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The portfolio of the minister answering the question on notice starts each heading.*

**Wednesday, 7 May 2008**

**Roads and ports: Doncaster Crown land**

**139. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To the Minister for Industry and State Development (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): Can the Minister provide descriptions of, and where available the addresses of, all Crown owned land in the electorate of Doncaster relating to his portfolio and indicate whether the Government intends to sell any of this land or acquire any new land in the Doncaster electorate.

**ANSWER:**

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

The sale of Crown land is the responsibility of the Minister for Finance.

**Environment and climate change: alpine resort management boards**

**514. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: With reference to the entry ‘Alpine Resorts, section 3.4.3 Entity control environments’ on page 42 of the Auditor-General’s Report on *Results of Financial Statement Audits for Agencies with other than 30 June 2006 Balance Dates*, relating to a refund of \$1,100 claimed by a board member for attending a political fundraising event:

- (1) What is the name of the board member.
- (2) What was the name of the event.
- (3) What was the name of the person hosting the event.
- (4) What is the name of the Member of Parliament for whose benefit the event was held.
- (5) What was the date of the event.
- (6) What date was the claim made by the board member for the refund.
- (7) What date was the refund paid to the board member.
- (8) Did the board member pay the refund back to the Resort Board, and if so, on what date.
- (9) What documentation was provided by the board member in support of the refund.
- (10) Who approved the refund.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The attendance of individuals at a political fundraising event is not an issue that lies within my portfolio responsibilities but is a private matter for the person in question.

In 2007, the Department of Sustainability and Environment commissioned KPMG to undertake an independent audit of financial procedures and policies at the Alpine Resort Management Boards and the Alpine Resorts Co-ordinating Council. The report’s findings and recommendations were released in December 2007. The Boards and the Council welcomed KPMG’s recommendations and committed to introducing stringent management actions to address the recommendations.

The reimbursement in question was one of the matters KPMG’s review considered. KPMG noted that the Board’s policies have been updated to prevent a recurrence of this situation.

**Police and emergency services: Victorian Law Enforcement Drug Fund**

**943. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to the Victorian Law Enforcement Drug Fund for each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2006-07:

- (1) How much funding went into the fund and from what source.
- (2) How much from the fund was spent on programs and initiatives.
- (3) Exactly what initiatives and programs were funded, and for how much, in each of these years.
- (4) What was the remaining balance of the Fund for each of these years.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) The table below shows how much funding went into the Victorian Law Enforcement Drug Fund (VLEDF) for each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2006-07. The source of the funds was the Department of Human Services.

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>Revenue</b>
1999-2000	\$1,026,800
2000-01	\$1,118,341
2001-02	\$1,026,800
2002-03	-
2003-04	\$1,026,800
2004-05	-
2005-06	-
2006-07	-

Note that there is no requirement to hold a VLEDF funding round each year.

- (2) Four funding rounds were held during the period in which information is requested. The total amount of funds allocated to programs/initiatives were:

<b>Funding round initiated</b>	<b>Funding allocated to programs/initiatives</b>
1999-2000	\$900,329
2000-01	\$1,183,242
2001-02	\$1,125,795
2003-04	\$959,337

Funds under each of these rounds were expended across more than one financial year, and project lengths and commencement dates varied.

While the majority of funds were expended on programs and initiatives selected by the VLEDF Committee, some funds were also expended on the promotion and administration of the VLEDF, including costs associated with advertising each funding round.

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- (3) The attached table lists the programs and initiatives funded in each round and the organisations funded to implement them.
- (4) The table below provides the balance of VLEDF funds at the end of each financial year.

Financial year	Closing balance
1999-2000	\$924,060
2000-01	\$1,298,279
2001-02	\$2,031,215
2002-03	\$1,687,500
2003-04	\$1,965,225
2004-05	\$1,402,506
2005-06	\$1,072,998
2006-07	\$641,704

Title	Organisation	Funds	Objectives
<b>2003-04 round</b>			
'Best Practice' and effective drug and alcohol responses for young people in public places	Victoria Police Licensing Services Branch	93,500	Identify security personnel interactions with at risk young people involved in alcohol or drug abuse in recreational settings. Come up with a best practice response framework as a blueprint for management of drug and alcohol affected young people in entertainment venues.
Empowering Young Crime Stoppers	Crime Stoppers Victoria Ltd	127,900	Increase the proportion of calls to Crime Stoppers by young people by encouraging them to report crime, including drug and alcohol related offences in which young people are over-represented and more exposed to.
Evaluation: Empowering Young Crime Stoppers	RLP consulting	16,000	Evaluation of the Empowering Young Crime Stoppers program
Frankston Drink Safe Project	Frankston City Council	32,000	Develop individual and community focused strategies to target risky alcohol consumption and its effects on the community in order to reduce the incidence of alcohol related violence and crime. Raise awareness around alcohol consumption and increase the community's capacity to manage anti-social behaviours attributed to intoxication, particularly around the entertainment precinct of Frankston.
Right Time, Right Place	Monashlink Community Health Service Inc.-EDAS (Eastern Drug and Alcohol Service)	89,737	Build on a series of trial programs that deliver alcohol and drug counselling, prevention and education. Target high risk young people aged 15-19 attending a Year 10 equivalent course who do not attend other educational settings for reasons including drug use, criminal activity, homelessness, etc.
Evaluation: Right Time, Right Place	Independent	15,000	Evaluation of the Right Time, Right Place program

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Title	Organisation	Funds	Objectives
<b>2003-04 cont...</b>			
Reassurance Policing Project: Braybrook and Maidstone	DHS, Northern and West Metropolitan Region	94,000	Address critical residence crime and safety related issues and respond to the poor community perceptions of the police. Provide local residents with a positive sense of security by identifying and targeting 'signal crimes and disorders' (crimes that negatively impact on perceptions of public safety) that influence public behaviour. Focus on helping the community to identify these crimes and work with local police to address not only crimes themselves but also causal factors.
Evaluation: Reassurance Policing Project: Braybrook and Maidstone	MGN Consultancy	25,000	Evaluation of the Neighbourhood Renewal Reassurance Policing Project in Braybrook and Maidstone
Alternative Options for underage drinkers in the Macedon Ranges Shire	COBAW Community Health Service Inc	91,200	Locally based diversion model to target young people under 18 residing in the Macedon Ranges Shire who come to the attention of police for alcohol consumption. Focus not on arrests but on those who 'come to the attention' of police. Based on best practice models of diversion. Focuses on developing a model that provides referral pathways between police and the service system.
Evaluation: Alternative Options for underage drinkers in the Macedon Ranges Shire	Turning Point	25,000	Evaluation of the alternative Options for underage drinkers in the Macedon Ranges Shire project
The Chaos Effect	Goulburn Valley Community Health Service Inc	144,008	Employ a coordinator to provide mentoring to address drug, alcohol and violent crime, with a specific focus on Indigenous Youth in and around the Shepparton community. Create broad community facilitation in addressing alcohol and drug related violent crime specific to Koori youth, using a mentoring model involving both Koori and non-Koori local people.
Evaluation: The Chaos Effect	Independent	15,992	Evaluation of the Chaos Effect project
Plenty Valley Community Health	NART	90,000	Work collaboratively with the police in a harm minimisation framework to reduce arrestees' involvement with the criminal justice system and reduce the risk of re-offending. Implement across 2004-05.
Plenty Valley Community Health	NART	100,000	Work collaboratively with the police in a harm minimisation framework to reduce arrestees' involvement with the criminal justice system and reduce the risk of re-offending. Implement across 2005-06.
<b>2003-04 TOTAL</b>		<b>959,337</b>	

