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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Tuesday, 17 July 2007**

**Police and emergency services: Metropolitan Fire Brigade site, Burnley**

- 61. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to the Metropolitan Fire Brigade (MFB) site at Burnley:
- (1) Has the government or the MFB commissioned any reports on contamination at the site. Please list the reports, including title, author, date and a brief summary of their contents and conclusions.
  - (2) Have workers at the site been affected by the contamination and if so, how.
  - (3) What action has been taken to prevent workers or visitors from being affected by the contamination.
  - (4) What risk does the contamination pose to the environment. In particular, are contaminants leaching into the Yarra River, the groundwater or other waterways.
  - (5) Is the Burnley Tunnel affected by the contamination. If so, how.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) A number of reports have been commissioned by the MFESB for the Burnley Training site.

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Date</b>
Corner Barkly Avenue & Burnley Street Richmond: Review of Environmental Site Assessment Reports	GHD Pty Ltd	March 2003
Corner Burnley Street & Barkly Avenue, Richmond: Environmental Investigations Report	GHD Pty Ltd	June 2003
Burnley Street and Barkly Avenue, Richmond: Soil Remediation Options	GHD Pty Ltd	July 2003
Burnley Street and Barkly Avenue, Richmond: Impact of Health Investigation Levels—E use [Public Open Spaces]	GHD Pty Ltd	September 2003
Non-Statutory Environmental Audit—Corner Burnley Street and Barkly Avenue, Richmond	Parson Brinckerhoff Australia Pty Ltd	October 2003
Risk Management Plan for Relocation of Fire Safety and Training Centre—Final Report	Environmental Resources Management Australia	September 2003
Summary of Stage 1 Remedial Works December 2005—Abi Group; MFB Burnley Complex	Noel Arnold & Associates	March 2006
Summary of Stage 2 Remedial Works January 2006—Abi Group; MFB Burnley Complex	Noel Arnold & Associates	March 2006

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Date</b>
Evaluation of Contamination at the MFB Burnley Complex	Toxikos Toxicology Consultants	April 2006
MFB Burnley: Backfilling of Flooded HLCS (High Level Contaminated Soil) Excavation	Douglas Partners Pty Ltd	April 2006
UST (underground storage tank) validation assessment: Abi Group; MFB Burnley Complex, Burnley	Noel Arnold & Associates	August 2006
Soil Contamination Assessment: Abi Group; MFB Burnley Complex, Burnley Revision B	Noel Arnold & Associates	September 2006
Health Risk Assessment–Soil Contamination at North West Section–Report Number ENV0488.002	Chadwick T & T Pty Ltd, for Noel Arnold & Associates	November 2006
Chadwick T & T Health Assessment–Soil Contamination Beneath Trench Rescue Pit–MFB Burnley Complex–Report No ENV0488.001	Chadwick T & T Pty Ltd, for Noel Arnold & Associates	November 2006
Interim Summary of Stage 3 Remedial Works – December 2006 – Abi Group; MFB Burnley Complex	Noel Arnold & Associates	December 2006
Barrel Drain Summary: MFB Burnley	Noel Arnold & Associates	December 2006
Site Management Plan – Subsurface Works – Sewer and Stormwater Installation: Abi Group; MFB Burnley Complex	Noel Arnold & Associates	December 2006

- (2) The building contractor has received professional advice on measures to minimise potential exposure of workers to contaminants identified on the site.
- (3) The building contractor has identified and clearly signed the area where there is high level contaminated soil. Programs are in place on the site and work is undertaken in accordance with guidelines prepared by professional workplace hygienists, whilst the facility continues under the responsibility of the contractor.
- (4) All necessary steps have, and are being taken to clean up the contamination on site in accordance with the Environmental Protection Authority clean up notice issued on 20 December 2006.
- (5) There is no indication that the Burnley tunnel is affected.

**Water, environment and climate change: Metropolitan Fire Brigade site, Burnley**

- 62. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Water, Environment and Climate Change): In relation to the Metropolitan Fire Brigade (MFB) site at Burnley:
- (1) Is the site currently contaminated or has it been contaminated. If yes, please give details including the area affected (please provide a map), the contaminants known or suspected to be present and the level of contamination; what is the source and date of this information.
  - (2) When did the EPA become aware that the site was or might be contaminated.
  - (3) What action has the EPA taken to require any contamination to be dealt with.
  - (4) When was this action taken.
  - (5) What was the cost of any clean-up and who is bearing the cost.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Contamination identified on the site to date includes residual tars related to a former tar pit in the south-western portion of the MFB site. This includes hydrocarbons, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, BTEX, cresols and heavy metals. The northern part of the site is part of a former municipal waste landfill. Contaminant concentrations necessitated the serving of a Clean Up Notice by EPA due to the potential impacts to site uses and the surrounding environment.
- (2) EPA attended the site in early 2006. Soon there after a report on initial remediation works was provided with key information on site contamination being provided in October 2006.
- (3) EPA has served a Clean Up Notice on the MFB which requires an environmental audit to be undertaken to assess the risk to the land &/or groundwater environments caused by activities conducted at the premises.
- (4) The Clean Up Notice was served on 20 December 2006.
- (5) Clean up costs are currently unknown and will be determined by MFB following the completion of the environmental audit, due to the EPA on 30 July 2007.

**Public transport: Doncaster Crown land**

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

**ANSWER:**

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

1. The Department of Infrastructure (DOI) has identified two parcels of crown-owned land in the Doncaster electorate within the Minister's portfolio. These are the Doncaster bus depot located at 868-870 Doncaster Road, Doncaster and a bus turning facility at 94-102 Mitcham Road Donvale.
2. The bus depot is approximately 2.724 ha and the title is in the name of the Secretary DOI. The bus turning bay is approximately 1,140 m2 and the title is in the name of VicTrack.
3. There is no intention of selling these parcels of land.
4. Meeting Our Transport Challenges Action 2 (Creating a cross-town transport network for Melbourne) nominated the Doncaster bus upgrade including to "provide more Park & Ride opportunities". DOI considers it likely that additional land will be required for this project but the assessment of the potential locations is still being carried out and a location has not been identified.

