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Tuesday, 20 November 2007

Roads and ports: vehicle movements and accidents

- 417. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and State Development (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): Please provide the average daily vehicular movements and number of accidents for the years 2004, 2005 and 2006 respectively on the following —
- (a) Doncaster Road, Doncaster and Doncaster East (between the Eastern Freeway and Old Warrandyte Road);
 - (b) Tram Road, Doncaster (from Eastern Freeway to Doncaster Road);
 - (c) Wetherby Road, Doncaster, (from Eastern Freeway to Doncaster Road);
 - (d) Blackburn Road, Doncaster (between the Eastern Freeway and King Street);
 - (e) Springvale Road, Donvale (between the Eastern Freeway and Reynolds Rd);
 - (f) Elgar Road, Doncaster (from Eastern Freeway to Doncaster Road);
 - (g) Mitcham Road, Donvale (between Old Warrandyte Rd and Park Rd);
 - (h) High Street, Doncaster (between the Eastern Freeway and Manningham Rd);
 - (i) Victoria St, Doncaster;
 - (j) King St, Doncaster East;
 - (k) Andersons Creek Rd, Doncaster East (between Blackburn Road and Reynolds Rd); and
 - (l) Williamsons Rd, Doncaster (between Doncaster Rd and Manningham Rd).

ANSWER:

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

It is noted that casualty crash data is available via the crash database 'CrashStats', which can be accessed on VicRoads' website at www.vicroads.vic.gov.au.

In relation to the request for traffic volumes, this information is tabled below:

- (a) Doncaster Road, Doncaster and Doncaster East (between the Eastern Freeway and Old Warrandyte Road):
For 2004: 34,000 vehicles per day. For 2005: 34,000 vehicles per day. For 2006: 34,000 vehicles per day.
- (b) Tram Road, Doncaster (from the Eastern Freeway to Doncaster Road):
For 2004: 21,000 vehicles per day. For 2005: 21,000 vehicles per day. For 2006: 21,000 vehicles per day.
- (c) Wetherby Road, Doncaster (from the Eastern Freeway to Doncaster Road):
For 2004: 17,000 vehicles per day. For 2005: 16,000 vehicles per day. For 2006: 17,000 vehicles per day.
- (d) Blackburn Road, Doncaster (between the Eastern Freeway and King Street):
For 2004: 24,000 vehicles per day. For 2005: 24,000 vehicles per day. For 2006: 24,000 vehicles per day.
- (e) Springvale Road, Donvale (between the Eastern Freeway and Reynolds Road):
For 2004: 33,000 vehicles per day. For 2005: 34,000 vehicles per day. For 2006: 34,000 vehicles per day.

- (f) Elgar Road, Doncaster (from the Eastern Freeway to Doncaster Road):
For 2004: 16,000 vehicles per day. For 2005: 16,000 vehicles per day. For 2006: 16,000 vehicles per day.
- (g) Mitcham Road, Donvale (between Old Warrandyte Road and Park Road):
For 2004: 24,000 vehicles per day. For 2005: 24,000 vehicles per day. For 2006: 24,000 vehicles per day.
- (h) High Street, Doncaster (between the Eastern Freeway and Manningham Road):
For 2004: 14,000 vehicles per day. For 2005: 14,000 vehicles per day. For 2006: 14,000 vehicles per day.
- (i) Victoria Street, Doncaster:
For 2004: 13,000 vehicles per day. For 2005: 13,000 vehicles per day. For 2006: 12,000 vehicles per day.
- (j) King Street, Doncaster East:
For 2004: 10,000 vehicles per day. For 2005: 10,000 vehicles per day. For 2006: 10,000 vehicles per day.
- (k) Andersons Creek Road, Doncaster East (between Blackburn Road and Reynolds Road):
For 2004: 7,000 vehicles per day. For 2005: 7,000 vehicles per day. For 2006: 7,000 vehicles per day.
- (l) Williamsons Road, Doncaster (between Doncaster Road and Manningham Road):
For 2004: 35,000 vehicles per day. For 2005: 36,000 vehicles per day. For 2006: 36,000 vehicles per day.

Mental health: drug withdrawal services

430. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Community Services (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to residential withdrawal services for drug users in Victoria:

- (1) How many residential drug withdrawal beds are there in Victoria, where are they located and who operates them.
- (2) How many residential drug withdrawal beds are funded by the Victorian Government.
- (3) What was the Victorian Government’s total expenditure on these services in 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 respectively.
- (4) What is the Government’s budget expenditure on these services for 2007-08.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

(1&2)

There are 127 Community Residential Drug Withdrawal beds funded by the Victorian Government. From 1 July 2007, all beds will be considered statewide. That is, any person from any area wishing to engage in withdrawal services may access any agency providing that service. The table below outlines the location and agencies responsible for operation of these services.

Bendigo Community Health - Nova House	Bendigo
Eastern Health - Wellington House	Box Hill
Moreland Hall	Coburg
Moreland Hall	Heidelberg
Salvation Army - Anchorage	Abbotsford
Salvation Army - Corio	Geelong
Southern Health	Dandenong
St Vincent's Hospital - Depaul	Fitzroy
UnitingCare Ballarat Parish Mission	Ballarat
Western Health	Footscray

Windana Society	Dandenong
Windana Society	St Kilda
YSAS Pty Ltd	Glen Iris Geelong Fitzroy

The Victorian Government is aware that a number of private providers offer drug treatment services.

- (3) Total expenditure on community residential drug withdrawal services 2001 - 2007 (excluding acute hospital, outpatient, home based, rural and non DHS funded services) is as follows:

Expenditure on Community based residential withdrawal services

Year	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Expenditure	14.5	15.0	15.9	16.4	17.4	17.9

- (4) \$18.3 million

Children and early childhood development: autism spectrum disorder

- 494. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): How many children in Victoria were diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder in the calendar years 2002 to 2006 respectively.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This matter does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

Children and early childhood development: autism spectrum disorder

- 495. MRS COOTE** — To ask Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): How many children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder were waiting for an early intervention program in the calendar years 2002 to 2006 respectively.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I am unable to confirm how many children with Autism Spectrum Disorder were on the waiting list for early intervention in the calendar years 2002 to 2006 respectively.

This is because many young children entering Early Childhood Intervention Services do not have a clearly diagnosed condition or disability, but rather exhibit developmental delay.

Children and early childhood development: Asperger’s disorder — early intervention

- 496. MRS COOTE** — To ask Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): How many children with Asperger’s disorder were on the waiting list for early intervention in the calendar years 2002 to 2006 respectively.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I am unable to confirm how many children with Asperger's Syndrome were on the waiting list for early intervention in the calendar years 2002 to 2006 respectively.

This is because many young children entering Early Childhood Intervention Services do not have a clearly diagnosed condition or disability, but rather exhibit developmental delay.

Children and early childhood development: autism — early intervention

497. MRS COOTE — To ask Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): How many children with Autism were on the waiting list for early intervention in the calendar years 2002 to 2006 respectively.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I am unable to confirm how many children with Autism were on the waiting list for early intervention in the calendar years 2002 to 2006 respectively.

This is because many young children entering Early Childhood Intervention Services do not have a clearly diagnosed condition or disability, but rather exhibit developmental delay.

Children and early childhood development: child-abuse victims

498. MRS COOTE — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): In relation to data collection on information relating to child-abuse victims —

- (1) When was the new central computer data collection system installed.
- (2) How much did the new central computer data collection system cost to install.
- (3) How long does it take to enter a new case in the central computer data collection system.
- (4) How are the incidents of child abuse recorded in the central computer data collection system.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This matter does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

Mental health: substitution pharmacotherapy program

516. MS PENNICUIK — To ask the Minister for Community Services (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to the Substitution Pharmacotherapy Program:

- (1) Given that in May 2007, out of a general practitioner population of 5000, only 72 doctors, many of them passed normal retirement age, held 80 per cent of the permits for substitution pharmacotherapy, will the Government support an urgent and comprehensive review of the existing program.
- (2) Given the importance of the program and that the cost of pharmacy fees is the most frequently cited reason for clients dropping out of it, is the Government prepared to introduce additional initiatives to subsidise low income clients and help maintain more clients in treatment.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) In the past two years the number of doctors approved to prescribe opioid substitution pharmacotherapies for opioid dependent people has increased from 440 to 488.

In Victoria a dedicated resource has been developed to increase statewide capacity. This is the only jurisdiction in Australia with a dedicated pharmacotherapy development team.

