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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.*

Tuesday, 24 June 2008

Public transport: myki ticketing system

- 679. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Industry and State Development (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the proposed myki transport ticketing system being developed by the Transport Ticketing Authority, the myki web site states that some concession card holders will have to have a registered and personalised myki card to travel on the system:
- (1) Which types of concession card holders will be required to have such a card in order to travel on the system.
 - (2) How many people will be affected.
 - (3) Will this style of ticket incorporate a photo of the person.

ANSWER:

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

(1-3) The Government was still considering issues related to the management of concessions.

Public transport: Southern Cross Station Authority

- 784. MR KOCH** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the Southern Cross Station Authority:
- (1) Does the Southern Cross Station Authority monitor the provision of facilities for tenants at Southern Cross Station.
 - (2) On what date were the portable buildings in the Spencer Street coach station that are currently used by Firefly Express and Greyhound Australia installed.
 - (3) Is the Authority or its lessee, Southern Cross Station Pty Limited, responsible for any building of permanent facilities for these tenants similar to that already provided for Skybus staff.
 - (4) What is the anticipated cost of permanent buildings at the coach station for —
 - (a) Firefly Express; and
 - (b) Greyhound Australia.
 - (5) Will such buildings be constructed at the coach station; if so, when.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) The role of the Southern Cross Station Authority (SCSA) is to monitor the operational performance, in particular the Service Standards and Key Performance Indicators, of the station operator Southern Cross Station Pty Ltd as outlined under the Services & Development Agreement between the parties.

The Services & Development Agreement does not deal with the provision of leased facilities at Southern Cross Station as it is viewed as a commercial arrangement between the station operator and their current and/or prospective tenants.

(2) The SCSA understands from SCSPL that the portable buildings were installed in August 2006.

(3-5)

These are matters relating to commercial arrangements between SCSPL and Firefly Express and Greyhound Australia.

Public transport: rail — infrastructure

1023. MR GUY — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport):

- (1) What is the Government's estimated cost for —
 - (a) the railway extension from Epping to South Morang (the cost for this project by itself);
 - (b) the duplication (including bridge construction) from Clifton Hill to Westgarth;
 - (c) the rail duplication from Keon Park to Epping;
 - (d) the rail extension from Epping to Mernda; and
 - (e) the rail extension from Epping to Whittlesea.
- (2) What is the Government's estimated cost for the railway extension from Lalor to the Aurora estate.
- (3) Has the Government conducted any studies or cost analysis for the railway duplication from Greensborough to Eltham.
- (4) What is the estimated cost of the duplication of the railway line from Greensborough to Eltham.
- (5) What are the train capacity limitations (numbers of metropolitan passenger trains each way per hour) for:
 - (a) the Keon Park to Clifton Hill section;
 - (b) the Heidelberg to Clifton Hill section;
 - (c) the Clifton Hill to Jolimont section;
 - (d) the Jolimont to Flinders Street section, with trains running via the City Loop first; and
 - (e) the Jolimont to Flinders Street section, with trains then running after Flinders Street through the City Loop.
- (6) Does the Government have operational modelling for both the Epping and Hurstbridge lines for pre and post infrastructure upgrades as proposed in the Meeting Our Transport Challenges document.

ANSWER:

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

(1-6) The Government is currently completing work on the Clifton Hill junction and has announced funding in relation to South Morang in the 2008-09 budget.

Public transport: train drivers

1090. MR KOCH — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to train drivers for each of Connex Melbourne and V/Line:

- (1) How many drivers were employed as full time, part time or casual drivers as at —

- (a) 1 May 2007;
 - (b) 30 June 2007;
 - (c) 30 September 2007; and
 - (d) 31 October 2007.
- (2) How many drivers were in training on each date specified in (1).
- (3) How many drivers, employed or in training, were on sick leave or WorkCover on each date specified in (1).

ANSWER:

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

- (1) Full time, part time or casual drivers:

	Connex	V/Line
(a) 1 May 2007	646	285
(b) 30 June 2007	660	279
(c) 30 September 2007	656	279
(d) 31 October 2007	663	279

- (2) Drivers in training:

	Connex	V/Line
(a) 1 May 2007	92	24
(b) 30 June 2007	91	20
(c) 30 September 2007	111	22
(d) 31 October 2007	102	26

- (3) Connex and V/Line have advised that the provision of resources at this time to review and export the data that is required to answer this question cannot be justified.

Public transport: rail — regional lines

1094. MR KOCH — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the weekday ‘flagship’ express services once a day in each direction, being the 7:46 a.m. from Ballarat, 4:36 p.m. to Ballarat, 6:02 a.m. or 6:05 a.m. from Bendigo, 4:53 p.m. to Bendigo, 7:17 a.m. from South Geelong, 5:29 p.m. to Marshall, 5:38 a.m. from Traralgon and 4:47 p.m. to Traralgon:

- (1) Between 4 March 2007 and 22 October 2007 on the Geelong, Ballarat, Bendigo and Latrobe Valley lines, how many times has each service operated.
- (2) On how many occasions did each service arrive at its terminus, according to the timetable on the relevant date —
 - (a) 1 second to less than 6 minutes late;
 - (b) 6 minutes to less than 11 minutes late;
 - (c) 11 minutes to less than 20 minutes late; and
 - (d) 20 minutes or more late.
- (3) By date, what reasons were officially recorded each time one of the trains was six minutes or more late and how many minutes was each separate cause of delay accorded.

ANSWER:

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

(1-3) Details of V/Line’s performance can be found at www.vline.com.au.

Public transport: seniors concessions

1192. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the number of seniors using Seniors Daily Concession in Metropolitan Melbourne in each of the years 2000 to 2007:

- (1) How many Seniors Daily tickets were sold each year.
- (2) What is the average number of trips set to have been made per Seniors Daily in each year.

ANSWER:

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

(1-2) The number of Seniors Daily tickets sold has reduced as customers have transitioned to cheaper concession tickets such as the 5xDaily and 10x2hr.

The number of Seniors Daily tickets sold is not indicative of the number of Seniors using public transport.

Sales of the Seniors Daily (formerly the 60 Plus ticket) are given in the table below along with the average number of trips made.

Year	Sales	Avg trips
2001	4,145,214	2.6
2002	4,334,853	2.7
2003	4,489,609	2.6
2004	4,457,131	2.6
2005	4,436,998	2.6
2006	4,335,196	2.6
2007*	3,471,725	2.5

Note: * 2007 data from 01/01/07 to 27/10/07
Data from 2000 is incomplete and has not been included.

Public transport: seniors concessions

1194. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the number of seniors using Seniors Daily Concession in Victoria in each of the years 2000 to 2007:

- (1) How many Seniors Daily tickets were sold each year.
- (2) What is the average number of trips set to have been made per Seniors Daily in each year.

ANSWER:

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

(1-2) The number of Seniors Daily tickets sold has reduced as customers have transitioned to cheaper concession tickets such as the 5xDaily and 10x2hr.

The number of Seniors Daily tickets sold is not indicative of the number of Seniors using public transport.

The number of Seniors Daily tickets sold and the average number of trips made per ticket was:

Year	Tickets Sold	Average Trips
2001	4,145,214	2.6
2002	4,334,853	2.7
2003	4,489,609	2.6
2004	4,457,131	2.6
2005	4,436,998	2.6
2006	4,335,196	2.6
2007*	3,471,725	2.5

Notes: * 2007 data is from 01/01/07 to 27/10/07
Data from 2000 is incomplete and has not been provided.

Public transport: myki ticketing system

1203. MR KOCH — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport):

- (1) When will the proposed public transport user trial of myki ticketing scanners installed on a Benders Busways Geelong bus commence.
- (2) What was the cost of installing myki scanners on this bus.
- (3) On what date was the equipment installed.
- (4) When will similar user trials commence on —
 - (a) Ballarat buses;
 - (b) Bendigo buses;
 - (c) Latrobe Valley buses; and
 - (d) on-board V/Line trains.

ANSWER:

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

- (1–4) Benders Busways is not taking part in the trial in Geelong, which is testing a number of devices including ticketing scanners.

Public transport: rail — Werribee line

1376. MR KOCH — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport):

- (1) Did both the 8.26 a.m. train from Werribee to Flinders Street and the 8.28 a.m. train from Flinders Street to Werribee on Monday 19 November 2007 run ‘direct’ between Laverton and Newport instead of via Altona.
- (2) What was the reason for these diversions.
- (3) Were any other trains, in either direction, similarly diverted on this day; if so, what was the —
 - (a) originating station;
 - (b) time of scheduled departure; and
 - (c) destination station.

- (4) How many times since 1 July 2007 have trains in both directions between Werribee and Flinders Street scheduled to operate via Altona been diverted to operate via the 'direct' Geelong line on —
- (a) Mondays;
 - (b) Tuesdays;
 - (c) Wednesdays;
 - (d) Thursdays;
 - (e) Fridays;
 - (f) Saturdays; and
 - (g) Sundays.
- (5) How many times since 1 July 2007 has the 8.26 a.m. weekday Werribee to Flinders Street train been so diverted.
- (6) Did passengers at Altona on 19 November have to wait up to 40 minutes for their next train as a result of the diversions in (1); if not, what alternative transport arrangements were made.

ANSWER:

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

(1-8) Information on Connex performance on the Werribee line can be found on their website and in the 'Track Record' bulletin. 'Track Record' can be viewed online at www.transport.vic.gov.au.

Public transport: media and communications staff

1412. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Department of Infrastructure and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Department.

ANSWER:

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

Staffing numbers and expenditure details can be found in the Department of Infrastructure's Annual Report, which can be found online at www.doi.vic.gov.au.

Senior Victorians: mental illness program

1730. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians) In relation to the Mental Illness Program:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

There is no mental health funded program by the name of the 'Mental Illness Program'. The Government funds a range of mental health services and it is not clear which is being referred to in the question.