**Local government: Doncaster Crown land**

- 169. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Community Services (for the Minister for Housing and Local Government): Can the Minister provide descriptions of, and where available the addresses of, all Crown owned land in the electorate of Doncaster relating to the Local Government portfolio and indicate whether the Government intends to sell any of this land or acquire any new land in the Doncaster electorate.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that/as follows:

Under the portfolio of Local Government I do not have responsibility for the management of Crown land or the sale and acquisition of land.

The Minister for Planning is responsible for the management of Crown land.

**Education: funding**

**191. MR P. R. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Education: What was the total amount of money spent in 1999–2000 for each category of —

- (a) Vocational education in Victoria;
- (b) Primary education in Victoria; and
- (c) Secondary education in Victoria.

**ANSWER:**

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

Information in relation to category (b) and (c) is published and can be found on the MCEETYA website. Category (a) is a matter for the Minister for Skills, Education Services and Employment.

*[Question 191 reinstated by order of President on 21 June 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 18 April, page 948]*

**Education: funding**

**192. MR P. R. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Education: What was the total amount of money spent in 2000–01 for each category of —

- (a) Vocational education in Victoria;
- (b) Primary education in Victoria; and
- (c) Secondary education in Victoria.

**ANSWER:**

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

Information in relation to category (b) and (c) is published and can be found on the MCEETYA website. Category (a) is a matter for the Minister for Skills, Education Services and Employment.

*[Question 192 reinstated by order of President on 21 June 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 18 April, page 948]*

**Education: funding**

**193. MR P. R. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Education: What was the total amount of money spent in 2001–02 for each category of —

- (a) Vocational education in Victoria;
- (b) Primary education in Victoria; and
- (c) Secondary education in Victoria.

**ANSWER:**

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

Information in relation to category (b) and (c) is published and can be found on the MCEETYA website. Category (a) is a matter for the Minister for Skills, Education Services and Employment.

[*Question 193 reinstated by order of President on 21 June 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 18 April, page 948*]

**Education: funding**

**194. MR P. R. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Education: What was the total amount of money spent in 2002–03 for each category of —

- (a) Vocational education in Victoria;
- (b) Primary education in Victoria; and
- (c) Secondary education in Victoria.

**ANSWER:**

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

Information in relation to category (b) and (c) is published and can be found on the MCEETYA website. Category (a) is a matter for the Minister for Skills, Education Services and Employment.

[*Question 194 reinstated by order of President on 21 June 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 18 April, page 948*]

**Education: funding**

**195. MR P. R. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Education: What was the total amount of money spent in 2003–04 for each category of —

- (a) Vocational education in Victoria;
- (b) Primary education in Victoria; and
- (c) Secondary education in Victoria.

**ANSWER:**

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

Information in relation to category (b) and (c) is published and can be found on the MCEETYA website. Category (a) is a matter for the Minister for Skills, Education Services and Employment.

[*Question 195 reinstated by order of President on 21 June 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 18 April, page 949*]

**Education: funding**

**196. MR P. R. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Education: What was the total amount of money spent in 2004–05 for each category of —

- (a) Vocational education in Victoria;
- (b) Primary education in Victoria; and
- (c) Secondary education in Victoria.

**ANSWER:**

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

Information in relation to category (b) and (c) is published and can be found on the MCEETYA website. Category (a) is a matter for the Minister for Skills, Education Services and Employment.

[Question 196 reinstated by order of President on 21 June 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 18 April, page 949]

**Education: funding**

**197. MR P. R. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Education: What was the total amount of money spent in 2005–06 for each category of —

- (a) Vocational education in Victoria;
- (b) Primary education in Victoria; and
- (c) Secondary education in Victoria.

**ANSWER:**

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

Information in relation to category (b) and (c) is published and can be found on the MCEETYA website. Category (a) is a matter for the Minister for Skills, Education Services and Employment.

[Question 197 reinstated by order of President on 21 June 2007. Hansard reference to original answer: 18 April, page 949]

**Community services: disability funding**

**300. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Community Services:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

In relation to the Commonwealth State Territory Disability Agreement (CSTDA) for 2006–07:

- (1) Victoria expects to receive Commonwealth funding totalling \$139.6 million.
- (2) Victoria expects to contribute \$1031.1 million to meet its CSTDA responsibilities in 2006–07. In addition to the CSTDA funding, a further \$35.7 million will be invested by the State of Victoria in disability services in 2006–07.

**Aboriginal affairs: Port Campbell development**

**307. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs: In relation to the proposed development at 2-10 Lord Street, Port Campbell (Permit Application No. P2004/144, *Perrott Lyon Mathieson Pty Ltd v Corangamite Shire Council* [2006] VCAT 387):

- (1) The Orders of VCAT 387 at [9] require that the granting of a permit be conditional upon a further detailed geotechnical assessment being undertaken. Five of Australia's foremost geological specialists have said the proposed development has the potential to accelerate headland collapse. Has an assessment been undertaken of the geotechnical impact of the development (including any development on adjacent crown land) on the Aboriginal cultural and heritage sites surrounding the proposed development, including the impact of the proposed development possibly accelerating the collapse of areas containing cultural and heritage sites, such as the Aboriginal Steps on Point Sturgess and the sea caves known as *Purroitchihoorrong*.
- (2) Who would be responsible for loss of Aboriginal Heritage Sites in the event of a collapse of the pertinent areas.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

- (1) My Department is unaware of any assessment of the impact of the proposed development on Aboriginal cultural heritage values that may be present in the area where development is to take place.
- (2) The Commonwealth *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984* provides protection for Aboriginal cultural heritage up to 28 May 2007. The Victorian *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006* and Aboriginal Heritage Regulations will provide protection from the 28 May 2007.

