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

Tuesday, 27 May 2008

Small business: media and communications staff

70. MR D. M. DAVIS— To ask the Minister for Small Business: In relation to your portfolio of Small Business:

- (1) What is the number and cost of staff working in his office.
- (2) What is the number of staff working in each Public Relations Unit indicating —
 - (a) the total operating budget; and
 - (b) the total promotional budget.
- (3) What contracts have been entered into in 2005–06 for public relations and/or communications strategies with outside consultants or persons giving —
 - (a) the person/company contracted;
 - (b) the date of the contract;
 - (c) the contract sum;
 - (d) the amount paid; and
 - (e) a brief summary of work done.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

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

Roads and ports: licences

670. MR KOCH — To ask the Minister for Industry and State Development (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): During the periods 2005, 2006 and 1 January to 30 April 2007 respectively:

- (1) How many Victorian motorists were licensed in the following categories:
 - (a) Motor Cycle;
 - (b) Motor Car; and
 - (c) Heavy Vehicle.
- (2) What number of full licence holders and probationary licence holders in each category in (1) had demerit points recorded against their licence, including the number of demerit points (from 1 to 12).
- (3) Of those identified in (2), how many continued driving upon reaching their maximum demerit points before licence cancellation.
- (4) How many drivers in each category in (1) lost their licence for exceeding their demerit point limit.
- (5) How many cases of incorrectly allocated demerit points in each of the categories in (1) were detected by VicRoads and in each case —
 - (a) what was the cause of the incorrect allocation; and

- (b) how many licence holders were informed in writing of the incorrect allocation.
- (6) How many cases of inappropriate access to the demerit points database in each category in (1) have been reported to VicRoads and in each case —
 - (a) what date was the database accessed; and
 - (b) what action was taken as a result.

ANSWER:

The answer is:

Question 1

- (1) The following information is available as at 24 September 2007. This information is not readily available for the periods requested.
 - (a) Motor Cycle - 1,588
 - (b) Car - 3,261,395
 - (c) Heavy Vehicle - 406,196

Holders of a dual licence (motor car and motorcycle) are not included above. The total for this licence category is 284,983.

Licences in category (c) above are a type of heavy vehicle endorsement added to a motor car licence.

Questions 2 to 5

The information sought is not readily available. Significant cost and effort would be required to develop a report which would extract the historical data from the VicRoads' Driver Licensing System.

Question 6

With regard to inappropriate access to the demerit points database, three cases of inappropriate access were reported to VicRoads in the period 2005 to 30 April 2007. The database was accessed on 9 March 2004, 15 March 2004 and 13 February 2006. Two officers resigned on 29 July 2005 and a third person was prosecuted on 7 December 2006.

Industry and trade: media and communications staff

- 1408. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade: For the financial year 2006–07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Department.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

In the 2006/07 financial year the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development spent \$21,539,004 on advertising and promotion. The Department employed 27.8 equivalent full time staff in media and communications roles.

Health: media and communications staff

- 1413. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006–07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion

by the Department of Human Services and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Department.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the Department of Human Service's resources.

Health: Alfred hospital — media and communications staff

1423. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006–07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by The Alfred Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Angliss Hospital — media and communications staff

1424. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006–07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by The Angliss Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Austin and repatriation hospitals — media and communications staff

1425. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006–07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Austin and Repatriation Medical Centre and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Bethlehem Hospital — media and communications staff

1426. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006–07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Bethlehem Hospital Inc. and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Box Hill Hospital — media and communications staff

1427. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006–07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Box Hill Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Broadmeadows Health Service — media and communications staff

1428. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006–07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Broadmeadows Health Service and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Bundoora Extended Care Centre — media and communications staff

1429. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006–07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Bundoora Extended Care Centre and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Caritas Christi Hospice — media and communications staff

1430. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006–07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Caritas Christi Hospice Ltd. and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Caulfield General Medical Centre — media and communications staff

1431. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006–07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Caulfield General Medical Centre and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Dandenong Hospital — media and communications staff

1432. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006–07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Dandenong Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Dental Health Services Victoria — media and communications staff

1433. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006–07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Dental Health Services Victoria and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Frankston Hospital — media and communications staff

- 1434. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006–07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Frankston Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Healesville and District Hospital — media and communications staff

- 1435. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006–07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Healesville and District Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Kingston Centre — media and communications staff

- 1436. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006–07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Kingston Centre and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Maroondah Hospital — media and communications staff

- 1437. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006–07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Maroondah Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Mercy Hospital For Women — media and communications staff

1438. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006–07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Mercy Hospital For Women and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service’s resources.

Health: Monash Medical Centre — media and communications staff

1439. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006–07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Monash Medical Centre Clayton Campus and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service’s resources.

Health: Monash Medical Centre — media and communications staff

1440. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006–07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Monash Medical Centre Moorabbin Campus and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service’s resources.

Health: Mount Eliza Rehabilitation, Aged and Palliative Care — media and communications staff

1441. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006–07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Mt Eliza Rehabilitation, Age and Palliative Care and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service’s resources.

Health: Northern Hospital — media and communications staff

- 1442. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006–07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Northern Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service’s resources.

Health: O’Connell Family Centre (Grey Sisters) — media and communications staff

- 1443. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006–07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the O’Connell Family Centre (Grey Sisters) Inc. and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service’s resources.

Health: Peter James Centre — media and communications staff

- 1444. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006–07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Peter James Centre and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service’s resources.

Health: Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute — media and communications staff

- 1445. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006–07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service’s resources.

Health: Queen Elizabeth Centre — media and communications staff

1446. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006–07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Queen Elizabeth Centre and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service’s resources.

Health: Rosebud Hospital — media and communications staff

1447. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006–07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Rosebud Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service’s resources.

Health: Royal Children’s Hospital — media and communications staff

1448. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006–07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Royal Children’s Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service’s resources.

Health: Royal Melbourne Hospital — media and communications staff

1449. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006–07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Royal Melbourne Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service’s resources.

Health: Royal Melbourne Hospital — media and communications staff

- 1450.** **MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006–07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Royal Melbourne Hospital Royal Park Campus and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service’s resources.

Health: Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre — media and communications staff

- 1451.** **MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006–07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service’s resources.

Health: Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital — media and communications staff

- 1452.** **MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006–07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service’s resources.

Health: Royal Women’s Hospital — media and communications staff

- 1453.** **MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006–07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Royal Women’s Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service’s resources.

Health: Sandringham and District Memorial Hospital — media and communications staff

- 1454. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Sandringham and District Memorial Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: St Georges Health Service — media and communications staff

- 1455. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the St Georges Health Service and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: St Vincents Hospital — media and communications staff

- 1456. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the St Vincents Hospital (Melbourne) Ltd. and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Sunshine Hospital — media and communications staff

- 1457. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Sunshine Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Tweddle Child and Family Health Centre — media and communications staff

1458. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Tweddle Child and Family Health Centre and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Western Hospital — media and communications staff

1459. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Western Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Williamstown Hospital — media and communications staff

1460. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Williamstown Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Alexandra District Hospital — media and communications staff

1461. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Alexandra District Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Alpine Health — media and communications staff

- 1462. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by Alpine Health and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Bairnsdale Regional Health Service — media and communications staff

- 1463. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Bairnsdale Regional Health Service and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Ballarat Health Services — media and communications staff

- 1464. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Ballarat Health Services and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Barwon Health — media and communications staff

- 1465. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by Barwon Health and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Bass Coast Regional Health — media and communications staff

1466. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by Bass Coast Regional Health and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Beaufort and Skipton Health Service — media and communications staff

1467. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Beaufort and Skipton Health Service and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Beechworth Health Service — media and communications staff

1468. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Beechworth Health Service and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Benalla and District Memorial Hospital — media and communications staff

1469. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Benalla and District Memorial Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Bendigo Health Care Group — media and communications staff

- 1470. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Bendigo Health Care Group and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Boort District Hospital — media and communications staff

- 1471. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Boort District Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Casterton Memorial Hospital — media and communications staff

- 1472. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Casterton Memorial Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Central Gippsland Health Service — media and communications staff

- 1473. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Central Gippsland Health Service and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Cobram District Hospital — media and communications staff

1474. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Cobram District Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Cohuna District Hospital — media and communications staff

1475. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Cohuna District Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Colac Community Health Services — media and communications staff

1476. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Colac Community Health Services and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Coleraine District Health Services — media and communications staff

1477. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Coleraine District Health Services and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Djerriwarrh Health Services — media and communications staff

1478. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Djerriwarrh Health Services and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Attorney-General: Equal Opportunity Commission Victoria — media and communications staff

1550. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Attorney-General): For the financial year 2006–07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Equal Opportunity Commission Victoria and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Commission.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

During the 2006/2007 financial year the Victorian Equal Opportunity & Human Rights Commission spent \$68,409.76 on advertising and promotion expenses. During the same period, the average number of full-time equivalent staff employed in media and communications roles was 3.3.

Attorney-General: Office of the Victorian Privacy Commissioner — media and communications staff

1551. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Attorney-General): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Office of the Victorian Privacy Commissioner and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Office.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

During the 2006/2007 financial year, the Office of the Victorian Privacy Commissioner spent \$11,864.91 on advertising and promotion expenses. During the same period, no full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles.

Attorney-General: Victorian Law Reform Commission — media and communications staff

1552. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Attorney-General): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Victorian Law Reform Commission and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Commission.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

During the 2006/2007 financial year, the Victorian Law Reform Commission spent \$2,995 on advertising and promotion expenses.

During the same period, the average number of full-time equivalent staff employed in media and communications roles was 1.4. However, these employees were not solely employed for these functions. The time spent on media and communications varied depending the Commission's reporting requirements.

Consumer affairs: director of liquor licensing — media and communications staff

1553. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Director of Liquor Licensing and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Director of Liquor Licensing.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

For the financial year 2006-07, there was no money spent on advertising and promotion by the Director of Liquor Licensing. No full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Director of Liquor Licensing during this period.

Agriculture: Sustainable Timber Industry Council — media and communications staff

1568. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Agriculture): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Sustainable Timber Industry Council and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Council.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

There was no expenditure on advertising and promotion by the Sustainable Timber Industry Council during 2006-07, and there were no staff employed in media and communication roles by the Council during that period.

Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission: Transport Accident Commission — media and communications staff

1578. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the TAC): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Transport Accident Commission and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Commission.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The TAC marketing and road safety expenditure is published in the TAC's Annual Report and includes public education campaigns, road safety programs (including partnership programs with road safety and community partners), and research associated with the development and evaluation of campaigns and programs.

The TAC marketing and road safety expenditure for 2006/07 was \$30.06M.

Nine full time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the TAC during 2006/07.

Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission: Victorian WorkCover Authority — media and communications staff

1579. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the TAC): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Victorian WorkCover Authority and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Authority.

ANSWER:

For the financial year 2006-07 the Victorian WorkCover Authority spent \$16.39M on advertising and promotion. As at 30 June 2007 there were 13.5 full-time equivalent staff employed in media and communications roles.