Public transport: rail — Ferntree Gully station

1736. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): During afternoon peak periods, on how many days were Connex officers present at Ferntree Gully station in each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2006-07 and for the first 6 months of the 2007-08 financial year.

ANSWER:

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

The data required to answer the question is not held by the Department of Infrastructure. Connex has advised that the provision of resources to interrogate and export the required data cannot be justified at this time.

Industry and trade: media monitoring

1753. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade: What was the expenditure by the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development on media monitoring for each of the financial years 2002-03 to 2007-08 to date.

ANSWER:

I am informed that the records for the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development are as follows:

Information on contracts entered into by the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development concerning media monitoring can be found at the website www.tenders.vic.gov.au.

Community services: Koori aged-care services

1785. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$60,000 worth of funding promised on 5 July 2000 to boost Koori aged care 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) It is not possible to answer these questions without further details being provided.

Public transport: bus route 203 — service standards

1793. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 203 City–Doncaster Shoppingtown (via Kilby, Thompsons Road and Manningham Road) in 2006 and 2007:

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

ANSWER:

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

Patronage figures for calendar years 2006 and 2007 on bus Route 203:

Year	2006	2007
Patronage	176,676	180,221

Community services: Office of the Disability Services Commissioner and Disability Services Board

1819. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): What budget allocation has been made for the financial year 2007-08 for the Office of the Disability Services Commissioner and the Disability Services Board.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The allocation made to the Office of the Disability Services Commissioner and the Disability Services Board from the 2007-08 budget was \$1.5 million.

Public transport: Seniors Card — travel vouchers

1829. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to benefits for Seniors Card holders:

- (1) How many Seniors Card holders took advantage of the two off peak travel vouchers for travel within Victoria offered to them in each of the financial years 2004-05 to 2006-07.
- (2) What was the most frequently visited destination for Seniors Card holders who took advantage of the two off peak travel vouchers for the financial year 2006-07.
- (3) Has the Government considered any alternative arrangements for benefits for Seniors Card holders.

ANSWER:

The Minister for Public Transport - As at the date the question was raised, the answer is:

- (1) The number of free off-peak travel vouchers exchanged by seniors for travel within Victoria:
 - 2004-05 Vouchers became available for use from September 2006.
 - 2005-06 Vouchers became available for use from September 2006.
 - 2006-07 53,894 off-peak travel vouchers were exchanged for travel on V/Line services. The number of off-peak travel vouchers exchanged for free travel on metropolitan services is not available.
- (2) The information required to answer the question is not readily available and the resources required to manually extract the data cannot be justified at this time.
- (3) The Victorian Government is constantly assessing and reviewing concession arrangements for all groups to ensure the travel needs of Victorians are best served.

Housing: Office of Housing— Box Hill

1917. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Box Hill Office in Eastern Metropolitan Region as at 1 March 2008:

- (1) What was the total number of properties being managed.
- (2) What was the total number of vacant properties being managed.
- (3) What was the total number of vacant lots owned by the Office of Housing within the Box Hill Office area.
- (4) What was the average wait time for urgent maintenance within the area.
- (5) What was the average wait time for priority maintenance within the area.
- (6) What was the average wait time for normal maintenance within the area.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Office of Housing manages properties from local offices, the regions, and central office.

Details on stock numbers are available in the *Summary of Housing Assistance Programs 2006-2007*, which can be accessed from the Office of Housing website.

The Office of Housing makes every effort to ensure that vacant properties are allocated as soon as is practicable to avoid properties being left unoccupied. The Office of Housing vacancy rate was 0.9% at June 2007, compared to the private rental market vacancy rate at the time of 1.4% (REIV June 2007). Properties may remain vacant for a range of reasons, including the need for maintenance, work to modify properties to meet client needs, or in the case of disposing of goods abandoned by vacating tenants, time for actions such as inspections by Consumer Affairs Victoria.

From time to time, the Office of Housing has land which is held for a range of purposes such as redevelopment and construction. Information on redevelopments can be accessed from the Office of Housing website.

The Office of Housing maintenance contracts require that works are completed within the following time lines:

- Urgent works within 24 hours,
- Priority works within 7 days, and
- Normal works within 14 days.

Housing: Office of Housing — Ringwood

1918. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Ringwood Office in Eastern Metropolitan Region as at 1 March 2008:

- (1) What was the total number of properties being managed.
- (2) What was the total number of vacant properties being managed.
- (3) What was the total number of vacant lots owned by the Office of Housing within the Ringwood Office area.
- (4) What was the average wait time for urgent maintenance within the area.
- (5) What was the average wait time for priority maintenance within the area.
- (6) What was the average wait time for normal maintenance within the area.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see my response to question 1917.

Housing: Office of Housing — Ascot Vale

1919. **MS LOVELL** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Ascot Vale Office in North West Metropolitan Region as at 1 March 2008:

- (1) What was the total number of properties being managed.
- (2) What was the total number of vacant properties being managed.
- (3) What was the total number of vacant lots owned by the Office of Housing within the Ascot Vale Office area.
- (4) What was the average wait time for urgent maintenance within the area.
- (5) What was the average wait time for priority maintenance within the area.
- (6) What was the average wait time for normal maintenance within the area.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see my response to question 1917.

Housing: Office of Housing — Footscray-Flemington

1920. **MS LOVELL** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Footscray/Flemington Office in North West Metropolitan Region as at 1 March 2008:

- (1) What was the total number of properties being managed.
- (2) What was the total number of vacant properties being managed.
- (3) What was the total number of vacant lots owned by the Office of Housing within the Footscray/Flemington Office area.
- (4) What was the average wait time for urgent maintenance within the area.
- (5) What was the average wait time for priority maintenance within the area.
- (6) What was the average wait time for normal maintenance within the area.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see my response to question 1917.

Housing: Office of Housing — Broadmeadows

1921. **MS LOVELL** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Broadmeadows Office in North West Metropolitan Region as at 1 March 2008:

- (1) What was the total number of properties being managed.
- (2) What was the total number of vacant properties being managed.
- (3) What was the total number of vacant lots owned by the Office of Housing within the Broadmeadows Office area.
- (4) What was the average wait time for urgent maintenance within the area.

- (5) What was the average wait time for priority maintenance within the area.
- (6) What was the average wait time for normal maintenance within the area.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see my response to question 1917.

Housing: Office of Housing — Preston

1922. **MS LOVELL** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Preston Office in North West Metropolitan Region as at 1 March 2008:

- (1) What was the total number of properties being managed.
- (2) What was the total number of vacant properties being managed.
- (3) What was the total number of vacant lots owned by the Office of Housing within the Preston Office area.
- (4) What was the average wait time for urgent maintenance within the area.
- (5) What was the average wait time for priority maintenance within the area.
- (6) What was the average wait time for normal maintenance within the area.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see my response to question 1917.

Housing: Office of Housing — Sunshine

1923. **MS LOVELL** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Sunshine Office in North West Metropolitan Region as at 1 March 2008:

- (1) What was the total number of properties being managed.
- (2) What was the total number of vacant properties being managed.
- (3) What was the total number of vacant lots owned by the Office of Housing within the Sunshine Office area.
- (4) What was the average wait time for urgent maintenance within the area.
- (5) What was the average wait time for priority maintenance within the area.
- (6) What was the average wait time for normal maintenance within the area.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see my response to question 1917.

Housing: Office of Housing — Fitzroy-Collingwood-Richmond

1924. **MS LOVELL** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Fitzroy/Collingwood/Richmond Office in North West Metropolitan Region as at 1 March 2008:

- (1) What was the total number of properties being managed.
- (2) What was the total number of vacant properties being managed.
- (3) What was the total number of vacant lots owned by the Office of Housing within the Fitzroy/Collingwood/Richmond Office area.
- (4) What was the average wait time for urgent maintenance within the area.
- (5) What was the average wait time for priority maintenance within the area.
- (6) What was the average wait time for normal maintenance within the area.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see my response to question 1917.

Housing: Office of Housing — North Melbourne-Carlton

1925. **MS LOVELL** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the North Melbourne/Carlton Office in North West Metropolitan Region as at 1 March 2008:

- (1) What was the total number of properties being managed.
- (2) What was the total number of vacant properties being managed.
- (3) What was the total number of vacant lots owned by the Office of Housing within the North Melbourne/Carlton Office area.
- (4) What was the average wait time for urgent maintenance within the area.
- (5) What was the average wait time for priority maintenance within the area.
- (6) What was the average wait time for normal maintenance within the area.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see my response to question 1917.

Housing: Office of Housing — Cheltenham

1926. **MS LOVELL** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Cheltenham Office in Southern Metropolitan Region as at 1 March 2008:

- (1) What was the total number of properties being managed.
- (2) What was the total number of vacant properties being managed.
- (3) What was the total number of vacant lots owned by the Office of Housing within the Cheltenham Office area.
- (4) What was the average wait time for urgent maintenance within the area.
- (5) What was the average wait time for priority maintenance within the area.
- (6) What was the average wait time for normal maintenance within the area.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see my response to question 1917.

Housing: Office of Housing — Dandenong

1927. **MS LOVELL** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Dandenong Office in Southern Metropolitan Region as at 1 March 2008:

- (1) What was the total number of properties being managed.
- (2) What was the total number of vacant properties being managed.
- (3) What was the total number of vacant lots owned by the Office of Housing within the Dandenong Office area.
- (4) What was the average wait time for urgent maintenance within the area.
- (5) What was the average wait time for priority maintenance within the area.
- (6) What was the average wait time for normal maintenance within the area.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see my response to question 1917.

