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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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

**Wednesday, 30 July 2008**

**Environment and climate change: bushfires — erosion**

**869. MRS PETROVICH** — To ask the Minister for the Environment and Climate Change: Has an audit of erosion in North East Victoria been conducted since the 2007 fires.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Whilst there has not been a formal audit of erosion after the 2006–07 bushfires, DSE, Parks Victoria and CMA regularly monitor the health of public land which includes monitoring for erosion events. Current environmental factors for north east Victoria indicate that the forests and parks are regenerating, groundcovers are re-establishing and providing extra soil stability which has reduced the risk of major erosion events occurring.

**Attorney-General: media and communications staff**

**1411. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Attorney-General): For the financial year 2006–07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Department of Justice and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Department.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

During the 2006/2007 financial year, the Department of Justice spent \$7,772,745.91 on advertising and promotion expenses. This included expenditure on Problem Gambling, Fire Ready Victoria, Working with Children Check, Play It Safe by the Water, and New Hoon Driving Laws campaigns. During the same period, 11 full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles.

**Attorney-General: conclusive certificates**

**1581. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Attorney-General): How many conclusive certificates were issued by the relevant Government Minister in each financial year from 1984–85 to 2006–07.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

There have been no conclusive certificates issued by the relevant Government Minister in any financial year from 1984–85 to 2006–07.

**Police and emergency services: Southern Metropolitan Region stations**

**1697.** **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many Police and Emergency Services were allocated, on a full-time basis, to the following Police and Emergency Services stations in 1999 —

- (a) Prahran (396 Malvern Road, Prahran, Victoria);
- (b) St. Kilda (92 Chapel Street, St Kilda, Victoria);
- (c) Caulfield (289 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield, Victoria);
- (d) Oakleigh Uniform, Oakleigh Police and Emergency Services Complex (1 Atherton Street, Oakleigh, Victoria);
- (e) Moorabbin (1011–1013 Nepean Highway, Moorabbin, Victoria); and
- (f) South Melbourne (211 Bank Street, South Melbourne, Victoria).

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Since coming to office, the State Government has increased the number of police by over 1,400. However, the fight against crime is ongoing. That is why at the last election the Government committed to a further increase of 350 sworn police by 2010, as well as an additional 50 forensic and specialist investigators.

Decisions on the placement of police throughout the state are operational matters and are made by police command on the basis of assessed need. It is important that this process is not subject to political interference. I am assured by the Chief Commissioner of Police that the level of policing across Victoria is continuously monitored by the respective Regional Command Officers, with a view to maintaining optimum policing effectiveness.

Police are allocated to a local Police Service Area as opposed to an individual station. Deployment of those resources throughout the Police Service Area is left to local police management who are best placed to determine local priorities. Victoria Police deploys first response police across its 56 Police Service Areas using a sophisticated resource allocation model incorporating 12 characteristics of the local community that are used to predict levels of crime and road trauma; the population of an area is just one of these. Victoria Police uses this model to ensure that police resources are distributed equitably and according to demonstrated operational need. It should be noted that, since 1999, the number of first response officers has increased in all police regions within Victoria.

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**Police and emergency services: Southern Metropolitan Region stations**

**1699. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many Police and Emergency Services were allocated, on a full-time basis, to the following Police and Emergency Services stations in 2001 —

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**Police and emergency services: Southern Metropolitan Region stations**

**1700.** **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many Police and Emergency Services were allocated, on a full-time basis, to the following Police and Emergency Services stations in 2002 —

- (a) Prahran (396 Malvern Road, Prahran, Victoria);
- (b) St. Kilda (92 Chapel Street, St Kilda, Victoria);
- (c) Caulfield (289 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield, Victoria);
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**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Since coming to office, the State Government has increased the number of police by over 1,400. However, the fight against crime is ongoing. That is why at the last election the Government committed to a further increase of 350 sworn police by 2010, as well as an additional 50 forensic and specialist investigators.

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**Police and emergency services: Southern Metropolitan Region stations**

**1701.** **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many Police and Emergency Services were allocated, on a full-time basis, to the following Police and Emergency Services stations in 2003 —

- (a) Prahran (396 Malvern Road, Prahran, Victoria);
- (b) St. Kilda (92 Chapel Street, St Kilda, Victoria);
- (c) Caulfield (289 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield, Victoria);
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### **Police and emergency services: Southern Metropolitan Region stations**

**1702. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many Police and Emergency Services were allocated, on a full-time basis, to the following Police and Emergency Services stations in 2004 —

- (a) Prahran (396 Malvern Road, Prahran, Victoria);
- (b) St. Kilda (92 Chapel Street, St Kilda, Victoria);
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#### **ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Since coming to office, the State Government has increased the number of police by over 1,400. However, the fight against crime is ongoing. That is why at the last election the Government committed to a further increase of 350 sworn police by 2010, as well as an additional 50 forensic and specialist investigators.