Corrections: Office of the Correctional Services Review

1598. MS PENNICUIK — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Corrections): In relation to the Corrections Inspectorate (CI) change to Office of the Correctional Services Review (OCSR):

- (1) What were the reasons for the review of the CI and its change to the OCSR.
- (2) Was a review of the CI undertaken and by whom? How, in what form and to whom has this review reported.
- (3) What were the findings and recommendations of the review.
- (4) Which of the findings and recommendations have been accepted and what are the timelines for implementation of recommendations.
- (5) Which of the findings and recommendations have not been accepted and why.
- (6) Who makes up the Corrections Monitoring and Review Committee (CRMC) and what are the terms of reference and functions of the CRMC.
- (7) How many members of the current staff of the OCSR were previously employed by —
 - (a) Corrections Victoria; and/or
 - (b) CORE; and/or
 - (c) GSL, ACM/GEO, AIMS/CCA and/or the Office of the Minister for Corrections.
- (8) How many and which of the CI/OCSR's reports have been requested by —
 - (a) Auditor General Victoria;
 - (b) Ombudsman Victoria;
 - (c) Equal Opportunity Commission Victoria;
 - (d) Health Services Commissioner;
 - (e) Office of the Public Advocate;
 - (f) Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission;
 - (g) Commonwealth and Victorian Attorney-General's Departments;
 - (h) Commonwealth Department of Public Prosecutions;
 - (i) Australian Federal Police; and
 - (j) any other statutory authorities and Government Departments outside the Victorian Department of Justice.
- (9) How many and which of the CI/OCSR's reports have been provided to the above mentioned agencies.
- (10) What if any conditions have attached to the provision of the reports and their use and distribution by these agencies.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) On 13 August 2007 the Department of Justice established the OCSR through the amalgamation of the former Corrections Inspectorate and Corrections Victoria's Performance Review and Development unit. The new organisational arrangements are designed to strengthen the independent inspection, monitoring and review of correctional services. The new unit features a number of enhancements including stronger executive management oversight (with the unit reporting directly to the Secretary) and a new governance model including the establishment of a Corrections Monitoring and Review Committee to oversee the OCSR.
- (2) The Ombudsman observed the operation of the former Corrections Inspectorate between February and May 2007. As a result, the Ombudsman held discussions with the Secretary of the Department of Justice in August 2007. At that meeting, the Secretary briefed the Ombudsman on the proposed establishment of the OCSR and the new governance arrangements to address perceived shortcomings in the Corrections Inspectorate's operations. Following these discussions, the Ombudsman determined that he would monitor progress with the reforms over the next twelve months.
- (3) The Ombudsman did not provide the Department with a final report in relation to the Corrections Inspectorate. There are no relevant findings or recommendations.
- (4) The Ombudsman did not provide the Department with a final report in relation to the Corrections Inspectorate. There are no relevant findings or recommendations.
- (5) The Ombudsman did not provide the Department with a final report in relation to the Corrections Inspectorate. There are no relevant findings or recommendations.
- (6) The Corrections Monitoring and Review Committee (CMRC) comprises:
 - The Secretary of the Department of Justice (Chair);
 - Executive Director Community Operations and Strategy Division;
 - Executive Director Police, Emergency Services and Corrections Division;
 - Commissioner, Corrections Victoria;
 - Director, Office of Correctional Services Review; and
 - An Independent Member (Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman).

The appointment of a second Independent Member is being finalised.

The Terms of Reference of the CMRC involve:

- endorsing the OCSR's annual business plan and work program;
 - receiving, noting and, where appropriate, advising the Secretary on review, inspection, and prison performance reports completed by the OCSR and endorsed by the Secretary;
 - noting OCSR's report summaries approved by the Secretary for public disclosure;
 - noting the OCSR's annual report to the Minister, following endorsement by the Secretary; and
 - advising the Secretary on any corrections system oversight related function or issue as required.
- (7)
 - (a) Nine
 - (b) Two
 - (c) One – also included in response to a.

(8)

- (a) None
- (b) Twenty-One, on a wide range of issues
- (c) None
- (d) None
- (e) None
- (f) One – The Healthy Prison Review of the Dame Phyllis Frost Centre
- (g) 137 on a wide range of issues
- (h) None
- (i) None
- (j) None

(9) Twenty-one: Refer to 8(b) above.

(10) Given the nature of the information and the security implications, often assurances are sought that the reports are treated in confidence.

Treasurer: rail — Lynbrook station

1639. **MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Treasurer: What is the exact dollar amount for the proposal, consultation, planning, tendering and construction of Lynbrook Railway Station and facilities, including pathways, associated with the Lynbrook Railway Station for each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2007-08.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Information regarding the construction of the Lynbrook Railway Station can be found in Meeting Our Transport Challenges. This document can be found at www.doi.vic.gov.au

Treasurer: rail — Cranbourne East station

1640. **MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Treasurer: What is the exact dollar amount for the proposal, consultation, planning, tendering and construction of Cranbourne East Railway Station and facilities, including pathways, associated with the Cranbourne East Railway Station for each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2007-08.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

No identifiable expenditure has been incurred relating to the Cranbourne East Railway Station.

Police and emergency services: Greater Dandenong — hoon hotline

1652. **MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services):

- (1) What is the exact monthly breakdown of calls to the Victoria Police Hoon Hotline (1800 NO HOON) relating to incidents in the Greater Dandenong Local Government Area for —
 - (a) 2005-06;

- (b) 2006-07;
- (c) 2007 to date.
- (2) What is the exact monthly breakdown of Victoria Police investigations from the Victoria Police Hoon Hotline (1800 NO HOON) calls relating to incidents in the Greater Dandenong Local Government Area for —
 - (a) 2005-06;
 - (b) 2006-07;
 - (c) 2007 to date.
- (3) As a result of Victoria Police investigations from the Hoon Hotline, what is the exact number of convictions for hoon driving relating to incidents in the Greater Dandenong Local Government Area for —
 - (a) 2005-06;
 - (b) 2006-07;
 - (c) 2007 to date.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The 1800 NO HOON number you refer to is not a State Government service. I am advised that it is an initiative operated by Local Government.

The State Government however recently established a state wide ‘hoon hotline’ with Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000). The Crime Stoppers hoon hotline provides access for members of the public to report relevant information and can provide police with follow up information after incidents or accidents occur. The implementation of the hoon hotline is also a valuable tool to enable police to gather intelligence and to target repeat hoon drivers.

To date police have effectively impounded vehicles on over 4280 occasions. Persistent offenders face extended impoundment of their vehicles. The powers which police now hold are a substantial advance in road safety and enable police to deal quickly and effectively with dangerous antisocial behaviour.

Police and emergency services: Frankston — hoon hotline

1653. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services):

- (1) What is the exact monthly breakdown of calls to the Victoria Police Hoon Hotline (1800 NO HOON) relating to incidents in the Frankston Local Government Area for —
 - (a) 2005-06;
 - (b) 2006-07;
 - (c) 2007 to date.
- (2) What is the exact monthly breakdown of Victoria Police investigations from the Victoria Police Hoon Hotline (1800 NO HOON) calls relating to incidents in the Frankston Local Government Area for —
 - (a) 2005-06;
 - (b) 2006-07;
 - (c) 2007 to date.
- (3) As a result of Victoria Police investigations from the Hoon Hotline, what is the exact number of convictions for hoon driving relating to incidents in the Frankston Local Government Area for —
 - (a) 2005-06;

- (b) 2006-07;
- (c) 2007 to date.

ANSWER:

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Police and emergency services: Casey — hoon hotline

1654. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services):

- (1) What is the exact monthly breakdown of calls to the Victoria Police Hoon Hotline (1800 NO HOON) relating to incidents in the Casey Local Government Area for —
 - (a) 2005-06;
 - (b) 2006-07;
 - (c) 2007 to date.
- (2) What is the exact monthly breakdown of Victoria Police investigations from the Victoria Police Hoon Hotline (1800 NO HOON) calls relating to incidents in the Casey Local Government Area for —
 - (a) 2005-06;
 - (b) 2006-07;
 - (c) 2007 to date.
- (3) As a result of Victoria Police investigations from the Hoon Hotline, what is the exact number of convictions for hoon driving relating to incidents in the Casey Local Government Area for —
 - (a) 2005-06;
 - (b) 2006-07;
 - (c) 2007 to date.

ANSWER:

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Police and emergency services: Monash — hoon hotline

1655. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services):

- (1) What is the exact monthly breakdown of calls to the Victoria Police Hoon Hotline (1800 NO HOON) relating to incidents in the Monash Local Government Area for —
 - (a) 2005-06;
 - (b) 2006-07;
 - (c) 2007 to date.
- (2) What is the exact monthly breakdown of Victoria Police investigations from the Victoria Police Hoon Hotline (1800 NO HOON) calls relating to incidents in the Monash Local Government Area for —
 - (a) 2005-06;
 - (b) 2006-07;
 - (c) 2007 to date.
- (3) As a result of Victoria Police investigations from the Hoon Hotline, what is the exact number of convictions for hoon driving relating to incidents in the Monash Local Government Area for —
 - (a) 2005-06;
 - (b) 2006-07;
 - (c) 2007 to date.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

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The State Government however recently established a state wide ‘hoon hotline’ with Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000). The Crime Stoppers hoon hotline provides access for members of the public to report relevant information and can provide police with follow up information after incidents or accidents occur. The implementation of the hoon hotline is also a valuable tool to enable police to gather intelligence and to target repeat hoon drivers.

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Police and emergency services: Kingston — hoon hotline

1656. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services):

- (1) What is the exact monthly breakdown of calls to the Victoria Police Hoon Hotline (1800 NO HOON) relating to incidents in the Kingston Local Government Area for —
 - (a) 2005-06;
 - (b) 2006-07;
 - (c) 2007 to date.

- (2) What is the exact monthly breakdown of Victoria Police investigations from the Victoria Police Hoon Hotline (1800 NO HOON) calls relating to incidents in the Kingston Local Government Area for —
 - (a) 2005-06;
 - (b) 2006-07;
 - (c) 2007 to date.
- (3) As a result of Victoria Police investigations from the Hoon Hotline, what is the exact number of convictions for hoon driving relating to incidents in the Kingston Local Government Area for —
 - (a) 2005-06;
 - (b) 2006-07;
 - (c) 2007 to date.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

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The State Government however recently established a state wide 'hoon hotline' with Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000). The Crime Stoppers hoon hotline provides access for members of the public to report relevant information and can provide police with follow up information after incidents or accidents occur. The implementation of the hoon hotline is also a valuable tool to enable police to gather intelligence and to target repeat hoon drivers.

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Roads and ports: Yarra River punt

- 1739. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): In relation to the cyclist volumes on Footscray Road Bicycle Path provided in the Minister's answer to Question No. 289: Can the Minister provide equivalent figures for April to December 2006 and April to December 2007.

ANSWER:

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

The attached table provides average cyclist volumes on the Footscray Road bicycle path for April to December 2006 and April to December 2007 provided by VicRoads.

As indicated, there has been an average increase in cyclist volumes of up to 14% on this route.

Public transport: media monitoring

- 1757. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): What was the expenditure by the Department of Infrastructure on media monitoring for each of the financial years 2002-03 to 2007-08 to date.

ANSWER:

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

Expenditure by the Department of Infrastructure is outlined in the Department's Annual Reports. These can be viewed at www.doi.vic.gov.au.

Community services: disability services — carers and respite care

1763. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$3.5 million worth of funding for disability support carers and \$3.5 million for respite care promised on 10 December 1999:

- (1) How much of these extra funds for disability support carers were expended over the period until the end of 2004.
- (2) How much of these extra funds for respite care were expended over the period until the end of 2004.
- (3) How was the use of these funds evaluated.

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: disability services — demand growth

1775. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$6.2 million worth of funding promised in the 2000-01 budget for demand growth within disability services:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) This initiative contributed to the output and financial performance reported in the Department of Human Services Annual Report for 2000-01. Retrospective disaggregation of this reported performance would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.
- (2) The use of the funds forms part of ongoing service and demand evaluation undertaken by the Department.