- (2) The payment of community pharmacists' professional fees is a Commonwealth responsibility under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

Roads and ports: Kelletts Road, Rowville

551. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and State Development (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): In relation to the consultation process undertaken by VicRoads with residents in Lambourne Avenue and Adam Close in Rowville and Bellfield Drive in Lysterfield regarding the Kelletts Road duplication project in Rowville —

- (1) What consultation process was undertaken.
- (2) When did the consultation occur.
- (3) What was the feedback from affected residents to the proposed road elevation.
- (4) What variations were made to the design of the intersection as a result of the feedback.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) VicRoads conducted a community display for the project at the Rowville Library. This display was advertised in the local newspaper during November 2006.
- (2) The display was held between 27 November 2006 and 8 December 2006. An initial project update was also distributed to over 5000 houses in the local area in November 2006. A further project update was distributed in February 2007 advising on the progress of works and VicRoads' contact details.
- (3) There was no feedback obtained on the elevation at this stage as the elevated road levels had not yet been determined.
- (4) Consultation with the residents led to VicRoads undertaking a further review of the design of the Kelletts Road, Napoleon Road intersection and the height of the embankment along Napoleon Road to determine what changes can be made.

Community services: supported residential accommodation

572. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Community Services: In relation to Supported Residential Accommodation:

- (1) How many SRS facilities closed in the calendar years 2000 to 2007 respectively.
- (2) What were the names of each of the abovementioned facilities and how many beds were they accredited to provide.
- (3) What is the overall timetable for the distribution of funding to Victorian SRS's under Supporting Accommodation for Vulnerable Victorians Initiative (SAVVI).

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) SRS are not owned or operated by the Victorian Government.
- (2) SRS are not owned or operated by the Victorian Government.
- (3) The key component of funding that will be provided to Victorian SRSs under SAVVI is Facility Cost Relief. Rollout of this funding commenced in June 2007, with funding to continue over the next 3 years. In addition other measures to be funded through SAVVI will be rolled out 2007–08 and 2008–09:
 - Survey of resident health and social needs, for implementation in late 2008
 - Service coordination and support services for residents – continuation of existing demonstration projects from July 2008, new services from July 2008
 - Options to improve SRS building fabric and safety – from July 2008

Health: Austin Hospital

573. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Community Services (For the Minister for Health): In relation to bed places at the Austin Hospital:

- (1) How many beds are currently in use at the Austin Hospital and the breakdown of beds in each ward.
- (2) What is the total number of hospital beds at the Austin Hospital and the breakdown of beds in each ward.
- (3) What is the number of ward closures in 2005–06 and 2006–07 due to insufficient funds, upgrading or other reasons.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) As at 31 July 2007 there were 968 beds in use at Austin Health (this includes Austin Hospital, Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital and Royal Talbot) – breakdown per ward provided at Attachment 1.
- (2) Public hospital beds in Victoria are managed in order to respond to demand. This means that health services increase and decrease these beds as required, utilising additional staff when demand increases through nurse bank and other arrangements. Victorian health services also flexibly use beds to accommodate the variations in demand that occurs for different types of services, such as elective, emergency and maternity services.
- (3) There were no ward closures in 2005–06 and 2006–07 due to insufficient funds, upgrading or other reasons. The Bowen Centre that provided accommodation and support for people dependent on ventilator support was closed and the patients relocated to a newly purpose built community residential facility in 2006–07.

Like any other organisation, hospitals are required to manage their allocated resources in the most effective way. Throughout the year there are peaks and troughs in the numbers of patients that require treatment at hospitals. Any decisions taken to change service availability are taken locally in response to, or in anticipation of the presenting demands for health care.

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Attachment 1

Austin Health – Available & Open beds

As at Tue 31st July 2007

Ward type	Campus	Ward	Type	VAED Reporting Hospital ID	Beds Open
Overnight	Austin	Austin – Coronary Care Unit	Acute	103	10
		Austin – Emergency Dept	Acute	103	40
		Austin – EMU	Acute	103	8
		Austin – Intensive Care Unit	Acute	103	17
		Austin – Medi Hotel – Reportable	Acute	103	13
		Austin – Surgery and Endoscopy Centre (O’night beds)	Acute	103	12
		Austin – Ward 02W	Acute	103	12
		Austin – Ward 03N	Acute	103	24
		Austin – Ward 05	Acute	103	19
		Austin – Ward 05E	Acute	103	24
		Austin – Ward 05W	Acute	103	20
		Austin – Ward 06A	Acute	103	20
		Austin – Ward 06E	Acute	103	27
		Austin – Ward 06W	Acute	103	32
		Austin – Ward 07E	Acute	103	32
		Austin – Ward 07N	Acute	103	24
		Austin – Ward 07W	Acute	103	32
		Austin – Ward 08E	Acute	103	32
		Austin – Ward 08N	Acute	103	32
		Austin – Ward 08W	Acute	103	32
		Austin – Acute psych unit	Mental Health	103	30
		Austin – Adolescent Unit	Mental Health	103	12
		Austin – Child Unit	Mental Health	103	12
		Austin – Secure extended care unit	Mental Health	103	25
			HRH	Repat – Ward 08	Sub-Acute
Repat – Ward 11	Sub-Acute			103	28
Repat – Ward 12	Sub-Acute			103	28
Repat – Palliative Care Unit	Sub-Acute			103	20
Repat – Ward 17	Mental Health			103	25
	Royal Talbot	Talbot – Acquired Brain Injury	Mental Health	322	13
		Talbot – Heath	Mental Health	103	10
		Talbot – Step two	Mental Health	103	3
		Talbot – Mellor Ward	Sub-Acute	322	35
		Talbot – Spinal Rehab. Facility	Sub-Acute	322	20
Sub-Total – Overnight Wards					750
Day Care	Austin	Austin – Ambulatory Care Centre	Acute	103	24
		Austin – Cannulation and Transfusion Services	Acute	103	3
		Austin – Catheter Laboratory	Acute	103	1
		Austin – Medical Imaging	Acute	103	2
		Austin – North Eastern Kidney Service	Acute	103	16
		Austin – Oncology Day Care	Acute	103	16
		Austin – Surgery and Endoscopy Centre	Acute	103	25
		Austin – Ward 07ND (Central Dialysis)	Acute	103	12
		Epping Dialysis Unit	Acute	103	12
	HRH	Repat – Dialysis Training Unit	Acute	103	8
		Repat – Renal Dialysis Unit	Acute	103	16
Sub-Total - Day Care Wards					135
Sub-Total - Reportable Wards					885
Residential	Austin	Austin – Medi Hotel – Non Reportable	Acute	NA	3
	HRH	Repat – Darley House East	Nursing Home	NA	30
		Repat – Darley House West	Nursing Home	NA	30
	Royal Talbot	Talbot – Brain Disorder Unit 1 – Residential	Mental Health	NA	20
Sub-Total - Residential					83
Grand Total					968

Roads and ports: tow-truck drivers

674. MR KOCH — To ask the Minister for Industry and State Development (for the Minister for Roads and Ports):

- (1) How many tow-truck drivers were licensed in Victoria as at 30 April 2007.
- (2) In relation to the demerit points register for tow-truck drivers, 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) The number of Accident Towing Diver Authority (ATDA) drivers authorised to drive accident attending tow trucks was 1,771.
- (2) Tow Truck Demerit Points are attributed to drivers who have committed towing related offences and these demerit points are separate from driver licence demerit points. The following table details the number of tow truck drivers who have tow truck demerit points on the Accident Tow Truck Demerits Registers:

Number of Demerit Points	Number of Tow Truck Drivers
0	1746
1	0
2	2
3	4
4	14
5	0
6	2
7	1
8	2
9	0
10	0
11	0
12	0

Roads and ports: George Street overpass, Dandenong

676. MR KOCH — To ask the Minister for Industry and State Development (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): In relation to the George St overpass, Dandenong —

- (1) Did the previous Minister for Major Projects announce this project on 26 September 2005.
- (2) Was a cost of \$17.5 million specified on that date.
- (3) When will tenders be called.
- (4) Will it be a VicRoads project.
- (5) From what source will the project be funded.
- (6) What role will be played in this project by —
 - (a) VicUrban; and
 - (b) the City of Greater Dandenong.
- (7) Will financial contributions be sought from either VicUrban or the City of Greater Dandenong.
- (8) Did the 'Revitalising central Dandenong' brochure include a bar graph showing an indicative construction time line of mid-2006 to mid-2007.

(9) What is the revised construction time line.

ANSWER:

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

VicUrban is responsible for the development and delivery of the Dandenong Transit City, which includes the George Street Bridge.

The City of Greater Dandenong, in conjunction with VicUrban, has played a key role in developing the Urban Design Guidelines for the Dandenong Transit City.