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Title	Organisation	Funds	Objectives
<b>2001-02 round</b>			
Advanced Drink Driver	Kelrick Group	85,613	Trial a new, advanced education program tailored to repeat drink driving offenders, which is specifically geared towards addressing the factors underlying recidivist drink driving behaviour. Evaluative the efficacy of repeat drink driver education, and identify best practice in education and alcohol/psychological screening to change attitudes in repeat offenders about drinking and driving.
Evaluation: Advanced Drink Driver	Dynamic Outcomes	15,000	Evaluate the new Advanced Drink Driver program.
Drug Encryption Project	VicPol	163,861	Increase expertise and knowledge of encryption and capabilities relating to encrypted information in order to develop and gather intelligence on sophisticated drug trafficking.
Ballarat Wanderers Mentoring Program	Athlete Development Australia	70,400	Build resiliency and decision making skills of young Indigenous people of the Ballarat region to reduce their involvement in drugs, alcohol and other anti-social behaviours. Develop increased individual skill sets through involvement in programs that are of a positive diversionary nature.
Evaluation: Ballarat Wanderers Mentoring Program	Beyond blue	14,895	Evaluate the Ballarat Wanderers Mentoring Program
Research into Family Violence in Indigenous Communities relating to drug and alcohol abuse	VicPol - Family Violence Unit	77,125	Identify evidence-based good practice strategies to deal with family incidents in which alcohol and other drugs are implicated, where strategies are consistent with a criminal justice response and in keeping with indigenous community values.
Evaluation: Research into Family Violence	Independent	10,000	Process and qualitative evaluation of the Research into Family Violence project, including stakeholder consultation.
Getting Out and How To Survive It	Victorian Assoc'n for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders	118,514	Provide useful information via a video for prisoners to assist in the transition back into the community, resulting in decreased risk of reoffending and substance abuse.
Evaluation: Getting Out and How To Survive It	Turning Point	14,861	Evaluation assessing the appropriateness of the information in the "Getting out and How to Survive it" video and the perceived effectiveness of the video and subsequent use by ex-prisoners.

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<b>2001-02 cont...</b>			
Purple Room Support Services	Whitelion	57,838	Provide young women who are in custody and leaving custody with opportunities to participate in positive activities, relationship and community involvement. Provide support services and linkages which will ultimately aim to reduce reoffending and risky behaviours and the incidence of drug overdoses and other harm-related incidents, which often result from social alienation and disconnection.
Evaluation: Purple Room Support Service	Anne Markiewicz	10,000	Evaluation of the Purple Room Support Services, building on previous evaluations.
Project Taylor - Offender/suspect Alcohol & Drug Data Collection System	VicPol - State Traffic Advisors Office	190,000	Develop a new Offender/Suspect Drink and Drug Survey data set for Victoria Police LEAP data collection system. The system provides a "real time" picture of the involvement of alcohol, and to a lesser extent other licit and illicit drugs, in crime across Victoria.
Evaluation: Project Taylor	Independent	10,000	Process and qualitative evaluation of the Project Taylor project, including stakeholder consultation.
Hustling for Health	Inner Self Community Health Services	27,241	Encourage increased levels of reporting of offences (in particular assault) against sex workers and reduce the impact of drug use resulting in improved amenity and community safety.
High Water Theatre - Breaking the Cycle Rural Youth Project	Somebody's Daughter Theatre Co	120,175	Encourage increased levels of self esteem through participation and involvement in live theatre performance and workshops resulting in reduced substance abuse.
Evaluation: High Water Theatre	Independent	15,000	Evaluation of the High Water Theatre project - process/qualitative evaluation including interviews.
Narrowcast Community Education program to Reduce Harms Associated with Drink Spiking	Convenience Advertising	121,422	Conduct an education program to promote awareness of risks relating to drink spiking in licenses premises through the prominent display of information in toilets.
Evaluation: Narrowcast Community Education program to Reduce Harms Associated with Drink Spiking	Independent	3,850	Evaluation of the Narrowcast Community Education program to Reduce Harms Associated with Drink Spiking.
<b>2001-02 TOTAL</b>		<b>1,125,795</b>	

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<b>2000-01 round</b>			
Breathing Easy - The Eastern Region Licit Substance Community Safety Project	Salvation Army	83,392	Build up the community's capacity to cope with violence and harm caused by young people's alcohol and inhalant use. Develop and trial a number of resources to assist the local community, offering practical harm reduction and supply reduction strategies.
Place and Space	Kingston City Council	69,960	Conduct research to inform the development of a set of guidelines for public management. Identify 14 locations within three LGA's for implementation and then evaluate the impact of these interventions by comparing perceptions of crime and safety and reported crime with those at 14 'control' locations.
Making the Difference	Inner Eastern City Health Service Inc	145,750	Using an assertive outreach model, provide post release support to women leaving the Dame Phyllis Frost Centre who have had a history of illicit drug use.
Extending Prisoners' survival guide to the community	Victorian Assoc'n for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders	54,510	Produce and <i>Ex-prisoners' Survival Guide</i> to the Community to assist men and women to navigate their reintegration into the community. Provide ex-prisoners with a concise, comprehensive resource to facilitate easy access to community resources.
Ballarat Arrest Referral Program	Uniting Care Outreach Centre	28,032	Direct persons with substance issues, who are in custody in Ballarat police cells, to emotional, social and welfare support services in order to reduce problematic behaviour.
Can It	Darebin City Council	27,836	Develop a local area strategy for the complex issue of inhalant misuse through an innovative action research model. Develop a partnership approach between all stakeholders to establish a working model that can be applied at the local level.
Kids and Chroming	VicPol	7,165	Address the practice of inhalant abuse by Aboriginal children in the Swan Hill Area. Conduct a workshop to provide education regarding the dangers of this practice and a forum to exchange information between the relevant parties including the Aboriginal community, Police and support agencies.
Community Education to reduce harm associated with drink spiking	Convenience Advertising	71,360	Establish a public health and safety partnership to reduce drug related harm and crime within the community. Deliver and evaluate targeted messages to patrons for licensed venues about drink spiking and sexual assault.

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Title	Organisation	Funds	Objectives
<b>2000-01 cont...</b>			
Program to reduce assaults in entertainment venues and other licensed premises	VicPol	110,000	Collect information in partnership with hospitals regarding all assault victims and incidents at licensed premises in order to reduce injuries and incidents, reduce demand for police and hospital services, and enhance community safety. Undertake qualitative and quantitative analysis to support prevention strategies.
Urban Dreaming Recovery Project	Centre for Creative Ministries	60,500	Assist the recovery from drug and alcohol addiction of a group of Koori men and women using music therapy including: songwriting; the acquisition of musical and vocal skills' the recording of a CD; and a tour of recovery centres in Victoria.
The Open Gate Project	Strathbogie Shire Council	15,356	Reduce offending and anti-social behaviour in young people by involving them in a community theatre project and public forum based on young people's stories about drugs.
Role Model/Mentor Program	Whitelion Inc	63,400	Promote community connectedness as a demand reduction strategy to reduce the incidence of drug taking and subsequent offending. Target young people within the Custodial Juvenile Justice System and young people living in isolated rural communities.
Drug Use Monitoring in Australia (DUMA)	Crime Prevention Victoria	174,772	Interview and test people arrested by police to provide timely, accurate information on the extent of their drug use, the nature of the local drug market and the demand for treatment amongst arrestees. Provide data for local agencies and allow comparisons with those jurisdictions (NSW, WA and QLD) which already have implemented such a program.
Drug-drive evaluation and video resource development	Moreland Hall - Uniting Care Outreach Centre	105,593	Undertake a detailed content, process and outcome evaluation of the pilot phase of the Drug Driver Education Program (education prevention for 'impaired driving legislation'), then develop an audiovisual education aid to support the education program.
Evaluation of Bendigo Prison Drug Treatment Program	Melbourne Enterprises International Ltd	165,616	Establish the Bendigo Prison Drug Treatment Program as a model for in-prison drug treatment programs by analysing issues such as: How successful the program is in changing prisoners' drug-using behaviour and offending behaviour; and How the program's clinical, environmental, cultural and management elements contribute to the achievement of its goals?
<b>2000-01 TOTAL</b>		<b>1,183,242</b>	