Housing: Office of Housing — Frankston

1928. **MS LOVELL** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Frankston Office in Southern Metropolitan Region as at 1 March 2008:

- (1) What was the total number of properties being managed.
- (2) What was the total number of vacant properties being managed.
- (3) What was the total number of vacant lots owned by the Office of Housing within the Frankston Office area.
- (4) What was the average wait time for urgent maintenance within the area.
- (5) What was the average wait time for priority maintenance within the area.
- (6) What was the average wait time for normal maintenance within the area.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see my response to question 1917.

Housing: Office of Housing — South Melbourne-Prahran

1929. **MS LOVELL** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the South Melbourne/Prahran Office in Southern Metropolitan Region as at 1 March 2008:

- (1) What was the total number of properties being managed.
- (2) What was the total number of vacant properties being managed.
- (3) What was the total number of vacant lots owned by the Office of Housing within the South Melbourne/Prahran Office area.
- (4) What was the average wait time for urgent maintenance within the area.
- (5) What was the average wait time for priority maintenance within the area.
- (6) What was the average wait time for normal maintenance within the area.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see my response to question 1917.

Housing: Office of Housing — Geelong

1930. **MS LOVELL** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Geelong Office in Barwon South West Region as at 1 March 2008:

- (1) What was the total number of properties being managed.
- (2) What was the total number of vacant properties being managed.
- (3) What was the total number of vacant lots owned by the Office of Housing within the Geelong Office area.
- (4) What was the average wait time for urgent maintenance within the area.
- (5) What was the average wait time for priority maintenance within the area.
- (6) What was the average wait time for normal maintenance within the area.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see my response to question 1917.

Housing: Office of Housing — Portland

1931. **MS LOVELL** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Portland Office in Barwon South West Region as at 1 March 2008:

- (1) What was the total number of properties being managed.
- (2) What was the total number of vacant properties being managed.
- (3) What was the total number of vacant lots owned by the Office of Housing within the Portland Office area.
- (4) What was the average wait time for urgent maintenance within the area.
- (5) What was the average wait time for priority maintenance within the area.
- (6) What was the average wait time for normal maintenance within the area.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see my response to question 1917.

Housing: Office of Housing — Warrnambool

1932. **MS LOVELL** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Warrnambool Office in Barwon South West Region as at 1 March 2008:

- (1) What was the total number of properties being managed.
- (2) What was the total number of vacant properties being managed.
- (3) What was the total number of vacant lots owned by the Office of Housing within the Warrnambool Office area.

- (4) What was the average wait time for urgent maintenance within the area.
- (5) What was the average wait time for priority maintenance within the area.
- (6) What was the average wait time for normal maintenance within the area.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see my response to question 1917.

Housing: Office of Housing — Sale

1933. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Sale Office in Gippsland Region as at 1 March 2008:

- (1) What was the total number of properties being managed.
- (2) What was the total number of vacant properties being managed.
- (3) What was the total number of vacant lots owned by the Office of Housing within the Sale Office area.
- (4) What was the average wait time for urgent maintenance within the area.
- (5) What was the average wait time for priority maintenance within the area.
- (6) What was the average wait time for normal maintenance within the area.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see my response to question 1917.

Housing: Office of Housing — Bairnsdale

1934. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Bairnsdale Office in Gippsland Region as at 1 March 2008:

- (1) What was the total number of properties being managed.
- (2) What was the total number of vacant properties being managed.
- (3) What was the total number of vacant lots owned by the Office of Housing within the Bairnsdale Office area.
- (4) What was the average wait time for urgent maintenance within the area.
- (5) What was the average wait time for priority maintenance within the area.
- (6) What was the average wait time for normal maintenance within the area.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see my response to question 1917.

Housing: Office of Housing — Morwell

1935. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Morwell Office in Gippsland Region as at 1 March 2008:

- (1) What was the total number of properties being managed.
- (2) What was the total number of vacant properties being managed.
- (3) What was the total number of vacant lots owned by the Office of Housing within the Morwell Office area.
- (4) What was the average wait time for urgent maintenance within the area.
- (5) What was the average wait time for priority maintenance within the area.
- (6) What was the average wait time for normal maintenance within the area.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see my response to question 1917.

Housing: Office of Housing — Ballarat

1936. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Ballarat Office in Grampians Region as at 1 March 2008:

- (1) What was the total number of properties being managed.
- (2) What was the total number of vacant properties being managed.
- (3) What was the total number of vacant lots owned by the Office of Housing within the Ballarat Office area.
- (4) What was the average wait time for urgent maintenance within the area.
- (5) What was the average wait time for priority maintenance within the area.
- (6) What was the average wait time for normal maintenance within the area.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see my response to question 1917.

Housing: Office of Housing — Horsham

1937. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Horsham Office in Grampians Region as at 1 March 2008:

- (1) What was the total number of properties being managed.
- (2) What was the total number of vacant properties being managed.
- (3) What was the total number of vacant lots owned by the Office of Housing within the Horsham Office area.
- (4) What was the average wait time for urgent maintenance within the area.
- (5) What was the average wait time for priority maintenance within the area.
- (6) What was the average wait time for normal maintenance within the area.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see my response to question 1917.

Housing: Office of Housing — Benalla

1938. **MS LOVELL** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Benalla Office in Hume Region as at 1 March 2008:

- (1) What was the total number of properties being managed.
- (2) What was the total number of vacant properties being managed.
- (3) What was the total number of vacant lots owned by the Office of Housing within the Benalla Office area.
- (4) What was the average wait time for urgent maintenance within the area.
- (5) What was the average wait time for priority maintenance within the area.
- (6) What was the average wait time for normal maintenance within the area.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see my response to question 1917.

Housing: Office of Housing — Seymour

1939. **MS LOVELL** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Seymour Office in Hume Region as at 1 March 2008:

- (1) What was the total number of properties being managed.
- (2) What was the total number of vacant properties being managed.
- (3) What was the total number of vacant lots owned by the Office of Housing within the Seymour Office area.
- (4) What was the average wait time for urgent maintenance within the area.
- (5) What was the average wait time for priority maintenance within the area.
- (6) What was the average wait time for normal maintenance within the area.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see my response to question 1917.

Housing: Office of Housing — Shepparton

1940. **MS LOVELL** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Shepparton Office in Hume Region as at 1 March 2008:

- (1) What was the total number of properties being managed.
- (2) What was the total number of vacant properties being managed.
- (3) What was the total number of vacant lots owned by the Office of Housing within the Shepparton Office area.
- (4) What was the average wait time for urgent maintenance within the area.
- (5) What was the average wait time for priority maintenance within the area.
- (6) What was the average wait time for normal maintenance within the area.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see my response to question 1917.

Housing: Office of Housing — Wangaratta

1941. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Wangaratta Office in Hume Region as at 1 March 2008:

- (1) What was the total number of properties being managed.
- (2) What was the total number of vacant properties being managed.
- (3) What was the total number of vacant lots owned by the Office of Housing within the Wangaratta Office area.
- (4) What was the average wait time for urgent maintenance within the area.
- (5) What was the average wait time for priority maintenance within the area.
- (6) What was the average wait time for normal maintenance within the area.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see my response to question 1917.

Housing: Office of Housing — Wodonga

1942. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Wodonga Office in Hume Region as at 1 March 2008:

- (1) What was the total number of properties being managed.
- (2) What was the total number of vacant properties being managed.
- (3) What was the total number of vacant lots owned by the Office of Housing within the Wodonga Office area.
- (4) What was the average wait time for urgent maintenance within the area.
- (5) What was the average wait time for priority maintenance within the area.
- (6) What was the average wait time for normal maintenance within the area.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see my response to question 1917.

Housing: Office of Housing — Bendigo

1943. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Bendigo Office in Loddon Mallee Region as at 1 March 2008:

- (1) What was the total number of properties being managed.
- (2) What was the total number of vacant properties being managed.
- (3) What was the total number of vacant lots owned by the Office of Housing within the Bendigo Office area.

- (4) What was the average wait time for urgent maintenance within the area.
- (5) What was the average wait time for priority maintenance within the area.
- (6) What was the average wait time for normal maintenance within the area.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see my response to question 1917.

Housing: Office of Housing — Mildura

1944. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Mildura Office in Loddon Mallee Region as at 1 March 2008:

- (1) What was the total number of properties being managed.
- (2) What was the total number of vacant properties being managed.
- (3) What was the total number of vacant lots owned by the Office of Housing within the Mildura Office area.
- (4) What was the average wait time for urgent maintenance within the area.
- (5) What was the average wait time for priority maintenance within the area.
- (6) What was the average wait time for normal maintenance within the area.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see my response to question 1917.

Housing: Office of Housing — Swan Hill

1945. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Swan Hill Office in Loddon Mallee Region as at 1 March 2008:

- (1) What was the total number of properties being managed.
- (2) What was the total number of vacant properties being managed.
- (3) What was the total number of vacant lots owned by the Office of Housing within the Swan Hill Office area.
- (4) What was the average wait time for urgent maintenance within the area.
- (5) What was the average wait time for priority maintenance within the area.
- (6) What was the average wait time for normal maintenance within the area.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Please see my response to question 1917.

Housing: registered housing associations

1946. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to Registered Housing Associations:

- (1) How much public money to date has been received by each housing association.
- (2) How much money have these associations been able to raise through borrowings.
- (3) How much money have these associations been able to raise through third party contributions.
- (4) How many dwellings has each of these associations delivered to date.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) To date housing associations have been allocated funding of \$167 million.
- (2) To date housing associations have contributed \$56 million towards project costs.
- (3) Housing associations contribute to overall project costs with land, cash or borrowings
- (4) Housing associations have and will deliver over 1,000 units from this total allocation.

Housing: housing integrated information program

1949. **MS LOVELL** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the 5-stage Housing Integrated Information Program (HiiP):

- (1) How many of the five stages have been developed.
- (2) How many of the five stages are fully operational.
- (3) What is the estimated date for completion of the replacement IT system known as HiiP.
- (4) What has been the total cost of HiiP to date.
- (5) What is the estimated cost for delivery of the completed HiiP.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Responsive Repairs module of HiiP has been completed and is fully operational.