Community services: disability services — respite funding

703. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): From the Disability Services quarterly Data Collection for 2005–06, how many carers in the age group of 65 years and above benefited from the respite funding provided by the Bilateral Agreement under the Commonwealth States/Territories Disability Agreement for respite for ageing parent carers.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In relation to carers in the age group of 65 and above who benefited from the funding provided by the Bilateral Agreement under the Commonwealth States/Territories Disability Agreement for respite for ageing parent carers:

- the quarterly Data Collection 2005–06 recorded 884 parent carers of 65 years and above receiving respite under the Bilateral Agreement.

Children and early childhood development: foster care

711. MRS COOTE — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): What has been the average time a foster care family has cared for a baby up to 12 months of age in the years 2000 to 2007 respectively.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This matter does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

Children and early childhood development: foster care

712. MRS COOTE — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): How many newborn babies who were cared for by foster parents from the time of their birth were given to other foster care parents to care for after 13 weeks in the calendar years 2000 to 2007 respectively.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This matter does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

Children and early childhood development: foster care

713. MRS COOTE — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): How long does it take for a baby aged 4 months to be transferred from one foster family to another.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This matter does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

Children and early childhood development: foster care

714. MRS COOTE — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): How many foster care families were there in Victoria in the calendar years 2000 to 2007 respectively.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This matter does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

Children and early childhood development: foster care

715. MRS COOTE — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): How many foster care families cared for only new born babies in Victoria in the calendar years 2000 to 2007 respectively.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This matter does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

Community services: Slow to Recover program

757. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Slow to Recover Program:

- (1) How much funding was committed to the Program in each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2007-08.
- (2) What is the current waiting list to access the Slow to Recover Program and how is this calculated.
- (3) How many people from other states and territories around Australia have accessed the Slow to Recover Program in Victoria.
- (4) What is the Government doing to expand the Slow to Recover Program.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The funding committed to the Acquired Brain Injury: Slow to Recover (ABI:STR) program in each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2007-08 was:

2000–2001	\$4m
2001–2002	\$5m
2002–2003	\$4m
2003–2004	\$4m
2004–2005	\$5.1m
2005–2006	\$5.5m
2006–2007	\$5.6m
2007–2008	\$5.78m

- (2) The current waiting list for access to the Slow to Recover Program is 69 people

The waiting list represents the number of people who have been accepted as eligible for the program.

- (3) The ABI:STR program assists Victorian residents. On one occasion, it assisted a young man who sustained an injury interstate but returned to be supported by his family in Victoria.
- (4) The government will provide \$9m over four years to expand the program.

Health: Aboriginal caesarean births

- 776. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for the Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): Why was there an increase in the numbers of indigenous women birthing by caesarean between the years 2005 and 2006.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- The most comprehensive source of annual statewide data on the number of Aboriginal women birthing by caesarean section is the Victorian Perinatal Collection Unit (PDCU) Data. PDCU has not yet finalised or released data for 2006. It is not yet known whether there is any increase (or decrease) on numbers compared with the previous year.

Health: Aboriginal infant deaths

- 777. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for the Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): How many indigenous children died before their first birthday in metropolitan Melbourne in each of the calendar years 2000 to 2006 and what were the reasons for their deaths.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- The numbers are extremely small and potentially identifiable. Aggregated data can be found in the Annual Reports of the Consultative Council on Obstetric and Paediatric Mortality and Morbidity.

Health: Aboriginal infant deaths

- 778. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for the Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): How many indigenous children died before their first birthday in Eastern Victoria in each of the calendar years 2000 to 2006 and what were the reasons for their deaths.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- The numbers are extremely small and potentially identifiable. Aggregated data can be found in the Annual Reports of the Consultative Council on Obstetric and Paediatric Mortality and Morbidity.

Health: Aboriginal infant deaths

- 779. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for the Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): How many indigenous children died before their first birthday in Northern Victoria in each of the calendar years 2000 to 2006 and what were the reasons for their deaths.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- The numbers are extremely small and potentially identifiable. Aggregated data can be found in the Annual Reports of the Consultative Council on Obstetric and Paediatric Mortality and Morbidity.

Health: Aboriginal infant deaths

- 780. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for the Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): How many indigenous children died before their first birthday in Western Victoria in each of the calendar years 2000 to 2006 and what were the reasons for their deaths.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- The numbers are extremely small and potentially identifiable. Aggregated data can be found in the Annual Reports of the Consultative Council on Obstetric and Paediatric Mortality and Morbidity.

Health: Aboriginal children — foetal alcohol syndrome

- 781. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for the Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): How many indigenous children were born with Foetal Alcohol Syndrome in Western Victoria in each of the calendar years 2000 to 2006.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- Foetal Alcohol Syndrome is a condition reported to the Victorian Birth Defects Register. Numbers are extremely low due to difficulty in diagnosing FAS in neonates and infants, and underreporting.

Health: Aboriginal children — foetal alcohol syndrome

- 782. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for the Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): How many indigenous children were born with Foetal Alcohol Syndrome in Northern Victoria in each of the calendar years 2000 to 2006.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- Foetal Alcohol Syndrome is a condition reported to the Victorian Birth Defects Register. Numbers are extremely low due to difficulty in diagnosing FAS in neonates and infants, and underreporting.

Health: Aboriginal children — foetal alcohol syndrome

783. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for the Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): How many indigenous children were born with Foetal Alcohol Syndrome in Eastern Victoria in each of the calendar years 2000 to 2006.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- Foetal Alcohol Syndrome is a condition reported to the Victorian Birth Defects Register. Numbers are extremely low due to difficulty in diagnosing FAS in neonates and infants, and underreporting.

Corrections: prisons — needle-stick injuries

788. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Corrections): With reference to needle-stick injuries in Victorian prisons in each of the financial years 1999–2000 to 2006–07 —

- (1) How many assaults were recorded that involved needles.
- (2) How many prisoners received needle stick-injuries as a result of an altercation with another inmate.
- (3) How many prison staff received needle-stick injuries as a result of an altercation with an inmate.
- (4) How many prisoners received needle-stick injuries as a result of personal injecting drug use.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Corrections Victoria endeavours to strictly control the use of syringes in prisons and confine their use to medical practitioners within designated medical areas. Any illicit syringes or tattoo gun needles discovered are destroyed.

With reference to needle-stick injuries in Victorian prisons in each of the financial years spanning 1999-2000 to 2006–07:

- (1) There is no record of assaults involving needles.
- (2) There is no record of prisoners receiving needle-stick injuries as a result of an altercation with another inmate.
- (3) There is no record of needle-stick injuries to prison staff as a result of an altercation with an inmate.
- (4) There is no record of prisoners have reported receiving injuries as a result of personal intravenous drug use.

Police and emergency services: Parliamentary Secretary for Emergency Services

799. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): Between 25 November 2006 and 2 August, 2007, what support was provided for Ms Danielle Green, MP and at what cost, in her capacity as Parliamentary Secretary for Emergency Services for —

- (a) telephone and other communication support;
- (b) car hire and rental car access including dates, destination and purpose;
- (c) air flights, where to, on what date and how much did each flight cost;
- (d) meal and entertainment costs;
- (e) staff assisting him, their effective full time number and cost to the department; and

- (f) any other support or reimbursement provided including details of the nature and cost of the support or reimbursement.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The Parliamentary Secretary for Emergency Services occupies office space within the Office of the Minister for Police & Emergency Services and is supported by the staff of that Office. Even though the office of the Parliamentary Secretary for Emergency Services is regarded as a separate cost centre, the office does not have a budget and expenses incurred are incorporated into, and paid for out of the budget for the Office of the Minister for Police & Emergency Services.

Therefore, expenses can only be identified where they have been processed using the separate cost centre code in the Department's Oracle financial management system or where Ms Green is recorded as a vendor.

The search of Oracle using these parameters showed that mobile phone expenses totalling \$2835.33 were incurred and paid for by the Department for the office of the Parliamentary Secretary for Emergency Services.

Agriculture: Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture

800. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Agriculture): Between 25 November 2006 and 2 August, 2007, what support was provided for Mr Ben Hardman, MP and at what cost, in his capacity as Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture for—

- (a) telephone and other communication support;
- (b) car hire and rental car access including dates, destination and purpose;
- (c) air flights, where to, on what date and how much did each flight cost;
- (d) meal and entertainment costs;
- (e) staff assisting him, their effective full time number and cost to the department; and
- (f) any other support or reimbursement provided including details of the nature and cost of the support or reimbursement.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

When working at my office, Mr. Ben Hardman uses his own laptop on any vacant workstation that is available. Workstation and telephone costs, if any, are met by my office. The only specific cost the Department of Primary Industries has met on behalf of Mr. Hardman for the period of 25 November 2006 to 2 August 2007 is return airfares from Melbourne to Mildura on the 28 May 2007 for \$511.80.