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Title	Organisation	Funds	Objectives
<b>1999-00 round</b>			
Drink Drive and Other Drugs Resources Materials	Victorian Association of Drink Driver Services	108,900	Develop a video and educational materials to be used in drink/driving and drug/driving education programs for persons convicted of drink driving. Develop drink driver education resources for use in programs provided for culturally and linguistically diverse communities.
Mapping the Impact of Drug Abuse	City of Greater Dandenong	140,500	Establish and evaluate an integrated local database on the impact of drug abuse in the Greater Dandenong area. Help local agencies address issues, and plan and implement innovative responses to emerging trends in drug and alcohol use. Provide a model for future data analysis and leverage multi-agency support.
Wyndham Youth Justice Project	Werribee Legal Service	79,563	Pilot a youth legal service, produce research on drug and crime issues, facilitate a Youth Justice Group and set up a volunteer register for the Independent Person program.
Involvement of Alcohol & Other Drugs in Violent and Unexplained Deaths	Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine	90,640	Study the involvement of drugs in violent deaths, focusing on understanding the role of amphetamines (including ecstasy), heroin, methadone, morphine, cocaine, cannabis, benzo-diazapines and anti-psychotic drugs. Revise the Coroner-s Court inquests and related trial materials from the County and Supreme Courts.
Sentinel surveillance of Hepatitis C virus infection in Victorian correction facilities	Macfarlane Burnet Centre for Medical Research	164,482	Estimate the prevalence of Hepatitis C in prisons. Develop conclusions in consultation with the Office of Correctional Services Commissioner and the Corrections Health Board.
City of Glen Eira Public Space Safety Strategy	Glen Eira City Council	11,000	Develop a sound understanding of safety in public spaces, identify real and perceived threats, and develop sustainable strategies that include young people while reducing the fears of older people.
RAVE On	Mornington Peninsula Shire Council	33,258	Reduce the incidence of injury at parties and develop a resource guide for young people and families to help them discuss alcohol consumption, and its effect on driving, parties and relationships, with particular consideration to the use of drugs and 'gate crashing' at rave parties. Develop an Internet site promoting safer party strategies.
Ethnospecific drug and crime information strategy for the Indochinese community	Cambodian Association of Victoria	59,829	Develop a drug and crime information strategy specific to the needs of the Cambodian community in South East Melbourne. Design information materials for use by schools, welfare bodies and police.

Title	Organisation	Funds	Objectives
<b>1999-00 cont...</b>			
Families Helping Families	Lakes Entrance Community Health Centre	130,983	Support isolated rural families who are victims of substance abuse, including alcohol, in Bairnsdale, Lakes Entrance, Orbost, Cann River, Mallacoota, Omeo and Swifts Creek.
Operation counterfoil	Victoria Police	81,174	Provide policy-makers with a good understanding of the reasons provided by young people for carrying knives, syringes and bladed weapons, and their perceptions and attitudes towards crime involving these weapons. Recommend strategies to reduce the carrying of these weapons.
<b>1999-00 TOTAL</b>		<b>900,329</b>	

**Water: minister's office — expenses**

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

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

I was appointed Minister for Water on 3 August 2007. However, the records of the Department of Sustainability and Environment indicate the following information regarding costs incurred by the former Minister for Water, Environment and Climate Change and his staff:

- (a) The payment of salaries of ministerial staff is the responsibility of the Premier and the Department of Premier and Cabinet.
- (b) The employment of ministerial staff is the responsibility of the Premier and the Department of Premier and Cabinet.
- (c) Recurrent costs of \$163,000 were incurred for the specified period for the office accommodation of the Minister for Water, Environment and Climate Change and Deputy Premier. These costs were charged by the Department of Treasury and Finance.
- (d) No international flights were undertaken during the specified period.
- (e) No costs for domestic flights were incurred during the specified period.

- (f) No costs for charter flights were incurred during the specified period.
- (g) No international travel related expenses were incurred during the specified period.
- (h) Domestic travel related expenses totalling \$9,231 were incurred during the specified period.
- (i) A total of \$1962 was incurred for official hospitality and stakeholder meetings held during the specified period.
- (j) No alcohol expenses were incurred during the specified period.

**Community development: minister's office — expenses**

**989. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): Between 25 November 2006 and 2 August 2007 what are the details of expenses of the office of the Minister for:

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

**ANSWER:**

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

- (a) Ministerial staff are employed by the Department of Premier and Cabinet
- (b) Ministerial staff are employed by the Department of Premier and Cabinet
- (c) Ministerial costs relating to office operating expenses for the period 25th November 2006 to 2th August 2007 were \$80,964.65.
- (d) Information relating to international flights can be found at [www.diird.vic.gov.au](http://www.diird.vic.gov.au)
- (e) Ministerial and office domestic flight expenses for the period 25th November 2006 to 2th August 2007 were \$910.13.
- (f) Ministerial costs relating to charter flights for the period 25th November 2006 to 2th August 2007 was \$1491.66.
- (g) Information relating to travel related expenses (international) can be found at [www.diird.vic.gov.au](http://www.diird.vic.gov.au)
- (h) Ministerial travel costs excluding flights for the period 25th November 2006 to 2th August 2007 was \$334.78. This includes meals and accommodation required for overnight domestic travel.
- (i) One component of the Ministerial office budget is hospitality and entertainment expenses. From time to time hospitality is provided for functions held by my office. Hospitality and entertainment expenses for my office are moderate.

- (j) During the period of 25th November 2006 to 2th August 2007 Ministerial alcohol purchases was kept to a minimum and was \$123.69. This amount includes gifts.

**Police and emergency services: minister's office — expenses**

**998. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): Between 25 November 2006 and 2 August 2007 what are the details of expenses of the office of the Minister for:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

According to the Department of Justice's (DoJ) Oracle Financial System, the office of the Minister for Police, Emergency Services & Corrections incurred the following costs for the period 25-November-2006 to 02-August-2007 inclusive:

- (a) & (b) Salaries & on-costs & numbers of Ministerial staff - as Ministerial staff are employed by the Department of Premier & Cabinet, DoJ's Oracle Financial System does not include details relating to these staff.
- (c) Office Operating Costs:  
Stationery & Consumables - \$15,625.77  
Office Equipment Maintenance - \$1,653.08.
- (d) International Flights—Nil.
- (e) & (f) Domestic Flights (including charter flights) - \$14,567.08.
- (g) Travel Related Expenses (domestic) - \$3,964.81.
- (h) Travel Related Expenses (international)—Nil.
- (i) Entertainment/hospitality expenses - \$1,915.81.
- (j) Alcohol—Nil.

**Consumer affairs: minister's office — expenses**

**1001. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs): Between 25 November 2006 and 2 August 2007 what are the details of expenses of the office of the Minister for:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

The expenses for the Office of the Minister for Consumer Affairs and the Minister for Gaming between 25 November 2006 and 2 August 2007 were:

Staff salaries and on-costs	Ministerial staff are employed and paid by the Department of Premier and Cabinet. Financial information is not available through the Department of Justice.  NB: FBT costs of \$5238.00 were paid by the Department of Justice in relation to Ministerial staff.
Number of Ministerial staff	Ministerial staff are employed and paid by the Department of Premier and Cabinet. Financial information is not available through the Department of Justice.
Other Ministerial office operating costs:	\$141,346.00
International Flights	\$0.00
Domestic Flights	\$931.00
Charter Flights	\$0.00
Travel related expenses (International)	\$0.00
Travel related expenses (Domestic)	\$2,327.00
Entertainment/hospitality expenses	\$0.00
Alcohol costs	\$0.00

**Energy and resources: minister's office — expenses**

**1007. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): Between 25 November 2006 and 2 August 2007 what are the details of expenses of the office of the Minister for:

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

**ANSWER:**

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

- (a) Ministerial staff are employed by the Department of Premier and Cabinet
- (b) Ministerial staff are employed by the Department of Premier and Cabinet
- (c) Ministerial office operating expenses for the period 25th November 2006 to 2th August 2007 was \$80,964.65.
- (d) Information relating to international flights can be found at [www.diird.vic.gov.au](http://www.diird.vic.gov.au)
- (e) Costs for domestic flights incurred by the Ministerial office for the period 25th November 2006 to 2th August 2007 was \$2,663.62.
- (f) Ministerial expenses for charter flights for the period 25th November 2006 to 2th August 2007 was \$4,881.67.
- (g) Information relating to travel related expenses (international) can be found at [www.diird.vic.gov.au](http://www.diird.vic.gov.au)
- (h) Costs incurred by the Ministerial office for domestic travel excluding flights for the period 25th November 2006 to 2th August 2007 was \$689.33. This includes accommodation and meals for overnight domestic travel.
- (i) One component of the Ministerial office budget is hospitality and entertainment expenses. From time to time hospitality is provided for functions held by my office. Hospitality and entertainment expenses for my office are moderate.
- (j) Ministerial expenditure on alcohol was kept to a minimum for the period 25th November 2006 to 2th August 2007 and was \$123.68. This amount includes gifts.