Community services: supported accommodation

1776. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$2.5 million worth of funding promised in the 2000-01 budget for community based accommodation and support services:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the 2000-01 financial year.
- (2) How many extra clients received supported accommodation in 2000-01 financial year as a result of this funding.

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 2000-01. Retrospective disaggregation of this reported performance would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.
- (2) Refer to Question (1).

Community services: Kew Residential Services

1777. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$2.9 million worth of funding promised in the 2000-01 budget to redevelop Kew Residential Services:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the 2000-01 financial year.
- (2) How many Kew residents received upgraded accommodation in the 2000-01 financial year as a result of these funds.

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 2000-01. Retrospective disaggregation of this reported performance would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.
- (2) The funding provided to KRS in 2000-01 was to initiate the redevelopment of the site for the relocation of residents into community based accommodation.

Community services: disability services — parent support programs

1778. 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 promised in the 2000-01 budget to assist parents of children with disabilities:

- (1) How much of this funding was provided via the Early Choices program in the financial year 2000-01.
- (2) How much of this funding was provided via the Making a Difference program in the financial year 2000-01.
- (3) How many extra flexible care packages were provided to children exiting the Early Choices program and transferring to the Making a Difference program in the financial year 2000-01.
- (4) How many extra flexible funding packages, under the Making a Difference program, were provided to parents caring for children and adolescents with challenging behaviours in the financial year 2000-01.

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 2000-01. Retrospective disaggregation of this reported performance would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.
- (2) Refer to Question (1).

- (3) Refer to Question (1).
- (4) Refer to Question (1).

Community services: home care program

1779. 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 Home Care Program:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the 2000-01 financial year.
- (2) How many people with disabilities were able to remain in their homes and communities in financial year 2000-01 because of these funds.

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 2000-01. Retrospective disaggregation of this reported performance would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.
- (2) Refer to Question (1).

Community services: respite care

1780. 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 promised in the 2000-01 budget for respite care:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the 2000-01 financial year.
- (2) How many extra episodes of respite care were provided with these funds in the 2000-01 financial year.

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 2000-01. Retrospective disaggregation of this reported performance would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.
- (2) Refer to Question (1).

Community services: aids and equipment program

1781. 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 promised in the 2000-01 budget to expand the aids and equipment program:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the 2000-01 financial year.
- (2) How many families with young children were provided assistance with electronic communication devices by way of a \$3,000 Government contribution.

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 2000-01. Retrospective disaggregation of this reported performance would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.
- (2) Refer to Question (1).

Community services: carers

1782. **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 promised in the 2000-01 budget to provide support for carers:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the 2000-01 financial year.
- (2) How many families benefited from this funding in the 2000-01 financial year.

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 2000-01. Retrospective disaggregation of this reported performance would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.
- (2) Refer to Question (1).

Community services: community residential units

1783. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$15 million worth of funding promised in the 2000-01 budget for new community residential units (CRUs):

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the 2000-01 financial year.
- (2) How many new CRUs were online by the end of 2000-01 because of this funding
- (3) How many new beds were available by the end of the 2000-01 financial year because of this funding.
- (4) How much of this funding was provided by the end of the 2002-03 financial year.
- (5) How many new CRUs were online by the end of the 2002-03 financial year because of this funding.
- (6) How many new beds were available by the end of the 2002-03 financial year because of this funding.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) This initiative contributed to the output and financial performance reported in the Department of Human Services Annual Reports for 2000-01 and 2002-03. Retrospective disaggregation of this reported performance would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.
- (2) Refer to Question (1)

- (3) Refer to Question (1)
- (4) Refer to Question (1)
- (5) Refer to Question (1)
- (6) Refer to Question (1)

Community services: disability services — supported accommodation

1784. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$7 million worth of funding promised in the 2000-01 budget for priority housing for people with a disability:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the 2000-01 financial year.
- (2) How many extra accommodation places became available by the end of the 2000-01 financial year because of this funding.

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 2000-01. Retrospective disaggregation of this reported performance would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.
- (2) Refer to Question (1)

Community services: brain injury support services

1789. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$800,000 worth of funding promised on 20 September 2000 for brain injury support services:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the 2000-01 financial year.
- (2) How much of this funding was provided by the end of the 2002-03 financial year.
- (3) How was the use of these funds evaluated.

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 2000-01. Retrospective disaggregation of this reported performance would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.
- (2) This initiative contributed to the output and financial performance reported in the Department of Human Services Annual Report for 2002-03. Retrospective disaggregation of this reported performance would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.
- (3) The use of the funds forms part of ongoing service and demand evaluation undertaken by the Department.

Community services: Grampians Rural Access initiative

1790. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$330,000 worth of funding promised on 28 September 2000 for the Grampians Rural Access initiative:

- (1) How many 'Rural Access' workers were employed with these funds in the 2000-01 financial year.
- (2) By what date were four 'Rural Access' workers employed with these funds

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Four RuralAccess workers were employed in the Grampians Region with 2000/01 funds.
- (2) The four RuralAccess workers were employed by September 2000.

Community services: speech and communication therapy

1791. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$3 million worth of funding promised on 9 November 2000 for speech and communication therapy:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) This initiative contributed to the output and financial performance reported in the Department of Human Services Annual Report for 2000-01. Retrospective disaggregation of this reported performance would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.
- (2) The use of the funds forms part of ongoing service and demand evaluation undertaken by the Department.

Community services: Clarendon Street, Thornbury— beds

1799. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to purpose-built accommodation in Clarendon Street, Thornbury:

- (1) What are the total number of beds in this facility.
- (2) How many beds are available for respite care.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) There are 20 beds at Clarendon Street, Thornbury.
- (2) Ten beds are available for respite.

Community services: Disability Act

1818. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): What policies and guidelines have been developed to support the Disability Act 2006.

ANSWER:

I am informed that the policies and guidelines developed to support the implementation of the Disability Act 2006 are:

- Access Policy
- Access Policy Implementation Guide
- Guidelines for setting and collection of residential charges
 - Community Service Organisations
- Planning Policy
- Planning Resource Kit and Implementation Guide
- Policy and Information Manual
- Registration of Disability Service Providers
 - Policy Statement
- Residential Treatment Facilities Implementation Guide
- Restrictive Interventions Implementation Guide
- Rights and Accountability: Management of Money Policy
- Strengthening Rights in Residential Service Policy
- Supervised Treatment Orders Implementation Guide

Community services: ageing parent carers

1824. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): From the Disability Services quarterly Data Collection for the 2006-07 financial year, how many carers in the age group of 65 years and above benefited from the respite funding provided by the Bilateral Agreement under the Commonwealth States/Territories Disability agreement for respite for ageing parent carers.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Victoria does not disaggregate reporting on carers assisted under the Bilateral Agreement for Older Parent Carers by funding source. The information requested is therefore not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.

Community services: commonwealth state/territory disability agreement

1825. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services):

- (1) What funds did Victoria receive from the Commonwealth in the 2006-07 financial year under the Commonwealth State Territory Disability Agreement.
- (2) What funds did Victoria contribute to meet its responsibilities under the Agreement in the 2006-07 financial year.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Victoria received funds of \$139.6M from the Commonwealth in the 2006-07 financial year under the Commonwealth State Territory Disability Agreement.
- (2) Victoria contributed \$1041.5M to meet its responsibilities under the Agreement in the 2006-07 financial year.

Community services: commonwealth state/territory disability agreement

1826. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services):

- (1) What funds does Victoria expect to receive from the Commonwealth in 2007-08 under the Commonwealth State Territory Disability Agreement.
- (2) What funds does Victoria expect to contribute to meet its responsibilities under the Agreement in the 2007-08 financial year.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Victoria expects to receive funds of \$142.9M from the Commonwealth in the 2007-08 financial year under the Commonwealth State Territory Disability Agreement.
- (2) Victoria expects to contribute \$1081.0M to meet its responsibilities under the Agreement in the 2007-08 financial year.

Consumer affairs: licensed outlets

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Consumer affairs: Business Licensing Authority

1879. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs): How many approvals have been granted by the Business Licensing Authority in each of the years 2005, 2006 and 2007 through mutual recognition for an Estate Agents Licence from applicants holding a licence from —

- (a) New South Wales;
- (b) South Australia;
- (c) Queensland;
- (d) Western Australia;
- (e) Tasmania;
- (f) Australian Capital Territory;
- (g) Northern Territory; and
- (h) New Zealand.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The following approvals have been granted by the Business Licensing Authority through mutual recognition for an Estate Agents Licence:

	2005	2006	2007
NSW	58	69	147
QLD	29	39	31

	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>
WA	1	1	1
TAS		2	1
SA	9	3	10
ACT			5
NT		1	
Licence Held in Multiple Jurisdictions at Time of Victorian Approval			
QLD/NSW	3		2
NSW/ACT		2	
QLD/WA			1
NSW/QLD/ACT		1	
SA/WA/QLD			1
QLD/SA/TAS			1
Licence Held in Multiple Jurisdictions at Time of Victorian Approval			
NSW/NT/QLD			1
NSW/ACT/QLD/SA/NT		1	
NZ/NSW			1
Total	100	119	202

Industry and trade: CPR Communications and Public Relations

1883. MR. D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade: In table form, what was the expenditure by the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development in the financial years 2005-06 and 2006-07 and the period between 30 June 2007 and 31 December 2007 on CPR Communications and Public Relations, providing in each case —

- (a) the date on which the tender or contract was entered into;
- (b) the matter involved;
- (c) the total expenditure by the Department on that matter;
- (d) the date on which the matter was finalised; and
- (e) whether the payments in each case were the result of a formal tender, or other formal process, or were simply awarded to CPR.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

- (a) the contract was entered into on 11 March 2005;
- (b) the matter involved the implementation of an International Education and Training Marketing Strategy for the World Expo 2005 Aichi;
- (c) the total expenditure by the Department was \$37,049.10;
- (d) the last payment to the company by the Department was finalised on 22 October 2005; and
- (e) the payments were as a result of a formal request for quotes closing on 28 January 2005.

Environment and climate change: CPR Communications and Public Relations

1885. MR. D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: In table form, what was the expenditure by the Department of Sustainability and Environment in the financial years 2005-06 and 2006-07 and the period between 30 June 2007 and 31 December 2007 on CPR Communications and Public Relations, providing in each case —

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ANSWER:

I am informed that there were three payments totalling \$69,990.90:

a	16 April 2007	Between 1 and 5 June 2006	25 May 2006
b	Facilitation services including preparation for strategy workshop for the Energy Saving Campaign held on 16 April 2007	Community Consultation, mediation and report to Minister for Planning about future options for Hepburn Pool	A survey was conducted of stakeholders and clients to test the value of existing products and services provided by the Spatial Analysis and Research Branch* and to identify gaps in these services.
c	\$1,925.00	\$43,065.00	\$25,000.90
d	10 May 2007	8 August 2006	Late August 2006
e	Company selected from the Government's Marketing Services Panel	Company selected from the Government's Marketing Services Panel	Four organisations were requested to provide a quote.

Attorney-General: CPR Communications and Public Relations

1886. MR. D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Attorney-General): In table form, what was the expenditure by the Department of Justice in the financial years 2005-06 and 2006-07 and the period between 30 June 2007 and 31 December 2007 on CPR Communications and Public Relations, providing in each case —

- (a) the date on which the tender or contract was entered into;
- (b) the matter involved;
- (c) the total expenditure by the Department on that matter;
- (d) the date on which the matter was finalised; and
- (e) whether the payments in each case were the result of a formal tender, or other formal process, or were simply awarded to CPR.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The Department of Justice has no record of any payments to CPR.