**Aboriginal affairs: Port Campbell development**

**308. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs: In relation to the proposed development at 2-10 Lord Street, Port Campbell (Permit Application No. P2004/144, *Perrott Lyon Mathieson Pty Ltd v Corangamite Shire Council* [2006] VCAT 387), Order [7] and Reasons [28] deal with the acquisition of:

- (1) What measures have been undertaken to verify, prior to works commencing on the site, the statement by Aldo Massola, Curator of the Melbourne Museum in the 1960s, that Point Sturgess was the site of an Aboriginal camp.
- (2) Are there any Aboriginal cultural or heritage values present in the War Memorial Reserve area.
- (3) Was the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) assessment of the site hurried due to irrelevant considerations, such as the availability of earth moving machinery on the site.
- (4) Was the native vegetation of the site bulldozed and the surface soil disturbed prior to the ACHA assessment on 29 September 2003? If so, what measures have been undertaken to sift test the surface soil for the presence of artefacts.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Aldo Massola's *Journey to Aboriginal Victoria* makes reference to Aboriginal campsites and middens in the vicinity of Point Sturgess. However, no Aboriginal heritage values are listed in the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Register for that area.
- (2) There are no known Aboriginal heritage values listed in the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Register for that area.
- (3) My Department has no record of any assessment of the potential Aboriginal cultural heritage values of the proposed development.
- (4) Disturbing the surface of the land for the purposes of uncovering or discovering Aboriginal artefacts requires a permit under the *Archaeological and Aboriginal Relics Preservation Act 1972*. My Department has no

record of a permit being issued in relation to the land where it is proposed to develop the Southern Ocean Beach House.

**Public transport: Doncaster tramline extension**

**315. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and State Development (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the Government’s dismissal of the proposal to extend the Route 48 tramline from North Balwyn to Doncaster Shoppingtown:

- (1) What are the details of analysis undertaken on the gradient levels of Doncaster Road to justify this decision.
- (2) What does the claimed project cost of \$60 million consist of.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1) The steep grades of 6 per cent that exist between Balwyn Road and the Eastern Freeway exceed grade limitations for tram stops to comply with the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA). The DDA and the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport require a grade maximum of 1:40 slope (2.5 per cent).
- (2) This project has not been scoped or costed in detail. The cost estimate is based on the unit costs experienced with the Vermont South and the Box Hill tram extension projects. Allowance was made for the extra costs expected for Doncaster Road. The purchase costs of the additional trams that would be required have not been included in the estimate.

**Public transport: rail crossings — upgrades**

**322. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Industry and State Development (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to page 112 of Budget Paper 3, which outlines a plan to upgrade 40 public railway crossings in the 2007–08 financial year:

- (1) What are the 40 railway crossings.
- (2) What upgrades are proposed.

**ANSWER:**

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

Attached please find the list of proposed upgrades for 2007–08 including a description of the proposed works.

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Railway Crossing Upgrades - Current Proposed Program 11 May 2007			
LOCATION	CURRENT TREATMENT	PROPOSED UPGRADE	NETWORK
Dunolly, Tweedale Rd	Passive	Flashing Lights	V/Line
Benalla, Witt St	Flashing Lights	Boom Barrier	ARTC/V/Line
Wangaratta, Burrows St	Passive	Boom Barrier	ARTC/V/Line
Springvale, Queens/Regent Avenue	Crib Crossing	Pedestrian Gates	Connex
Tyabb, Mornington-Tyabb Rd	Flashing Lights	Boom Barrier	Connex
Bowser, Three Chain Rd	Flashing Lights	Boom Barrier	ARTC/V/Line
Barnawatha, Indigo Crk Rd	Flashing Lights	Boom Barrier	ARTC/V/Line
Wangaratta, Delloro Rd	Passive	Boom Barrier	ARTC/V/Line
Burwood, Up end of platform	Crib Crossing	Pedestrian Gates	Connex
South Kingsville, Birmingham St.	Crib Crossing	Pedestrian Gates	ARTC/V/Line/Connex
Riversdale, Prospect Hill Rd	Crib	Pedestrian Gates	Connex
Blackburn, Cottage Street	Crib Crossing	Pedestrian Gates	Connex
Heathmont, Up end of platform	Crib Crossing	Pedestrian Gates	Connex
Croyden, Alto Avenue	Crib Crossing	Pedestrian Gates	Connex
Colac, Queens St	Flashing Lights	Boom Barrier	V/Line
Inverleigh, Hamilton Hwy	Flashing Lights	Boom Barrier	ARTC
South Geelong, Yarra Street	Crib/Level Crossing	Pedestrian Gates	V/Line
Derrinallum, Vite Vite Rd	Passive	Flashing Lights	ARTC
South Geelong, Swanston St	Flashing Lights	Boom Barrier	V/Line
Colac, Hart St	Flashing Lights	Boom Barrier	V/Line

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Pirron Yallock, Settlement Rd	Passive	Flashing Lights	V/Line
Buckley, Buckley Rd	Passive	Flashing Lights	V/Line
Croyden, Surrey Road	Crib Crossing	Pedestrian Gates	Connex
Bendigo, Midland Hwy	Flashing Lights	Boom Barrier	V/Line
Jung, Wimmera Hwy	Flashing Lights	Boom Barrier	ARTC
Nhill, Queen St	Flashing Lights	Boom Barrier	ARTC
Serviceton, Serviceton North Rd	Passive	Flashing Lights	ARTC
Highbett, Wickham Road	Crib/Level Crossing	Pedestrian Gates	Connex
Stawell, Sloane St	Flashing Lights	Boom Barrier	ARTC
Westgarth, Mason Street	Crib Crossing	Pedestrian Gates	Connex
North Melbourne, Arden Street	Crib/Level Crossing	Pedestrian Gates	Connex
Sandringham Abbot, Street	Crib/Level Crossing	Pedestrian Gates	Connex
Chelsea, Golden Avenue	Crib Crossing	Pedestrian Gates	Connex
Merbein, Paschendale Ave	Passive	Flashing Lights	V/Line
Maryborough, Dooleys Rd	Passive	Flashing Lights	V/Line
McLeod, Ruthven Street	Crib/Level Crossing	Pedestrian Gates	Connex
Hastings, Reid Pde	Flashing Lights	Boom Barrier	Connex
Wangaratta, Shanley St	Flashing Lights	Boom Barrier	ARTC/V/Line
Pirron Yallock, Swan Marsh Rd	Passive	Flashing Lights	V/Line
Swan Marsh, Swan Marsh - Stonyford Rd	Passive	Flashing Lights	V/Line