**Energy and resources: departmental staff — travel expenses**

**1038. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to expenditure on domestic air travel by the Department of Primary Industries in 2006-07: What proportion of expenditure was related to carriage by —

- (a) Jetstar;
- (b) Qantas;
- (c) Regional Express;
- (d) Virgin Blue;
- (e) other scheduled carriers; and
- (f) chartered flights.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

To provide details as requested would be an unreasonable diversion of my Department's resources. To ascertain the proportion of expenditure that was incurred in relation to each international carrier would require an analysis of the individual transactions that were included in payments via corporate cards or to travel booking agents.

**Energy and resources: departmental staff — travel expenses**

**1039. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to expenditure on international air travel by the Department of Primary Industries in 2006-07: What proportion of expenditure was related to carriage by —

- (a) Air China;
- (b) Air New Zealand;
- (c) Air Pacific;
- (d) Cathay Pacific;
- (e) China Eastern;
- (f) Emirates;
- (g) Garuda Indonesia;
- (h) Jetstar;
- (i) Malaysia Airlines;
- (j) Qantas;
- (k) Singapore Airlines;
- (l) Thai Airways International;
- (m) United Airlines;
- (n) Vietnam Airlines; and
- (o) other scheduled carriers.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

To provide details as requested would be an unreasonable diversion of my Department's resources. To identify expenditure that was incurred by each domestic air carrier would require an analysis of individual transactions forming payments via corporate card or to travel booking agents.

**Roads and ports: VicRoads — licence and registration renewals**

**1095. MR KOCH** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): in relation to licences issued during October 2006 and October 2007:

- (1) In each month how many licence renewals did VicRoads issue.

- (2) How many of these licenses in each month were for a —
  - (a) car;
  - (b) motorcycle;
  - (c) light rigid vehicle;
  - (d) medium rigid vehicle;
  - (e) heavy rigid vehicle;
  - (f) heavy combination vehicle; and
  - (g) multi combination vehicle.
- (3) Were all licences above issued by VicRoads prior to their expiry dates; if not, how many in each category were late.
- (4) In each month, were there any postcodes where VicRoads sent out licence renewals late; if so, what postcodes featured 10 or more times in either month and how many instances of late renewals were there for each postcode.
- (5) How many complaints were received by VicRoads as a result of late renewals in each month.
- (6) How many motorists had to provide roadworthy certificates for vehicles whose registrations expired in each month.
- (7) Has VicRoads waived the requirement for roadworthy certificates due to motorists claiming that they had not received registration renewal notices; if so, in what months were any such waivers agreed to and how many were agreed to in each month.
- (8) How many roadworthy certificates for vehicles were received by VicRoads in each month between October 2006 and October 2007.

**ANSWER:**

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

The number of licence renewal notices issued was:

October 2006	-	55,503
October 2007	-	23,473

VicRoads advises that it is unable to provide the information requested in question 2 as it would place an unnecessary burden on its resources.

I am advised that in relation to questions 3 and 4, there were no late renewal notices sent.

The registered operator of a vehicle is not required to provide a roadworthy certificate when the registration of a vehicle is renewed at the expiry of the registration period.

Roadworthy certificates are generally required when the registration of a vehicle is transferred and upon re-registration of a vehicle (where the registration has been cancelled). Cancellation results from the renewal payment not being received within the 3 month period after the expiry date. In this circumstance it is not VicRoads' practice to waive the requirement for a roadworthy certificate because the motorist has claimed that he/she did not receive a renewal notice.

**Planning: Planning and Community Development — contractors**

**1325. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Planning: For the financial year 2006-07 what were the names and purposes of all contractors employed by the Department of Planning and Community Development, 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:**

I am informed that:

The Department of Planning and Community Development did not exist in the 2006-2007 financial year.

**Energy and resources: Energy Safe Victoria — media and communications staff**

- 1539. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by Energy Safe Victoria and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the agency.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

For the 2006/2007 financial year, Energy Safe Victoria's (ESV) advertising and promotion expenditure was \$1,390,000, and there were 2 full time equivalent staff employed in media and communication by ESV during that period.

**Racing: Greyhound Racing Victoria — media and communications staff**

- 1554. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Racing): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by Greyhound Racing Victoria and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Board.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

During the 2006/2007 financial year Greyhound Racing Victoria spent \$1,679,000 on advertising and promotion expenses. During the same period, the number of full-time equivalent staff employed in media and communications roles was 3.5.

**Racing: Harness Racing Victoria — media and communications staff**

- 1555. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Racing): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by Harness Racing Victoria and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Board.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

During the 2006/2007 financial year Harness Racing Victoria spent \$1,147,396 on advertising and promotion expenses. One full-time equivalent officer in Harness Racing Victoria is employed in a media and communications role.

**Police and emergency services: Country Fire Authority — media and communications staff**

**1556. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Country Fire Authority and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Authority.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

During the 2006/2007 financial year the Country Fire Authority spent \$800,370 on advertising and promotion expenses. During the same period, the number of full-time equivalent staff employed in media and communications roles was four.

**Police and emergency services: Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board — media and communications staff**

**1557. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Board.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

During the 2006/2007 financial year the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board spent \$346,000 on advertising and promotion expenses. During the same period, the number of full-time equivalent staff employed in media and communications roles was three.

**Police and emergency services: Victoria Police — media and communications staff**

**1558. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by Victoria Police and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by Victoria Police.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

During the 2006/2007 financial year Victoria Police spent \$13,750 on advertising and promotion expenses.

The media and communications area of Victoria Police employs 22 staff in the 24 hour media unit and four full time equivalent staff are employed in the public relations and marketing area to manage events and marketing.

**Police and emergency services: Victoria State Emergency Service — media and communications staff**

**1559. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Victoria State Emergency Service and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Service.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

During the 2006/2007 financial year the Victoria State Emergency Service spent \$44,000. During the same period, the number of full-time equivalent staff employed in media and communications roles was two, one of which was for 8 months.

**Corrections: high security and management units**

**1599. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Corrections): In relation to high security and management units:

- (1) What psychiatric, psychological or other medical assessment/reviews have been undertaken of the physical and mental health impacts of placement within high security and management units in Victorian prisons from 1 January 2004 to the present.
- (2) Who conducted such assessments/reviews and how and to whom have they reported.
- (3) What were the findings and recommendations of these assessments/ reviews.
- (4) What, if any, action has Corrections Victoria ('CV') undertaken to implement the above recommendations.
- (5) What policy and guidelines exist for the placement and management of prisoners with mental health issues and disabilities within high security and management units in Victorian prisons.
- (6) When and how have high security and management units in Victorian prisons and the legislation, policy and regimes pertaining to their use been assessed for compliance with the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities 2006.
- (7) What were the findings and recommendations of any such review and what actions have been taken by CV to ensure implementation of the recommendations and compliance with the Charter.
- (8) What are the entry, placement and exit criteria for the following units —
  - (a) Acacia and Melaleuca HSUs;
  - (b) Charlotte, Banksia and A2 DPFC management units.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

In relation to high security and management units:

- (1) A project, jointly initiated by Corrections Victoria (CV) and the Justice Health Unit to examine the broad mental health and psycho-social needs of prisoners accommodated in restrictive high security environments, is currently underway.
- (2) As indicated above, there is a project underway (headed by Prof. James Ogloff, Forensicare) examining the broad mental health and psycho-social needs of prisoners in high security and management units.
- (3) The project examining the mental health and psycho-social needs of prisoners has not yet been completed.
- (4) The project examining the mental health and psycho-social needs of prisoners has not yet been completed.