Public transport: CPR Communications and Public Relations

1887. MR. D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In table form, what was the expenditure by the Department of Infrastructure in the financial years 2005-06 and 2006-07 and the period between 30 June 2007 and 31 December 2007 on CPR Communications and Public Relations, providing in each case —

- (a) the date on which the tender or contract was entered into;
- (b) the matter involved;
- (c) the total expenditure by the Department on that matter;
- (d) the date on which the matter was finalised; and
- (e) whether the payments in each case were the result of a formal tender, or other formal process, or were simply awarded to CPR.

ANSWER:

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

Information relating to CPR Communications and Public Relations can be found at www.tenders.vic.gov.au.

Housing: deed of anticipation

1948. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the annual payment to the Treasurer, which is determined each year in accordance with Operative Provision 5 of the Deed of Assumption 1998: What was the value of this payment in each of the financial years 1999-2000 to 2006-07.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Deed of Assumption was signed by the former government in 1998. Information on this is contained in the *Summary of Housing Assistance*.

Housing: waiting list

1950. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): What is the current average waiting time for each of the four categories of the segmented waiting list for public housing for —

- (a) Victoria;
- (b) each region; and
- (c) each housing office.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Information on waiting times is contained in Budget Paper 3 and the Annual Report. Individual waiting times vary depending on the applicant's location and stock type preferences.

Housing: waiting list

1951. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): How often does the Office of Housing review applicants on the Public Housing Waiting list to assess their current status and eligibility.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Office of Housing periodically reviews all applicants on the waiting list to assess their current status and eligibility. In addition, eligibility confirmation is undertaken whenever there has been a change in circumstances of the applicant, such as a change to the household or income levels, and when a property becomes available for offer.

Housing: waiting list

1952. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): How many years, months and days is the longest period of time an applicant has been registered on the Public Housing wait turn list.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Information on early housing waiting times is contained in Budget Paper 3 and the Annual Report.

There are many reasons why an applicant may wait longer than usual for a public housing property. Factors such as the particular location and stock type preferences and bedroom size can affect waiting times. Further, the specific requirements of some applicants due to medical or other needs, which limit their ability to accept a property, can impact greatly on the ability of the Office of Housing to acquire a suitable property meeting all the necessary requirements.

Housing: waiting list

1953. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): How many years, months and days is the longest period of time an applicant has been registered on the Public Housing early housing waiting list for each of the segments 1, 2 and 3.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Information on early housing waiting times is contained in Budget Paper 3 and the Annual Report.

There are many reasons why an applicant may wait longer than usual for a public housing property. Factors such as the particular location and stock type preferences and bedroom size can affect waiting times. Further, the specific requirements of some applicants due to medical or other needs, which limit their ability to accept a property, can impact greatly on the ability of the Office of Housing to acquire a suitable property meeting all the necessary requirements.

Housing: maintenance backlog

1954. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): What is the current dollar value of the Public Housing maintenance backlog.

ANSWER:

In 2004, the Auditor General inquired into public housing maintenance. The report is available at www.audit.vic.gov.au

Since then, the Office of Housing has delivered improvements to our maintenance services including spending \$122m on upgrades. Furthermore, with the \$500m increase announced in the 2007-2008 budget, the Office of Housing will be renewing more public housing stock, reducing ongoing maintenance liabilities.

Housing: government home loan scheme

1955. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the State Government Home Loan Scheme and a meeting between the former Premier and several loan recipients at a Labor Party function in Geelong on 28 July 2006 at which an undertaking was given that concerns raised would be looked into: When will the home loan recipients receive a response.

ANSWER:

I am informed that: the former and current governments have assiduously responded to every reasonable question that Victorians and their representatives have put forward for consideration. In June 2002 the Government announced the release of a support package for people who took out various Government home loans between 1984-1996. Current borrowers experiencing difficulties with their loans are encouraged to contact the Director of Housing to have their circumstances reviewed.

Housing: government home loan scheme

1956. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the former Minister for Housing's statement on 24 November 1999 in the Legislative Assembly that she would work toward a systemic response to the Government Home Loan Scheme and that the response would assist borrowers to achieve full home ownership within a reasonable time and at a reasonable cost:

- (1) Is the Minister aware the package has benefited only a few borrowers and has in fact resulted in a few borrowers receiving substantial subsidies and others nothing.
- (2) Given that it is contrary to Departmental policy and the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement, both of which indicated that all borrowers were to be treated equally and all would pay the same interest rate and the loans would be no subsidy loans, why has the package resulted in —
 - (a) only a few borrowers benefiting; and
 - (b) a few borrowers receiving substantial subsidies and others nothing.

ANSWER:

In June 2002 the Government announced the release of a support package for people who took out various Government home loans between 1984 and 1996. This package was developed following extensive consultation over a two year period with borrower advocates and consumer groups. The package received strong support from the Consumer Law Centre Victoria and the Financial and Consumer Rights Council welcomed the new initiatives.

Following the release of the package all existing borrowers who had entered into a loan program between 1984 and 1996 were contacted regarding the various levels of assistance available to them. I am advised that the vast majority of current borrowers with post 1984 loans are on target to pay off their home loans within a reasonable period and achieve full home ownership.

Housing: government home loan scheme

1957. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): Why are Victorian Legal Aid and the Office of Housing using public funds to address serious problems arising out of the Government Home Loan Scheme.

ANSWER:

Victorian Legal Aid (VLA) is an independent statutory authority established by the Legal Aid Act 1978 (Vic). VLA is not subject to ministerial directions by the Minister for Housing.

Health: Austin Hospital and Mercy Hospital for Women

1962. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): What annual savings has the redeveloped Austin and Mercy Hospitals delivered through service amalgamations, rationalisation of buildings and sharing of facilities.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Austin Hospital Redevelopment and Mercy Hospital for Women Relocation project is due for completion in 2009. The review of operating costs, proposed for 12 months after commissioning of the new towers, has not yet occurred.

Austin Hospital will undertake an independent review within the next 12 months to determine whether the expected savings in operating costs have been achieved. This review will feed into the Gate 6 Gateway Review that will be undertaken in 2009 following the completion of the project.

Environment and climate change: Hampton Park landfill

1964. MS HARTLAND — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: Has the Minister been informed about allegations of inappropriate dumping, including asbestos, at the municipal landfill in Hallam Road, Hampton Park; if so, is there an Environment Protection Authority (EPA) investigation into the allegations, and when will the results be made public and placed on the EPA website.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Thank you for your question on notice of 12 March, and your subsequent adjournment debate question of 13 March, regarding the Hallam Road transfer station and landfill.

As I have previously stated, I take the quality of the environmental performance of landfill sites extremely seriously, and I have high expectations of the performance of the Environment Protection Authority (EPA). As such I asked EPA to investigate the matters you brought to my attention and I am advised that EPA has received a report from the community alleging asbestos waste not wrapped appropriately was deposited at the Hallam Road transfer station.

In response EPA inspected the site, and also met with the local community group that raised the issue on 14 March to discuss their concerns. Their concerns centred on the acceptance of asbestos at the transfer station.

EPA licenses the operators of the Hallam Road landfill to accept putrescible and solid inert waste, which can include domestic asbestos and shredded tyres.

Asbestos should be double-wrapped in plastic prior to disposal, but operators of transfer stations have to be prepared for situations where this has not occurred. I am advised that the operators of the Hallam Road site have procedures in place to ensure asbestos is managed safely in such situations.

EPA routinely follows up public reports such as this, and ensures that those who have raised the original concerns are informed about outcomes. EPA took this approach in this case, meeting with those who raised the concerns and discussing the findings. EPA advises they receive over 8,000 pollution reports each year, and that it would be impractical to post the outcome of each report on the website.

Community services: juvenile justice group conferencing

1979. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$300,000 worth of funding for juvenile justice group conferencing 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:

- (1) All of the allocated funding was expended.
- (2) Yes, the results were positive.

Planning: rural land-use planning program

2010. MR GUY — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Rural Land-Use Planning Program:

- (1) How many councils submitted applications.
- (2) How many applications have been approved.
- (3) What are the details, including location, cost, and stream, of each approved project.
- (4) When were the successful applications announced.
- (5) Have any external consultants been engaged; if so —
 - (a) who are the consultants;
 - (b) how much has been paid for each consultancy to date; and
 - (c) what is the budget for external consultants.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Rural Land-Use Planning Program is assisting councils to undertake the necessary strategic planning work to improve the management of rural land within planning schemes.

The application period closed on 20 December 2007 and 27 applications were received from councils across the State.

In late April 2008 I announced the funding of 14 successful applications. This funding will help councils respond to a range of emerging rural planning issues to support sustainable growth and development in provincial Victoria. These 14 projects are:

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	Project Name (<i>Stream</i>)	Location	Funding
1	Assessment of Boundary Zonings and Application of Rural Conservation Zones and Rural Activity Zones (<i>Strategic Planning</i>)	Ararat Rural City and Northern Grampians Shire	\$30,000
2	Rural Land-use and Tourism in Bass Coast and South Gippsland Shires (<i>Strategic Planning</i>)	Bass Coast Shire & South Gippsland Shire	\$40,000
3	Colac Otway Rural Living Strategy (<i>Strategic Planning</i>)	Colac Otway Shire	\$35,000
4	Planning Impacts of Irrigation Water being Sold out of Gannawarra Shire (<i>Strategic Planning</i>)	Gannawarra Shire	\$30,000
5	Rural Land Use Strategy–Implementation (<i>Implementation</i>)	Golden Plains Shire	\$15,000
6	North Central Biolinks Project (<i>Strategic Planning</i>)	City of Greater Bendigo and Campaspe Shire	\$35,000
7	Regional Rural Strategy (Moirra Shire, Campaspe Shire and City of Greater Shepparton) (<i>Strategic Planning</i>)	City of Greater Shepparton, Campaspe Shire & Moira Shire	\$40,000
8	Loddon Shire Rural Living Review (<i>Implementation</i>)	Loddon Shire	\$15,000
9	Peri Urban responses to rural issues in the state planning system (<i>Strategic Planning</i>)	Moorabool Shire and 7 other peri-urban Shires	\$45,000
10	Mount Alexander Shire and Central Goldfields Shire Land Capability Project (<i>Strategic Planning</i>)	Mount Alexander Shire and Central Goldfields Shire	\$50,000
11	Beyond Tree Change: An Integrated Rural Land Use Strategy for Mansfield, Murrindindi & Strathbogie Shires (<i>Strategic Planning</i>)	Murrindindi Shire, Strathbogie Shire and Mansfield Shire	\$30,000
12	Rural Housing and Settlement Strategy (Moyne & Warrnambool) (<i>Strategic Planning</i>)	Moyne Shire and City of Warrnambool	\$35,000
13	Review of Rural Zones (<i>Strategic Planning</i>)	Pyrenees Shire	\$10,000
14	Supporting Sustainable Growth and Development within the Towong Shire (<i>Strategic Planning</i>)	Towong Shire	\$20,000

The amount of funding for the projects may undergo minor revision in negotiation with successful applicants.

No external consultants have been engaged for the Rural Land-Use Planning Program.

Environment and climate change: Corangamite Catchment Management Authority

2044. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: In table form, what was the total income from all Federal Government sources and programs for each of the last three financial years for the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Federal government funding can be found in the financial statements of the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority's annual reports.

Environment and climate change: East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority

2045. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: In table form, what was the total income from all Federal Government sources and programs for each of the last three financial years for the East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Federal government funding can be found in the financial statements of the East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority's annual reports.

Environment and climate change: Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority

2046. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: In table form, what was the total income from all Federal Government sources and programs for each of the last three financial years for the Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Federal government funding can be found in the financial statements of the Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority's annual reports.