Public transport: bus route 200 — service standards

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

- (1) What were the patronage figures for the route in 2006 and 2007 —
 - (a) in peak hours;
 - (b) off peak hours; and
 - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled in 2006 and 2007.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes in 2006 and 2007.

ANSWER:

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

Providing the level of detail sought for such a large number of questions (814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879) requires a significant amount of resourcing which can't be justified at this time.

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Public transport: bus route 201 — service standards

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

- (1) What were the patronage figures for the route in 2006 and 2007 —
 - (a) in peak hours;
 - (b) off peak hours; and
 - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled in 2006 and 2007.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes in 2006 and 2007.

ANSWER:

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

Providing the level of detail sought for such a large number of questions (814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879) requires a significant amount of resourcing which can't be justified at this time.

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Public transport: bus route 203 — service standards

816. 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) —

- (1) What were the patronage figures for the route in 2006 and 2007 —
 - (a) in peak hours;
 - (b) off peak hours; and
 - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled in 2006 and 2007.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes in 2006 and 2007.

ANSWER:

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

Providing the level of detail sought for such a large number of questions (814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879) requires a significant amount of resourcing which can't be justified at this time.

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Public transport: bus route 205 — service standards

817. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 205 – Melbourne University – Doncaster Shoppingtown (via Kew Junction and Bulleen) —

- (1) What were the patronage figures for the route in 2006 and 2007 —
 - (a) in peak hours;
 - (b) off peak hours; and
 - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled in 2006 and 2007.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes in 2006 and 2007.

ANSWER:

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

Providing the level of detail sought for such a large number of questions (814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879) requires a significant amount of resourcing which can't be justified at this time.

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Public transport: bus route 207 — service standards

818. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 207 – City – Doncaster Shoppingtown – Donvale (via Doncaster Road) —

- (1) What were the patronage figures for the route in 2006 and 2007 —
 - (a) in peak hours;
 - (b) off peak hours; and
 - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled in 2006 and 2007.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes in 2006 and 2007.

ANSWER:

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

Providing the level of detail sought for such a large number of questions (814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879) requires a significant amount of resourcing which can't be justified at this time.

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Public transport: bus route 273 — service standards

819. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 273 – The Pines Shopping Centre – Nunawading Railway Station —

- (1) What were the patronage figures for the route in 2006 and 2007 —
 - (a) in peak hours;
 - (b) off peak hours; and
 - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled in 2006 and 2007.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes in 2006 and 2007.

ANSWER:

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

Providing the level of detail sought for such a large number of questions (814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879) requires a significant amount of resourcing which can't be justified at this time.

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Public transport: bus route 279 — service standards

820. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 279 – Box Hill – Doncaster Shoppingtown or Templestowe Village Shops —

- (1) What were the patronage figures for the route in 2006 and 2007 —
 - (a) in peak hours;
 - (b) off peak hours; and
 - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled in 2006 and 2007.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes in 2006 and 2007.

ANSWER:

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

Providing the level of detail sought for such a large number of questions (814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879) requires a significant amount of resourcing which can't be justified at this time.

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Public transport: bus route 281 — service standards

821. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 281 – Eltham – Doncaster Shoppingtown (via Templestowe) —

- (1) What were the patronage figures for the route in 2006 and 2007 —
 - (a) in peak hours;

- (b) off peak hours; and
- (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled in 2006 and 2007.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes in 2006 and 2007.

ANSWER:

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

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Public transport: bus route 283 — service standards

822. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 283 – Doncaster Shoppingtown – Doncaster Shoppingtown (via Manningham Road and High Street) —

- (1) What were the patronage figures for the route in 2006 and 2007 —
 - (a) in peak hours;
 - (b) off peak hours; and
 - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled in 2006 and 2007.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes in 2006 and 2007.

ANSWER:

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

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Public transport: bus route 284 — service standards

823. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 284 – Box Hill – Doncaster Shoppingtown (via Mont Albert) —

- (1) What were the patronage figures for the route in 2006 and 2007 —
 - (a) in peak hours;
 - (b) off peak hours; and
 - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled in 2006 and 2007.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes in 2006 and 2007.

ANSWER:

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

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Public transport: bus route 285 — service standards

824. MR DALLA-RIVA — to ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 285 – Doncaster Shoppingtown – Camberwell —

- (1) What were the patronage figures for the route in 2006 and 2007 —
 - (a) in peak hours;
 - (b) off peak hours; and
 - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled in 2006 and 2007.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes in 2006 and 2007.

ANSWER:

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

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Public transport: bus route 286 — service standards

825. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 286 – Box Hill – The Pines Shopping Centre (via Blackburn Road) —

- (1) What were the patronage figures for the route in 2006 and 2007 —
 - (a) in peak hours;
 - (b) off peak hours; and
 - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled in 2006 and 2007.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes in 2006 and 2007.

ANSWER:

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Providing the level of detail sought for such a large number of questions (814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879) requires a significant amount of resourcing which can't be justified at this time.

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Public transport: bus route 289 — service standards

826. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 289 – Box Hill – Donvale (via Doncaster Shoppingtown and Tunstall Square) —

- (1) What were the patronage figures for the route in 2006 and 2007 —
 - (a) in peak hours;
 - (b) off peak hours; and
 - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled in 2006 and 2007.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes in 2006 and 2007.

ANSWER:

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Public transport: bus route 291 — service standards

827. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 291 – Box Hill – Heidelberg (via Doncaster Shoppingtown) —

- (1) What were the patronage figures for the route in 2006 and 2007 —
 - (a) in peak hours;
 - (b) off peak hours; and
 - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled in 2006 and 2007.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes in 2006 and 2007.

ANSWER:

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Providing the level of detail sought for such a large number of questions (814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879) requires a significant amount of resourcing which can't be justified at this time.

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Public transport: bus route 293 — service standards

828. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 293 – Box Hill – Greensborough (via Doncaster Shoppingtown) —

- (1) What were the patronage figures for the route in 2006 and 2007 —
 - (a) in peak hours;
 - (b) off peak hours; and
 - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled in 2006 and 2007.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes in 2006 and 2007.

ANSWER:

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Public transport: bus route 295 — service standards

829. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 295 – Box Hill – The Pines Shopping Centre (via Doncaster Shoppingtown) —

- (1) What were the patronage figures for the route in 2006 and 2007 —
 - (a) in peak hours;
 - (b) off peak hours; and
 - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled in 2006 and 2007.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes in 2006 and 2007.

ANSWER:

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

Providing the level of detail sought for such a large number of questions (814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879) requires a significant amount of resourcing which can't be justified at this time.

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Public transport: bus route 301 — service standards

830. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 301 – The Pines Shopping Centre – City (via Thompsons Road and Eastern Freeway) —

- (1) What were the patronage figures for the route in 2006 and 2007 —

- (a) in peak hours;
 - (b) off peak hours; and
 - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled in 2006 and 2007.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes in 2006 and 2007.

ANSWER:

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

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Public transport: bus route 303 — service standards

831. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 303 – Mitcham – City (via Eastern Freeway and Springfield Road) —

- (1) What were the patronage figures for the route in 2006 and 2007 —
 - (a) in peak hours;
 - (b) off peak hours; and
 - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled in 2006 and 2007.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes in 2006 and 2007.

ANSWER:

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

Providing the level of detail sought for such a large number of questions (814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879) requires a significant amount of resourcing which can't be justified at this time.

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Public transport: bus route 304 — service standards

832. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 304 – City – Warrandyte (via Eastern Freeway and Blackburn Road) —

- (1) What were the patronage figures for the route in 2006 and 2007 —
 - (a) in peak hours;
 - (b) off peak hours; and
 - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled in 2006 and 2007.

- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes in 2006 and 2007.

ANSWER:

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

Providing the level of detail sought for such a large number of questions (814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879) requires a significant amount of resourcing which can't be justified at this time.

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Public transport: bus route 305 — service standards

833. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 305 – City – Warrandyte (via Eastern Freeway and George Street) —

- (1) What were the patronage figures for the route in 2006 and 2007 —
 - (a) in peak hours;
 - (b) off peak hours; and
 - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled in 2006 and 2007.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes in 2006 and 2007.

ANSWER:

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

Providing the level of detail sought for such a large number of questions (814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879) requires a significant amount of resourcing which can't be justified at this time.

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Public transport: bus route 306 — service standards

834. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 306 – City – North Ringwood (via Eastern Freeway, Wetherby Road) —

- (1) What were the patronage figures for the route in 2006 and 2007 —
 - (a) in peak hours;
 - (b) off peak hours; and
 - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled in 2006 and 2007.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes in 2006 and 2007.