- (5) The Sentence Management Manual contains guidelines for the placement of prisoners in high security and management units. Where prisoners placed in such units present with mental health issues, a range of management strategies and alternative placement options - including assessment / treatment by a mental health professional, observation, transfer to the Acute Assessment Unit at Melbourne Assessment Prison (for male prisoners) or Marmak Unit at Dame Phyllis Frost Centre (for female prisoners)—are able to be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

The Sentence Management Manual also contains guidelines relating to the management and placement of prisoners with mental health issues and disabilities.

- (6) The assessment of legislation, policy and regimes pertaining to high security and management units has occurred in three stages to ensure that CV acts in a manner which is compatible with the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities 2006.
- First, an assessment of the Corrections Act 1986 and Regulations was undertaken.
  - Second, an assessment of all remaining policies and procedures (including Commissioner’s Requirements, Director’s Instructions and the Sentence Management Manual) was undertaken. Local instructions have similarly been reviewed in light of the Charter.
  - Third, a number of internal and external stakeholders were invited to identify key issues and potential risks, to ensure full and proper consideration of those issues.
- (7) Some amendments to Director’s Instructions have been approved by the Commissioner, Corrections Victoria. These included an amendment to procedures to improve processes for the authorisation of strip searches. Operating Instructions pertaining to the management units in private prisons are currently being assessed by the contracted agencies which operate the private prisons.
- (8) The CV Sentence Management Unit is responsible for placement of prisoners in and out of high security and management units across Victoria. Approval of the Assistant Commissioner, Offender Management Services is required for both entry to and exit from long term (more than 30 days) high security and management regimes.

Separation of a prisoner to a high security or management unit may be authorised in accordance with the Regulations, and must follow the guidelines set out in the Sentence Management Manual.

At the earliest appropriate stage, the Sentence Management Unit is responsible for reviewing prisoners for exit from high security and management environments. Exit considerations take into account an assessment of the prisoner’s behaviour whilst subject to the restricted regime, his or her willingness to comply with a behavioural contract (where required), the transitional needs of the prisoner, the prisoner’s case plan and any future placement issues.

**Gaming: Casey — venue inspections**

**1627. MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Gaming):

- (1) What was the exact number of Gaming Venue Inspections for Gaming Venues in the City of Casey for each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2006-07.
- (2) What was the exact number of Gaming Venue Inspections for Gaming Venues in the City of Casey that had a successful 100% audit for each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2006-07.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) The number of gaming venue inspections undertaken by the Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation in the City of Casey for each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2006-07 were as follows:

LGA	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007
Casey	N/A	26	22	30	42	29	24	42

LGA—Local Government Area

Data prior to 2000-01 is no longer available

- (2) The number of gaming venue inspections for gaming venues that had a successful 100% audit for each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2006-07 in the City of Casey were as follows:

LGA	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007
Casey	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	20	37

Data prior to 2005-06 was not collected in a form that allows for completion of this table.

**Gaming: Kingston — venue inspections**

- 1628. MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Gaming):

- (1) What was the exact number of Gaming Venue Inspections for Gaming Venues in the City of Kingston for each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2006-07.
- (2) What was the exact number of Gaming Venue Inspections for Gaming Venues in the City of Kingston that had a successful 100% audit for each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2006-07.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) The number of gaming venue inspections undertaken by the Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation in the City of Kingston for each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2006-07 were as follows:

LGA	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007
Kingston	N/A	32	38	34	37	43	38	21

LGA—Local Government Area

Data prior to 2000-01 is no longer available

- (2) The number of gaming venue inspections for gaming venues that had a successful 100% audit for each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2006-07 in the City of Kingston were as follows:

LGA	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007
Kingston	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	28	19

Data prior to 2005-06 was not collected in a form that allows for completion of this table.

**Gaming: Frankston — venue inspections**

- 1629. MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Gaming):

- (1) What was the exact number of Gaming Venue Inspections for Gaming Venues in the City of Frankston for each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2006-07.

- (2) What was the exact number of Gaming Venue Inspections for Gaming Venues in the City of Frankston that had a successful 100% audit for each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2006-07.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) The number of gaming venue inspections undertaken by the Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation in the City of Frankston for each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2006-07 were as follows:

LGA	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007
Frankston	N/A	23	21	16	28	30	20	17

LGA—Local Government Area

Data prior to 2000-01 is no longer available

- (2) The number of gaming venue inspections for gaming venues that had a successful 100% audit for each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2006-07 in the City of Frankston were as follows:

LGA	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007
Frankston	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	13	16

Data prior to 2005-06 was not collected in a form that allows for completion of this table.

**Gaming: Greater Dandenong — venue inspections**

- 1630. MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Gaming):

- (1) What was the exact number of Gaming Venue Inspections for Gaming Venues in the City of Dandenong for each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2006-07.
- (2) What was the exact number of Gaming Venue Inspections for Gaming Venues in the City of Dandenong that had a successful 100% audit for each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2006-07.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) The number of gaming venue inspections undertaken by the Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation in the City of Greater Dandenong for each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2006-07 were as follows:

LGA	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007
Greater Dandenong	N/A	38	34	42	36	34	31	38

LGA—Local Government Area

Data prior to 2000-01 is no longer available

- (2) The number of gaming venue inspections for gaming venues that had a successful 100% audit for each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2006-07 in the City of Greater Dandenong were as follows:

LGA	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007
Greater Dandenong	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	23	33

Data prior to 2005-06 was not collected in a form that allows for completion of this table.

**Gaming: Monash — venue inspections**

**1631. MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Gaming):

- (1) What was the exact number of Gaming Venue Inspections for Gaming Venues in the City of Monash for each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2006-07.
- (2) What was the exact number of Gaming Venue Inspections for Gaming Venues in the City of Monash that had a successful 100% audit for each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2006-07.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) The number of gaming venue inspections undertaken by the Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation in the City of Monash for each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2006-07 were as follows:

LGA	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007
Monash	N/A	30	31	27	39	30	28	36

LGA—Local Government Area

Data prior to 2000-01 is no longer available

- (2) The number of gaming venue inspections for gaming venues that had a successful 100% audit for each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2006-07 in the City of Monash were as follows:

LGA	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007
Monash	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	22	29

Data prior to 2005-06 was not collected in a form that allows for completion of this table.

**Community development: Frankston — Community Support Fund**

**1632. MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): What is the exact dollar amount expended from the Community Support Fund for projects specifically within the City of Frankston in each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2006-07.

**ANSWER:**

As at the day the Question was raised, the answer is:

Funds from the Community Support Fund are allocated to several programs across government, including funds for problem gambling and financial counselling services, sport and recreation, support for volunteering, community enterprises, and youth development as well as other programs. The catchment areas of services or initiatives funded vary substantially and do not necessarily align with local government boundaries. Community Support Fund approvals are listed in the 2006-07 Annual Report of the former Department of Victorian Communities.

**Community development: Kingston — Community Support Fund**

**1633. MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): What is the exact dollar amount expended from the Community Support Fund for projects specifically within the City of Kingston in each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2006-07.

**ANSWER:**

As at the day the Question was raised, the answer is:

Funds from the Community Support Fund are allocated to several programs across government, including funds for problem gambling and financial counselling services, and support for volunteering, community enterprises, youth development and community strengthening as well as other programs. The catchment areas of services or initiatives funded vary substantially and do not necessarily align with local government boundaries. Community Support Fund approvals are listed in the 2006-07 Annual Report of the former Department of Victorian Communities.