Environment and climate change: Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority

2047. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: In table form, what was the total income from all Federal Government sources and programs for each of the last three financial years for the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Federal government funding can be found in the financial statements of the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority's annual reports.

Environment and climate change: Mallee Catchment Management Authority

2048. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: In table form, what was the total income from all Federal Government sources and programs for each of the last three financial years for the Mallee Catchment Management Authority.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Federal government funding can be found in the financial statements of the Mallee Catchment Management Authority's annual reports.

Environment and climate change: North Central Catchment Management Authority

2049. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: In table form, what was the total income from all Federal Government sources and programs for each of the last three financial years for the North Central Catchment Management Authority.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Federal government funding can be found in the financial statements of the North Central Catchment Management Authority's annual reports.

Environment and climate change: North East Catchment Management Authority

2050. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: In table form, what was the total income from all Federal Government sources and programs for each of the last three financial years for the North East Catchment Management Authority.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Federal government funding can be found in the financial statements of the North East Catchment Management Authority's annual reports.

Environment and climate change: Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority

2051. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: In table form, what was the total income from all Federal Government sources and programs for each of the last three financial years for the Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Federal government funding can be found in the financial statements of the Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority's annual reports.

Environment and climate change: West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority

2052. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: In table form, what was the total income from all Federal Government sources and programs for each of the last three financial years for the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Federal government funding can be found in the financial statements of the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority's annual reports.

Environment and climate change: Wimmera Catchment Management Authority

2053. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: In table form, what was the total income from all Federal Government sources and programs for each of the last three financial years for the Wimmera Catchment Management Authority.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The table below contains the total income from Federal Government sources for the Wimmera Catchment Management Authority.

Wimmera Catchment Management Authority Australian Government Revenue			
Funding Source	<u>2004-05</u>	<u>2005-06</u>	<u>2006-07</u>
National Action Plan for Salinity and Water	3,504,755	2,614,375	2,425,000
National Heritage Trust	1,844,700	2,089,500	2,292,000
National Landcare Program	549,404	355,220	244,930
Bureau of Rural Sciences		50,000	372,725
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry		199,800	
Total	5,898,859	5,308,895	5,334,655

Community services: Fawkner health and community services centre

2057. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$368,000 worth of funding for a new health and community services centre in Fawkner announced on 9 May 2001:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended by 30 June 2004.
- (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 Community Development.

Community services: Wodonga West community centre

2060. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$388,000 worth of funding for the development of a new community centre in Wodonga West announced on 2 November 2001:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended by 30 June 2004.
- (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 Community Development.

Community services: inner south youth

2061. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$580,000 worth of funding for an integrated service for young people who have suffered abuse in Melbourne's inner south announced on 5 March 2002:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended by 30 June 2004.
- (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 entire allocation of \$580,000 was expended by 30 June 2004.
2. No.

Community services: Koori innovation projects

2063. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$3.7 million worth of funding for six local government based and two Koori Innovation Projects for supporting vulnerable families promised in the 2002-03 budget:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the financial year 2002-03.
- (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 entire allocation of \$3.7M was expended in 2002-03.
- (2) Yes. The evaluation report is available on the Department of Human Services' website.

Community services: Aboriginal protocol

2065. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$600,000 worth of funding to support implementation of the Aboriginal protocol promised in the 2002-03 budget:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the financial year 2002-03.
- (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 entire allocation of \$600,000 was expended in 2002-03.
- (2) Yes. As a result services have been further strengthened and expanded.

Community services: child protection service

2066. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$4.2 million worth of funding for additional child protection workers promised in the 2002-03 budget:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the financial year 2002-03.
- (2) How many additional child protection workers (equivalent full-time) were employed in the financial year 2002-03 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 entire allocation of \$4.2M was expended in 2002-03.
- (2) It is not possible to attribute the specific recruitment of child protection workers to this specific allocation.
- (3) No.

Community services: child protection service

2068. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$300,000 worth of funding for child protection service improvements promised in the 2002-03 budget:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the financial year 2002-03.
- (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 entire allocation of \$300,000 was expended in 2002-03.
- (2) No

Senior Victorians: dementia management in hospitals program

2085. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to the Dementia Management in Hospitals program:

- (1) Which health services will be funded to implement the program.
- (2) Have any of these health services implemented the program to date —
 - (a) if so, which ones and when.
 - (b) if not, what is the expected date of implementation.
- (3) What is the estimated cost of the roll out.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The Dementia Management in Hospitals Program has been introduced and implemented in 16 Health Services:

- Barwon Health
- Box Hill Hospital
- Broadmeadows Health Service
- Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital
- Maryborough District Health Service
- Mt Alexander Hospital
- Mt Eliza Centre
- Northeast Health Wangaratta
- Royal Melbourne Hospital
- St Vincent’s Health
- Sunshine Hospital
- Swan Hill District Hospital
- Werribee Mercy Hospital
- Western District Health Service
- Wimmera Health Care Group
- Wodonga Regional Health Service

(2) Of the 16 Health Services funded to implement the program —

(a) Seven Health Services implemented the program in December 2005:

- Barwon Health
- Broadmeadows Health Service
- Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital
- Mt Eliza Centre
- Northeast Health Wangaratta
- Royal Melbourne Hospital
- St Vincent’s Health

Nine Health Services implemented the program in August 2007:

- Box Hill Hospital
- Maryborough District Health Service
- Mt Alexander Hospital
- Sunshine Hospital
- Swan Hill Hospital
- Werribee Mercy Hospital
- Western District Health Service
- Wimmera Health Care Group
- Wodonga Regional Health Service

(b) All Health Services funded to implement the program have done so.

(3) \$245,856 has funded the delivery of the training required for the 16 Health Services to implement the program.

Consumer affairs: licensed venues — Prahran

2160. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs): How many licensed venues were there in Greville Street, Prahran, between Chapel Street, Prahran, and Punt Road, Prahran, in 1999.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

As at 30 June 1999 there were 9 licensed venues in Greville Street between Chapel Street, Prahran, and Punt Road, Prahran.

Consumer affairs: licensed venues — Prahran

2161. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs): How many licensed venues were there in Greville Street, Prahran, between Chapel Street, Prahran, and Punt Road, Prahran, in 2000.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

As at 30 June 2000 there were 10 licensed venues in Greville Street between Chapel Street, Prahran, and Punt Road, Prahran.

Consumer affairs: licensed venues — Prahran

2162. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs): How many licensed venues were there in Greville Street, Prahran, between Chapel Street, Prahran, and Punt Road, Prahran, in 2001.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

As at 30 June 2001 there were 10 licensed venues in Greville Street between Chapel Street, Prahran, and Punt Road, Prahran.

Attorney-General: fair payments policy

2184. **MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Attorney-General): In relation to the Government's Fair Payments Policy, which requires a department or agency to pay invoices for work done by small businesses within 30 days or pay penalty interest, with respect to the Department of Justice:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid in the period since the 2002 election.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest for bills not paid within 30 days in the period since 2002.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received from small businesses on which penalty interest was paid in the period since 2002.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid in the period since 2002.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made in the period since 2002.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

A search of the Department of Justice's financial system has shown that no payments for penalty interest have been made by the department since the introduction of the Government's Fair Payments Policy in 2002.

Corrections: fair payments policy

2189. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Corrections): In relation to the Government's Fair Payments Policy, which requires a department or agency to pay invoices for work done by small businesses within 30 days or pay penalty interest, with respect to the Department of Justice:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid in the period since the 2002 election.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest for bills not paid within 30 days in the period since 2002.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received from small businesses on which penalty interest was paid in the period since 2002.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid in the period since 2002.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made in the period since 2002.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Questions relating to the Department of Justice as a whole are the responsibility of the Attorney-General.

Energy and resources: fair payments policy

2191. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Government's Fair Payments Policy, which requires a department or agency to pay invoices for work done by small businesses within 30 days or pay penalty interest, with respect to the Department of Primary Industries:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid in the period since the 2002 election.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest for bills not paid within 30 days in the period since 2002.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received from small businesses on which penalty interest was paid in the period since 2002.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid in the period since 2002.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made in the period since 2002.

ANSWER:

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

The Victorian Government is committed to promoting a fair and competitive environment for small to medium-sized businesses. To improve the cash flow certainty for these businesses, the Government introduced the 'fair payment clause' for contracts.

From 1 November 2004, Government Departments are required to pay suppliers within 30 days upon receipt of a correctly rendered invoice (or within any other payment period as agreed between the Department and the supplier; which may be shorter). This policy applies to new contracts for goods and services valued at less than \$3 million.

If an invoice is not paid within 30 days from the date of receipt (or other payment period), and there is no dispute regarding the invoice or the provision of goods and services, the supplier may make a claim for penalty interest on the outstanding debt.

The Department of Primary Industries has not received any claims for penalty interest from small businesses.

Environment and climate change: fair payments policy

2192. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the for Environment and Climate Change: In relation to the Government’s Fair Payments Policy, which requires a department or agency to pay invoices for work done by small businesses within 30 days or pay penalty interest, with respect to the Department of Sustainability and Environment:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid in the period since the 2002 election.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest for bills not paid within 30 days in the period since 2002.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received from small businesses on which penalty interest was paid in the period since 2002.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid in the period since 2002.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made in the period since 2002.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) the Department of Sustainability and Environment has not paid penalty interest under the Government’s Fair Payments Policy since the 2002 election result;
- (2) no small businesses have received penalty interest;
- (3) the total amount of the original bills on which penalty interest was paid was nil; and
- (4) the total amount of penalty interest paid was nil.

Industry and trade: fair payments policy

2198. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade: In relation to the Government’s Fair Payments Policy, which requires a department or agency to pay invoices for work done by small businesses within 30 days or pay penalty interest, with respect to the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid in the period since the 2002 election.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest for bills not paid within 30 days in the period since 2002.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received from small businesses on which penalty interest was paid in the period since 2002.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid in the period since 2002.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made in the period since 2002.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Victorian Government is committed to promoting a fair and competitive environment for small to medium sized businesses. To improve the cash flow certainty for these businesses, the Government introduced the 'fair payment clause' for contracts.

From 1 November 2004, Government Departments are required to pay suppliers within 30 days upon receipt of correctly rendered invoice (or within any other payment period as agreed between the Department and the supplier, which may be shorter). This policy applies to new contracts for goods and services valued less than \$3 million.

If an invoice is not paid within 30 days from the date of receipt (or other payment period), and there is no dispute regarding the invoice or the provision of goods and services, the supplier may make a claim for penalty interest on the outstanding debt.

The Department has not received any application for penalty interest payment in relation to the fair payments policy.

Accordingly no penalty interest payments have been made.

Information and communication technology: fair payments policy

2199. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Information and Communication Technology: In relation to the Government's Fair Payments Policy, which requires a department or agency to pay invoices for work done by small businesses within 30 days or pay penalty interest, with respect to the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid in the period since the 2002 election.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest for bills not paid within 30 days in the period since 2002.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received from small businesses on which penalty interest was paid in the period since 2002.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid in the period since 2002.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made in the period since 2002.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Victorian Government is committed to promoting a fair and competitive environment for small to medium sized businesses. To improve the cash flow certainty for these businesses, the Government introduced the 'fair payment clause' for contracts.

From 1 November 2004, Government Departments are required to pay suppliers within 30 days upon receipt of correctly rendered invoice (or within any other payment period as agreed between the Department and the supplier, which may be shorter). This policy applies to new contracts for goods and services valued less than \$3 million.