ANSWER:

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

Providing the level of detail sought for such a large number of questions (814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879) requires a significant amount of resourcing which can't be justified at this time.

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Public transport: bus route 307 — service standards

835. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 307 – City – Mitcham (via Eastern Freeway and Doncaster Road) —

- (1) What were the patronage figures for the route in 2006 and 2007 —
 - (a) in peak hours;
 - (b) off peak hours; and
 - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled in 2006 and 2007.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes in 2006 and 2007.

ANSWER:

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

Providing the level of detail sought for such a large number of questions (814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879) requires a significant amount of resourcing which can't be justified at this time.

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Public transport: bus route 308 — service standards

836. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 308 – City – Deep Creek Reserve (via Blackburn Road, King Street and Eastern Freeway) —

- (1) What were the patronage figures for the route in 2006 and 2007 —
 - (a) in peak hours;
 - (b) off peak hours; and
 - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled in 2006 and 2007.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes in 2006 and 2007.

ANSWER:

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

Providing the level of detail sought for such a large number of questions (814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879) requires a significant amount of resourcing which can't be justified at this time.

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Public transport: bus route 309 — service standards

837. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 309 – City – Donvale (via Reynolds Road, Williamsons, Lynnwood, High Street and Eastern Freeway) —

- (1) What were the patronage figures for the route in 2006 and 2007 —
 - (a) in peak hours;
 - (b) off peak hours; and
 - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled in 2006 and 2007.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes in 2006 and 2007.

ANSWER:

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

Providing the level of detail sought for such a large number of questions (814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879) requires a significant amount of resourcing which can't be justified at this time.

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Public transport: bus route 313 — service standards

838. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 313 – Templestowe Shops – City (via High Street and Kilby Road) —

- (1) What were the patronage figures for the route in 2006 and 2007 —
 - (a) in peak hours;
 - (b) off peak hours; and
 - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled in 2006 and 2007.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes in 2006 and 2007.

ANSWER:

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

Providing the level of detail sought for such a large number of questions (814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879) requires a significant amount of resourcing which can't be justified at this time.

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Public transport: bus route 316 — service standards

839. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 316 – Deep Creek Reserve – City (via Doncaster Road and Eastern Freeway) —

- (1) What were the patronage figures for the route in 2006 and 2007 —
 - (a) in peak hours;
 - (b) off peak hours; and
 - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled in 2006 and 2007.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes in 2006 and 2007.

ANSWER:

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

Providing the level of detail sought for such a large number of questions (814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879) requires a significant amount of resourcing which can't be justified at this time.

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Public transport: bus route 319 — service standards

840. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 319 – The Pines Shopping Centre – City (via King Street, High Street and Eastern Freeway) —

- (1) What were the patronage figures for the route in 2006 and 2007 —
 - (a) in peak hours;
 - (b) off peak hours; and
 - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled in 2006 and 2007.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes in 2006 and 2007.

ANSWER:

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

Providing the level of detail sought for such a large number of questions (814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879) requires a significant amount of resourcing which can't be justified at this time.

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Public transport: bus route 364 — service standards

841. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 364 – Ringwood – The Pines Shopping Centre – Doncaster Shoppingtown (via Warrandyte) —

- (1) What were the patronage figures for the route in 2006 and 2007 —
 - (a) in peak hours;
 - (b) off peak hours; and
 - (c) weekends.

- (2) How many times was the service cancelled in 2006 and 2007.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes in 2006 and 2007.

ANSWER:

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

Providing the level of detail sought for such a large number of questions (814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879) requires a significant amount of resourcing which can't be justified at this time.

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Public transport: bus route 365 — service standards

842. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 365 – Ringwood – Doncaster Shoppingtown (via Park Orchards) – Tunstall Square —

- (1) What were the patronage figures for the route in 2006 and 2007 —
 - (a) in peak hours;
 - (b) off peak hours; and
 - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled in 2006 and 2007.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes in 2006 and 2007.

ANSWER:

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

Providing the level of detail sought for such a large number of questions (814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879) requires a significant amount of resourcing which can't be justified at this time.

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Public transport: bus route 578 — service standards

843. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 578 – Eltham – Warrandyte (via Kangaroo Ground – Warrandyte Road) —

- (1) What were the patronage figures for the route in 2006 and 2007 —
 - (a) in peak hours;
 - (b) off peak hours; and
 - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled in 2006 and 2007.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes in 2006 and 2007.

ANSWER:

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

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Public transport: bus route 579 — service standards

844. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 579 – Eltham – Warrandyte —

- (1) What were the patronage figures for the route in 2006 and 2007 —
 - (a) in peak hours;
 - (b) off peak hours; and
 - (c) weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled in 2006 and 2007.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than five minutes in 2006 and 2007.

ANSWER:

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

Providing the level of detail sought for such a large number of questions (814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879) requires a significant amount of resourcing which can't be justified at this time.

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Roads and ports: Mount Dandenong Tourist–Montrose roads, Montrose

847. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Roads and Ports):

- (1) What safety improvements will be carried out at the intersection of Mount Dandenong Tourist Road and Montrose Road, Montrose.
- (2) What is the time line for safety improvements to be carried out at the intersection of Mount Dandenong Tourist Road and Montrose Road, Montrose.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) The existing pedestrian signals on Swansea Road and Mount Dandenong Tourist Road have been modified to enable the flow of traffic into the roundabout to be controlled, thus improving its operation.

In August 2007, safety was improved at this intersection with the installation of a guardrail between Montrose Road and Swansea Road, to provide a barrier between the road and two electricity poles.

- (2) The upgraded traffic signals were due for completion in September 2007.

Roads and ports: Kelletts–Napoleon roads, Rowville

849. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): In relation to road works at the intersection of Kelletts Road and Napoleon Road in Rowville occurring during August 2007:

- (1) In relation to the original plan to elevate Napoleon Road by four to five metres in height —
 - (a) when was the design developed by VicRoads;
 - (b) what consultation was undertaken with —
 - (i) Knox Council; and
 - (ii) affected residents; and
 - (c) when was consultation undertaken with —
 - (i) Knox Council; and
 - (ii) affected residents.
- (2) In relation to the revised plan to reduce the height of the elevation of Napoleon Road to 2.2 metres —
 - (a) what consultation was undertaken with —
 - (i) Knox Council; and
 - (ii) affected residents;
 - (b) when was consultation undertaken with —
 - (i) Knox Council; and
 - (ii) affected residents; and
 - (c) were other options to reduce the height of the road less than 2.2 metres considered by VicRoads; if so —
 - (i) what other options in height elevation were considered;
 - (ii) when were the options considered;
 - (iii) why were the options discounted;
 - (iv) were the options discussed with Knox Council; and
 - (v) were the options discussed with affected residents.
- (3) In relation to the decision to change the elevation from the revised plan of 2.2 metres to the new revised plan of 2.6 metres —
 - (a) on what date was the decision made;
 - (b) for what reason was the decision made; and
 - (c) how much money was spent on public relations and publicity —
 - (i) prior to the announcement of the decision; and
 - (ii) regarding the decision to revise the elevation to 2.6 metres.
- (4) How much money has been spent to date on the Kelletts Road duplication project.

ANSWER:

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

- 1) In relation to the original plan to elevate Napoleon Road:
 - (a) The design was developed by VicRoads' contractor earlier this year.
 - (b) Consultation was undertaken with:
 - (i) the Knox Council and included the provision of design information and proposed construction staging arrangements; and
 - (ii) affected residents, who were met with individually.

- (c) This consultation was undertaken in mid – 2007 with the Knox City Council and affected residents.
- (2) In relation to the revised plan to reduce the height of the elevation of Napoleon Road to 2.2 metres:
- (a) Consultation was undertaken with:
- (i) the Knox City Council officers regarding site constraints and other options; and
- (ii) the affected residents, who were advised by letter that the design would be reviewed to address concerns regarding embankment height.
- (b) This consultation was undertaken with Knox City Council and affected residents in June 2007.
- (c) Various design options were considered in June and July 2007. The options to provide a lower embankment were discounted, as they were not considered to be as safe as the final design and required significantly more removal of vegetation and disturbance to important local fauna habitat and significant service relocations. The options were discussed with the Knox Council and one of the options proposed by the Council was also considered. Options considered to lower the embankment were a result of the original discussions with the affected residents.
- (3) The decision to change the elevation from the revised plan of 2.2 metres to the new revised plan of 2.6 metres was made in August 2007 and was necessary to ensure the required sight distances were achieved and to provide a safe road.

Around \$13,500 was used to distribute three information bulletins to 5000 local residents and conduct a community information session, prior to the announcement of the decision.

A further \$7,500 was used to distribute two information bulletins to 5000 local residents, which included aspects of the embankment height.

