it's contractors and agents have in place to prevent physical and sexual assaults against especially vulnerable prisoner populations including LGBTI prisoners, prisoners with mental health and/or intellectual disabilities, young prisoners and protection prisoners.
- (11) What policy/protocol exists between Centres Against Sexual Assault and equivalent services and hospitals, and Victoria Police and CV and its contractors and agents, for responding to custodial sexual assault.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) Corrections Victoria's response to Recommendations 19 and 20 of the Parliamentary Drugs and Crime Committee's 1997 Report '*Combating Sexual Assault Against Adult Men and Women*' was reported in the then Government's response to that report, which was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 23 May 1997 and the Legislative Council on 27 May 1997.
- (2) Training on workplace sexual harassment, discrimination and bullying awareness are provided to prison staff, and managers are required to be familiar with the Department of Justice policies concerning these areas. Prison Officers working in women's prisons are additionally provided with training to understand and respond to women prisoners who have been victims of sexual abuse, and training in specific areas (e.g., strip searching) aims to avoid further victimisation as much as possible.
- (3) Training is conducted by a variety of personnel within the Department of Justice including Employee Relations staff, Learning and Development staff, Staff Development Managers and EEO officers. The content covers information about the definitions and types of sexual assault and harassment, legal issues, how such allegations should be managed, as well as who the appropriate contact officers are at each location. Refresher training is made available at all locations.
- (4) CV was made aware of the alleged sexual assault described in the Victorian Court of Appeals judgement in *R v SH [2006] VSCA 83* on 12 February 2006, when the alleged assault was reported to prison staff at the Dame Phyllis Frost Centre by a fellow prisoner. Upon receiving such information, CV investigated the matter. The prisoner advised prison management that she did not want to lodge a complaint.

Appropriate incident reporting processes were undertaken by CV, including reporting the matter to Victoria Police. On 9 November 2006, CV was informed that the alleged victim had stated to Police that she had been assaulted and requested no further action to be taken.

- (5) As indicated above, given that the alleged victim had requested that no further investigative action be taken and the elapsed time since the alleged assault, the matter was not further investigated by CV.
- (6) The collation of this information represents an unreasonable diversion of Departmental resources. All assaults are reported to Victoria Police for investigation.
- (7) The collation of this information represents an unreasonable diversion of Departmental resources. All assaults are reported to Victoria Police for investigation.
- (8) The collation of this information represents an unreasonable diversion of Departmental resources. All assaults are reported to Victoria Police for investigation.
- (9) Outcomes of the charges would vary depending on the nature of individual matter.
- (10) Corrections Victoria acknowledges the special needs of prisoners who are young, intellectually disabled, Cultural and Linguistically Diverse (CALD), at risk, mentally ill, or who require protection and have policies in place to ensure that they are managed with due care and are provided with safe placement options. Prison and Sentence Management staff assess all prisoners and care is taken to place vulnerable prisoners in safe accommodation throughout their sentences so that the risk of assault is minimised. Prison staff also endeavour to ensure that vulnerable prisoners understand their obligations and rights, and are managed with dignity and respect.

Upon reception to prison, all prisoners are interviewed and given an appropriate placement relevant to their security, medical and safety needs. Additionally, prisoners are given the opportunity to declare any special needs, including specific needs relating to their racial, religious or cultural background. Throughout their imprisonment, prisoners are case managed by trained staff, and are encouraged to alert staff if they believe their personal safety is threatened. Furthermore, prisons are required to adhere to anti-bullying and violence prevention policies.

- (11) CV can refer prisoners who report being victims of sexual assault to the Centre Against Sexual Assault (CASA). Staff from CASA make very regular visits into both women's prisons – the Dame Phyllis Frost Centre (weekly) and Tarrengower Prison. Furthermore, psychiatric and clinical services staff within prisons are able to provide crisis and distress intervention and support to prisoners who are victims of sexual assault. All allegations of sexual assault that occur within a prison environment are routinely referred to Victoria Police for investigation.