If an invoice is not paid within 30 days from the date of receipt (or other payment period), and there is no dispute regarding the invoice or the provision of goods and services, the supplier may make a claim for penalty interest on the outstanding debt.

The Department has not received any application for penalty interest payment in relation to the fair payments policy.

Accordingly no penalty interest payments have been made.

Major projects: fair payments policy

2202. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: In relation to the Government’s Fair Payments Policy, which requires a department or agency to pay invoices for work done by small businesses within 30 days or pay penalty interest, with respect to the Department of Infrastructure:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid in the period since the 2002 election.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest for bills not paid within 30 days in the period since 2002.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received from small businesses on which penalty interest was paid in the period since 2002.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid in the period since 2002.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made in the period since 2002.

ANSWER:

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

The Department of Infrastructure, for the period in question has not paid any penalties or interest resulting from the late payment of supplier or vendor invoices under the terms and conditions of the Fair Payment Policy.

Police and emergency services: fair payments policy

2206. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to the Government’s Fair Payments Policy, which requires a department or agency to pay invoices for work done by small businesses within 30 days or pay penalty interest, with respect to the Department of Justice:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid in the period since the 2002 election.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest for bills not paid within 30 days in the period since 2002.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received from small businesses on which penalty interest was paid in the period since 2002.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid in the period since 2002.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made in the period since 2002.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Questions relating to the Department of Justice as a whole are the responsibility of the Attorney-General.

Racing: fair payments policy

2209. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Racing): In relation to the Government’s Fair Payments Policy, which requires a department or agency to pay invoices for work done by small businesses within 30 days or pay penalty interest, with respect to the Department of Justice:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid in the period since the 2002 election.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest for bills not paid within 30 days in the period since 2002.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received from small businesses on which penalty interest was paid in the period since 2002.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid in the period since 2002.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made in the period since 2002.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

I refer you to my response to Question on Notice 2184, in my capacity as lead minister for the Department of Justice.

Tourism and major events: fair payments policy

2216. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Tourism and Major Events): In relation to the Government’s Fair Payments Policy, which requires a department or agency to pay invoices for work done by small businesses within 30 days or pay penalty interest, with respect to the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid in the period since the 2002 election.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest for bills not paid within 30 days in the period since 2002.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received from small businesses on which penalty interest was paid in the period since 2002.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid in the period since 2002.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made in the period since 2002.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development has not received any application for penalty interest payment in relation to the fair payments policy.

Accordingly no penalty interest payments have been made.

Water: fair payments policy

2219. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): In relation to the Government’s Fair Payments Policy, which requires a department or agency to pay invoices for work done by small businesses within 30 days or pay penalty interest, with respect to the Department of Sustainability and Environment:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid in the period since the 2002 election.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest for bills not paid within 30 days in the period since 2002.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received from small businesses on which penalty interest was paid in the period since 2002.

- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid in the period since 2002.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made in the period since 2002.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) the Department of Sustainability and Environment has not paid penalty interest under the Government's Fair Payments Policy since the 2002 election result;
- (2) no small businesses have received penalty interest;
- (3) the total amount of the original bills on which penalty interest was paid was nil; and
- (4) the total amount of penalty interest paid was nil.

Treasurer: stress leave

2230. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07: What are the details of all stress related leave, including —

- (a) the number of days taken;
- (b) the estimated cost; and
- (c) the total number of staff in the section.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Innovation: stress leave

2232. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Innovation: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07: What are the details of all stress related leave, including —

- (a) the number of days taken;
- (b) the estimated cost; and
- (c) the total number of staff in the section.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Industry and trade: stress leave

2234. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07: What are the details of all stress related leave, including —

- (a) the number of days taken;
- (b) the estimated cost; and
- (c) the total number of staff in the section.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unnecessary diversion of the Department’s resources.

Information and communication technology: stress leave

2235. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Information and Communication Technology: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07: What are the details of all stress related leave, including —

- (a) the number of days taken;
- (b) the estimated cost; and
- (c) the total number of staff in the section.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unnecessary diversion of the Department’s resources.

Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission: stress leave

2239. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Finance, Workcover and the TAC): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07: What are the details of all stress related leave, including —

- (a) the number of days taken;
- (b) the estimated cost; and
- (c) the total number of staff in the section.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unnecessary diversion of the Department’s resources.

Industrial relations: stress leave

2265. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Industrial Relations): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07: What are the details of all stress related leave, including —

- (a) the number of days taken;
- (b) the estimated cost; and
- (c) the total number of staff in the section.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unnecessary diversion of the Department’s resources.

Energy and resources: stress leave

2266. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07: What are the details of all stress related leave, including —

- (a) the number of days taken;
- (b) the estimated cost; and
- (c) the total number of staff in the section.

ANSWER:

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

A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unnecessary diversion of the Department’s resources.

Agriculture: stress leave

2267. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07: What are the details of all stress related leave, including —

- (a) the number of days taken;
- (b) the estimated cost; and
- (c) the total number of staff in the section.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unnecessary diversion of the Department’s resources.

Treasurer: salary levels

- 2270. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration, for the financial year 2006-07: How many public servants are paid more than the base salary rate for Victorian Members of Parliament, indicating their —
- (a) classifications;
 - (b) salary package;
 - (c) position; and
 - (d) responsibilities.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This information can be found in the Department's Annual Report.

The report can be obtained at www.dtf.vic.gov.au

Treasurer: stress leave

- 2310. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer: In relation to expenditure on overseas travel by each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:
- (1) How many people undertook such travel and to what destinations.
 - (2) What was the purpose of visiting each destination.
 - (3) With whom did the Minister or persons undertaking such travel meet and for what purpose.
 - (4) What costs were associated with the travel indicating —
 - (a) airfares;
 - (b) car rental and hire cars, including types of cars hired or rented;
 - (c) taxis;
 - (d) accommodation, including name of establishment and the itemised costs;
 - (e) entertainment, including nature, venue and itemised costs; and
 - (f) other expenses.
 - (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Innovation: travel expenses

- 2312. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Innovation: In relation to expenditure on overseas travel by each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:
- (1) How many people undertook such travel and to what destinations.

- (2) What was the purpose of visiting each destination.
- (3) With whom did the Minister or persons undertaking such travel meet and for what purpose.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel indicating —
 - (a) airfares;
 - (b) car rental and hire cars, including types of cars hired or rented;
 - (c) taxis;
 - (d) accommodation, including name of establishment and the itemised costs;
 - (e) entertainment, including nature, venue and itemised costs; and
 - (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

ANSWER:

A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission: travel expenses

2319. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Finance, Workcover and the TAC): In relation to expenditure on overseas travel by each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

- (1) How many people undertook such travel and to what destinations.
- (2) What was the purpose of visiting each destination.
- (3) With whom did the Minister or persons undertaking such travel meet and for what purpose.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel indicating —
 - (a) airfares;
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 - (c) taxis;
 - (d) accommodation, including name of establishment and the itemised costs;
 - (e) entertainment, including nature, venue and itemised costs; and
 - (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Small business: travel expenses

2343. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Small Business): In relation to expenditure on overseas travel by each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

- (1) How many people undertook such travel and to what destinations.

- (2) What was the purpose of visiting each destination.
- (3) With whom did the Minister or persons undertaking such travel meet and for what purpose.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel indicating —
 - (a) airfares;
 - (b) car rental and hire cars, including types of cars hired or rented;
 - (c) taxis;
 - (d) accommodation, including name of establishment and the itemised costs;
 - (e) entertainment, including nature, venue and itemised costs; and
 - (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Tourism and major events: travel expenses

2344. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Tourism and Major Events): In relation to expenditure on overseas travel by each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

- (1) How many people undertook such travel and to what destinations.
- (2) What was the purpose of visiting each destination.
- (3) With whom did the Minister or persons undertaking such travel meet and for what purpose.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel indicating —
 - (a) airfares;
 - (b) car rental and hire cars, including types of cars hired or rented;
 - (c) taxis;
 - (d) accommodation, including name of establishment and the itemised costs;
 - (e) entertainment, including nature, venue and itemised costs; and
 - (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Agriculture: travel expenses

2347. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to expenditure on overseas travel by each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

- (1) How many people undertook such travel and to what destinations.
- (2) What was the purpose of visiting each destination.
- (3) With whom did the Minister or persons undertaking such travel meet and for what purpose.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel indicating —
 - (a) airfares;
 - (b) car rental and hire cars, including types of cars hired or rented;
 - (c) taxis;
 - (d) accommodation, including name of establishment and the itemised costs;
 - (e) entertainment, including nature, venue and itemised costs; and
 - (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission: legal expenses

2359. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Finance, Workcover and the TAC): In relation to legal expenses incurred by each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

- (1) What expenses were incurred.
- (2) What was the purpose for engaging legal representation in each case.
- (3) What were the names of legal counsel engaged.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Collation of information in the specific format sought by the Honourable member represents an unreasonable diversion of resources by the Department of Treasury and Finance.

Energy and resources: legal expenses

2386. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to legal expenses incurred by each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

- (1) What expenses were incurred.
- (2) What was the purpose for engaging legal representation in each case.
- (3) What were the names of legal counsel engaged.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Expenditure on legal expenses is publicly available in the Government Legal Services Annual Report <http://www.justice.vic.gov.au/> (Government Legal Services Annual Report). To ascertain the purposes for engaging legal representation and the names of legal counsel engaged for every matter involving the Department of Primary Industries and its portfolio agencies for the requested time period would be an unreasonable diversion of my Department's resources.

Industry and trade: women — boards, councils and committees

2394. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade: In relation to each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration: How many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, indicating in respect of each board, council or committee the total number of members.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

In March 2008 the State Services Authority Public Entities web-site became available to the public. This website enables every Victorian wishing to obtain information about public entities, including membership to do so. This information can be found by accessing

www.publicboards.vic.gov.au

Information and communication technology: women — boards, councils and committees

2395. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Information and Communication Technology: In relation to each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration: How many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, indicating in respect of each board, council or committee the total number of members.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

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Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission: women — boards, councils and committees

2399. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Finance, Workcover and the TAC): In relation to each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration: How many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, indicating in respect of each board, council or committee the total number of members.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Government is committed to equal opportunity for women and increasing their representation in statutory offices, boards, commissions, committees and advisory bodies. Further information can be found at:

www.publicboards.vic.gov.au

Local government: women — boards, councils and committees

2412. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Local Government): In relation to each department, agency or authority within the Minister’s administration: How many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, indicating in respect of each board, council or committee the total number of members.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The information you seek is available publicly at <http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au>.

Aboriginal affairs: women — boards, councils and committees

2413. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs): In relation to each department, agency or authority within the Minister’s administration: How many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, indicating in respect of each board, council or committee the total number of members.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The information you seek is available publicly at <http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au>.

Women’s affairs: women — boards, councils and committees

2414. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Women’s Affairs): In relation to each department, agency or authority within the Minister’s administration: How many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, indicating in respect of each board, council or committee the total number of members.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The information you seek is available publicly at <http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au>.

Attorney-General: women — boards, councils and committees

2415. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Attorney-General): In relation to each department, agency or authority within the Minister’s administration: How many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, indicating in respect of each board, council or committee the total number of members.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The government is committed to equal opportunity for women and increasing their representation in statutory offices, boards, commissions, committees and advisory bodies.

Further information can be found at www.publicboards.vic.gov.au.

Racing: women — boards, councils and committees

2416. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Racing): In relation to each department, agency or authority within the Minister’s administration: How many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, indicating in respect of each board, council or committee the total number of members.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The government is committed to equal opportunity for women and increasing their representation in statutory offices, boards, commissions, committees and advisory bodies.