Sites may be substituted with next listed priority sites if external factors cause delivery issues

**Housing: housing integrated information package project**

**337. MS LOVELL** — To ask the Minister for Community Services (for the Minister for Housing): In reference to the Housing Integrated Information Package (HIIP) project for the Office of Housing:

- (1) Is 2008 still the expected completion date of this project.
- (2) How many stages have been completed to date.
- (3) How much money has been spent on this project to date.
- (4) How much is it expected to cost the Office of Housing.
- (5) Does the system as implemented meet the performance and design criteria as outlined in the original contract.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Current planning is for the project to be completed December 2008, however this is subject to outcomes from contractual negotiations arising from the tender process now under way, at which time project plans will be updated.
- (2) The first module, Responsive Repairs has been implemented.
- (3) The net cost is \$47.54 million to the end of May 2007, allowing for the \$10 million refund paid by the previous contractor. The Director of Housing received an additional \$16 million compensation from the previous contractor to contribute to the future cost of completing the system. The Director of Housing also owns a significant asset from the project's progress to date, including designs that can be used to complete the project and the first stage of HiiP, known as "Responsive Repairs".
- (4) The total estimated budget required to deliver the whole HiiP Program is \$93 million, as detailed on page 77 of the Victorian Auditor-General's Report (*Follow-up of Selected Performance Audits Tabled in 2003 and 2004*). The final budget is subject to outcomes from the current tender process.
- (5) The Responsive Repairs production system, as currently implemented, meets the performance standards and design criteria as outlined in the original contract.

**Public transport: Metrol staff numbers**

**339. MR KOCH** — To ask the Minister for Industry and State Development (for the Minister for Public Transport): As at 1 May 2007 how many people working at Metrol were from —

- (a) Connex;
- (b) Department of Infrastructure;
- (c) other companies; and
- (d) contractors.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (a) Connex: 94
- (b) Department of Infrastructure: Nil
- (c) Mainco: 10
- (d) Contractors: Nil.

**Public transport: train drivers**

**342. MR KOCH** — To ask the Minister for Industry and State Development (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to train drivers employed by Connex Melbourne and V/Line respectively, for the periods 2003–04, 2004–05, 2005–06 and 1 July 2006 to 30 April 2007:

- (1) How many drivers were paid a bonus to postpone their retirement.
- (2) What was the total cost of these bonus payments.
- (3) How many trains were cancelled due to drivers being unavailable.
- (4) How many trains were delayed due to drivers starting their shifts late.

**ANSWER:**

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

	<b>Connex</b>	<b>V/Line</b>
(1) 2003–04	Nil	Nil
2004–05	Nil	Nil
2005–06	54	43
1/7/06 to 30/4/07	67	10
(2) 2003–04	Nil	Nil
2004–05	Nil	Nil
2005–06	\$1.24m	\$0.86m
1/7/06 to 30/4/07	\$1.28m	\$0.1m
(3) 2003–04	2,195	Nil
2004–05	1,488	3
2005–06	210	11
1/7/06 to 30/4/07	426	37
(4) This information is not captured by the rail operators.		

**Public transport: train master keys**

**343. MR KOCH** — To ask the Minister for Industry and State Development (for the Minister for Public Transport): For the periods 2003–04, 2004–05, 2005–06 and 1 July 2006 to 30 April 2007 respectively, how many sets of train master keys were —

- (a) reported lost;
- (b) reported stolen; and
- (c) recovered.

**ANSWER:**

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

**Connex train master control keys:**

Connex is unable to provide the necessary information to answer questions a, b & c.

**V/Line train master control keys:**

- (a) Key sets reported lost in —
 

2003–04	1
2004–05	1
2005–06	7
1/7/06 to 30/4/07	4
  
- (b) Key sets reported stolen in —
 

2003–04;	nil
2004–05;	nil
2005–06;	nil
1/7/06 to 30/4/07.	nil
  
- (c) Key sets reported recovered in —
 

2003–04;	nil
2004–05;	1
2005–06;	1
1/7/06 to 30/4/07	nil

**Public transport: rail reserve rubbish removal**

**344. MR KOCH** — To ask the Minister for Industry and State Development (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to rubbish removal from metropolitan rail reserves:

- (1) How often do contractors remove rubbish from the areas —
  - (a) adjacent to platforms; and
  - (b) lineside between each of Melbourne’s 209 railway stations.
  
- (2) Who audits this work.

**ANSWER:**

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

- 1(a) The Partnership Agreement with Connex requires it to remove litter from areas adjacent to platforms (station pits) every month.
  
- 1(b) Connex is also required to remove hazardous rubbish and large quantities of rubbish from railway lines, between stations, where it adversely impacts on the visual amenity of nearby residents as soon as reasonably possible after Connex has been notified.

The removal of litter from this area of land requires staff to be specially trained to work in areas where trains are in operation. Often the only time litter removal can be undertaken is overnight when services are not running or during an occupation (railway works) in conjunction with other works when replacement bus services are being operated.

- 2. The Department of Infrastructure’s Public Transport Division monitors Connex’s performance to ensure compliance with the obligations set out in the Partnership Agreement. Representatives of the Director of Public Transport regularly inspect stations and other infrastructure.

**Public transport: taxidrivers**

**347. MR KOCH** — To ask the Minister for Industry and State Development (for the Minister for Public Transport):

- (1) How many taxi drivers were licensed in Victoria as at 30 April 2007.
- (2) In relation to the Victorian Taxi Directorate's demerit points register, in each category from 0 to 12, how many drivers had demerit points as at 30 April 2007.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1) There was a total of 50,719 holders of a driver certificate as at 30 April 2007.