### **Mental health: parent support program**

**1609. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): Regarding funding for Anglicare to establish a Parent Support Program 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) How many families received therapeutic support from this program in 2001, 2002 and the first half of 2003.
- (5) 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) \$21k per annum was allocated to establish a Parent Support Program operated by Anglicare.
- (3) Funding was fully expended between January 2001 to June 2003.
- (4) The number of families that received therapeutic support from the program in the specified timeframe was in excess of the target of 50 parents per annum.
- (5) The program was funded in an ongoing capacity at \$23,400 per annum (subject to annual indexation).

**Local government: rates**

**1642. MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Local Government): For the financial years 1999-2000 and 2006-07, what was the Local Government rates excluding garbage charges for each of the following municipalities —

- (a) Kingston;
- (b) Casey;
- (c) Monash;
- (d) Greater Dandenong; and
- (e) Frankston.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Rate revenue, less Garbage Charges, for the following councils for the years 1999-2000 and 2006-07 are as follows:

	<b>1999-2000</b>	<b>2006-07</b>
Kingston	29,873,000	60,096,000
Casey	34,200,000	79,796,170
Monash*	37,567,000	59,749,000
Greater Dandenong	28,820,000	53,918,000
Frankston	23,346,000	45,759,000

\* Monash City Council does not have a separate garbage charge.

**Gaming: syndicate play complaints**

**1649. MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Gaming):

- (1) In relation to patron complaints at Gaming Venues recorded in the Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation Annual Report 2006-07, how many complaints were for syndicate play.
- (2) How many complaints for syndicate play was recorded by the Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation/Victoria Casino and Gaming Authority in each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2005-06.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) One complaint was made alleging syndicate play during the financial year ending 30 June 2007 and recorded in the Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation Annual Report 2006-07.
- (2) The number of complaints alleging syndicate play in each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2005-06 were as follows:

– 1999 – 2000	Nil
– 2000 – 2001	Nil
– 2001 – 2002	3
– 2002 – 2003	8
– 2003 – 2004	1
– 2004 – 2005	3
– 2005 – 2006	Nil

Total: 15

**Police and emergency services: rape offences**

**1651. MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services):

- (1) What was the total reported rape offences in the financial years 1999-2000 and 2006-07 in the following municipalities —
- (a) Kingston;
  - (b) Casey;
  - (c) Monash;
  - (d) Greater Dandenong; and
  - (e) Frankston.
- (2) Of the 2006-07 reported rapes, how many were for offences committed before 2000.

**ANSWER:**

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**Police and emergency services: Bentleigh — crime**

**1657. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services and Emergency Services): How many incidences of the following crimes occurred in the suburb of Bentleigh in the 1999-2000 financial year —

- (a) homicide;
- (b) rape;
- (c) sex (non rape);
- (d) robbery;
- (e) assault;
- (f) abduction/kidnap;

- (g) arson;
- (h) property damage;
- (i) burglary (aggravated);
- (j) burglary (residential);
- (k) burglary (other);
- (l) deception;
- (m) handle stolen goods;
- (n) theft from motor vehicle;
- (o) theft (shopsteal);
- (p) theft of motor vehicle;
- (q) theft of bicycle;
- (r) theft (other);
- (s) drug (cultivation, manufacture and/or trafficking);
- (t) drug (possess, use);
- (u) going equipped to steal;
- (v) justice procedures;
- (w) regulated public order;
- (x) weapons/explosives;
- (y) harassment;
- (z) behaviour in public; and
- (aa) graffiti related crimes.