Further information can be found at www.publicboards.vic.gov.au.

Police and emergency services: women — boards, councils and committees

2417. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to each department, agency or authority within the Minister’s administration: How many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, indicating in respect of each board, council or committee the total number of members.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The government is committed to equal opportunity for women and increasing their representation in statutory offices, boards, commissions, committees and advisory bodies.

Further information can be found at www.publicboards.vic.gov.au.

Corrections: women — boards, councils and committees

2418. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Corrections): In relation to each department, agency or authority within the Minister’s administration: How many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, indicating in respect of each board, council or committee the total number of members.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The government is committed to equal opportunity for women and increasing their representation in statutory offices, boards, commissions, committees and advisory bodies.

Further information can be found at www.publicboards.vic.gov.au.

Regional and rural development: women — boards, councils and committees

2421. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Regional and Rural Development): In relation to each department, agency or authority within the Minister’s administration: How many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, indicating in respect of each board, council or committee the total number of members.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

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www.publicboards.vic.gov.au

Skills and workforce participation: women — boards, councils and committees

2422. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Skills and Workforce Participation): In relation to each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration: How many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, indicating in respect of each board, council or committee the total number of members.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

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Industrial relations: women — boards, councils and committees

2425. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Industrial Relations): In relation to each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration: How many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, indicating in respect of each board, council or committee the total number of members.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

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Energy and resources: women — boards, councils and committees

2426. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration: How many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, indicating in respect of each board, council or committee the total number of members.

ANSWER:

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

The information you seek is publicly available at <http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au>.

Industry and trade: Mordialloc bridge

2749. **MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade: In relation to the Mordialloc Bridge Construction: Has the Minister, ministerial staff, the Department or VicRoads met with the contractor Cut and Fill Pty Ltd to review the work and schedules; if so —

- (a) when; and
- (b) what was the response.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The issue raised falls within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Roads and Ports.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Answers to the following questions on notice were circulated on the date shown.

Questions have been incorporated from the notice paper of the Legislative Council.

Answers have been incorporated in the form supplied by the departments on behalf of the appropriate ministers.

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

Wednesday, 28 May 2008**Community development: women — boards, councils and committees**

- 2408.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration: How many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, indicating in respect of each board, council or committee the total number of members.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The information you seek is available publicly at <http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au>.

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

Thursday, 29 May 2008

Attorney-General: Crown land

- 1383. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Attorney-General): Since 1 January 2002, what Crown land has been sold by the Department of Justice, setting out in tabular form —
- (a) the location of the land;
 - (b) the status of the land;
 - (c) any assessments made of the land;
 - (d) the method of sale (eg. tender, expression of interest); and
 - (e) the price received for the sale of the land.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The Minister for Finance is the only Minister who has the authority to sell Crown land.

Health: Dunmunkle Health Services — media and communications staff

- 1479. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Dunmunkle Health Services and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: East Grampians Health Service — media and communications staff

- 1480. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the East Grampians Health Service and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: East Wimmera Health Service — media and communications staff

1481. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the East Wimmera Health Service and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Echuca Regional Health — media and communications staff

1482. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by Echuca Regional Health and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Edenhope and District Hospital — media and communications staff

1483. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Edenhope and District Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Gippsland Southern Health Service — media and communications staff

1484. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Gippsland Southern Health Service and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Goulburn Valley Health — media and communications staff

1485. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by Goulburn Valley Health and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Hepburn Health Service — media and communications staff

1486. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Hepburn Health Service and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Hesse Rural Health Service — media and communications staff

1487. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Hesse Rural Health Service and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Heywood Rural Health — media and communications staff

1488. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by Heywood Rural Health and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Inglewood and District Health Service — media and communications staff

1489. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Inglewood and District Health Service and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Kerang and District Hospital — media and communications staff

1490. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Kerang and District Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Kilmore and District Hospital — media and communications staff

1491. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Kilmore and District Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service — media and communications staff

1492. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Kyabram and District Health Services — media and communications staff

- 1493. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Kyabram and District Health Services and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Kyneton District Health Service — media and communications staff

- 1494. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Kyneton District Health Service and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Latrobe Regional Hospital — media and communications staff

- 1495. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Latrobe Regional Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Lorne Community Hospital — media and communications staff

- 1496. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Lorne Community Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Maldon Hospital — media and communications staff

1497. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Maldon Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Mallee Track Health and Community Service — media and communications staff

1498. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Mallee Track Health and Community Service and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Manangatang and District Hospital — media and communications staff

1499. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Manangatang and District Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Mansfield District Hospital — media and communications staff

1500. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Mansfield District Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Maryborough District Health Service — media and communications staff

- 1501. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Maryborough District Health Service and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: McIvor Health and Community Services — media and communications staff

- 1502. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by McIvor Health and Community Services and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Mildura Base Hospital — media and communications staff

- 1503. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Mildura Base Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Moyne Health Services — media and communications staff

- 1504. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by Moyne Health Services and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Mount Alexander Hospital — media and communications staff

- 1505. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Mt Alexander Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Nathalia District Hospital — media and communications staff

- 1506. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Nathalia District Hospital and how many full time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Northeast Health Wangaratta — media and communications staff

- 1507. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by Northeast Health Wangaratta and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Numurkah and District Health Service — media and communications staff

- 1508. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Numurkah and District Health Service and how many full time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Omeo District Hospital — media and communications staff

1509. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Omeo District Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Orbost Regional Health — media and communications staff

1510. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by Orbost Regional Health and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Otway Health and Community Services — media and communications staff

1511. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by Otway Health and Community Services and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Portland and District Hospital — media and communications staff

1512. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Portland and District Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Robinvale District Health Service — media and communications staff

1513. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Robinvale District Health Service and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Rochester and Elmore District Health Service — media and communications staff

1514. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Rochester and Elmore District Health Service and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Rural North West Health — media and communications staff

1515. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by Rural North West Health and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Seymour District Memorial Hospital — media and communications staff

1516. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Seymour District Memorial Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: South Gippsland Hospital — media and communications staff

- 1517. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the South Gippsland Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Southwest Healthcare — media and communications staff

- 1518. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by Southwest Healthcare (Corangamite Campus) and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Southwest Healthcare — media and communications staff

- 1519. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by Southwest Healthcare (Warrnambool Campus) and how many full time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Stawell Regional Health — media and communications staff

- 1520. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by Stawell Regional Health and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Swan Hill District Hospital — media and communications staff

- 1521. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Swan Hill District Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Tallangatta Health Service — media and communications staff

- 1522. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Tallangatta Health Service and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Terang and Mortlake Health Service — media and communications staff

- 1523. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Terang and Mortlake Health Service and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Timboon and District Health Care Service — media and communications staff

- 1524. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Timboon and District Health Care Service and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Upper Murray Health and Community Services — media and communications staff

- 1525. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by Upper Murray Health and Community Services and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: West Gippsland Healthcare Group — media and communications staff

- 1526. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the West Gippsland Healthcare Group and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: West Wimmera Health Service — media and communications staff

- 1527. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the West Wimmera Health Service and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Western District Health Services — media and communications staff

- 1528. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by Western District Health Services and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Wimmera Health Care Group — media and communications staff

1529. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Wimmera Health Care Group and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Wodonga Regional Health Service — media and communications staff

1530. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Wodonga Regional Health Service and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Yarram and District Health Service — media and communications staff

1531. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Yarram and District Health Service and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Yarrawonga District Health Service — media and communications staff

1532. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Yarrawonga District Health Service and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Yea and District Memorial Hospital — media and communications staff

- 1533. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Yea and District Memorial Hospital and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the hospital.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: child safety commissioner — media and communications staff

- 1534. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Child Safety Commissioner and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Commissioner.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Metropolitan Ambulance Service — media and communications staff

- 1535. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Metropolitan Ambulance Service and how many full time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Service.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Rural Ambulance Victoria — media and communications staff

- 1536. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by Rural Ambulance Victoria and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the service.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: Cancer Council Victoria — media and communications staff

1537. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Cancer Council Victoria and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Council.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer you to the Annual Report tabled in the Parliament. Further breakdowns would be an unreasonable diversion of the individual health service's resources.

Health: media monitoring

1758. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): What was the expenditure by the Department of Human Services on media monitoring for each of the financial years 2002-03 to 2007-08 to date.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

– The expenditure by the Department of Human Services for the financial years 2002-03 to 2007-08 to date is:

- 2002-03	\$145,867.84
- 2003-04	\$125,599.07
- 2004-05	\$127,596.27
- 2005-06	\$131,432.60
- 2006-07	\$129,584.58
- 2007- 08 to date	\$91,211.07

– The Department of Human Services is Victoria's largest government agency with a budget of \$12 billion or 38 per cent of the State budget.

– The Department directly employs more than 11,000 people and funds hospitals, aged care facilities, ambulance services and community service agencies that collectively employ more than 80,000 people.

– It is essential to monitor what is being said and written, about the Department's programs and services to keep in touch with the views of Victorians and inform policy.

Community services: child protection service

1975. 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 to child protection services in rural areas for expansion of after hours services promised in the 2000-01 budget:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the financial year 2001-02.
- (2) Which services were expanded and by how many hours.
- (3) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of that evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) \$1M.
- (2) All five regional office child protection teams were expanded.
- (3) No.

Community services: Wilka Kwe program

2056. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$224,000 worth of funding for the ‘Wilka Kwe’ program announced on 9 May 2001:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the financial year 2001-02.
- (2) How much of this funding was expended by 30 June 2004.
- (3) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of that evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1 & 2)
All of the allocated funding was expended.
- (3) No.

Community services: youth intensive therapeutic community

2064. 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 to establish an intensive therapeutic community for young people promised in the 2002-03 budget:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

\$5 million was not provided to establish an intensive therapeutic community for young people in the 02/03 budget.

Community services: Parkville and Malmsbury juvenile justice centres

2069. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$14.85 million worth of funding for redevelopments at Parkville and Malmsbury Juvenile Justice Centres promised in the 2002-03 budget:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended by 30 June 2004.
- (2) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of that evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) \$7.889M was expended by 30 June 2004.
- (2) No, as these projects do not fit within the criteria for evaluation.

Community services: Victorian Council of Social Services budget submission

2098. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to Victorian Council of Social Services budget submission recommending that the Government resource Aboriginal-specific early intervention, Child FIRST, counselling and family violence services: Does the Government support this recommendation —

- (a) if so, how much extra funding will the Government commit in this year's budget;
- (b) if not, what are the Government's reasons for opposing this recommendation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The Government has carefully considered all of the proposed budget submissions, the outcomes of which are conveyed in the announcement of the 2008-09 State Budget.

Community services: Victorian Council of Social Services budget submission

2099. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to Victorian Council of Social Services budget submission recommending that the Government increase investment in both early intervention and secondary family support services, including counselling services, particularly in regional and rural area and provide additional funding to Child FIRST services: Does the Government support these recommendations —

- (a) if so, how much extra funding will the Government commit in this year's budget;
- (b) if not, what are the Government's reasons for opposing these recommendations.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Government has carefully considered all of the proposed budget submissions, the outcomes of which are conveyed in the announcement of the 2008-09 State Budget.

Consumer affairs: licensed venues — Prahran

2163. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs): How many licensed venues were there in Greville Street, Prahran, between Chapel Street, Prahran, and Punt Road, Prahran, in 2002.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

As at 30 June 2002 there were 12 licensed venues in Greville Street between Chapel Street, Prahran, and Punt Road, Prahran.