The remaining aspects of HiiP are being developed concurrently, and they will be implemented in accordance with operational requirements from 2008. The completion date is subject to successful testing outcomes as the project is rolled out.

HiiP budget and net costs are consistent with the Victorian Auditor General's report (follow up of Selected Audits) - June 2007 (page 77)

Community services: Stella Anderson Nursing Home

1987. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to Stella Anderson Nursing Home:

- (1) How much has the Government spent on the redevelopment of the facility to date.
- (2) What is the expected date of completion.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) A total of approximately \$110,000 has been spent to date on the redevelopment. This includes expenditure on design fees and site surveying.

- (2) A finalised date has not yet been established.

Planning: planning policy technical committee

2002. MR GUY — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Planning Policy Technical Committee, as announced in ‘The Government’s Five Point Priority Action Plan’ document (Department of Planning and Community Development, October 2007):

- (1) What are the names of each member.
- (2) What is the total remuneration to be paid to the Committee.
- (3) What are the dates of all past meetings.
- (4) What are the dates of all scheduled future meetings.
- (5) What are the terms of reference.
- (6) On what date was the Committee established.
- (7) 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:

- (1) The members of the Planning Policy Technical Committee are:
 - Peter Allen, Executive Director, Statutory Systems, Department of Planning and Community Development (Chair)
 - Margaret Abbey, Group Manager Environment and Planning Services, Nillumbik Shire Council (MAV nominee)
 - Jeff Akehurst, Director City Development , Glen Eira City Council
 - Cr Beth Davidson, President, Victorian Local Governance Association
 - Steve Dunn, former Executive Director Metropolitan Planning Services, Planning Urban Design and Heritage
 - Mark Dwyer, Deputy President, Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal
 - Wolfgang Haala, Director Planning Systems, Department of Planning and Community Development
 - John Keaney, Director, Keaney Planning
 - Kathryn Mitchell, Chief Panel Member, Planning Panels Victoria
- (2) No remuneration is paid to any of the members.
- (3) The Committees inaugural meeting was on 17 April 2008.
- (4) The committee meets as required and no meetings have been formally scheduled. Subject to the outputs of the Making Local Policy Stronger projects, it is anticipated that a next meeting will be mid year.
- (5) The terms of reference input into the implementation of the Government’s five point priority action plan for Making local policy stronger. In particular on:
 - Issues that arise in developing the new residential zones.
 - Issues put forward by the expert group reviewing the State Planning Policy Framework.
 - The outcomes of the pilots investigating the restructure of the Local Planning Policy Framework.

- New guidelines and procedures that make it easier to write, implement and review local policy in planning schemes

The Committee will also contribute to ongoing improvements to planning schemes by providing advice and guidance on the implementation of State and local policy in planning schemes.

- (6) The Committee was established in February 2008.
- (7) No external consultants have been engaged.

Planning: planning fees review

2008. MR GUY — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Department of Sustainability and Environment’s Planning Fees Review:

- (1) What timetable has been adopted for the project.
- (2) What Departmental resources have been allocated to this project.
- (3) Which fees are to be reviewed.
- (4) What are the terms of reference for the review.
- (5) Who is conducting the review.
- (6) 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:

- (1) The DPCD Planning Fees Review will be completed by mid 2010, in time for the regulations’ sunset.
- (2) Appropriate senior project management and project support staff.
- (3) Planning and Environment (Fees) Regulations 2000
- (4) The scope of the review is to determine:
 - the appropriate level of cost recovery for planning activities and services taking into account the public good component of planning;
 - the cost of delivering planning activities and services taking account of direct and indirect costs;
 - the best model for prescribing fees.
- (5) The Department of Planning and Community Development.
- (6) (a) PriceWaterhouseCoopers and Arup for stage one.
 - (b) A total of \$107,644.
 - (c) Apart from above, the final budget is under preparation.

Premier: Landmark Education Corporation

2039. MRS COOTE — To ask the Treasurer (for the Premier):

- (1) How many staff from the Department of the Premier and Cabinet have attended courses conducted by Landmark Education Corporation.

- (2) Have any Victorian taxpayer funds been paid to the Landmark Education Corporation for courses.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Premier and Cabinet continues to provide training opportunities to employees from a number of credited training organisations. Landmark Education Corporation was not one of the credited training organisations departmental staff attended.

Community services: Villamanta Legal Service

2058. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$50,656 worth of funding for Villamanta Legal Service announced on 5 September 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:

- (1) All of the funds were expended by 30 June 2004.
 (2) Use of these funds was reviewed through reports provided by the recipient organisation against key performance indicators funded through the grant.

Community services: counselling services

2059. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$278,000 worth of funding for additional counselling services announced on 19 September 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 Consumer Affairs.

Community services: community and home-based support services

2070. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$4 million worth of funding for community and home based support services 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) 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.
- (2) The use of the funds forms part of ongoing service and demand evaluation that is undertaken.

Community services: futures for young adults program

2071. **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 the futures for young adults program 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) 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.
- (2) The use of the funds forms part of ongoing service and demand evaluation that is undertaken.

Community services: shared supported accommodation program

2072. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$2 million worth of funding for the shared supported accommodation program promised in the 2002-03 budget to allow 25 people with a disability to receive intensive accommodation support:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the financial year 2002-03.
- (2) How many people with a disability received intensive accommodation support in the 2002-03 financial year because of these funds and what did this intensive support entail.
- (3) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of that evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) This initiative contributed to the output and financial performance reported in the Department of Human Services Annual Report for 2002-03.
- (2) 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 that is undertaken.

Community services: Kew Residential Services

2074. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$25.4 million worth of funding for the redevelopment of Kew Residential Services promised in the 2002-2003 budget:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended by 30 June 2006.
- (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 funding was expended by 30 June 2006.
- (2) Yes and they were positive.

Community services: *Forgotten Australians* report

2075. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Senate Community Affairs References Committee's 2004 report 'Forgotten Australians — A report on Australians who experienced institutional or out-of-home care as children':

- (1) What is the Government's response to each of the recommendations that relate to State Government affairs.
- (2) What action has been taken regarding recommendations that the State Government accepts.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The Victorian Government's response to the recommendations of the Forgotten Australians Report has not yet been released.
- (2) See the response to question (1) above.

Mental health: alcohol and drug treatment services

2088. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to Victorian Drug and Alcohol Association's budget submission recommending that the Government significantly increase funding to the alcohol and drug treatment system: 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) and (2) Budget outcomes have now been announced and details are available on the Victorian Government website.

Senior Victorians: national reciprocal transport scheme

2089. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to the National Reciprocal Transport Scheme for Victorian Seniors:

- (1) How much funding does the Victorian Government intend to commit to the Scheme.
- (2) When will this Scheme be in operation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The proposed reciprocal public transport entitlement is currently under negotiation with the Commonwealth Government.
- (2) The scheme is expected to be in operation during this term of Government.

Senior Victorians: carers reward card

2092. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to the Carers' Reward Card, which was promised in the 2006 ALP Election Plan for Helping Carers: Was the Carers' Reward Card funded in the 2007-08 Victorian Budget —

- (a) if so, how much funding was provided;
- (b) if not, will the Card be funded in the 2008-09 Victorian Budget.

ANSWER:

- (a) The Carer's Reward Card was not a funded initiative in the 2007-08 Budget.
- (b) Budget outcomes have now been announced and details are available on the Victorian Government website.

Mental health: alcohol and drug treatment services

2093. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to Victorian Drug and Alcohol Association's budget submission recommending that the Government significantly increase funding to alcohol and other drug treatment, prevention and education services for young people: 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) and (2) Budget outcomes have now been announced and details are available on the Victorian Government website.

Mental health: alcohol and drug treatment services

2094. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to Victorian Drug and Alcohol Association's budget submission recommending that the Government significantly increase funding to the alcohol and other drug treatment system to meet the needs of people dually diagnosed with substance use issues and symptoms of mental illness: 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) and (2) Budget outcomes have now been announced and details are available on the Victorian Government website.

Mental health: pharmacotherapy

2095. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to Victorian Drug and Alcohol Association’s budget submission recommending that the Government provide more funding to alcohol and other drug agencies for the purpose of delivering pharmacotherapy programs: 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) and (2) Budget outcomes have now been announced and details are available on the Victorian Government website.

Mental health: pharmacotherapy

2096. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to Victorian Drug and Alcohol Association’s budget submission recommending that the Department of Human Services consider implementing a range of dispensing models for pharmacotherapies that do not rely on the traditional pharmacist figure: 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) and (2) Budget outcomes have now been announced and details are available on the Victorian Government website.

Mental health: alcohol and drug treatment services

2097. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to Victorian Drug and Alcohol Association’s budget submission recommending that the Government develop a funding model that adequately funds service agencies: 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) and (2) Budget outcomes have now been announced and details are available on the Victorian Government website.

Community services: disability services — aids and equipment

2100. 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 immediately release the remainder of funds committed for aids and equipment and home and vehicle modifications in the 2007-08 budget and commit an additional \$20 million per annum for aids and equipment and home and vehicle modifications: 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 provision of aids and equipment, including vehicle modifications, is of great importance to supporting people with a disability and increasing their quality of life. This Government is committed to continuing to provide appropriate supports to people with a disability in this regard and has provided significant investment in this area.

Budget outcomes have now been announced and details are available on the Victorian Government website.

Mental health: disability services — early intervention and support services

2101. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to Victorian Council of Social Services budget submission recommending that the Government increase investment in locally based early intervention community-based mental health services and increase funding for Psychiatric Disability Rehabilitation and Support Services to enable improved integration of supports for people with complex needs: 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:

Budget outcomes have now been announced and details are available on the Victorian Government website.