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**Police and emergency services: Bentleigh — crime**

**1658. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many incidences of the following crimes occurred in the suburb of Bentleigh in the 2000-2001 financial year —

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- (b) rape;
- (c) sex (non rape);
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- (g) arson;
- (h) property damage;
- (i) burglary (aggravated);
- (j) burglary (residential);
- (k) burglary (other);

- (l) deception;
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**Police and emergency services: Bentleigh — crime**

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- (g) arson;
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**Police and emergency services: Bentleigh — crime**

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**Police and emergency services: Bentleigh — crime**

**1661. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many incidences of the following crimes occurred in the suburb of Bentleigh in the 2003-2004 financial year —

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**Police and emergency services: Bentleigh — crime**

**1662. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many incidences of the following crimes occurred in the suburb of Bentleigh in the 2004-2005 financial year —

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**Police and emergency services: Bentleigh — crime**

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**Police and emergency services: Bentleigh — crime**

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**Police and emergency services: Prahran — crime**

**1665.** **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many incidences of the following crimes occurred in the suburb of Prahran in the 1999-2000 financial year —

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**Police and emergency services: Prahran — crime**

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**Police and emergency services: Prahran — crime**

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**Police and emergency services: Prahran — crime**

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- (b) rape;
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**Police and emergency services: Prahran — crime**

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**Police and emergency services: Albert Park — crime**

**1673. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many incidences of the following crimes occurred in the suburb of Albert Park in the 1999-2000 financial year —

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- (b) rape;
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**Police and emergency services: Albert Park — crime**

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- (m) handle stolen goods;
- (n) theft from motor vehicle;
- (o) theft (shopsteal);
- (p) theft of motor vehicle;
- (q) theft of bicycle;
- (r) theft (other);
- (s) drug (cultivation, manufacture and/or trafficking);
- (t) drug (possess, use);
- (u) going equipped to steal;
- (v) justice procedures;
- (w) regulated public order;
- (x) weapons/explosives;
- (y) harassment;
- (z) behaviour in public; and
- (aa) graffiti related crimes.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

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**Police and emergency services: St Kilda — crime**

**1694.** **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many incidences of the following crimes occurred in the suburb of St Kilda in the 2004–2005 financial year —

- (a) homicide;
- (b) rape;
- (c) sex (non rape);
- (d) robbery;
- (e) assault;
- (f) abduction/kidnap;
- (g) arson;
- (h) property damage;
- (i) burglary (aggravated);
- (j) burglary (residential);

- (k) burglary (other);
- (l) deception;
- (m) handle stolen goods;
- (n) theft from motor vehicle;
- (o) theft (shopsteal);
- (p) theft of motor vehicle;
- (q) theft of bicycle;
- (r) theft (other);
- (s) drug (cultivation, manufacture and/or trafficking);
- (t) drug (possess, use);
- (u) going equipped to steal;
- (v) justice procedures;
- (w) regulated public order;
- (x) weapons/explosives;
- (y) harassment;
- (z) behaviour in public; and
- (aa) graffiti related crimes.

**ANSWER:**

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**Police and emergency services: St Kilda — crime**

**1695. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many incidences of the following crimes occurred in the suburb of St Kilda in the 2005–2006 financial year —

- (a) homicide;
- (b) rape;
- (c) sex (non rape);
- (d) robbery;
- (e) assault;
- (f) abduction/kidnap;
- (g) arson;
- (h) property damage;
- (i) burglary (aggravated);
- (j) burglary (residential);
- (k) burglary (other);
- (l) deception;
- (m) handle stolen goods;
- (n) theft from motor vehicle;
- (o) theft (shopsteal);

- (p) theft of motor vehicle;
- (q) theft of bicycle;
- (r) theft (other);
- (s) drug (cultivation, manufacture and/or trafficking);
- (t) drug (possess, use);
- (u) going equipped to steal;
- (v) justice procedures;
- (w) regulated public order;
- (x) weapons/explosives;
- (y) harassment;
- (z) behaviour in public; and
- (aa) graffiti related crimes.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Collation of information in the specific format sought by the honourable member represents an unreasonable diversion of resources by the Department of Justice. Information on the 2006-07 crime statistics for Victoria can be found on the Victoria Police website under *About Victoria Police, Statistics, Crime Statistics*. Further historical information is available in hard copy at the State Library of Victoria.