**Community development: Monash — Community Support Fund**

**1634. MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): What is the exact dollar amount expended from the Community Support Fund for projects specifically within the City of Monash in each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2006-07.

**ANSWER:**

As at the day the Question was raised, the answer is:

Funds from the Community Support Fund are allocated to several programs across government, including funds for problem gambling and financial counselling services, and support for volunteering, community enterprises, youth development and community strengthening as well as other programs. The catchment areas of services or initiatives funded vary substantially and do not necessarily align with local government boundaries. Community Support Fund approvals are listed in the 2006-07 Annual Report of the former Department of Victorian Communities.

**Community development: Greater Dandenong — Community Support Fund**

**1635. MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): What is the exact dollar amount expended from the Community Support Fund for projects specifically within the City of Greater Dandenong in each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2006-07.

**ANSWER:**

As at the day the Question was raised, the answer is:

Funds from the Community Support Fund are allocated to several programs across government, including funds for problem gambling and financial counselling services, and support for volunteering, community enterprises, youth development and community strengthening as well as other programs. The catchment areas of services or initiatives funded vary substantially and do not necessarily align with local government boundaries. Community Support Fund approvals are listed in the 2006-07 Annual Report of the former Department of Victorian Communities.

**Community development: Casey — Community Support Fund**

- 1636. MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): What is the exact dollar amount expended from the Community Support Fund for projects specifically within the City of Casey in each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2006-07.

**ANSWER:**

As at the day the Question was raised, the answer is:

Funds from the Community Support Fund are allocated to several programs across government, including funds for problem gambling and financial counselling services, and support for volunteering, community enterprises, youth development and community strengthening as well as other programs. The catchment areas of services or initiatives funded vary substantially and do not necessarily align with local government boundaries. Community Support Fund approvals are listed in the 2006-07 Annual Report of the former Department of Victorian Communities.

**Housing: South Eastern Metropolitan Region**

- 1644. MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to public housing in the South Eastern Metropolitan Region for the financial years 1999-2000 and 2006-07:

- (1) What was the total number of public housing sites.
- (2) What was the total number of occupied housing sites.
- (3) What was the total number of those on the waiting list to occupy public housing that are —
  - (a) already in public housing sites; and
  - (b) currently not in an existing public housing site.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that since 1999, the Victorian Government has delivered over 11,000 new social housing units, including over 4,000 properties in the Southern and Eastern Metropolitan Regions.

- (1) The total provision of public housing stock in Southern and Eastern Metropolitan was 19,274 units as at June 2007.
- (2) The Office of Housing makes every effort to ensure that vacant properties are allocated as soon as is practicable to avoid properties being left unoccupied. In the Southern and Eastern Metropolitan Regions, there were 18,927 occupied housing sites as at June 2007. In addition, there were 205 properties that were not available for occupation due to factors such as impending demolition, or major upgrade. This represents an occupancy rate of 99.3%, compared to the statewide average of 99.1% and the private rental market occupancy rate of 98.6% (REIV June 2007). As with private rental properties, the occupancy rate is measured as the properties let as a proportion of all tenantable properties. Properties may remain vacant for a range of reasons, including the need for maintenance, work to modify properties to meet client needs, or in the case of disposing of goods abandoned by vacating tenants, time for actions such as inspections by Consumer Affairs Victoria.
- (3)
  - (a) The Southern and Eastern Metropolitan Region transfer waiting list was 2,617 at June 2007.
  - (b) The Southern and Eastern Metropolitan Region waiting list was 13,410 at June 2007.

**Planning: Planning and Community Development — media monitoring**

**1760. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Planning: What was the expenditure by the Department of Planning and Community Development on media monitoring for each of the financial years 2002-03 to 2007-08 to date.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) was established in August 2007 taking in the planning function from the Department of Sustainability and Environment and the majority of portfolios from the former Department for Victorian Communities.

Media Monitoring costs for DPCD for the period since the Department was established amounts to \$84,880.

**Agriculture: Primary Industries — media monitoring**

**1761. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Agriculture): What was the expenditure by the Department of Primary Industries on media monitoring for each of the financial years 2002-03 to 2007-08 to date.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Department of Primary Industries (DPI) was established in December 2002. DPI’s media monitoring expenditure for the periods 2003-04 to 2007-08 to 12 March 2008 were:

2003-04	\$68,203.53
2004-05	\$85,844.59
2005-06	\$75,868.21
2006-07	\$82,810.79
2007-08 to 12 March 2008	\$76,503.59

These figures include ongoing issues-based media monitoring, as well as transcripts, audio and television files ordered by DPI.

The 2007-08 media monitoring figure is tracking higher than previous years due to the inclusion of the energy portfolio in DPI from December 2006.

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

**1762. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to the right hand turn red light camera at the intersection of Nepean Highway and Bay Road Cheltenham and in particular to the installation of a video camera at the intersection:

- (1) Why was the video camera installed.
- (2) Who recommended the installation of the video camera.
- (3) Who monitors the video camera.
- (4) Where is the exact location of the video camera at the intersection.
- (5) Can members of the public view the images captured on film or obtain information from the video camera.

- (6) How many video cameras are installed at right hand turn red light camera intersections in Melbourne.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) The video camera was installed as part of an ongoing program to assess the application of different technologies in the road safety camera environment.
- (2) The installation of the video camera was approved by a senior Department of Justice officer.
- (3) The oversight of the speed camera system is the responsibility of the Department of Justice.
- (4) The video camera is located on the central median strip on the Melbourne side of the Nepean Hwy as it crosses Bay Rd, in the same cabinet as the fixed digital camera road safety camera.
- (5) While vision from the camera cannot be used for evidentiary purposes, members of the public can view images of infringements from Civic Compliance.
- (6) Seven trial video cameras have been installed at Melbourne intersections.

**Community services: Chinese adoptions**

- 1764.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to adoption agreements with foreign countries: How many Chinese children have been placed with Victorian families each year since 1999 as a result of the adoption agreement announced on 27 July 2000.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

These figures are readily available through the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare—the national health and welfare statistics and information agency.

**Community services: juvenile justice diversion strategy**

- 1769.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$34.2 million worth of funding promised in the 2000-01 budget for the Juvenile Justice Diversion Strategy:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the 2000-01 financial year.
- (2) How much of this funding was expended between financial years 2000-01 and 2003-04.
- (3) How was the use of these funds evaluated.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) \$4.8 million
- (2) \$34.2 million
- (3) An effectiveness review of the diversion strategy.

**Community services: sexual assault services**

**1772. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$500,000 worth of funding promised in the 2000-01 budget to expand sexual assault services:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) \$500,000
- (2) Approximately 16 weeks
- (3) Approximately 11 weeks

**Community services: placement and support capital project**

**1773. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$5 million worth of funding promised in the 2000-01 budget for the Placement and Support Capital Project:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the 2000-01 financial year.
- (2) How much of this funding went to purchasing new facilities in the 2000-01 financial year.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) \$5 million.
- (2) \$1.5 million

**Community services: juvenile justice capital works**

**1774. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$2.2 million worth of funding promised in the 2000-01 budget for Juvenile Justice capital works:

- (1) How much of this funding was provided to existing community housing in the 2000-01 financial year.
- (2) How much of this funding went to purchasing new properties in the 2000-01 financial year.
- (3) How was the use of these funds evaluated.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) \$1.42 million

- (2) \$717,000
- (3) Via a review program.

**Roads and ports: King Street, Doncaster**

**1795. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): In relation to a letter received from the Minister, File No. LB103423A.12 of February 11 2008, what are the “other possible future improvements” that could be made to King Street which are being discussed by VicRoads and the Manningham City Council.

**ANSWER:**

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

VicRoads has examined possible long-term future improvements to King Street and considered the future function of the road. Future improvements may include the provision of additional traffic lanes and bicycle facilities.

Proposals for improvement projects must be considered and prioritised on a state wide basis. Any improvements to King Street, Doncaster will be considered in this context.