Community services: disability services — supported accommodation

2102. 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 bring forward the \$70 million committed in the 2007-08 budget for supported accommodation and index this to account for disability population growth: 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:

The provision of supported accommodation is of critical importance to supporting people with a disability and increasing their quality of life. This Government is committed to continuing to provide appropriate supports to people with a disability in this regard and is providing significant investment, both for supported accommodation and for the provision of more individualised home-based supports.

Budget outcomes have now been announced and details are available on the Victorian Government website.

Community services: disability services — supported accommodation

2103. 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 commit recurrent funding of \$50 million and capital funding of \$74 million to create up to 650 new supported accommodation places: 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:

The provision of supported accommodation is of critical importance to supporting people with a disability and increasing their quality of life. This Government is committed to continuing to provide appropriate supports to people with a disability in this regard and is providing significant investment, both for supported accommodation and for the provision of more individualised home-based supports.

Budget outcomes have now been announced and details are available on the Victorian Government website.

Community services: disability services — population-based benchmarks

2104. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to disability funding: What is the Government's view regarding the introduction of population based benchmarks for disability services.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Commonwealth, State and Territory Ministers have agreed that one of the priority areas for consideration during the next Commonwealth, State and Territory Disability Agreement will be to consider "Moving Towards National Population Benchmarks for Key Disability Services Under the CSTDA."

Community services: disability services — data collection

2105. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to data on those requiring disability services:

- (1) Does the Government believe the current system of data collection is adequate.
- (2) Would the Government support the establishment of a new system to reliably capture demand.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In relation to data on those requiring disability services:

The Government considers the current system of data collection for disability services to be adequate; however, the Commonwealth, State and Territory Ministers have agreed that one of the priority areas for consideration during the next Commonwealth, State and Territory Disability Agreement will be the better measurement of current and future needs for disability services.

Community services: disability services — standard chart of accounts

- 2106. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to a standard chart of accounts for disability service providers: What is the Government's view regarding the development of a standard chart of accounts in partnership with the disability services sector.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This is a community sector initiative that proposes the development of standardised reporting and data to assist service funding and planning. The Government would be receptive to considering the development of a standard chart of accounts for use by disability service providers. The initiative would need to have regard for the statutory financial accounting and reporting requirements of community service organisations across a diverse range of services, including business units operated by some of these organisations.

Community services: disability services — pricing principles

- 2107. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to disability funding: What is the Government's view regarding the introduction of a transparent unit price funding formula.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department published a set of pricing principles in October 2005 which is available on the Department of Human Services website in the Disability Services Division publications library.

Community services: disability services — support organisations

- 2108. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to capital expenditure for disability service providers: What is the Government's view regarding the development and dissemination of a survey of disability support organisations in order to inform a program of increased capital expenditure on items such as vehicles, computer equipment and building maintenance.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Issues relating to asset replacement and maintenance will be considered as part of the department's review of pricing and funding arrangements for disability services.

Community services: disability services — funding

2109. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to individualised funding: Has a risk analysis regarding the impact of individualised funding on organisational sustainability been undertaken; and if not, will one be carried out.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department is working with National Disability Services Victoria on an implementation plan that will assist sector sustainability while moving from agency attached funding to individualised support packages.

Community services: disability services — funding

2110. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to individualised funding: What is the Government's view regarding the development of a transition plan to make sure that disability service providers are financially viable as the number of individualised funding packages increases.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

A plan and transition strategy to move from agency attached to individually attached funding will be developed and agreed.

Community services: disability services — funding

2112. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to extra disability funding of \$1.9 billion promised by the Federal Government at the last election: Will the Government match the Commonwealth's contribution dollar for dollar as promised in the Federal ALP's election policy.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Commonwealth Government committed to provide up to \$901 million for inclusion in the Commonwealth State/Territory Disability Agreement. Negotiations are continuing on the funding arrangement.

Mental health: Austin Hospital

2113. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Unit at the Austin Hospital: Will the Government fund a full redevelopment of this facility in the upcoming budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Budget outcomes have now been announced and details are available on the Victorian Government website.

Mental health: Dandenong Hospital

2115. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to mental health inpatient beds at Dandenong Hospital: Will the Government fund the 73 extra beds it promised in the 2006 election in the upcoming budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Budget outcomes have now been announced and details are available on the Victorian Government website.

Children and early childhood development: program for students with disabilities

2141. MS HARTLAND — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): In relation to previous reviews of the Program for Students with Disabilities, such as the *Better Services, Better Outcomes* report: Were the recommendations made to improve the Program for Students with Disabilities enacted; if so, how.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The most recent review of the Program for Students with Disabilities (PSD) was initiated in March 2007 by the Victorian Auditor-General's Office (VAGO). This review had a focus on the following two key questions:

- whether the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has an accountability framework for PSD that provides clear measures of performance and an appropriate level of accountability; and
- whether the Department is working to further develop the accountability framework for the PSD.

The high-level findings of the review acknowledged the Department's monitoring and accounting for PSD program inputs and outputs. The Department's focus on outcomes at an individual student and school level was also acknowledged, but the report identified room for improvement at a whole-of-program level. The report acknowledged that the Department's performance reporting was at least as good as any other Australian jurisdiction for similar disability programs.

The Auditor General's report identified many strengths in the PSD and the focus on achieving outcomes at an individual and school level.

The report made four recommendations—that the Department:

- establish a clear objective for the PSD that is outcome-focused and measurable (Recommendation 4.1)
- establish performance indicators to monitor outcomes for the PSD at the whole-of-program level that are relevant to the program's objective, and are measurable and auditable (Recommendation 4.2)
- manage the collection and analysis of performance data under the School Accountability and Improvement Framework so that outcomes for PSD-funded students can be identified, both for students in special schools and mainstream schools, at the whole-of-program level (Recommendation 4.3)
- continue to improve program accountability for the PSD, so that measuring and reporting on whole-of-program level achievements is in place within 2 years (Recommendation 4.4).

The Department is committed to continuously improving the accountability framework for the PSD and accepted the Auditor-General's recommendations. The Departmental response forwarded to VAGO accepted all of the audit's recommendations while reiterating key findings of the audit on the positive directions that the Department is taking in continuing reform of the PSD program.

The Departmental response also included recognition of the opportunity to capitalise on the reshaping of the program that commenced in 2005. The Department will incorporate reporting on outcomes into the PSD's forward strategy.

Work has already commenced on the implementation of all four recommendations, with an initial focus on recommendation 4.1.

The Department has commenced a project to establish objectives and performance indicators for the PSD.

Following on from this the Department will be working to expand the collection and analysis of performance data under the School Accountability and Improvement Framework so that outcomes for PSD-funded students can be identified in all school settings and at the program level.

Through these reforms to the PSD and the development of the Abilities Index, the Department is well placed to refine its focus on outcomes at all levels of the program.

Treasurer: Origin Energy — state purchase contract

2180. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer: In relation to the State Purchase Contract with Origin Energy for the supply of electricity to government sites consuming greater than 160 megawatt hours (MWh) and less than 750 MWh per annum that commenced 1 November 2005 and is set to expire on 31 October 2008:

- (1) How much electricity (in MWh) was purchased under the contract for the periods —
 - (a) 1 November 2005 to 31 October 2006;
 - (b) 1 November 2006 to 31 October 2007; and
 - (c) 1 November 2007 to present.
- (2) How much of the electricity purchased under the contract (in MWh) came from renewable sources of energy for the periods detailed in (1).
- (3) What was the amount, in dollar terms, charged to the Victorian Government under contract for the periods detailed in (1).
- (4) With the current contract set to expire in October 2008, will any future contract include a mandatory quota for renewable energy; if so, what will that quota be.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Information regarding this contract can be found at www.tenders.vic.gov.au.

Public transport: fair payments policy

2208. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): 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.

Community services: home and community care — Glen Eira

- 2221.** **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): Per capita, what was the State Government Home and Community Care funding contribution in the City of Glen Eira in 1999.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- Data for the Home and Community Care Program is not available by Local Government area for 1999.

Community services: home and community care — Glen Eira

- 2222.** **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): Per capita, what was the State Government Home and Community Care funding contribution in the City of Glen Eira in 2000.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- Data for the Home and Community Care Program is not available by Local Government area for 2000.

Community services: home and community care — Glen Eira

- 2223.** **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): Per capita, what was the State Government Home and Community Care funding contribution in the City of Glen Eira in 2001.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- Data for the Home and Community Care Program is not available by Local Government area for 2001.

Community services: home and community care — Glen Eira

2224. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): Per capita, what was the State Government Home and Community Care funding contribution in the City of Glen Eira in 2002.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- Data for the Home and Community Care Program is not available by Local Government area for 2002.

Community services: home and community care — Glen Eira

2225. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): Per capita, what was the State Government Home and Community Care funding contribution in the City of Glen Eira in 2003.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- Data for the Home and Community Care Program is not available by Local Government area for 2003.

Corrections: stress leave

2258. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Corrections): 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 request would be too voluminous and an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

Environment and climate change: salary levels

2271. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: 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:

Information on staff numbers and VPS classification is provided in the annual reports of departments, agencies and authorities. Information relating to the Department of Sustainability and Environment can be found on page 56 of the 2006-07 Annual Report.

Industry and trade: salary levels

2274. 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 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 as follows:

Please refer to the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development’s Annual Report for this information.

Information and communication technology: salary levels

2275. 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 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 as follows:

Please refer to the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development’s Annual Report for this information.

Innovation: women — boards, councils and committees

2392. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Innovation: 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:

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

Health: women — boards, councils and committees

2403. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): 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

Multicultural affairs: women — boards, councils and committees

2411. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural 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>.

Gaming: women — boards, councils and committees

2419. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Gaming): 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.