**Police and emergency services: St Kilda — crime**

**1696. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many incidences of the following crimes occurred in the suburb of St Kilda in the 2006–2007 financial year —

- (a) homicide;
- (b) rape;
- (c) sex (non rape);
- (d) robbery;
- (e) assault;
- (f) abduction/kidnap;
- (g) arson;
- (h) property damage;
- (i) burglary (aggravated);
- (j) burglary (residential);
- (k) burglary (other);
- (l) deception;
- (m) handle stolen goods;
- (n) theft from motor vehicle;
- (o) theft (shopsteal);
- (p) theft of motor vehicle;
- (q) theft of bicycle;
- (r) theft (other);
- (s) drug (cultivation, manufacture and/or trafficking);
- (t) drug (possess, use);

- (u) going equipped to steal;
- (v) justice procedures;
- (w) regulated public order;
- (x) weapons/explosives;
- (y) harassment;
- (z) behaviour in public; and
- (aa) graffiti related crimes.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Collation of information in the specific format sought by the honourable member represents an unreasonable diversion of resources by the Department of Justice. Information on the 2006-07 crime statistics for Victoria can be found on the Victoria Police website under *About Victoria Police, Statistics, Crime Statistics*. Further historical information is available in hard copy at the State Library of Victoria.

**Community services: community residential units — Loddon Mallee region**

**1707. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to Community Residential Units (CRUs) in the Loddon Mallee Region:

- (1) How many CRU beds are there in this region.
- (2) How many days did people waiting for shared supported accommodation who obtained a place in a CRU have to wait on average in 2006-07.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) There are 191 CRU beds in the Loddon Mallee region.
- (2) It is not possible to disaggregate this information from the data source.

**Community services: community residential units — Hume region**

**1708. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to Community Residential Units (CRUs) in the Hume Region:

- (1) How many CRU beds are there in this region.
- (2) How many days did people waiting for shared supported accommodation who obtained a place in a CRU have to wait on average in 2006-07.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) There are 296 CRU beds in the Hume region.
- (2) It is not possible to disaggregate this information from the data source.



**Community services: community residential units — Grampians region**

**1709. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to Community Residential Units (CRUs) in the Grampians Region:

- (1) How many CRU beds are there in this region.
- (2) How many days did people waiting for shared supported accommodation who obtained a place in a CRU have to wait on average in 2006-07.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) There are 354 CRU beds in the Grampians region.
- (2) It is not possible to disaggregate this information from the data source.

**Community services: community residential units — Gippsland region**

**1710. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to Community Residential Units (CRUs) in the Gippsland Region:

- (1) How many CRU beds are there in this region.
- (2) How many days did people waiting for shared supported accommodation who obtained a place in a CRU have to wait on average in 2006-07.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) There are 200 CRU beds in the Gippsland region.
- (2) It is not possible to disaggregate this information from the data source.

**Community services: community residential units — Barwon–south-western region**

**1711. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to Community Residential Units (CRUs) in the Barwon-South Western Region:

- (1) How many CRU beds are there in this region.
- (2) How many days did people waiting for shared supported accommodation who obtained a place in a CRU have to wait on average in 2006-07.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) There are 278 CRU beds in the Barwon-South Western region.
- (2) It is not possible to disaggregate this information from the data source.

**Community services: community residential units — southern metropolitan region**

**1712. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to Community Residential Units (CRUs) in the Southern Metropolitan Region:

- (1) How many CRU beds are there in this region.
- (2) How many days did people waiting for shared supported accommodation who obtained a place in a CRU have to wait on average in 2006-07.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) There are 936 CRU beds in the Southern Metropolitan region.
- (2) It is not possible to disaggregate this information from the data source.

**Community services: community residential units — north and west metropolitan region**

**1713. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to Community Residential Units (CRUs) in the North and West Metropolitan Region:

- (1) How many CRU beds are there in this region.
- (2) How many days did people waiting for shared supported accommodation who obtained a place in a CRU have to wait on average in 2006-07.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) There are 1290 CRU beds in the North and West Metropolitan region.
- (2) It is not possible to disaggregate this information from the data source.