Of these:

- 20,407 drivers were endorsed to drive a metropolitan taxi or a metropolitan hire car; and
- 30,312 driver certificates permitting the holder to drive a commercial passenger vehicle, including a non-metropolitan taxi, a commercial bus or private bus operating within the meaning of the *Public Transport Competition Act 1995*.

- (2) The Victorian Taxi Directorate does not maintain a demerit point register for taxidrivers. VicRoads administers the demerit point register and Mr Koch should refer his question regarding demerit points to the Minister for Roads and Ports.

**Public transport: complaints staff**

**352. MR KOCH** — To ask the Minister for Industry and State Development (for the Minister for Public Transport): Since February 2007, have additional staff been allocated within the Minister's Office to deal with complaints related to the public transport system and, if so:

- (a) How many new positions have been created.
- (b) When were the new staff appointed and what is the nature of their employment.
- (c) Have these new staff had training in conflict resolution and, if so, when did it take place and who conducted the training.

**ANSWER:**

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

No additional positions have been created within the Minister's Office to deal with complaints relating to the public transport system.

**Public transport: West Gate Bridge**

**354. Mr KOCH** — To ask the Minister for Industry and State Development (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to Hyder Consulting's report into congestion on the West Gate Bridge in which it was claimed that the introduction of contra lane flow would not work, and given the importance of contra lane flow in determining the success or failure of Transurban's M1 project, why did the Government ignore this advice.

**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 Roads and Ports.

**Public transport: traffic controller maintenance**

**356. MR KOCH** — To ask the Minister for Industry and State Development (for the Minister for Public Transport): What date was traffic controller number 21006 in Toorak Road, South Yarra, near Claremont Street, last painted.

**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 Roads and Ports.

**Public transport: graffiti**

**357. MR KOCH** — To ask the Minister for Industry and State Development (for the Minister for Public Transport):

- (1) Are VicRoads staff who drive past graffiti-covered VicRoads infrastructure instructed to report such damage to the VicRoads call centre.
- (2) If not, why not.

**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 Roads and Ports.

**Public transport: numberplates**

**358. MR KOCH** — To ask the Minister for Industry and State Development (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to personalised, custom, custom mix and signature number plates respectively:

- (1) How many of each type of number plate were issued during —
  - (a) 2004–05;
  - (b) 2005–06; and
  - (c) 1 July 2006 to 30 April 2007.
- (2) For each type of number plate, what was the total revenue collected during —
  - (a) 2004–05;
  - (b) 2005–06; and
  - (c) 1 July 2006 to 30 April 2007.
- (3) For each type of number plate, what unique identifier appeared on the first 200 plates issued during —
  - (a) 2004–05;
  - (b) 2005–06; and
  - (c) 1 July 2006 to 30 April 2007.

- (4) How much did it cost to produce each type of number plate.
- (5) How were the number plates auctioned.
- (6) How many number plates of each type were incorrectly issued due to mistakes made by Vic Roads staff during —
  - (a) 2004–05;
  - (b) 2005–06; and
  - (c) 1 July 2006 to 30 April 2007.
- (7) For each type of incorrectly issued number plate for the periods specified in (6) —
  - (a) How many were returned to VicRoads.
  - (b) How many were not returned to VicRoads.
  - (c) What were the individual values of each.
  - (d) Through which VicRoads office or other premises were they made.
  - (e) How many resulted in VicRoads refusing to register a vehicle.
- (8) How many requests for number plates of each type were refused due to their offensive nature and what was the reason given in each case during —
  - (a) 2004–05;
  - (b) 2005–06; and
  - (c) 1 July 2006 to 30 April 2007.

**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 Roads and Ports.

**Public transport: numberplates**

**359. MR KOCH** — To ask the Minister for Industry and State Development (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to personalised number plates issued during 2005, 2006 and 1 January to 30 April 2007 respectively:

- (1) How many were issued.
- (2) What was the total revenue collected from personalised number plates issued.
- (3) Ranging from 1 to 200, provide the details and cost of each of the plates issued.
- (4) Provide details of the methodology used to auction and issue the plates.
- (5) How many reserved plates were incorrectly issued due to mistakes made by VicRoads staff and of these —
  - (a) how many were returned to VicRoads;
  - (b) how many were not returned to VicRoads;
  - (c) what were the individual values for each; and
  - (d) what were the locations of the VicRoads premises involved in the mistakes.
- (6) Provide the number and details of requests for plates that were refused due to their offensive nature.
- (7) On how many occasions have incorrectly issued plates been the reason behind VicRoads refusing to register a vehicle.

**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 Roads and Ports.

**Public transport: motor vehicle licences**

**360. MR KOCH** — To ask the Minister for Industry and State Development (for the Minister for Public Transport): During the periods 2004–05, 2005–06 and 1 July 2006 to 30 April 2007 respectively:

- (1) How many Victorian motorists held each of the following licences —
  - (a) motor car;
  - (b) motor cycle (class R);
  - (c) light rigid (class LR);
  - (d) medium rigid (class MR);
  - (e) heavy rigid (class HR);
  - (f) heavy combination (class HC); and
  - (g) multi combination (class MC).
- (2) What number of full licence holders and probationary licence holders in each category in (1) had demerit points recorded against their licence, including the number of demerit points (from 1 to 12).
- (3) Of those identified in (2), how many continued driving upon reaching their maximum demerit points before licence cancellation.
- (4) How many drivers in each category in (1) lost their licence for exceeding their demerit point limit.
- (5) How many cases of incorrectly allocated demerit points in each of the categories in (1) were detected by VicRoads and in each case —
  - (a) what was the cause of the incorrect allocation; and
  - (b) how many licence holders were informed in writing of the incorrect allocation.
- (6) How many cases of inappropriate access to the demerit points database for each category in (1) have been reported to VicRoads and in each case —
  - (a) what date was the database accessed; and
  - (b) what action was taken as a result.