Tourism and major events: women — boards, councils and committees

2424. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Tourism and Major Events): 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 web-site enables every Victorian wishing to obtain information about public entities, including membership to each Board to do so. This information can be found by accessing www.publicboards.vic.gov.au

Public transport: motor vehicle registration concessions

2445. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the Fair Go for Pensioners Coalition 2008-09 Budget Submission recommending the reintroduction of the pensioner motor vehicle registration concession discount: 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:

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

The question does not fall within my portfolio responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Senior Victorians.

Public transport: Windsor railway station — crime

2475. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Windsor Train Station, Prahran, in the 2000-01 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

The question does not fall within my portfolio responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

Public transport: Windsor railway station — crime

2476. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Windsor Train Station, Prahran, in the 2001-02 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

The question does not fall within my portfolio responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

Public transport: Windsor railway station — crime

2477. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Windsor Train Station, Prahran, in the 2002-03 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

The question does not fall within my portfolio responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

Public transport: Windsor railway station — crime

2478. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Windsor Train Station, Prahran, in the 2003-04 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and

- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

The question does not fall within my portfolio responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

Public transport: Windsor railway station — crime

2479. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Windsor Train Station, Prahran, in the 2004-05 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

The question does not fall within my portfolio responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

Public transport: Windsor railway station — crime

2480. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Windsor Train Station, Prahran, in the 2005-06 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

The question does not fall within my portfolio responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

Public transport: Windsor railway station — crime

2481. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Windsor Train Station, Prahran, in the 2006-07 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

The question does not fall within my portfolio responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

Public transport: South Yarra railway station — crime

2482. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at South Yarra Train Station, South Yarra, in the 2000-01 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

The question does not fall within my portfolio responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

Public transport: South Yarra railway station — crime

2483. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at South Yarra Train Station, South Yarra, in the 2001-02 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;

- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

The question does not fall within my portfolio responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

Public transport: South Yarra railway station — crime

2484. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at South Yarra Train Station, South Yarra, in the 2002-03 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

The question does not fall within my portfolio responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

Public transport: South Yarra railway station — crime

2485. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at South Yarra Train Station, South Yarra, in the 2003-04 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

The question does not fall within my portfolio responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

Public transport: South Yarra railway station — crime

2486. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at South Yarra Train Station, South Yarra, in the 2004-05 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

The question does not fall within my portfolio responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

Public transport: South Yarra railway station — crime

2487. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at South Yarra Train Station, South Yarra, in the 2005-06 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

The question does not fall within my portfolio responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

Public transport: South Yarra railway station — crime

2488. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at South Yarra Train Station, South Yarra, in the 2006-07 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

The question does not fall within my portfolio responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

Public transport: Prahran railway station — crime

2489. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Prahran Train Station, Prahran, in the 2000-01 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

The question does not fall within my portfolio responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

Public transport: Prahran railway station — crime

2490. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Prahran Train Station, Prahran, in the 2001-02 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;

- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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Public transport: Prahran railway station — crime

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- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

The question does not fall within my portfolio responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

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- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

The question does not fall within my portfolio responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

Public transport: Prahran railway station — crime

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- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

The question does not fall within my portfolio responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

Public transport: Prahran railway station — crime

2494. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Prahran Train Station, Prahran, in the 2005-06 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

The question does not fall within my portfolio responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

Public transport: Prahran railway station — crime

2495. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Prahran Train Station, Prahran, in the 2006-07 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

The question does not fall within my portfolio responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

Public transport: Hawksburn railway station — crime

2496. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Hawksburn Train Station, South Yarra, in the 2000-01 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

The question does not fall within my portfolio responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

Public transport: Hawksburn railway station — crime

2497. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Hawksburn Train Station, South Yarra, in the 2001-02 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;

- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

The question does not fall within my portfolio responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

Public transport: Hawksburn railway station — crime

2498. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Hawksburn Train Station, South Yarra, in the 2002-03 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

The question does not fall within my portfolio responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

Public transport: Hawksburn railway station — crime

2499. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Hawksburn Train Station, South Yarra, in the 2003-04 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

The question does not fall within my portfolio responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

Public transport: Hawksburn railway station — crime

2500. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Hawksburn Train Station, South Yarra, in the 2004-05 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

The question does not fall within my portfolio responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

Public transport: Hawksburn railway station — crime

2501. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Hawksburn Train Station, South Yarra, in the 2005-06 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

The question does not fall within my portfolio responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

Public transport: Hawksburn railway station — crime

2502. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Hawksburn Train Station, South Yarra, in the 2006-07 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

The question does not fall within my portfolio responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

Police: Nepean Highway — traffic red light cameras

2503. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to the traffic lights at the intersection of Nepean Highway and Bay Road, and the Nepean Highway and Karen Street, particularly as they relate to right hand turns which are monitored by red light cameras: How many motorists were fined in February 2008 for having entered the intersection against a red light arrow for a time of 0.9 of a second or less.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Only one motorist was fined in February 2008 for having entered the intersection against a red arrow for a time less than 1 second.

Community services: incident reporting system

2504. **MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Department of Human Services incident reporting system for Disability Accommodation Service incident reports:

- (1) Are incidents recognised with an initial numbered incident reporting system at the time of the incident: if not —
 - (a) why not;
 - (b) at what stage in the incident reporting procedure does an incident report acquire an incident number;
 - (c) at what time after the initial incident does an incident report acquire an incident number;
 - (d) at what geographic location after the initial incident does an incident report acquire an incident number; and
 - (e) what procedure is in place to ensure that all incidents remain accounted for, to the people involved before they acquire an incident number.

- (2) Do direct care staff have a numbered, logged, record of their incidents at their place of work available for them and Occupational Health and Safety officers; if not, why not.
- (3) When did work commence on the development of “Event, Recording, Information Centre” (ERIC).
- (4) Does the ERIC system involve an initial numbering system for incident reports.
- (5) How much money has been spent on the development of ERIC.
- (6) When will ERIC be implemented.
- (7) If ERIC is going to be implemented in the future, will there be an interim measure put in place to ensure incidents are given an initial number, prior to ERIC being implemented; if so, when will this commence.
- (8) If ERIC is not going to be implemented, when is a Client focused, Initial Numbered Incident Reporting System going to be implemented.
- (9) What numbered documentation system is in place to ensure all incident reports are recorded from the initial incident through to the quality development sector.
- (10) Do Disease, Injury, Near Miss, Accident (DINMA) Incident Reports have an initial numbering system; if so, is there any reason for incidents involving injuries to staff having an initial numbering system, if disability accommodation system incident reports do not have an initial numbering system.
- (11) When will the Category Section on Incident Reports include Physical Restraint, Seclusion and Chemical Restraint.
- (12) For what reasons was the cost effective Incident Report Draft submitted by Matthew Potocnik to the Department of Human Services on 16 September 2007 rejected by the Department.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1–4) Information relating to the Department’s incident reporting system can be found
- (6–9) on the Department of Human Services Funded Agency Channel ‘Incident reporting departmental instruction 2008’.
- (5) Development work is continuing. Detailed analysis would be required to provide a full cost estimate.
- (10) Yes the Disease, Injury, Near Miss, Accident (DINMA) reports have an initial numbering system, whilst the current incident reporting system does not have a process to assign a number at the site of the incident.
- (11) It is not proposed that the category section on incident reports will include physical restraint, seclusion and chemical restraint.
- (12) Mr Potocnik’s proposal was received by the department and considered.

Industry and trade: media and communications staff

2510. 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:

- (1) What is the number and cost of staff working in the Minister’s office.
- (2) What is the number of staff working in each public relations/ communications unit under the Minister’s control, indicating —
 - (a) the total operating budget; and
 - (b) the total promotional budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This question does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities as the engagement of ministerial staff, including salaries and superannuation falls within the budget of Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Information and communication technology: media and communications staff

2511. 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:

- (1) What is the number and cost of staff working in the Minister's office.
- (2) What is the number of staff working in each public relations/ communications unit under the Minister's control, indicating —
 - (a) the total operating budget; and
 - (b) the total promotional budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This question does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities as the engagement of ministerial staff, including salaries and superannuation falls within the budget of Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Regional and rural development: media and communications staff

2537. 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 and authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

- (1) What is the number and cost of staff working in the Minister's office.
- (2) What is the number of staff working in each public relations/ communications unit under the Minister's control, indicating —
 - (a) the total operating budget; and
 - (b) the total promotional budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This question does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities as the engagement of ministerial staff, including salaries and superannuation falls within the budget of Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Skills and workforce participation: media and communications staff

2538. 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 and authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

- (1) What is the number and cost of staff working in the Minister's office.
- (2) What is the number of staff working in each public relations/ communications unit under the Minister's control, indicating —

- (a) the total operating budget; and
- (b) the total promotional budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This question does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities as the engagement of ministerial staff, including salaries and superannuation falls within the budget of Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Industry and trade: advertising

2590. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade: 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 as follows:

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

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

Information and communication technology: advertising

2591. **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: 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 as follows:

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

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

Industry and trade: entertainment expenses

2630. 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 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 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: entertainment expenses

2631. 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 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 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: entertainment expenses

2657. 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 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 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: entertainment expenses

2658. 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 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 as follows:

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

Treasurer: professional development expenses

2666. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer: 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 compile information for the past seven financial years would place a large burden on the department, agency or authority within my administration. A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous, however, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Public transport: Moorabbin railway station — crime

2713. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Moorabbin Train Station, Moorabbin, in the 2000-01 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

This question does not fall within my responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Public transport: Moorabbin railway station — crime

2714. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Moorabbin Train Station, Moorabbin, in the 2001-02 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

This question does not fall within my responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Public transport: Moorabbin railway station — crime