- (4) \$7,330,000 has been spent to date on the Kelletts Road Duplication Project.

Public transport: bus route 154 — service standards

874. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 154 in the years 2006 and 2007 respectively —

- (1) What were the patronage figures for the route —
- (a) in peak hours;
- (b) in off peak hours; and
- (c) on weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than 5 minutes.

ANSWER:

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

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Public transport: bus route 155 — service standards

875. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 155 in the years 2006 and 2007 respectively —

- (1) What were the patronage figures for the route —
 - (a) in peak hours;
 - (b) in off peak hours; and
 - (c) on weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than 5 minutes.

ANSWER:

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

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Public transport: bus route 156 — service standards

876. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 156 in the years 2006 and 2007 respectively —

- (1) What were the patronage figures for the route —
 - (a) in peak hours;
 - (b) in off peak hours; and
 - (c) on weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than 5 minutes.

ANSWER:

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

Providing the level of detail sought for such a large number of questions (814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879) requires a significant amount of resourcing which can't be justified at this time.

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Public transport: bus route 159 — service standards

877. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 159 in the years 2006 and 2007 respectively —

- (1) What were the patronage figures for the route —
 - (a) in peak hours;
 - (b) in off peak hours; and
 - (c) on weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than 5 minutes.

ANSWER:

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

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Public transport: bus route 160 — service standards

878. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 160 in the years 2006 and 2007 respectively —

- (1) What were the patronage figures for the route —
 - (a) in peak hours;
 - (b) in off peak hours; and
 - (c) on weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than 5 minutes.

ANSWER:

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

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Public transport: bus route 366 — service standards

879. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to bus route 366 in the years 2006 and 2007 respectively —

- (1) What were the patronage figures for the route —
 - (a) in peak hours;
 - (b) in off peak hours; and
 - (c) on weekends.
- (2) How many times was the service cancelled.
- (3) How many times did the service run late by more than 5 minutes.

ANSWER:

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

Providing the level of detail sought for such a large number of questions (814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879) requires a significant amount of resourcing which can't be justified at this time.

A report on the performance, punctuality and reliability of Victoria's public transport services is released quarterly. Copies of Track Record can be found at www.doi.vic.gov.au/trackrecord.

Education: schools — maintenance

899. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's routine maintenance program:

- (1) When was the last time Wattleview Primary School, Fairhills High School, Fairhills Primary School, Ferntree Gully North Primary School, Heany Park Primary School, Karoo Primary School, Kent Park Primary School, Lysterfield Primary School, Mountain Gate Primary School, Park Ridge Primary School and Rowville Primary School were painted as part of this program —
 - (a) internally; and
 - (b) externally.
- (2) When will each of the schools in (1) next be painted as part of this program —
 - (a) internally; and
 - (b) externally.
- (3) How often are Victorian schools painted as part of this program —
 - (a) internally; and
 - (b) externally.
- (4) Does the Department have any guidelines that determine how often schools should be painted internally and externally; if so, how often should schools be painted —
 - (a) internally; and
 - (b) externally.
- (5) As part of this program, is funding for routine painting located in —
 - (a) a stand alone painting funding program; or
 - (b) within the existing maintenance funding program; if so, where is it located and how much is allocated.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development periodically audits the condition of every school throughout the State to assess the maintenance condition of every room and building. This assessment includes the condition of all painted surfaces.

The most recent audit was carried out in 2005–06 by independent auditors contracted to the Department. As part of the process for the 2006 School Maintenance Audit, the Department engaged independent contractors to develop statewide guidelines for assessing maintenance in schools.

The guidelines ensured that the Audit assesses buildings from the perspective of the maintenance impact upon the learning environment. This highlights the Victorian Government's commitment to focusing on enhancing educational outcomes for students.

This audit process allows the Department to direct funding towards items of high priority.

The Government has invested well over \$480 million in school maintenance since 1999. This includes \$66 million allocated to schools in June 2006 for both planned maintenance, as identified in the 2006 School Maintenance Audit, and school toilets. It also includes \$10 million allocated in June 2007 for both planned maintenance and toilets.

On an annual basis, the Department allocates \$41 million to schools each year via the Student Resource Package (\$29 million) and supplementary grants (\$12 million). The funding provided through the School Resource Package provides funding for both planned and unplanned maintenance. Of these two components, planned maintenance is identified and prioritised through the audit and unplanned maintenance is prioritised by the school.

Since 1999 nearly \$3 million has been provided to Wattleview Primary School, Fairhills High School, Fairhills Primary School, Ferntree Gully North Primary School, Heany Park Primary School, Karoo Primary School, Kent Park Primary School, Lysterfield Primary School, Mountain Gate Primary School, Park Ridge Primary School and Rowville Primary School to enable them to finance priority maintenance works, including painting.

Education: schools — asbestos

900. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to Wattleview Primary School, Fairhills Primary School, Ferntree Gully North Primary School, Heany Park Primary School, Karoo Primary School, Kent Primary School, Lysterfield Primary School, Mountain Gate Primary School, Park Ridge Primary School, Rowville Primary School and Rowville Secondary College —

- (1) When was the last time a comprehensive asbestos audit was carried out at each school.
- (2) What was the outcome of the last comprehensive asbestos audit at each school.
- (3) In each case, is asbestos present at the school; if so, when will it be removed.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has established a statewide program which aims to reduce and eventually eliminate existing asbestos material from schools. As part of this program the Department identifies and funds individual projects for the removal of asbestos in order of priority. The Department has in place an ongoing review to ensure that:

- Urgent asbestos matters are addressed as soon as practicable.
- Issues identified by the Department’s Regional Offices are investigated.
- Concerns of school communities are addressed.

In order to identify risks associated with asbestos-containing materials in schools, asbestos risk assessments have been undertaken for all schools. These asbestos risk assessments are continually reviewed by the Department.

Asbestos risk assessments were carried out at the following schools:

- Wattleview Primary School - February 2006
- Fairhills Primary School - January 1999
- Ferntree Gully North Primary School - May 2004
- Heany Park Primary School - February 2006
- Karoo Primary School - March 1996 (review programmed for 2007–08 financial year)
- Kent Park Primary School in June 2006
- Lysterfield Primary School in May 2004
- Mountain Gate Primary School in May 2002
- Park Ridge Primary School in October 1999 (review programmed for 2007–08 financial year)
- Rowville Primary School in November 2005
- Rowville Secondary College in March 1999 (review programmed for 2007–08 financial year).

The asbestos risk assessments for these schools identified asbestos items in various categories, and asbestos removal was completed for those schools considered to be in the most hazardous Priority 0 or Priority 1 categories.

As part of its processes for minimising students' exposure to asbestos, since 1999 the Department has conducted asbestos risk assessments for any relocatable buildings which have been located onto a school site.

Water: irrigators

- 927. MS LOVELL** —To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): As at 1 July 2007, what was the number of associated high reliability water shares in each of —
- (a) the Murray water system overall with individual details on the following irrigation areas:
 - (i) Murray Valley;
 - (ii) Torrumbarry;
 - (iii) Woorinen;
 - (iv) Tresco;
 - (v) Nyah;
 - (vi) Robinvale;
 - (vii) Red Cliffs;
 - (viii) Merbein; and
 - (ix) First Mildura.
 - (b) the Ovens water system;
 - (c) the Broken water system;
 - (d) the Goulburn water system overall with individual details on the following irrigation areas:
 - (i) Shepparton;
 - (ii) Central Goulburn;
 - (iii) Rochester; and
 - (iv) Pyramid-Boort.
 - (e) the Campaspe water system with individual details on the Campaspe irrigation area;
 - (f) the Loddon water system; and
 - (g) the Bullarook water system.

ANSWER:

I am informed that the number of associated high reliability water shares in each of the above water systems and irrigation areas as of 3 October 2007 is as follows:

- (a) The Murray water system overall with individual details on the following irrigation areas: **12,296 overall (including private diverters who are outside the irrigation areas below)**
 - (i) Murray Valley **2,086**
 - (ii) Torrumbarry **2,550**
 - (iii) Woorinen **230**
 - (iv) Tresco **157**
 - (v) Nyah **303**
 - (vi) Robinvale **324**
 - (vii) Red Cliffs **1,244**
 - (viii) Merbein **763**

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| (ix) First Mildura | 2,440 |
| (b) the Ovens water system | 480 |
| (c) the Broken water system | 298 |
| (d) the Goulburn water system overall with individual details on the following irrigation areas: 9,844 overall (including private diverters who are outside the irrigation areas below). | |
| (i) Shepparton; | 2,427 |
| (ii) Central Goulburn; | 3,876 |
| (iii) Rochester; and | 1,617 |
| (iv) Pyramid-Boort. | 890 |
| (e) the Campaspe water system with individual details on the Campaspe irrigation area; | 150 |
| (f) the Loddon water system; and | 395 |
| (g) the Bullarook water system. | 30 |

To provide the information as at 1 July 2007 requires rolling back the water register data base which is a significant effort. However, the statistics will not have changed materially since 1 July 2007.