**ANSWER:**

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 Roads and Ports.

**Public transport: motor vehicle licences**

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

- (1) How many Victorian motorists were licensed in the following categories:
  - (a) Motor Cycle;
  - (b) Motor Car; and

- (c) Heavy Vehicle.
- (2) What number of full licence holders and probationary licence holders in each category in (1) had demerit points recorded against their licence, including the number of demerit points (from 1 to 12).
  - (3) Of those identified in (2), how many continued driving upon reaching their maximum demerit points before licence cancellation.
  - (4) How many drivers in each category in (1) lost their licence for exceeding their demerit point limit.
  - (5) How many cases of incorrectly allocated demerit points in each of the categories in (1) were detected by VicRoads and in each case —
    - (a) what was the cause of the incorrect allocation; and
    - (b) how many licence holders were informed in writing of the incorrect allocation.
  - (6) How many cases of inappropriate access to the demerit points database in each category in (1) have been reported to VicRoads and in each case —
    - (a) what date was the database accessed; and
    - (b) what action was taken as a result.

**ANSWER:**

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 Roads and Ports.

**Housing: housing associations**

**362. MS LOVELL** — To ask the Minister for Community Services (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to housing associations:

- (1) Are they required to accommodate a proportion of applicants on Office of Housing priority waiting lists.
- (2) What is the average income of their tenants.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Yes. Registered housing associations are required to accommodate a proportion of applicants on the Office of Housing priority waiting lists.

In October 2006 the Office of Housing issued to housing associations a policy framework - "Eligibility, Targeting and Rent Affordability Framework for Properties Funded Under the Growth Strategy" (the Framework). Among other things this confirms that a negotiated minimum proportion of all allocations by housing associations will be directed to public housing applicants, from each of the waiting list segments, who have been referred by the Office of Housing.

- (2) The Framework also outlines the rent affordability and income limits, with a requirement that the maximum income eligibility limits for applicants will broadly reflect entitlement to Commonwealth Rent Assistance, while focusing on those on the bottom half of the provided income range. Any variation to the maximum income limits requires the written approval of the Director of Housing and housing associations must report to the Office of the Registrar of Housing Agencies on the rent charged for households in the upper half of the income range (i.e. income is above the midpoint income level). It is too early to have received information on the average income of tenants, within the parameters of the Framework, at this stage.

**Housing: housing associations**

**363. MS LOVELL** — To ask the Minister for Community Services (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to registered housing associations:

- (1) How much public money to date has been received by each association.
- (2) How much money have these associations been able to raise through both borrowings and third party contributions.
- (3) How many dwellings and bedrooms have been built with this money.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

(1)

- The Director of Housing has approved funding of \$19.25M for Community Housing (Victoria ) Limited.
- The Director of Housing has approved funding of \$28.35M for Loddon Mallee Housing Services Limited.
- The Director of Housing has approved funding of \$27.42M for Melbourne Affordable Housing.
- The Director of Housing has approved funding of \$14.70M for Port Phillip Housing Association.
- The Director of Housing has approved funding of \$25.56M for Yarra Community Housing Limited.
- The Director of Housing has approved funding of \$9.86M for Supported Housing Limited.

(2)

- Community Housing (Victoria ) Limited has contributed \$6.75M for these projects.
- Loddon Mallee Housing Services Limited has contributed \$7.43M for these projects.
- Melbourne Affordable Housing has contributed \$26.70M for these projects.
- Port Phillip Housing Association has contributed \$6.61M for these projects.
- Yarra Community Housing Limited has contributed \$8.58M for these projects.
- Supported Housing Limited has contributed \$4.30M for these projects.

(3) To the end of May 2007-

- Community Housing (Victoria ) Limited has delivered 92 units.
- Loddon Mallee Housing Services Limited has delivered 69 units.
- Melbourne Affordable Housing has delivered 42 units.
- Port Phillip Housing Association has delivered 82 units.
- Yarra Community Housing Limited has delivered 57 units.
- Supported Housing Limited has delivered 30 units.
- The units delivered have been a mix of one, two and three bedroom stock.

**Education: school drug use**

**379. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Education: In relation to measures within Victorian schools to tackle illicit substance use by government school teachers, government school students, private school teachers and private school students:

- (1) Is each of these categories in Victorian schools subject to a drug policy.
- (2) What does this policy entail for each category.
- (3) What measures are taken if individuals from each category are caught in possession of an illicit substance.

- (4) What measures are taken when individuals in each category are suspected of being under the influence of an illicit substance.
- (5) What measures are taken when an individual in each category is proven to be under the influence of an illicit substance.
- (6) Is drug testing ever used by the Department of Education, specific state schools or specific private schools; if so, when.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The State Government will not tolerate illicit drugs activity in Victorian schools. Which is why, the State Government has worked with Catholic and Independent schools to achieve uniformity in illicit drug education and compliance across Victorian schools.

The Department of Education, the Catholic Education Commission of Victorian (CECV) and the Association of Independent Schools Victoria (AISV) have developed a Drug Education Memorandum of Understanding to achieve uniformity in illicit drug policy.

Last month, the MoU was strengthened to include a commitment from non-government schools to ensure consistency with Government schools policy to work collaboratively with police and notify authorities of illicit drug activity.

AISV has strengthened compliance guidelines to advise its 200 member schools to contact local police if a principal intervenes or takes action as a result of allegation of drug use, possession or distribution. The guidelines also advise a school may be in breach of duty of care or breach of the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act if they fail to notify police.

The strengthened MoU incorporates ASIV's updated Protocols/Advice.

The Department does not support drug testing of Government school students. Drug testing in the Catholic and Independent schools is a matter for individual schools to manage.