2715. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Moorabbin Train Station, Moorabbin, in the 2002-03 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

This question does not fall within my responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Public transport: Moorabbin railway station — crime

2716. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Moorabbin Train Station, Moorabbin, in the 2003-04 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

This question does not fall within my responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Public transport: Moorabbin railway station — crime

2717. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Moorabbin Train Station, Moorabbin, in the 2004-05 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

This question does not fall within my responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Public transport: Moorabbin railway station — crime

2718. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Moorabbin Train Station, Moorabbin, in the 2005-06 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

This question does not fall within my responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Public transport: Moorabbin railway station — crime

2719. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Moorabbin Train Station, Moorabbin, in the 2006-07 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;

- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

This question does not fall within my responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Public transport: Bentleigh railway station — crime

2720. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Bentleigh Train Station, Bentleigh, in the 2000-01 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

This question does not fall within my responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Public transport: Bentleigh railway station — crime

2721. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Bentleigh Train Station, Bentleigh, in the 2001-02 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

This question does not fall within my responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Public transport: Bentleigh railway station — crime

2722. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Bentleigh Train Station, Bentleigh, in the 2002-03 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

This question does not fall within my responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Public transport: Bentleigh railway station — crime

2723. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Bentleigh Train Station, Bentleigh, in the 2003-04 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

This question does not fall within my responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Public transport: Bentleigh railway station — crime

2724. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Bentleigh Train Station, Bentleigh, in the 2004-05 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

This question does not fall within my responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Public transport: Bentleigh railway station — crime

2725. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Bentleigh Train Station, Bentleigh, in the 2005-06 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

This question does not fall within my responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Public transport: Patterson railway station — crime

2727. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Patterson Train Station, Bentleigh, in the 2000-01 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;

- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

This question does not fall within my responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Public transport: Patterson railway station — crime

2728. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Patterson Train Station, Bentleigh, in the 2001-02 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

This question does not fall within my responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Public transport: Patterson railway station — crime

2729. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Patterson Train Station, Bentleigh, in the 2002-03 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

This question does not fall within my responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Public transport: Patterson railway station — crime

2730. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Patterson Train Station, Bentleigh, in the 2003-04 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

This question does not fall within my responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Public transport: Patterson railway station — crime

2731. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Patterson Train Station, Bentleigh, in the 2004-05 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

This question does not fall within my responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Public transport: Patterson railway station — crime

2732. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Patterson Train Station, Bentleigh, in the 2005-06 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

This question does not fall within my responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Public transport: Patterson railway station — crime

2733. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Patterson Train Station, Bentleigh, in the 2006-07 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

This question does not fall within my responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Public transport: McKinnon railway station — crime

2734. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at McKinnon Train Station, McKinnon, in the 2000-01 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;

- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

This question does not fall within my responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Public transport: McKinnon railway station — crime

2735. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at McKinnon Train Station, McKinnon, in the 2001-02 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

This question does not fall within my responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Public transport: McKinnon railway station — crime

2736. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at McKinnon Train Station, McKinnon, in the 2002-03 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

This question does not fall within my responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Public transport: McKinnon railway station — crime

2737. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at McKinnon Train Station, McKinnon, in the 2003-04 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

This question does not fall within my responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Public transport: McKinnon railway station — crime

2738. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at McKinnon Train Station, McKinnon, in the 2004-05 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

This question does not fall within my responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Public transport: McKinnon railway station — crime

2739. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at McKinnon Train Station, McKinnon, in the 2005-06 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

This question does not fall within my responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Public transport: McKinnon railway station — crime

2740. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at McKinnon Train Station, McKinnon, in the 2006-07 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

This question does not fall within my responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Public transport: Ormond railway station — crime

2741. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Ormond Train Station, Ormond, in the 2000-01 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;

- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

This question does not fall within my responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Public transport: Ormond railway station — crime

2742. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Ormond Train Station, Ormond, in the 2001-02 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

This question does not fall within my responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Public transport: Ormond railway station — crime

2743. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Ormond Train Station, Ormond, in the 2002-03 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

This question does not fall within my responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Public transport: Ormond railway station — crime

2744. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Ormond Train Station, Ormond, in the 2003-04 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

This question does not fall within my responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Public transport: Ormond railway station — crime

2745. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Ormond Train Station, Ormond, in the 2004-05 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

This question does not fall within my responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Public transport: Ormond railway station — crime

2746. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Ormond Train Station, Ormond, in the 2005-06 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

This question does not fall within my responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Public transport: Ormond railway station — crime

2747. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Ormond Train Station, Ormond, in the 2006-07 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment; and
- (h) offensive behaviour in public.

ANSWER:

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

This question does not fall within my responsibility and should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Health: in-vitro fertilisation and pre-implantation genetic diagnosis

2754. **MR FINN** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): In relation to women undergoing IVF and pre-implantation genetic diagnosis:

- (1) Do the Reproductive Services Department at the Royal Women's Hospital or Melbourne IVF at the Freemasons Hospital require a woman to sign a waiver releasing the Royal Women's Hospital

or Melbourne IVF from liability if the woman does not agree to chorionic villus testing or amniocentesis.

- (2) Will the Minister act to ensure that these women are not subject to coercive pressure to agree to procedures intended to facilitate selective abortion.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Pre-implantation genetic diagnosis (also known as embryo biopsy) is a treatment procedure provided by Melbourne IVF to couples with a reproductive history of implantation failure, recurrent miscarriage or genetic problems such as sex-linked disorders and translocations.

There is an ethical, medical and legal requirement for patients to understand that the procedure of PGD does not guarantee a “normal” pregnancy (in the context of their medical indication for PGD). Due to the possibility of error in the PGD test results (2% risk), further testing in early pregnancy is recommended to confirm the PGD result.

It is the decision of the individual patient whether to have chorionic villus testing or amniocentesis in a PGD pregnancy. Full information is provided to enable the provision of informed consent. If the patient does not want further testing this decision is recorded in writing, witnessed and placed on the patient medical record.

- (2) There is no “coercive pressure” on women to have chorionic villus testing or amniocentesis.

Treasurer: Victorian Government Purchasing Board — procurement policies

2755. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Treasurer’s administration:

- (1) How many breaches of the Victorian Government Purchasing Board’s procurement policies occurred in each of the financial years from 2004-05 to 2006-07.
- (2) What were the details of those breaches.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

To compile information requested would place a large burden on the department’s time and resources. A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous, however, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Premier: Victorian Government Purchasing Board — procurement policies

2762. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Premier): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Premier’s administration:

- (1) How many breaches of the Victorian Government Purchasing Board’s procurement policies occurred in each of the financial years from 2004-05 to 2006-07.
- (2) What were the details of those breaches.
- (3) What action was taken in response to those breaches.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

To compile the information requested would place a large burden on the department's time and resources. A detailed response would be too voluminous, however, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Premier: annual reports

2802. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Premier): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Premier's administration: What was the total cost of each annual report for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

To compile the information requested from the past seven financial years would place a large burden on the department's time and resources. A detailed response would be too voluminous, however, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Treasurer: trade union grants

2835. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Treasurer's administration: What are the details of all grants made to trade union groups for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

To compile information for the past seven financial years would place a large burden on the department, agency or authority within my administration. A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous, however, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Agriculture: trade union grants

2872. 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: What are the details of all grants made to trade union groups for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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

Treasurer: workplace bullying

2875. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Treasurer's administration for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07: What are the details of bullying in the workplace indicating —

- (a) the number of cases reported;
- (b) the number of claims resulting in WorkCover cases being established;
- (c) the total cost of these claims; and

- (d) the dollar increase in premiums for each individual department or agency due to claims for bullying in the workplace.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

To compile information for the past seven financial years would place a large burden on the department, agency or authority within my administration. A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous, however, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Premier: trade union board representatives

2978. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Premier): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Premier's administration: What provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on their boards, indicating —

- (a) what the basis is of their representation and when it was established;
- (b) who the current trade union representatives are and who held the positions previously; and
- (c) what fee or remuneration is paid to the representatives.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

To compile the information requested would place a large burden on the department's time and resources. A detailed response would be too voluminous, however, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Premier: alcohol purchase expenses

3018. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Premier): Since the Premier's appointment, what are the details of all alcohol purchased by the Minister or the Minister's office, indicating, in respect of each purchase —

- (a) the date;
- (b) the value; and
- (c) the items.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

To compile the information requested would place a large burden on the department's time and resources. A detailed response would be too voluminous, however, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Treasurer: uniforms

3050. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Treasurer's administration:

- (1) How many employees are supplied with uniforms.
- (2) Which company or companies supply these uniforms.

- (3) In what country were these uniforms manufactured.
- (4) What safeguards have been established to ensure that uniforms are manufactured by workers employed under safe and humane conditions free of exploitation, including child labour.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

To compile information requested would place a large burden on the department's time and resources. A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous, however, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Premier: uniforms

3057. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Premier): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Premier's administration:

- (1) How many employees are supplied with uniforms.
- (2) Which company or companies supply these uniforms.
- (3) In what country were these uniforms manufactured.
- (4) What safeguards have been established to ensure that uniforms are manufactured by workers employed under safe and humane conditions free of exploitation, including child labour.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

To compile the information requested would place a large burden on the department's time and resources. A detailed response would be too voluminous, however, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Treasurer: staff attrition rate

3090. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Treasurer's administration: What was the staff attrition rate for each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2006-07.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

To compile information requested from the past seven financial years would place a large burden on the department's time and resources. A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous, however, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

Wednesday, 25 June 2008

Major Projects: Hepburn Springs bath house

1999. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: What is the financial impact of the much publicised delays in the completion of the Hepburn Springs Bath House redevelopment on the local economies of Daylesford and the Macedon Ranges area of Central Victoria.