Consumer affairs: licensed venues — Prahran

2164. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs): How many licensed venues were there in Greville Street, Prahran, between Chapel Street, Prahran, and Punt Road, Prahran, in 2003.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

As at 30 June 2003 there were 15 licensed venues in Greville Street between Chapel Street, Prahran, and Punt Road, Prahran.

Consumer affairs: licensed venues — Prahran

2165. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs): How many licensed venues were there in Greville Street, Prahran, between Chapel Street, Prahran, and Punt Road, Prahran, in 2004.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

As at 30 June 2004 there were 15 licensed venues in Greville Street between Chapel Street, Prahran, and Punt Road, Prahran.

Consumer affairs: licensed venues — Prahran

2166. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs): How many licensed venues were there in Greville Street, Prahran, between Chapel Street, Prahran, and Punt Road, Prahran, in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

As at 30 June 2005 there were 14 licensed venues in Greville Street between Chapel Street, Prahran, and Punt Road, Prahran.

Consumer affairs: licensed venues — Prahran

2167. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs): How many licensed venues were there in Greville Street, Prahran, between Chapel Street, Prahran, and Punt Road, Prahran, in 2006.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

As at 30 June 2006 there were 14 licensed venues in Greville Street between Chapel Street, Prahran, and Punt Road, Prahran.

Consumer affairs: licensed venues — Prahran

2168. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs): How many licensed venues were there in Greville Street, Prahran, between Chapel Street, Prahran, and Punt Road, Prahran, in 2007.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

As at 30 June 2007 there were 15 licensed venues in Greville Street between Chapel Street, Prahran, and Punt Road, Prahran.

Health: fair payments policy

2195. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): In relation to the Government's Fair Payments Policy, which requires a department or agency to pay invoices for work done by small businesses within 30 days or pay penalty interest, with respect to the Department of Human Services:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid in the period since the 2002 election.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest for bills not paid within 30 days in the period since 2002.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received from small businesses on which penalty interest was paid in the period since 2002.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid in the period since 2002.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made in the period since 2002.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Penalty interest has been claimed and paid on two (2) occasions.
- (2) Two (2) small businesses have claimed and received penalty interest payments.
- (3) The total amount of bills received on which penalty interest has been paid is \$3,737.30
- (4) The total amount of penalty interest paid equals \$64.01
- (5) The first penalty interest payment was made on October 6, 2005.
- (6) All my department's contracts and purchase orders contain clear advice to small businesses about the Government's Fair Trading conditions, including penalty interest where applicable. The Department takes these responsibilities seriously.

Regional and rural development: fair payments policy

2210. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Regional and Rural Development): In relation to the Government's Fair Payments Policy, which requires a department or agency to pay invoices for work done by small businesses within 30 days or pay penalty interest, with respect to the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid in the period since the 2002 election.

- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest for bills not paid within 30 days in the period since 2002.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received from small businesses on which penalty interest was paid in the period since 2002.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid in the period since 2002.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made in the period since 2002.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Victorian Government is committed to promoting a fair and competitive environment for small to medium sized businesses. To improve the cash flow certainty for these businesses, the Government introduced the 'fair payment clause' for contracts.

From 1 November 2004, Government Departments are required to pay suppliers within 30 days upon receipt of correctly rendered invoice (or within any other payment period as agreed between the Department and the supplier, which may be shorter). This policy applies to new contracts for goods and services valued less than \$3 million.

If an invoice is not paid within 30 days from the date of receipt (or other payment period), and there is no dispute regarding the invoice or the provision of goods and services, the supplier may make a claim for penalty interest on outstanding debt.

Since 2002 the Department has not received any application for penalty interest payment in relation to the fair payments policy.

Accordingly no penalty interest payments have been made.

Skills and workforce participation: fair payments policy

2213. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Skills and Workforce Participation): In relation to the Government's Fair Payments Policy, which requires a department or agency to pay invoices for work done by small businesses within 30 days or pay penalty interest, with respect to the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development and/or the former Department of Education and Training and/or the former Department of Victorian Communities:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid in the period since the 2002 election.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest for bills not paid within 30 days in the period since 2002.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received from small businesses on which penalty interest was paid in the period since 2002.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid in the period since 2002.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made in the period since 2002.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Victorian Government is committed to promoting a fair and competitive environment for small to medium sized businesses. To improve the cash flow certainty for these businesses, the Government introduced the 'fair payment clause' for contracts.

From 1 November 2004, Government Departments are required to pay suppliers within 30 days upon receipt of correctly rendered invoice (or within any other payment period as agreed between the Department and the supplier, which may be shorter). This policy applies to new contracts for goods and services valued less than \$3 million.

If an invoice is not paid within 30 days from the date of receipt (or other payment period), and there is no dispute regarding the invoice or the provision of goods and services, the supplier may make a claim for penalty interest on outstanding debt.

Since 2002 the Department has not received any application for penalty interest payment in relation to the fair payments policy.

Accordingly no penalty interest payments have been made.

Premier: stress leave

2237. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Premier): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Premier's administration for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07: What are the details of all stress related leave, including —

- (a) the number of days taken;
- (b) the estimated cost; and
- (c) the total number of staff in the section.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Agriculture: salary levels

2307. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration, for the financial year 2006-07: How many public servants are paid more than the base salary rate for Victorian Members of Parliament, indicating their —

- (a) classifications;
- (b) salary package;
- (c) position; and
- (d) responsibilities.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Executive salary details are published in the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Annual Report on the DPI website at www.dpi.vic.gov.au. Non-executive Victorian public sector salary information can be found on the Business Victoria website at www.business.vic.gov.au (Victorian Public Service Agreement 2006).

Industry and trade: travel expenses

2314. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade: In relation to expenditure on overseas travel by each department, agency or authority within the Minister’s administration for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

- (1) How many people undertook such travel and to what destinations.
- (2) What was the purpose of visiting each destination.
- (3) With whom did the Minister or persons undertaking such travel meet and for what purpose.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel indicating —
 - (a) airfares;
 - (b) car rental and hire cars, including types of cars hired or rented;
 - (c) taxis;
 - (d) accommodation, including name of establishment and the itemised costs;
 - (e) entertainment, including nature, venue and itemised costs; and
 - (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unnecessary diversion of the Department’s resources.

Information and communication technology: travel expenses

2315. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Information and Communication Technology: In relation to expenditure on overseas travel by each department, agency or authority within the Minister’s administration for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

- (1) How many people undertook such travel and to what destinations.
- (2) What was the purpose of visiting each destination.
- (3) With whom did the Minister or persons undertaking such travel meet and for what purpose.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel indicating —
 - (a) airfares;
 - (b) car rental and hire cars, including types of cars hired or rented;
 - (c) taxis;
 - (d) accommodation, including name of establishment and the itemised costs;
 - (e) entertainment, including nature, venue and itemised costs; and
 - (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Regional and rural development: travel expenses

2341. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Regional and Rural Development): In relation to expenditure on overseas travel by each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

- (1) How many people undertook such travel and to what destinations.
- (2) What was the purpose of visiting each destination.
- (3) With whom did the Minister or persons undertaking such travel meet and for what purpose.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel indicating —
 - (a) airfares;
 - (b) car rental and hire cars, including types of cars hired or rented;
 - (c) taxis;
 - (d) accommodation, including name of establishment and the itemised costs;
 - (e) entertainment, including nature, venue and itemised costs; and
 - (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Skills and workforce participation: travel expenses

2342. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Skills and Workforce Participation): In relation to expenditure on overseas travel by each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

- (1) How many people undertook such travel and to what destinations.
- (2) What was the purpose of visiting each destination.
- (3) With whom did the Minister or persons undertaking such travel meet and for what purpose.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel indicating —
 - (a) airfares;
 - (b) car rental and hire cars, including types of cars hired or rented;
 - (c) taxis;
 - (d) accommodation, including name of establishment and the itemised costs;
 - (e) entertainment, including nature, venue and itemised costs; and
 - (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Premier: women — boards, councils and committees

2397. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Premier): In relation to each department, agency or authority within the Premier's administration: How many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, indicating in respect of each board, council or committee the total number of members.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Government is committed to equal opportunity for women and increasing their representation on statutory offices, boards, commissions, committees and advisory bodies. Further information can be found at www.publicboards.vic.gov.au

Veterans affairs: women — boards, councils and committees

2410. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Veterans' Affairs): In relation to each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration: How many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, indicating in respect of each board, council or committee the total number of members.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Government is committed to equal opportunity for women and increasing their representation on statutory offices, boards, commissions, committees and advisory bodies. Further information can be found at www.publicboards.vic.gov.au

Premier: advertising

2593. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Premier): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration: What the details are of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07, indicating —

- (a) the date of approval for each contract;
- (b) the cost of each contract;
- (c) the purpose of advertisement;
- (d) the duration of advertisement;
- (e) where and when each advertisement was published or broadcast; and
- (f) to whom each contract was awarded.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details relating to advertising for the 2006-07 financial year can be found in the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee 79th Report to the Parliament - Report on the 2006-07 Financial and Performance Outcomes.

Further information can be found at www.contracts.vic.gov.au.

Premier: entertainment expenses

2633. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Premier): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07: What are the details are of all entertainment expenses incurred, indicating —

- (a) total costs incurred by each section, including the Minister's office; and
- (b) itemised details of all expenditure in excess of \$500, including the —
 - (i) date incurred;
 - (ii) cost;
 - (iii) number of guests;
 - (iv) purpose; and
 - (v) name of service provider.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Agriculture: professional development expenses

2703. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to expenditure on conferences, seminars, workshops and training courses or like events by each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

- (1) What was the name of each conference, course, seminar, workshop or like event attended indicating the —
 - (a) locality and venue; and
 - (b) purpose.
- (2) What was the cost of each event indicating —
 - (a) accommodation;
 - (b) entertainment;
 - (c) meals and refreshments;
 - (d) travel;
 - (e) car hire;
 - (f) taxis and hire cars; and
 - (g) other expenses.
- (3) Was the event externally organised; if so, what was the name of the person(s), organisation(s) or companies engaged and at what cost.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

To ascertain the expenditure on conferences, seminars, workshops and training courses or like events for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07 would require an analysis of the individual transactions related to such payments.

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

Health: agricultural spray chemicals

2753. MR BARBER — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): In relation to the issue of agricultural chemical overspray in regional Victoria:

- (1) What research has been undertaken to look at the relationship between health problems and the use of agricultural spray chemicals.
- (2) How many individuals have been presented with a notice under section 44 of the Health Act 1958 resulting from the inappropriate use of agricultural spray chemicals and what have been the outcomes.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) is the Australian government authority responsible for the assessment and registration of pesticides and veterinary medicines and for their regulation up to and including the point of retail sale.

Before a product can be registered, the APVMA reviews the international research on the health and environmental effects of the chemical and conducts a risk assessment in order to satisfy itself that the product can be used to achieve its intended purpose and at the same time not be likely to harm human health, (the environment or Australia's international trade). An important aspect of assessing agricultural chemicals is consideration of the possibility of spray droplet drift onto off-target areas.

APVMA does not register chemicals shown to be genotoxic, known to be human carcinogens or cause defects in the unborn child.

The APVMA determines instructions for use and limitations on use for each product and places them on the product's label. Individual states and territories are responsible for user compliance with these instructions and limitations.

The APVMA operates an adverse effects reporting program (AERP) to document the number and severity of incidents that involve agricultural sprays.

- (2) The responsibility to serve a notice to abate a nuisance under Section 44 of the Health Act 1958 is delegated to local government. The Department of Human Services does not hold records of notices served by councils across Victoria and is unable to provide this information.