**Senior Victorians: elder abuse prevention initiative**

**1800. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to the Elder Abuse Prevention Initiative:

- (1) How much does the Government intend to spend on the Initiative.
- (2) How much has been spent as of February 2008.
- (3) Excluding the community education and older persons’ legal service, what other services and projects will be funded under this initiative.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) \$5.9 million.
- (2) From 1 July 2007 to 29 February 2008, \$274,956.60 has been spent.
- (3) In addition to the community education and older people’s legal service, other projects that are being funded under the Elder Abuse Prevention Initiative include:
  - an elder abuse prevention advisory group;
  - elder abuse prevention communications strategy;
  - professional education and support for workers in the field;
  - revision of the elder abuse prevention guide; and
  - financial literacy training for older Victorians.

**Community services: adult day centres — Barwon south-west region**

**1802. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Adult Day Centres in the Barwon South West Region:

- (1) How many people were recorded under the Disability Support Register as waiting for day time activities as at 30 June 2005.

- (2) How many people were recorded under the Disability Support Register as waiting for day time activities as at 30 June 2007.
- (3) How many of the people on the Disability Support Register waiting for day time activities at 30 June 2007 were classified as urgent or high priority.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

With reference to people waiting for day time activities in the Barwon South West Region —

- (1) The number of people recorded —
  - (a) on the Service Needs Register at 30 June 2005 was 63;
  - (b) on the Disability Support Register at 30 June 2007 was 50.

These figures are not strictly comparable as the Disability Support Register records only those people with a current ongoing need for support whereas the Service Needs Register recorded people who had a current need as well as those who had a potential future need for support.

- (2) The number of people on the Disability Support Register as at 30 June 2007 who were classified as urgent or high priority is not available as the Disability Support Register does not include this breakdown of priority classification.

**Community services: adult day centres — Loddon Mallee region**

**1803. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Adult Day Centres in the Loddon Mallee Region:

- (1) How many people were recorded under the Disability Support Register as waiting for day time activities as at 30 June 2005.
- (2) How many people were recorded under the Disability Support Register as waiting for day time activities as at 30 June 2007.
- (3) How many of the people on the Disability Support Register waiting for day time activities at 30 June 2007 were classified as urgent or high priority.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

With reference to people waiting for day time activities in the Loddon Mallee Region —

- (1) The number of people recorded —
  - (a) on the Service Needs Register at 30 June 2005 was 33;
  - (b) on the Disability Support Register at 30 June 2007 was 3.

The Disability Support Register replaced the Service Needs Register in April 2006.

- (2) The number of people on the Disability Support Register as at 30 June 2007 who were classified as urgent or high priority is not available as the Disability Support Register does not include this breakdown of priority classification.

**Community services: adult day centres — Hume region**

**1804. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Adult Day Centres in the Hume Region:

- (1) How many people were recorded under the Disability Support Register as waiting for day time activities as at 30 June 2005.
- (2) How many people were recorded under the Disability Support Register as waiting for day time activities as at 30 June 2007.
- (3) How many of the people on the Disability Support Register waiting for day time activities at 30 June 2007 were classified as urgent or high priority.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

With reference to people waiting for day time activities in the Hume Region —

- (1) The number of people recorded —
  - (a) on the Service Needs Register at 30 June 2005 was 36;
  - (b) on the Disability Support Register at 30 June 2007 was 21.

The Disability Support Register replaced the Service Needs Register in April 2006.

- (2) The number of people on the Disability Support Register as at 30 June 2007 who were classified as urgent or high priority is not available as the Disability Support Register does not include this breakdown of priority classification.

**Community services: adult day centres — Grampians region**

**1805. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Adult Day Centres in the Grampians Region:

- (1) How many people were recorded under the Disability Support Register as waiting for day time activities as at 30 June 2005.
- (2) How many people were recorded under the Disability Support Register as waiting for day time activities as at 30 June 2007.
- (3) How many of the people on the Disability Support Register waiting for day time activities at 30 June 2007 were classified as urgent or high priority.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

With reference to people waiting for day time activities in the Grampians Region —

- (1) The number of people recorded —
  - (a) on the Service Needs Register at 30 June 2005 was 73;
  - (b) on the Disability Support Register at 30 June 2007 was 36.

The Disability Support Register replaced the Service Needs Register in April 2006.

- (2) The number of people on the Disability Support Register as at 30 June 2007 who were classified as urgent or high priority is not available as the Disability Support Register does not include this breakdown of priority classification.

**Community services: adult day centres — Gippsland region**

**1806. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Adult Day Centres in the Gippsland Region:

- (1) How many people were recorded under the Disability Support Register as waiting for day time activities as at 30 June 2005.
- (2) How many people were recorded under the Disability Support Register as waiting for day time activities as at 30 June 2007.
- (3) How many of the people on the Disability Support Register waiting for day time activities at 30 June 2007 were classified as urgent or high priority.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

With reference to people waiting for day time activities in the Gippsland Region —

- (1) The number of people recorded —
  - (a) on the Service Needs Register at 30 June 2005 was 13;
  - (b) on the Disability Support Register at 30 June 2007 was 33.

The Disability Support Register replaced the Service Needs Register in April 2006.

- (2) The number of people on the Disability Support Register as at 30 June 2007 who were classified as urgent or high priority is not available as the Disability Support Register does not include this breakdown of priority classification.

**Community services: adult day centres — north-west region**

**1807. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Adult Day Centres in the North-West Region:

- (1) How many people were recorded under the Disability Support Register as waiting for day time activities as at 30 June 2005.
- (2) How many people were recorded under the Disability Support Register as waiting for day time activities as at 30 June 2007.
- (3) How many of these are classified as urgent or high priority.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

With reference to people waiting for day time activities in the North and West Metropolitan Region —

- (1) The number of people recorded —
  - (a) on the Service Needs Register at 30 June 2005 was 83;
  - (b) on the Disability Support Register at 30 June 2007 was 64.

The Disability Support Register replaced the Service Needs Register in April 2006.

- (2) The number of people on the Disability Support Register as at 30 June 2007 who were classified as urgent or high priority is not available as the Disability Support Register does not include this breakdown of priority classification.

**Community services: adult day centres — eastern region**

**1808. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Adult Day Centres in the Eastern Region:

- (1) How many people were recorded under the Disability Support Register as waiting for day time activities as at 30 June 2005.
- (2) How many people were recorded under the Disability Support Register as waiting for day time activities as at 30 June 2007.
- (3) How many of these are classified as urgent or high priority.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

With reference to people waiting for day time activities in the Eastern Region —

- (1) The number of people recorded —
  - (a) on the Service Needs Register at 30 June 2005 was 50;
  - (b) on the Disability Support Register at 30 June 2007 was 24.

The Disability Support Register replaced the Service Needs Register in April 2006.

- (2) The number of people on the Disability Support Register as at 30 June 2007 who were classified as urgent or high priority is not available as the Disability Support Register does not include this breakdown of priority classification.

**Community services: adult day centres — southern region**

**1809. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Adult Day Centres in the Southern Region:

- (1) How many people were recorded under the Disability Support Register as waiting for day time activities as at 30 June 2005.
- (2) How many people were recorded under the Disability Support Register as waiting for day time activities as at 30 June 2007.
- (3) How many of these are classified as urgent or high priority.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

With reference to people waiting for day time activities in the Southern Region —

- (1) The number of people recorded —
  - (a) on the Service Needs Register at 30 June 2005 was 156;
  - (b) on the Disability Support Register at 30 June 2007 was 144.

The Disability Support Register replaced the Service Needs Register in April 2006.

- (2) The number of people on the Disability Support Register as at 30 June 2007 who were classified as urgent or high priority is not available as the Disability Support Register does not include this breakdown of priority classification.

**Community services: disability support register**

**1820. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Disability Support Register as at 31 December 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:

In relation to the Disability Support Register as at 31 December 2007 —

- (1) The total number of individuals registered was 3,072.
- (2) The number of individuals registered that were recommended for priority status was 490.