**Community services: community residential units — eastern metropolitan region**

**1714. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to Community Residential Units (CRUs) in the Eastern Metropolitan Region:

- (1) How many CRU beds are there in this region.
- (2) How many days did people waiting for shared supported accommodation who obtained a place in a CRU have to wait on average in 2006-07.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) There are 1243 CRU beds in the Eastern Metropolitan region.
- (2) It is not possible to disaggregate this information from the data source.

**Mental health: social workers**

**1715. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): How many equivalent full time social workers are currently employed in Victoria’s public mental health workforce.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The number of effective full-time staff employed in each service within the public mental health system is determined by Health Services as the employer.

**Mental health: division 1 nurses**

**1716. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): How many equivalent full time Division 1 nurses are currently employed in Victoria’s public mental health workforce.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The number of effective full-time staff employed in each service within the public mental health system is determined by Health Services as the employer.

**Mental health: treatments**

**1717. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to mental health treatments:

- (1) How many mental health treatments were carried out in 2000-01.
- (2) What timeframe did the Government adopt to carry out the 2400 extra mental health treatments promised on page 94 of Budget Paper 2, 2001-02.
- (3) Was this goal reached and by what date.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Service contact information can be found in the *Your Hospitals* report which can be found at: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/yourhospitals/>
- (2-3) As expected, the goal for the additional 2,400 mental health service contacts in hospital emergency departments was achieved in 2001-02.

**Mental health: community care units**

**1718. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to Community Care Units:

- (1) How much funding in the 2007-08 budget was allocated to community care units.
- (2) How many equivalent full time staff are currently employed in Community Care Units.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Funding for Community Care Unit activity is provided to Area Mental Health Services. Information on mental health funding to services can be found in the *Public Hospitals and Mental Health Services Policy and Funding Guidelines* at the following website: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/pfg/>.
- (2) The number of effective full-time staff employed in community care units is determined by Health Services as the employer.

**Mental health: primary mental health teams**

**1719.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to Primary Mental Health Teams:

- (1) How much funding in the 2007-08 budget was allocated to Primary Mental Health Teams.
- (2) How many equivalent full time staff are currently employed in Primary Mental Health Teams.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Funding for primary mental health teams is provided to Area Mental Health Services. Information on mental health funding to services can be found in the *Public Hospitals and Mental Health Services Policy and Funding Guidelines* at the following website: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/pfg/>.
- (2) The number of effective full-time staff employed in primary mental health teams is determined by Health Services as the employer.

**Mental health: mobile support and treatment teams**

**1720.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to Mobile Support and Treatment Teams:

- (1) How much funding in the 2007-08 budget was allocated to Mobile Support and Treatment Teams.
- (2) How many equivalent full time staff are currently employed in Mobile Support and Treatment Teams.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Funding for mobile support and treatment services is provided to Area Mental Health Services. Information on mental health funding to services can be found in the *Public Hospitals and Mental Health Services Policy and Funding Guidelines* at the following website: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/pfg/>.
- (2) The number of effective full-time staff employed in mobile support and treatment services is determined by Health Services as the employer.

**Mental health: continuing care teams**

**1721.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to Continuing Care Teams:

- (1) How much funding in the 2007-08 budget was allocated to Continuing Care Teams.

- (2) How many equivalent full time staff are currently employed in Continuing Care Teams.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Funding for continuing care teams is provided to Area Mental Health Services. Information on mental health funding to services can be found in the *Public Hospitals and Mental Health Services Policy and Funding Guidelines* at the following website: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/pfg/>.
- (2) The number of effective full-time staff employed continuing care teams is determined by Health Services as the employer.

**Mental health: secure extended care units**

**1722. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to Secure Extended Care Units:

- (1) How much funding in the 2007-08 budget was allocated to Secure Extended Care Units.
- (2) How many equivalent full time staff are currently employed in Secure Extended Care Units.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Funding for secure extended care units is provided to Area Mental Health Services. Information on mental health funding to services can be found in the *Public Hospitals and Mental Health Services Policy and Funding Guidelines* at the following website: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/pfg/>.
- (2) The number of effective full-time staff employed in secure extended care units is determined by Health Services as the employer.