Water: irrigators

- 928. MS LOVELL** —To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): As at 1 July 2007, what was the number of associated low reliability water shares in each of —
- (a) the Murray water system overall with individual details on the following irrigation areas:
 - (i) Murray Valley;
 - (ii) Torrumbarry;
 - (iii) Woorinen;
 - (iv) Tresco;
 - (v) Nyah;
 - (vi) Robinvale;
 - (vii) Red Cliffs;
 - (viii) Merbein; and
 - (ix) First Mildura.
 - (b) the Ovens water system;
 - (c) the Broken water system;
 - (d) the Goulburn water system overall with individual details on the following irrigation areas:
 - (i) Shepparton;
 - (ii) Central Goulburn;
 - (iii) Rochester; and
 - (iv) Pyramid-Boort.
 - (e) the Campaspe water system with individual details on the Campaspe irrigation area;
 - (f) the Loddon water system; and
 - (g) the Bullarook water system.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of associated low reliability water shares in each of the above water systems and irrigation areas is as follows:

(a) The Murray water system overall with individual details on the following irrigation areas: **4,179 overall (including private diverters, who are outside the irrigation areas)**

(i) Murray Valley	1,617
(ii) Torrumbarry	1,869
(iii) Woorinen	197
(iv) Tresco	0
(v) Nyah	0
(vi) Robinvale	0
(vii) Red Cliffs	0
(viii) Merbein	0
(ix) First Mildura.	0

(b) the Ovens water system **370**

(c) the Broken water system **182**

(d) the Goulburn water system overall with individual details on the following irrigation areas: **6,804 overall (including private diverters, who are outside the irrigation areas)**

(i) Shepparton	1,787
(ii) Central Goulburn	2,913
(iii) Rochester	1,076
(iv) Pyramid-Boort	617

(e) the Campaspe water system with individual details on the Campaspe irrigation area **229**

(f) the Loddon water system **206**

(g) the Bullarook water system **24**

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Water: irrigators

929. MS LOVELL —To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): As at 1 July 2007, what was the sum of the maximum volumes of entitlement for high reliability water shares for each of —

- (a) the Murray water system overall with individual details on the following irrigation areas:
 - (i) Murray Valley;
 - (ii) Torrumbarry;
 - (iii) Woorinen;
 - (iv) Tresco;
 - (v) Nyah;
 - (vi) Robinvale;

- (vii) Red Cliffs;
- (viii) Merbein; and
- (ix) First Mildura.
- (b) the Ovens water system;
- (c) the Broken water system;
- (d) the Goulburn water system overall with individual details on the following irrigation areas:
 - (i) Shepparton;
 - (ii) Central Goulburn;
 - (iii) Rochester; and
 - (iv) Pyramid-Boort.
- (e) the Campaspe water system with individual details on the Campaspe irrigation area;
- (f) the Loddon water system; and
- (g) the Bullarook water system.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The sum of the volumes of entitlement for high reliability water shares for each of the above water systems and irrigation areas is as follows:

- (a) the Murray water system overall with individual details on the following irrigation areas: **1,192.1 GL overall (including water shares held by private diverters who are not in the irrigation areas below)**
 - (i) Murray Valley; **269.7 GL**
 - (ii) Torrumbarry; **341.0 GL**
 - (iii) Woorinen; **12.5 GL**
 - (iv) Tresco; **8.0 GL**
 - (v) Nyah; **8.9 GL**
 - (vi) Robinvale; **21.4 GL**
 - (vii) Red Cliffs; **45.2 GL**
 - (viii) Merbein; and **31.5 GL**
 - (ix) First Mildura. **66.4 GL**
- (b) the Ovens water system; **26.5 GL**
- (c) the Broken water system; **26.4 GL**
- (d) the Goulburn water system overall with individual details on the following irrigation areas: **993.4 GL overall (including water shares held by private diverters who are not in the irrigation areas below)**
 - (i) Shepparton; **172.6 GL**
 - (ii) Central Goulburn; **368.5 GL**
 - (iii) Rochester; and **178.4 GL**
 - (iv) Pyramid-Boort. **216.5 GL**
- (e) the Campaspe water system with individual details on the Campaspe irrigation area; **19.5 GL**
- (f) the Loddon water system; and **21.7 GL**
- (g) the Bullarook water system. **0.8 GL**

To provide the information as at 1 July 2007 requires rolling back the water register data base which is a significant effort. However, the statistics will not have changed materially since 1 July.

Water: irrigators

930. MS LOVELL —To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): As at 1 July 2007, what was the sum of the maximum volumes of entitlement for low reliability water shares for each of —

- (a) the Murray water system overall with individual details on the following irrigation areas:
 - (i) Murray Valley;
 - (ii) Torrumbarry;
 - (iii) Woorinen;
 - (iv) Tresco;
 - (v) Nyah;
 - (vi) Robinvale;
 - (vii) Red Cliffs;
 - (viii) Merbein; and
 - (ix) First Mildura.
- (b) the Ovens water system;
- (c) the Broken water system;
- (d) the Goulburn water system overall with individual details on the following irrigation areas:
 - (i) Shepparton;
 - (ii) Central Goulburn;
 - (iii) Rochester; and
 - (iv) Pyramid-Boort.
- (e) the Campaspe water system with individual details on the Campaspe irrigation area;
- (f) the Loddon water system; and
- (g) the Bullarook water system.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

That the sum of the maximum volumes of entitlement for low reliability water shares for each of the above water systems and irrigation areas is:

- (a) the Murray water system overall with individual details on the following irrigation areas: **294.0 GL overall (including water shares held by private diverters who are not in the irrigation areas below)**
 - (i) Murray Valley; **122.6 GL**
 - (ii) Torrumbarry; **154.6 GL**
 - (iii) Woorinen **5.7GL**
 - (iv) Tresco; **0 GL**
 - (iv) Nyah; **0 GL**
 - (vi) Robinvale; **0 GL**
 - (vii) Red Cliffs; **0 GL**
 - (viii) Merbein; and **0 GL**
 - (ix) First Mildura. **0 GL**

- (b) the Ovens water system; **12.5 GL**
- (c) the Broken water system; **5.1 GL**
- (d) the Goulburn water system overall with individual details on the following irrigation areas: **438.0 GL overall (including water shares held by private diverters who are not in the irrigation areas below)**
 - (i) Shepparton; **77.7 GL**
 - (ii) Central Goulburn; **165.9 GL**
 - (iii) Rochester; and **80.8 GL**
 - (iv) Pyramid-Boort. **98.7 GL**
- (e) the Campaspe water system with individual details on the Campaspe irrigation area; **18.7 GL**
- (f) the Loddon water system; and **8.1 GL**
- (g) the Bullarook water system. **0.4 GL**

To provide the information as at 1 July 2007 requires rolling back the water register data base which is a significant effort. However, the statistics will not have changed materially since 1 July.

Water: irrigators

- 931. MS LOVELL** —To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): As at 1 July 2007, what was the number of high reliability water shares not associated to land in each of —
- (a) the Murray water system overall with individual details on the following irrigation areas:
 - (i) Murray Valley;
 - (ii) Torrumbarry;
 - (iii) Woorinen;
 - (iv) Tresco;
 - (v) Nyah;
 - (vi) Robinvale;
 - (vii) Red Cliffs;
 - (viii) Merbein; and
 - (ix) First Mildura.
 - (b) the Ovens water system;
 - (c) the Broken water system;
 - (d) the Goulburn water system overall with individual details on the following irrigation areas:
 - (i) Shepparton;
 - (ii) Central Goulburn;
 - (iii) Rochester; and
 - (iv) Pyramid-Boort.
 - (e) the Campaspe water system with individual details on the Campaspe irrigation area;
 - (f) the Loddon water system; and
 - (g) the Bullarook water system.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Water shares that are not associated with land are also not associated with irrigation areas and districts. Rather, they are associated with water systems.