**Community services: disability support register**

**1821. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Disability Support (DS) Register as at 31 December 2007: How many individuals were registered for —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

In relation to the Disability Support Register as at 31 December 2007: the number of individuals that were registered for —

- (a) support to move from disability services supported accommodation was 30;
- (b) support to move to non-disability services supported accommodation was 81;
- (c) support to continue to live in non-disability services supported accommodation was 772;
- (d) family support options was 147;
- (e) support to achieve personal goals (non-housing) was 296;

- (f) part-time activities was 142;
- (g) part-time activities with flexible support was 47;
- (h) full-time activities was 169;
- (i) full-time activities with flexible support was 20;
- (j) disability services supported accommodation (or interim individual support) was 1,251;
- (k) disability services supported accommodation with part-time activities was 28;
- (l) disability services supported accommodation with full-time activities was 71;
- (m) disability services supported accommodation with Intensive Support Packages is not available as this is not a category of support on the Disability Support Register; however, the number of individuals that were registered for disability services supported accommodation with flexible support was 18.

**Community services: disability support register**

**1822. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Disability Support Register as at 31 December 2007: How many individuals registered were aged —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

In relation to the Disability Support Register as at 31 December 2007: the number of individuals registered that were aged —

- (a) under 18 years was 269;
- (b) 18–24 years was 457;
- (c) 25–29 years was 325;
- (d) 30–39 years was 640;
- (e) 40–49 years was 644;
- (f) 50 or more years was 737.

**Community services: community residential services**

**1823. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): For the 12 months ended 31 December 2007, how many persons with disabilities waiting for supported accommodation obtained a place in a community residential unit.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

For the 12 months ended 31 December 2007, the number of persons with disabilities waiting for supported accommodation who obtained a place in a shared supported accommodation facility was 130.

**Mental health: foetal alcohol spectrum disorder**

**1827. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD):

- (1) How many Victorians are currently diagnosed with FASD.
- (2) Does the Government currently fund diagnostic services to establish whether any Victorian is at risk from FASD.
- (3) How many Victorians access Government funded diagnostic services to establish whether they are at risk from FASD.
- (4) What support services does the Government currently provide for Victorians diagnosed with FASD.
- (5) Does the Government have any plans to establish diagnostic and support services for Victorians diagnosed with FASD.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) It is unknown how many Victorians are currently diagnosed with Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD).
- (2) The Government does not fund diagnostic services specific to FASD however diagnostic assistance is available through referral to a public hospital, the Royal Children's Hospital and to a paediatrician.
- (3) Not known.
- (4) Paediatric, psychology and ancillary services are provided to all children requiring assistance with behavioural problems and developmental delay. All ante-natal services, including General Practitioners provide advice to women about the risks associated with consuming alcohol during pregnancy.
- (5) There are no plans at present to establish diagnostic and support services for Victorians diagnosed with FASD.

**Community services: Australian Greek Welfare Society**

**1966. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$500,000 worth of funding to the Australian Greek Welfare Society promised on 20 November 2000:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the financial year 2000-01.
- (2) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of that evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) \$500,000.

- (2) Standard review and evaluation procedures required by the service agreement with the Department of Human Services were followed, and no issues were noted.

**Community services: refugees**

**1967. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$100,000 worth of funding to refugees on temporary protection visas promised on 6 February 2001:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the financial year 2000-01.  
 (2) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of that evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) \$100,000.  
 (2) Standard review and evaluation procedures required by service agreements with the Department of Human Services were followed, and no issues were noted.

**Community services: Vietnamese people with a disability**

**1968. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$55,000 worth of funding to help Vietnamese people who have a disability promised on 21 February 2001:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the financial year 2000-01.  
 (2) How much of this funding was expended by the end of the 2002-03 financial year.  
 (3) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of that evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) This initiative contributed to the output and financial performance reported in the Department of Human Services Annual Report for the relevant financial years. Retrospective disaggregation of this reported performance would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.  
 (2) Refer to Question (1)  
 (3) The use of the funds forms part of ongoing service and demand evaluation undertaken by the Department.

**Community services: Apollo Bay — Community Support Fund**

**1969. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$113,000 worth of funding to boost community support services at Apollo Bay promised on 8 March 2001:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended by the end of the 2002-03 financial year.  
 (2) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of that evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The Department of Planning and Community Development has advised that \$113,000 was provided through the Community Support Fund to Otway Health and Community Services.
- (2) The Department of Planning and Community Development has advised that a detailed report against project objectives and financials as required by Community Support Fund guidelines was requested, and the results were satisfactory.

**Community services: Victorians from South East Asian backgrounds**

- 1972.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$10,000 worth of grants to Victorians from South East Asian backgrounds promised on 10 April 2001: How much of this funding was expended by the end of the financial year 2000-01.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

\$10,000.

**Community services: kinship and permanent care**

- 1974.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$200,000 worth of funding, and 25 extra places to cater for service demands in kinship and permanent care promised in the 2000-01 budget:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the financial year 2001-02.
- (2) How many extra places were delivered in the 2001-02 financial year because of these funds.
- (3) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of that evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) All funding was expended
- (2) 164
- (3) No

**Community services: family support services**

- 1976.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$1.6 million worth of funding promised in the 2000-01 budget to expand family support services and to provide support to over 1000 additional families:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the financial year 2001-02.
- (2) How many additional families received support in the financial year 2001-02 because of these funds.
- (3) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of that evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The department did not receive \$1.6m to expand family support services in the 2000-01 budget. However, the department did receive \$1.7m to expand family support services, which was fully expended.
- (2) It is not possible to quantify the number of additional families supported due to data system limitations at that time.
- (3) Through existing program and funding review mechanisms.

**Community services: Victorian parenting strategy**

**1977.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$2.05 million worth of funding for the Victorian Parenting Strategy promised in the 2000-01 budget:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the financial year 2001-02.
- (2) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of that evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Community services: early intervention services**

**1978.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services) In relation to \$1 million worth of funding for improved early intervention services promised in the 2000-01 budget:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the financial year 2001-02.
- (2) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of that evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Community services: placement and support capital project**

**1980.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$12 million worth of funding for the placement and support capital project-stage 2, promised in the 2000-01 budget:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the financial year 2001-02.
- (2) How much of this funding was expended by the end of the 2003-04 financial year.
- (3) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of that evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

There was not \$12 million worth of funding for the Placement and Support Capital Project—Stage 2 in the 2000-01 budget

**Senior Victorians: elder abuse prevention initiative**

**1986. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to the Elder Abuse Prevention Initiative: Can the Minister provide a copy of the implementation plan prepared by the Department of Planning and Community Development in collaboration with the Department of Human Services, Victorian Legal Aid and Victoria Police, which identifies the timetable for implementation of the key initiatives over three years.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The Elder Abuse Strategic Implementation Plan is available on the Office of Senior Victorians (OSV) website.

**Community services: Nathalia District Hospital and Aged Care**

**1988. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to Nathalia District Hospital and Aged Care redevelopment:

- (1) Has construction commenced; if so, how much has the Government spent on the Aged Care Redevelopment to date.
- (2) What is the expected date of completion.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Construction is scheduled to commence in April 2008; 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.
- (2) Completion of construction is scheduled for December 2009.

**Community services: Disability Online**

**1993. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): As part of the action for policy and program development of the Disability Carers Action Plan, which carer organisations have been consulted to review the accessibility and information in Disability Online.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Disability Online is currently under redevelopment. This has been informed by a user requirement research project in 2007 on the accessibility of Disability Online information, which involved extensive consultation with people with a disability and their carers. This consultation included an online survey, stakeholder interviews and focus groups. Further consultation with people with a disability and a range of relevant organisations will occur at various stages as the redevelopment is finalised over 2008.

**Skills and workforce participation: Landmark Education Corporation**

**2043.** **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Skills and Workforce Participation):

- (1) How many staff from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development have attended courses conducted by Landmark Education Corporation.
- (2) Have any Victorian tax payer funds been paid to the Landmark Education Corporation for courses.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The issue raised falls within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Education or Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development.

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