**Mental health: dual diagnosis services**

**1723. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to dual diagnosis services: How much funding was the Eastern Dual Diagnosis Team allocated in 2007-08.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Funding for Dual Diagnosis services is provided to Area Mental Health Services. Information on mental health funding to services can be found in the *Public Hospitals and Mental Health Services Policy and Funding Guidelines* at the following website: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/pfg/>.

**Mental health: crisis assessment and treatment teams**

**1724. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to Crisis Assessment and Treatment Teams:

- (1) How much funding in the 2007-08 budget was allocated to Crisis Assessment and Treatment Teams.
- (2) How many equivalent full time staff are currently employed in Crisis Assessment and Treatment Teams.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Funding for Crisis Assessment and Treatment activity is provided to Area Mental Health Services. Information on mental health funding to services can be found in the *Public Hospitals and Mental Health Services Policy and Funding Guidelines* at the following website: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/pfg/>.
- (2) The number of effective full-time staff employed in crisis assessment and treatment teams is determined by Health Services as the employer.

**Senior Victorians: Community Connection program**

**1726. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to the Community Connection 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) \$2.5m.
- (2) \$4.45m.
- (3) Total funding for the 16 service providers in 2007–08 is \$4,445,001.
- (4) The Community Connection Program has been expanded in recent years to address client needs and demand.

**Senior Victorians: supported residential services — service coordination and support program**

**1729. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to the Supported Residential Services (SRS) Service Coordination and Support 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) There was no funding for SRS service co-ordination & support in 2001.
- (2) In 2007-08, a total of \$0.37m.
- (3) In 2007-08, a total of \$0.37m:
- (4) Yes

**Public transport: bus route 200 — service standards**

**1731. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport) In relation to bus route 200 City–Bulleen–Doncaster Shoppingtown in 2006 and 2007:

- (1) What were the patronage numbers.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1) Total ticket validations on bus Route 200 were 462,643 for 2006 and 475,829 for 2007.

(2&3)

Information on the number of bus services cancelled and the number of bus services that ran late by more than five minutes is not collected on an individual route basis. Contracted bus operators provide the Department of Infrastructure with monthly service cancellations and late running data on an aggregate basis.

**Public transport: bus route 201 — service standards**

**1732. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 201 City–Doncaster Shoppingtown (via Belmore Road) in 2006 and 2007:

- (1) What were the patronage numbers.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1) Total ticket validations on bus Route 201 were 400,672 for 2006 and 414,902 for 2007.

(2&3)

Information on the number of bus services cancelled and the number of bus services that ran late by more than five minutes is not collected on an individual route basis. Contracted bus operators provide the Department of Infrastructure with monthly service cancellations and late running data on an aggregate basis.

**Community services: Doncaster family**

**1734. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): Can the Minister please provide an update on the funding issues of a Doncaster family which have dragged on for the last three years without resolution, specifically:

- (1) What are the family’s entitlements.
- (2) When will the monies be paid.
- (3) What is the status of the detailed planning proposal prepared by the family and delivered to the Department on 27 October 2006.
- (4) Will the Minister meet with the Doncaster constituent as requested in efforts to resolve this matter.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

It is not considered appropriate to reveal private information relating to departmental clients and their families.

**Police and emergency services: Ferntree Gully railway station — police attendance**

**1737. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services):

- (1) How many incidents requiring police attendance occurred at Ferntree Gully railway station in each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2006-07 and for the first 6 months of the 2007-08 financial year.
- (2) How many assaults, robberies or other violent crimes occurred at Ferntree Gully railway station in each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2006-07 and for the first 6 months of the 2007-08 financial year.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Collation of information in the specific format sought by the honourable member represents an unreasonable diversion of resources by the Department of Justice. Information on the 2006-07 crime statistics for Victoria can be found on the Victoria Police website under *About Victoria Police, Statistics, Crime Statistics*. Further historical information is available in hard copy at the State Library of Victoria.