ANSWER:

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

Tourism Victoria has reported significant growth in day visit and overnight stays to the region. To my knowledge there is no financial impact on the region.

Major Projects: Hepburn Springs bath house

2000. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: In relation to a March 2008 project update, in which reference is made to an accelerated and streamlined work program for the Hepburn Springs Bath House redevelopment: Has this accelerated and streamlined work program included any deviation from the initial architectural plans submitted through the tender process; if so, what are the details of those changes.

ANSWER:

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

The same contracted scope as was originally tendered is being delivered. There are no variations or deletions from the original scope, and the streamlining has not incurred any additional cost.

Energy and resources: Landmark Education Corporation

2032. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources):

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

ANSWER:

As at the date the question was raised:

The Department of Primary Industries continues to provide training opportunities to employees from a number of credited training organisations. Landmark Education Corporation is one of the credited training organisations departmental staff attended.

Attorney-General: stress leave

2255. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Attorney-General): 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 advised that:

I am informed that a detailed response to this request would be too voluminous and an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

Racing: stress leave

2256. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Racing): 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 advised that:

I am informed that a detailed response to this request would be too voluminous and an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

Police and emergency services: stress leave

2257. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): 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 advised that:

I am informed that a detailed response to this request would be too voluminous and an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

Gaming: stress leave

2259. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Gaming): 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 advised that:

I am informed that a detailed response to this request would be too voluminous and an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

Attorney-General: salary levels

2295. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Attorney-General): 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 advised that:

The Department of Justice Annual Report 2006-07 contains information on salary packages of executive officers as well as the number of departmental staff employed at each salary grade.

Further information on public service positions, classifications, salaries and responsibilities is available on the Victorian Government website.

Racing: salary levels

2296. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Racing): 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 advised that:

The Department of Justice Annual Report 2006-07 contains information on salary packages of executive officers as well as the number of departmental staff employed at each salary grade.

Further information on public service positions, classifications, salaries and responsibilities is available on the Victorian Government website.

Police and emergency services: salary levels

2297. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): 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 advised that:

The Department of Justice Annual Report 2006-07 contains de-identified information on salary packages of executive officers as well as the number of departmental staff employed at each salary grade.

The provision of further information which may lead to the identification of particular public servants, without their consent, would be inconsistent with the Department’s requirement to protect the information.

Corrections: salary levels

2298. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Corrections): 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 advised that:

The Department of Justice Annual Report 2006-07 contains de-identified information on salary packages of executive officers as well as the number of staff employed at each salary grade for the Department of Justice.

Gaming: salary levels

2299. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Gaming): 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 advised that:

The Department of Justice Annual Report 2006-07 contains de-identified information on salary packages of executive officers as well as the number of departmental staff employed at each salary grade.

The provision of further information which may lead to the identification of particular public servants, without their consent, would be inconsistent with the Department's requirement to protect the information.

Energy and resources: salary levels

2306. 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 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, as at the date the question was raised:

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).

Major projects: women — boards, councils and committees

2396. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: 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 Major Projects portfolio has no boards, councils or committees. Therefore, there are no women holding positions on boards, councils or committees within the Major Projects portfolio.

Energy and resources: media and communications staff

2542. 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:

- (1) What is the number and cost of staff working in the Minister's office.
- (2) What is the number of staff working in each public relations/ communications unit under the Minister's control, indicating —
 - (a) the total operating budget; and
 - (b) the total promotional budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed that, as at the date the question was raised:

This question does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities as the engagement of ministerial staff, including salaries and superannuations, falls within the budget of the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Energy and resources: legal expenses

2582. 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:

This question is the same as LC2386, which has already been answered.

Energy and resources: advertising

2622. 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: 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, as at the date the question was raised:

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

Police and emergency services: entertainment expenses

2653. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): 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 advised that:

I am informed that a detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unreasonable diversion of the Department’s resources.

Corrections: entertainment expenses

2654. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Corrections): 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 advised that:

I am informed that a detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unreasonable diversion of the Department’s resources.

Energy and resources: entertainment expenses

2662. 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 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, as at the date the question was raised:

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

Police and emergency services: professional development expenses

2693. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): 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 advised that:

I am informed that a detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unreasonable diversion of the Department's resources.

Corrections: professional development expenses

2694. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Corrections): 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 advised that:

I am informed that a detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unreasonable diversion of the Department's resources.

Energy and resources: professional development expenses

2702. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): 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, as at the date the question was raised:

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.

Police and emergency services: workplace bullying

2902. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): 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 bullying in the workplace indicating —

- (a) the number of cases reported;
- (b) the number of claims resulting in WorkCover cases being established;
- (c) the total cost of these claims; and
- (d) the dollar increase in premiums for each individual department or agency due to claims for bullying in the workplace.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

I am informed that a detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unreasonable diversion of the Department's resources.

Corrections: workplace bullying

2903. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Corrections): 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 bullying in the workplace indicating —

- (a) the number of cases reported;
- (b) the number of claims resulting in WorkCover cases being established;
- (c) the total cost of these claims; and
- (d) the dollar increase in premiums for each individual department or agency due to claims for bullying in the workplace.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

I am informed that a detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unreasonable diversion of the Department's resources.

Energy and resources: property sales

2951. 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 involved in the sale of properties for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

- (1) How many properties have been sold, indicating —
 - (a) whether they were sold by —
 - (i) selected tender;
 - (ii) public tender;
 - (iii) private sale; or

- (iv) public auction.
 - (b) the address of each property;
 - (c) the valuation of each property and the name of the valuer;
 - (d) what advertising costs were incurred and attributed to each; and
 - (e) the sale price for each property and the terms offered.
- (2) Were there any defaults in the performance of any contracts of sale arising from those sales.

ANSWER:

I am informed that, as at the date the question was raised:

The Department of Primary Industries has no authority to acquire or sell Crown land. All transactions are managed by the Land and Property Group in the Department of Treasury and Finance.

Industry and trade: trade union board representatives

- 2975. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration: What provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on their boards, indicating —
- (a) what the basis is of their representation and when it was established;
 - (b) who the current trade union representatives are and who held the positions previously; and
 - (c) what fee or remuneration is paid to the representatives.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

To compile the information requested would place a large burden on the department's time and resources. A detailed response would be too voluminous, however, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Information and communication technology: trade union board representatives

- 2976. 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: What provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on their boards, indicating —
- (a) what the basis is of their representation and when it was established;
 - (b) who the current trade union representatives are and who held the positions previously; and
 - (c) what fee or remuneration is paid to the representatives.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

To compile the information requested would place a large burden on the department's time and resources. A detailed response would be too voluminous, however, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Major projects: trade union board representatives

2977. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration: What provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on their boards, indicating —

- (a) what the basis is of their representation and when it was established;
- (b) who the current trade union representatives are and who held the positions previously; and
- (c) what fee or remuneration is paid to the representatives.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

To compile the information requested would place a large burden on the department’s time and resources. A detailed response would be too voluminous, however, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Industry and trade: alcohol purchase expenses

3015. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade: Since the Minister’s appointment, what are the details of all alcohol purchased by the Minister or the Minister’s office, indicating, in respect of each purchase —

- (a) the date;
- (b) the value; and
- (c) the items.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

To compile the information requested would place a large burden on the department’s time and resources. A detailed response would be too voluminous, however, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Information and communication technology: alcohol purchase expenses

3016. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Information and Communication Technology: Since the Minister’s appointment, what are the details of all alcohol purchased by the Minister or the Minister’s office, indicating, in respect of each purchase —

- (a) the date;
- (b) the value; and
- (c) the items.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

To compile the information requested would place a large burden on the department’s time and resources. A detailed response would be too voluminous, however, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Major projects: alcohol purchase expenses

3017. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: Since the Minister's appointment, what are the details of all alcohol purchased by the Minister or the Minister's office, indicating, in respect of each purchase —

- (a) the date;
- (b) the value; and
- (c) the items.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

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Industry and trade: uniforms

3054. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration:

- (1) How many employees are supplied with uniforms.
- (2) Which company or companies supply these uniforms.
- (3) In what country were these uniforms manufactured.
- (4) What safeguards have been established to ensure that uniforms are manufactured by workers employed under safe and humane conditions free of exploitation, including child labour.

ANSWER:

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Information and communication technology: uniforms

3055. 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:

- (1) How many employees are supplied with uniforms.
- (2) Which company or companies supply these uniforms.
- (3) In what country were these uniforms manufactured.
- (4) What safeguards have been established to ensure that uniforms are manufactured by workers employed under safe and humane conditions free of exploitation, including child labour.

ANSWER:

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Major projects: uniforms

3056. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration:

- (1) How many employees are supplied with uniforms.
- (2) Which company or companies supply these uniforms.
- (3) In what country were these uniforms manufactured.
- (4) What safeguards have been established to ensure that uniforms are manufactured by workers employed under safe and humane conditions free of exploitation, including child labour.

ANSWER:

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Industry and trade: staff attrition rate

3094. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration: What was the staff attrition rate for each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2006-07.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

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Information and communication technology: staff attrition rate

3095. 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: What was the staff attrition rate for each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2006-07.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

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Major projects: staff attrition rate

3096. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration: What was the staff attrition rate for each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2006-07.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

To compile the information requested would place a large burden on the department's time and resources. A detailed response would be too voluminous, however, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

Major projects: EastLink — guardrail system

3131. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: In relation to the EastLink Tollway:

- (1) What standards/specifications were set for the manufacture of EastLink Tollway's Guardrail Systems (particularly in terms of base material thickness of guardrail posts).
- (2) Do all of the EastLink Tollway's Guardrail Systems meet those standards; if not, what percentage of the EastLink Tollway's Guardrail Systems fail to meet those prescribed standards.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

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