**Police and emergency services: police drug use**

**380. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to measures within Victoria Police to tackle illicit substance use:

- (1) Does Victoria Police have a specific drug policy.
- (2) What measures are taken when a police officer is caught in possession of an illicit substance.
- (3) What measures are taken when a police officer is suspected of being under the influence of an illicit substance.
- (4) What measures are taken when a police officer is proven to be under the influence of an illicit substance.
- (5) Is drug testing ever used by Victoria Police; if so, when.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) Victoria Police has a specific Drug and Alcohol Consumption Policy for employees. It requires a zero blood alcohol content for members who are on duty and armed, or driving a vehicle in a pursuit or emergency situation. Employees must not be unfit for duty due to the consumption of alcohol or drugs.

Victoria Police takes a holistic approach to these issues recognising that drug and alcohol consumption raises both operational and public safety risks but is also a health/welfare matter for the member and the Force. The

organisation has a well established integrated & multidisciplinary approach to the provision of services. The Clinical Services Branch provides health assessment and the necessary welfare infrastructure to all members, state-wide.

- (2) If a police officer is caught in possession of an illicit substance he or she may be transferred whilst an investigation is carried out and management intervention, discipline proceedings or charges may result.
- (3) If a police officer is suspected of being under the influence of an illicit substance, he or she may be transferred whilst an investigation is carried out and management intervention, discipline proceedings or charges may result.
- (4) If a police officer is proven to be under the influence of an illicit substance he or she may be transferred whilst an investigation is carried out and management intervention, discipline proceedings or charges may result.
- (5) Drug testing of employees is not used by Victoria Police; except when empowered by statute, such as testing under the *Road Safety Act 1986*. A proposal for legislative support and protection of treatment and test results is currently being developed to underpin the introduction of a drug and alcohol testing policy proposed by Victoria Police.

**Public transport: transport staff drug use**

**381. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and State Development (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to measures within Victoria's public transport system to tackle illicit substance use by tram drivers, train drivers and bus drivers:

- (1) Are these employees subject to a specific drug policy.
- (2) What does this policy entail.
- (3) What measures are taken when an employee is caught in possession of an illicit substance.
- (4) What measures are taken when an employee is suspected of being under the influence of an illicit substance.
- (5) What measures are taken when an employee is proven to be under the influence of an illicit substance.
- (6) Is drug testing ever used for public transport employees; if so, when.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1) There are specific legislative requirements pertaining to drug use in the Rail Safety Act (RSA) 2006 for tram and train drivers. Bus operators are subject to the same regime as other road users. In the case of tram and train drivers, specific policies imposed by employers apply. These policies are to be compliant with the RSA.
- (2) The actual policies are a matter for accredited rail operators but usually they entail a variety of pre-employment and post-incident testing and the use of drug impairment assessments.
- (3) This is covered by the accredited operators employment practices and procedures.
- (4) This is covered by the accredited operators employment practices and procedures.
- (5) This is covered by the accredited operators employment practices and procedures.
- (6) Both Connex and V/Line, as major operators, have Alcohol and Drug policies that confirm that testing occurs pre-employment, following an incident or accident and at any time where an employee is suspected of being under the influence of drugs.

**Community services: aged care respite services**

**383. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Community Services: Regarding aged care respite services and the ‘Helping Carers and Assisting People with Dementia’ initiative: Why has the 2007-08 Budget target for individuals provided with respite services remained unchanged from the 2006-07 expected outcome when funding of respite services has increased by an additional \$5 million (\$4.2m Helping Carers and \$0.8m Assist people with Dementia) in 2007-08.

**ANSWER:**

The 2007-08 performance target in the Aged Support Services Output relates to individuals provided with respite through the Aged Care Support for Carers Program (SCP).

The 2007-08 increase in funding for carers and people with dementia is for a range of support activities, including respite, across a number of different outputs and it is therefore inappropriate to assume in your question that the service support remains unchanged.

The \$0.8m to assist people with dementia comprises:

- \$325,000 to the Cognitive Dementia and Memory Service (CDAMS) clinics, which provide early diagnosis, referrals and support for people with cognitive impairment (Admitted Services Output, Metropolitan Health).
- \$300,000 to the Support for Carers of People with Dementia program, which provides a range of flexible and innovative support services.
- \$175,000 for a range of projects to assist people with dementia and their carers (non-target related).

The 2007-08 increase in funding for carers is for a range of support activities for carers, including:

- \$1m for education, training and advocacy programs for carers and service providers (non-target related)
- \$3.2m for respite for people with a disability and their carers (Individual Support Output, Disability Services).

**Aged care: transport concessions**

**386. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Community Services (for the Minister for Aged Care): In relation to public transport for seniors and the Government’s ‘A Fairer Victoria—Progress and Next Steps’ initiative which allocated \$12.5 million to extend public transport concessions for seniors on trams, trains and buses:

- (1) How many senior Victorians have applied for a Seniors’ Sunday Pass since it commenced on Sunday 27 August 2006.
- (2) What is the expected cost for 2006–07.
- (3) What is the total output cost of this measure in the 2007–08 Budget.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that the issue raised falls within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Public Transport

**Housing: funding**

**389. MS LOVELL** — To the Minister for Community Services (for the Minister for Housing): How much money is to be paid to the Treasurer by the Director of Housing this year under the arrangement referred to by the Director of Housing at the hearing of the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee on 17 May 2007.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

There is an annual payment to the Treasurer, which is determined each year in accordance with Operative Provision 5 of the Deed of Assumption 1998. This is an agreement between the Director of Housing and the Treasurer governing the assumption of the rental operations payment. Operative Provision 5 notes that the payment level will be set ‘... After consultation with the Director and the Minister administering the Housing Act 1983 ...’ and ‘... after taking into account funding required for the rental portfolio’s operational and program purposes.’

The amount payable is a matter to be negotiated with the Treasurer.

**Consumer affairs: estate agents — licensing**

- 406.** **MS LOVELL** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs): When will the final report of the segmentation study of the industry arising from the Estate Agents Council Licensing System Review be completed.

**ANSWER:**

The final report of the segmentation study of the real estate industry being undertaken for the Estate Agent’s Council as part of the Council’s Licensing System Review is expected to be completed and submitted to the Estate Agent’s Council for its consideration by mid-September 2007.