**Health: Ferntree Gully railway station — ambulance service attendance**

**1738. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): How many times has an ambulance attended the Ferntree Gully railway station in each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2006-07 and for the first 6 months of the 2007-08 financial year.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The information you seek is not held by the Department of Human Services.

**Housing: home loan schemes**

**1740. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to Victorian Government home loans schemes between 1984-90, such as CAPIL (Capital Indexed Loans), the Deferred Interest Scheme and Indexed Repayment Loans:

- (1) How many borrowers remain in the schemes.
- (2) How many borrowers have loans that are not expected to pay out in 35 years from the time the loan was originated.
- (3) Are there any borrowers whose loan balance now exceeds the value of their home; if so, how many and is the Government planning any action to assist those borrowers.
- (4) What is the estimated increase in asset value the Office of Housing has gained over its part ownership in homes due to the increase in property prices as a result of entering into co-ownership agreements with borrowers since the Home Loan Support Package was put in place.



**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The number of post 1983 home finance agreements in place as at 30 January 2008 was 2,094.
- (2) The expected pay out date of post 1983 loans depends on a range of factors that change from time to time. In particular, the unique feature of the loans with capped repayments based on income means that changes in borrower income significantly affect payout dates. Other factors which affect the date include interest rates, extra repayments made by borrowers, and how and when borrowers choose to access the Home Loan Support Package.
- (3) Using estimates of price movements based on Valuer General's Office data it appears that the vast majority of borrowers with a post 1983 loan should not have a debt that exceeds the property value. However, there may be individual exceptions due to factors such as property condition and local market conditions. Provided they have complied with the mortgage conditions, borrowers in this situation are eligible for support under the Home Loan Support Package.
- (4) A formal valuation takes place when the co-owner elects to sell the property, or purchase the Director of Housing's share in the property. Only then can any gain or loss be determined.

**Education: FOI Solutions**

- 1749. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In table form, what was the expenditure by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development in each of the financial years 2002-03 to 2007-08 inclusive on Mr Nick Batskos and his company FOI Solutions, providing in each case —
- (a) the date on which the tender or contract was entered into;
  - (b) the matter involved;
  - (c) the total expenditure by the Department on that matter;
  - (d) the date on which the matter was finalised; and
  - (e) whether the payments in each case were the result of a formal tender, or other formal process, or were simply awarded to Mr Batskos.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has not entered into any contracts with FOI Solutions for it to provide advice to or act on the Department's behalf in any matter.

**Community services: disability services — specialist health services**

- 1765. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to extra funding for children with disabilities announced on 28 March 2000:
- (1) What was the increase in funding to specialist health services for children with disabilities between March 2000 and March 2004
  - (2) How was the use of these funds evaluated.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The question raised sits within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development.

**Community services: child protection and care services**

**1766.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to a pledge of \$7.8 million for improved child protection and care services made in the 2000-01 budget:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the 2000-01 financial year.
- (2) How was the use of these funds evaluated.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) \$7.8 million
- (2) Through existing program and funding review mechanisms

**Community services: child protection workers**

**1767.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$300,000 worth of funding promised in the 2000-01 budget to develop an improved protective worker orientation program and a leadership development program:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the 2000-01 financial year.
- (2) How many workers went through the improved protective worker orientation program in the 2000-01 financial year.
- (3) How many workers went through the leadership development program in the 2000-01 financial year.
- (4) Were these programs ongoing; if so, for what period.
- (5) How was the use of these funds evaluated.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) \$0.3 million.
- (2) It is not possible to determine attendance due to manual data storage constraints.
- (3) It is not possible to determine attendance due to manual data storage constraints.
- (4) Yes, since 2000-01.
- (5) Through existing program and funding review mechanisms.

**Community services: family support**

**1768. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$1.7 million worth of funding promised in the 2000-01 budget for the purpose of supporting vulnerable families:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the 2000-01 financial year.
- (2) How many more vulnerable families were assisted in the 2000-01 financial year using these funds.
- (3) How was the use of these funds evaluated.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The entire allocation of \$1.7m was expended in 2000-01.
- (2) It is not possible to quantify the number of vulnerable families supported due to data system limitations at that time.
- (3) Through existing program and funding review mechanisms.