On 1 July 2007 there were no high-reliability water shares that were not associated with land in any of the above water systems. However, on 3 October (the date of other data I supplied to you about water shares) the numbers were:

Murray Water System	55 water shares with a total volume of 9.4 GL
Goulburn Water System	66 water shares with a total volume of 12.0 GL
Campaspe Water System	2 water shares with a total volume of 0.4 GL

Water: irrigators

932. MS LOVELL —To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): As at 1 July 2007, what was the number of low reliability water shares not associated to land in each of —

- (a) the Murray water system overall with individual details on the following irrigation areas:
 - (i) Murray Valley;
 - (ii) Torrumbarry;
 - (iii) Woorinen;
 - (iv) Tresco;
 - (v) Nyah;
 - (vi) Robinvale;
 - (vii) Red Cliffs;
 - (viii) Merbein; and
 - (ix) First Mildura.
- (b) the Ovens water system;
- (c) the Broken water system;
- (d) the Goulburn water system overall with individual details on the following irrigation areas:
 - (i) Shepparton;
 - (ii) Central Goulburn;
 - (iii) Rochester; and
 - (iv) Pyramid-Boort.
- (e) the Campaspe water system with individual details on the Campaspe irrigation area;
- (f) the Loddon water system; and
- (g) the Bullarook water system.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Water shares that are not associated with land are also not associated with irrigation areas and districts. Rather, they are associated with water systems.

On July 1 2007 there were no low-reliability water shares that were not associated with land in any of the above water systems. However, on 3 October (the date for which I supplied other data about water shares that you requested) the numbers were:

Goulburn Water System	52 water shares of a total volume of 4.8 GL
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Murray Water System 22 water shares of a total volume of 2.1 GL

Environment and climate change: departmental staff

935. MRS PETROVICH — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: How many staff were employed by the Department of Sustainability and Environment in each of the years 2000 to 2006.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The information requested is publicly available and can be found in the statement of workforce data included in the Department of Sustainability and Environment’s Annual Reports for the 2002–03, 2003–04, 2004–05 and 2005–06 financial years.

The Department of Sustainability and Environment did not exist prior to December 2002.

Environment and climate change: departmental staff

936. MRS PETROVICH — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: What percentage of Department of Sustainability and Environment staff were employed as field officers in each of the years 2000 to 2006.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The information requested is publicly available and can be found in the statement of workforce data included in the Department of Sustainability and Environment’s Annual Reports for the 2002–03, 2003–04, 2004–05 and 2005–06 financial years.

The Department of Sustainability and Environment did not exist prior to December 2002.

Environment and climate change: bushfires— fuel reduction

939. MRS PETROVICH — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: How many prescribed burns were conducted by the Department of Sustainability and Environment in each of the years 2000 to 2006.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Fuel Reduction Burning is recorded based on financial years. The effects of a fuel reduction burn on fuel levels lasts for several years.

The areas treated by fuel reduction burning since July 2000 are:

2000/2001	60,659 hectares
2001/2002	76,551 hectares
2002/2003	49,166 hectares
2003/2004	94,990 hectares
2004/2005	127,059 hectares
2005/2006	48,822 hectares
2006/2007	133,848 hectares

Environment and climate change: bushfires— fuel reduction

940. MRS PETROVICH — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: How many hectares were burnt in preparation for bushfires seasons in each of the years 2000 to 2006.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Fuel reduction burning is recorded based on financial years. The effects of a fuel reduction burn on fuel levels lasts for several years.

The areas treated by fuel reduction burning since July 2000 are:

2000/2001	60,659 hectares
2001/2002	76,551 hectares
2002/2003	49,166 hectares
2003/2004	94,990 hectares
2004/2005	127,059 hectares
2005/2006	48,822 hectares
2006/2007	133,848 hectares

Environment and climate change: bushfires — firefighting aircraft

942. MRS PETROVICH — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: How many firefighting aircraft were used by the Department of Sustainability and Environment in fire fighting in each of the years 2000 to 2006.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The following are the numbers of aircraft contracted by DSE for fire fighting since 2000/01.

00/01	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07
23	24	26	27	28	30	36

Planning: rural zones

957. MR GUY — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Rural Zones strategy:

- (1) As at 19 September 2007, how many councils were yet to adopt the new zones into their local planning scheme.
- (2) Which councils have received funding since July 2006 to assist with developing a rural zone strategy.
- (3) What is the total amount of funding provided to councils to date to assist with rural zones implementation from the Department of Sustainability and Environment or Department of Planning and Community Development and how much of this has each council received.
- (4) Were any funding applications rejected by the Department; if so, which council and what amount.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) As at 19 September 2007 all rural planning schemes included the new rural zones.

- (2) Since July 2006 funding of \$150,000 has been made available for rural strategic planning through the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV). Four pilot projects were chosen by an MAV steering committee and are designed to help councils proactively manage long-term rural land use. The projects involve 21 councils across the State. The four projects are:
- Strategic Planning for Gippsland Rural Areas
 - Rural Strategy Review – G21 region (Geelong and surrounding area)
 - Planning for wineries and tourism
 - Planning for intensive agriculture and irrigated areas
- (3) In September 2007 I announced an additional \$500,000 in funding for the Rural Land-Use Planning Program. The funding program will provide a detailed, transparent approach to the allocation of direct council funding for rural and regional strategic projects.
- (4) The first stage of this program is a 3-month application period from September to December 2007 to allow councils the opportunity to engage partners and prepare project proposals. Applications have not yet been considered by the Department of Planning and Community Development.

Sport, recreation and youth affairs: regional youth affairs networks

966. MR GUY — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs): In relation to each of the 15 Regional Youth Affairs Networks (RYANS) since 1 December 2006:

- (1) How many meetings has each RYAN held.
- (2) What is the total amount of funding provided by the Government to each RYAN.

ANSWER:

Regional Youth Affairs Networks (RYANs) across the state generally meet monthly or every second month, with no meetings held in January. Between 1 December 2006 and 22 August 2007, when this question was raised, I am informed that:

1. Southern Metro RYAN has met seven times;
2. Eastern Metro RYAN has met nine times;
3. Western Metro RYAN has met five times;
4. Northern Metro RYAN has met eight times;
5. Inner City RYAN has met eight times;
6. Barwon/G21 RYAN has met four times;
7. South West RYAN has met four times;
8. Central Highlands RYAN has met seven times;
9. Grampians RYAN has met seven times;
10. Loddon Campaspe RYAN has met four times;
11. Mallee RYAN has met three times;
12. North East RYAN has met five times;

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13. Goulburn RYAN has met five times;
14. Wellington East Gippsland RYAN has met five times; and
15. Central Gippsland RYAN has met six times.

Regional Youth Affairs Networks operate on a voluntary basis. As volunteers, RYANs are provided with refreshments for meetings, reimbursed for out of pocket expenses associated with attending meetings and to undertake planning. For the 2006/7 financial year each RYAN was allocated \$3,000 to cover these costs.

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

Thursday, 22 November 2007

Planning: Croydon Golf Club site

770. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to Maroondah City Council's request for planning overlays on the Croydon Golf Club site:

- (1) On what basis was the request rejected.
- (2) What was the departmental process to reject the overlay.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Amendment C51 to the Maroondah Planning Scheme related to the Croydon Golf Club site which is being developed for residential purposes. The amendment proposed the introduction of a Development Plan Overlay (DPO) over the site.
- (2) Maroondah City Council adopted and submitted Amendment C51 for my approval contrary to the recommendations of the independent Panel established to hear submissions. The Panel recommended that the amendment be abandoned because there was no need for the proposed DPO as:
 - The existing planning permits issued at the direction of the Victorian and Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) for earlier stages of the subdivision have already considered relevant State and local policies, and zone and overlay provisions. The approved stages of subdivision establish a strategic framework for pedestrian and traffic networks, drainage management, lot layout and densities and vegetation removal and management.
 - The DPO will not add to the planning outcomes and will be an unnecessary additional layer of control for a development proposal that has considerable planning certainty through the zone and overlay provisions and the existing permits.
 - Lot size and dwelling density can be addressed through the existing planning framework.
 - No additional planning controls are needed for the open space provision.
- (3) In assessing a planning scheme amendment, the Department takes into account:
 - The Planning Practice Note *Strategic Assessment Guidelines For Planning Scheme Amendments* to ensure that the proposal is strategically justified.
 - State and Local Planning Policies of the relevant planning scheme.
 - The Victoria Planning Provisions and whether the appropriate planning tools have been proposed, or are required.
 - The recommendations of any Panel appointed to hear submissions to an amendment.
 - The views of the local Council, the community and proponent as appropriate.

Education: Parliamentary Secretary for Education

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

- (a) telephone and other communication support;
- (b) car hire and rental car access including dates, destination and purpose;
- (c) air flights, where to, on what date and how much did each flight cost;
- (d) meal and entertainment costs;
- (e) staff assisting him, their effective full time number and cost to the department; and
- (f) any other support or reimbursement provided including details of the nature and cost of the support or reimbursement.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Costs incurred by the former Parliamentary Secretary for Education have already been requested under the Freedom of Information Act.