**Community services: high-care beds**

- 424.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Community Services: What is the number of new high care bed places opened in State-run residential aged care facilities in the years from 2004 to 2007 respectively.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) 2004–32 high care places
- (2) 2005–37 high care places
- (3) 2006 - Nil
- (4) 2007 to date - Nil

**Community services: nursing homes — funding**

- 425.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Community Services: In relation to the Victorian Public Sector Nursing Homes which wanted to apply for additional residential places under the Commonwealth’s 2007 Aged Care and Approvals Round:

- (1) How many proposals for endorsement were received by the Department of Human Services.
- (2) Which Victorian nursing homes submitted proposals.
- (3) How many additional beds have been applied for by each nursing home.
- (4) Did the Government endorse these proposals for more nursing home beds, and if so, what are the nursing homes that were supported.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) One proposal for residential aged care places was received for endorsement by DHS for the Commonwealth's 2007 Aged Care Approvals Round
- (2) Heywood Rural Health submitted the proposal
- (3) Expansion of 8 high care residential places was proposed by Heywood Rural Health
- (4) DHS did not endorse the proposal

**Community services: home and community care — funding**

**426. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Community Services:

- (1) What is the funding breakdown by output group and activity under Home and Community Care (HACC), in the financial years 2005–06, 2006–07, and 2007–08 respectively.
- (2) What amount of this funding for each output group comes from the State Government.
- (3) What amount of this funding for each output group comes from the Commonwealth Government.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The total funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) in 2005-06 and 2006-07 was

Output group	Year	Budget by output group	Approx \$ from Commonwealth	Approx \$ from State
HACC	2005–06	\$408.3m	\$214.5m	\$193.8m
Small Rural	2005–06	\$ 21.0m	\$ 11.0m	\$ 10.0m
HACC	2006–07	\$440.0m	\$230.4m	\$209.6m
Small Rural	2006–07	\$ 24.5m	\$ 12.8m	\$ 11.7m
HACC	2007–08*	\$468.9m	n/a	n/a
Small Rural	2007–08*	\$ 24.7m	n/a	n/a

**NOTES**

\*These figures are estimates only as the letter of offer has not yet been received.

\*The amount of State and Commonwealth dollars are approximates derived from the proportion of total budget that is attributable to funding source.

\*The numbers may not add due to rounding

**HACC funding breakdown by group and activity**

Activity	2005/2006	2006/2007
Allied Health	\$ 28,784,870	\$ 35,920,525
Delivered Meals	\$ 5,729,185	\$ 5,847,277
Domestic Assistance	\$ 60,275,396	\$ 64,917,746
Linkages	\$ 37,332,643	\$ 38,116,634
Nursing Non Public Sector	\$ 4,139,315	\$ 4,499,654
Nursing Public Sector	\$ 40,193,513	\$ 43,558,565

Activity	2005/2006	2006/2007
Personal Care	\$ 26,387,204	\$ 28,861,896
Planned Activity Group - Core	\$ 21,910,862	\$ 22,870,151
Planned Activity Group - High	\$ 21,788,938	\$ 22,834,546
Property Maintenance	\$ 9,041,270	\$ 9,838,345
RDNS - Allied Health	\$ 560,210	\$ 575,989
RDNS - Nursing	\$ 36,040,896	\$ 37,051,259
RDNS - Personal Care	\$ 2,367,694	\$ 2,417,357
Respite	\$ 18,668,627	\$ 19,475,309
Volunteer Co-ordination	\$ 13,713,810	\$ 13,959,890

**NOTES**

\* Activity breakdown excludes funding for non-unit priced activity and administration.  
 A breakdown has not been provided for 2007-08 as growth funds for this year have not yet been allocated.

- (2) 48% of this funding comes from the State Government. In 2006-07 this amount included \$55.7m over and above the matching requirements stated in the HACC Agreement.
- (3) 52% of this funding comes from the Commonwealth Government.

**Community services: aged-care assessments**

**427. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Community Services: What is the number of aged care assessments delivered in each of the eight Department of Human Services regions in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 respectively.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The following number of aged care assessments have been completed by the Aged Care Assessment Program.

Region	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07 (to end Qtr 3 only)
Barwon South-West	4557	4405	3398
Loddon Mallee	4355	4368	3136
Grampians	2517	2560	1907
Hume	2541	2931	2230
Gippsland	2496	2540	1775
North-West	13033	13151	9938
Eastern	11521	11803	9129
Southern	13291	12663	9437
<b>Total</b>	<b>54311</b>	<b>54421</b>	<b>40950</b>

- Note, totals for 2004-05 and 2005-06 are the final published figures from the Dept of Health and Ageing - *Aged Care Assessment Program Annual Report Victoria 2004-05*.
- Figures include Victorian Admitted Episode Data (VAED) for ACAS consultations.
- 2006-07 is the actual YTD to end of quarter 3.

**Water, environment and climate change: greenhouse gas emissions**

- 457. MR BARBER** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Water, Environment and Climate Change): The Government has committed to a reduction of greenhouse gases of 60 percent of 2000 levels by 2050. What is the equivalent percentage reduction when compared to 1990 levels.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Different States in Australia and overseas have set themselves targets off a range of base-line years.

The Australian state based National Emissions Trading Taskforce which reports to all Premiers and Chief Ministers uses a long term target of 60 per cent cuts in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 compared to year 2000 levels.

The widely regarded Stern Review also referred to 2000 as the baseline year in discussions on reduction targets.

The Australian Business Roundtable on Climate Change which includes BP, IAG, Origin, Swiss Re, Visy, Westpac and the Australian Conservation Foundation—uses a long term target of 60 per cent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from the year 2000 levels by 2050

The most important issue when setting a long term target is to signal the magnitude of the cuts required by about the middle of this century and Victoria's long term target does this.

**Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission: Doncaster Crown land**

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

I am not responsible for any Crown owned land in the Doncaster electorate. I am unaware of any intention to sell any Crown owned land or acquire any new land in the Doncaster electorate.