**Community services: early intervention services**

**1770. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$1.8 million worth of funding promised in the 2000-01 budget for improved early intervention services:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the 2000-01 financial year.
- (2) What was the average waiting time for these services prior to the expenditure of these additional funding.
- (3) What was the average waiting time for these services following the expenditure of the additional funding.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The question raised sits within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development.

**Community services: family support**

**1771. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$250,000 worth of funding promised in the 2000-01 budget to strengthen parent support:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the 2000-01 financial year.
- (2) How many extra Regional Parent Support workers were employed in 2000-01 financial year with these funds.
- (3) What was the location of each extra worker employed.
- (4) How was the use of these funds evaluated.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The question raised sits within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development.

**Community services: family support**

**1787. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$1.7 million worth of funding promised on 6 September 2000 for the Family Support Sector:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the 2000-01 financial year.
- (2) Are these funds the same funds that were announced as part of the budget.
- (3) How was the use of these funds evaluated.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The entire allocation of \$1.7m was expended in 2000-01.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Through existing program and funding review mechanisms.

**Senior Victorians: Nathalia hospital and aged care**

**1798. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to the construction of the district hospital and aged care redevelopment in Nathalia:

- (1) Has construction begun; if not, when is construction expected to begin.
- (2) When is the completion date scheduled.
- (3) How much is the Government expected to spend on the redevelopment.
- (4) How much has been spent to date.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Construction is scheduled to begin in April 2008.
- (2) Completion of construction is scheduled for December 2009.
- (3) The Government estimates that a total of \$18.0 million will be spent on the redevelopment.
- (4) A total of approximately \$1.1 million has been spent to date on the redevelopment. This includes expenditure on design fees, site surveying and preliminaries.

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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

**Thursday, 10 April 2008**

**Education: Parliamentary Secretary for Education**

- 801. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): Between 25 November 2006 and 2 August, 2007, what support was provided for Ms Fiona Richardson, MP and at what cost, in her capacity as Parliamentary Secretary for Education 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 her, 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 informed as follows:

The accounts payment database for the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development was searched using the applicable charge codes.

The only result of the search was telephone costs totalling \$1,435.25.

**Planning: ministerial expenses**

- 959. MR GUY** — To ask the Minister for Planning: What furniture items and electrical goods were purchased for the Minister's private office since November 2006 and what was the total and itemised cost of these items.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The total cost of furniture and electrical goods purchased for my private office was \$47,526. The items were —

- Television \$359
- Desktop PC \$1205
- Shelving, Storage and Joinery \$14,325
- Conference tables and Seating \$22,289
- Corporate Workstation \$8,470
- Ergonomic Chair \$878

This is the first refurbishment of this office since the 1990's. The furniture previously occupying this office has been re-used, consistent with departmental policy.

**Agriculture: media and communications staff**

**1416. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Agriculture): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Department of Primary Industries and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Department.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Department of Primary Industries which covers the portfolios of Agriculture and Energy and Resources during 2006-07 was \$6,287,488.51. This figure includes advertising, printed material, design and publishing, multimedia, exhibitions, rural show displays, sponsorship, promotional activities, public relations events, communications, and staff expenditure. There were 37.10 full time equivalent staff employed in media and communication roles during that period.

**Water: Mount Waverley Bowling Club**

**1650. MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): In relation to the drainage systems around Mount Waverley Bowling Club: What are the last three inspection dates that Melbourne Water attended the site.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The last three dates on which Melbourne Water inspected the drainage systems around the Mount Waverley Bowling Club are 17 February 2008, 21 December 2007 and 22 December 2007.

**Senior Victorians: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day conference**

**1801. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in 2007:

- (1) How many people attended the 15 June 2007 conference hosted by the then Department of Victorian Communities.
- (2) What was the estimated cost of this Conference.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) On 15 June 2007, 136 participants attended the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.
- (2) The cost to conduct the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day conference was \$19,253 (GST inclusive).