Decisions on the placement of police throughout the state are operational matters and are made by police command on the basis of assessed need. It is important that this process is not subject to political interference. I am assured by the Chief Commissioner of Police that the level of policing across Victoria is continuously monitored by the respective Regional Command Officers, with a view to maintaining optimum policing effectiveness.

Police are allocated to a local Police Service Area as opposed to an individual station. Deployment of those resources throughout the Police Service Area is left to local police management who are best placed to determine local priorities. Victoria Police deploys first response police across its 56 Police Service Areas using a sophisticated resource allocation model incorporating 12 characteristics of the local community that are used to predict levels of crime and road trauma; the population of an area is just one of these. Victoria Police uses this model to ensure that police resources are distributed equitably and according to demonstrated operational need. It should be noted that, since 1999, the number of first response officers has increased in all police regions within Victoria.

**Police and emergency services: Southern Metropolitan Region stations**

**1703.** **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many Police and Emergency Services were allocated, on a full-time basis, to the following Police and Emergency Services stations in 2005 —

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### **Police and emergency services: Southern Metropolitan Region stations**

**1705. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many Police and Emergency Services were allocated, on a full-time basis, to the following Police and Emergency Services stations in 2007 —

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**Public transport: bus route 205 — service standards**

**1794. 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 to Doncaster Shoppingtown (via Kew Junction and Bulleen) in 2006 and 2007:

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

**ANSWER:**

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

Patronage figures for calendar years 2006 and 2007 on bus Route 205:

Year	2006	2007
Patronage	45,218	45,025

**Roads and ports: Eastern Freeway — traffic volume**

**1797. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): Can a copy of a map which estimates “traffic volume change 2011” covering the Eastern Freeway, from Doncaster Road to Hoddle Street, as produced by the Southern and Eastern Integrated Transport Authority be provided.

**ANSWER:**

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

EastLink will redistribute the way traffic enters the Eastern Freeway resulting in greater utilisation of underused road space and reducing congestion on surrounding arterial roads. The expected change to access and traffic volumes on the Eastern Freeway is demonstrated in the attached map.

*[Map supplied in format unsuitable for incorporation in Hansard. Map can be viewed in electronic form at <http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au> by searching for the question number and date.]*

**Education: Premier’s reading challenge — Kilsyth electorate**

**1828. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education):

- (1) How many schools in the Kilsyth Electoral District participated in the 2007 Premier’s Reading Challenge.
- (2) How many students attending school in the Kilsyth Electoral District participated in the 2007 Premier’s Reading Challenge.
- (3) In total, how many books were read by students attending school in the Kilsyth Electoral District for the duration of the 2007 Premier’s Reading Challenge.
- (4) What was the average number of books read per school in the Kilsyth Electoral District participating in the 2007 Premier’s Reading Challenge.
- (5) What was the average number of books read per student attending school in the Kilsyth Electoral District participating in the 2007 Premier’s Reading Challenge.
- (6) Which school in the Kilsyth Electoral District tallied the highest number of books read during the 2007 Premier’s Reading Challenge.

- (7) Has the Government ever offered incentives to any school to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

- (1) Sixteen schools in the Kilsyth electorate participated in the 2007 Premier's Reading Challenge
- (2) 2,311 students in those schools participated.
- (3) They read 33,889 books.
- (4) The average number of books read per school therefore was 2118.
- (5) The average number of books read per student therefore was 15.
- (6) Ruskin Park Primary School tallied the highest number of books read during the Challenge.
- (7) The *Building Stronger Communities* policy, released for the 2006 Victorian election, included a commitment to introduce a Premier's Reading Challenge Book Fund to provide \$1 million to school libraries for the purchase of books to support participation in the Premier's Reading Challenge. This funding was distributed directly to schools in December 2007.

**Consumer affairs: Business Licensing Authority**

- 1880.** **MS LOVELL** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs): Does the Business Licensing Authority require information regarding the training organisation used by Mutual Recognition applicants to obtain their initial licence in a previous jurisdiction; if so, how many applicants have been trained by Kaplan Professional or its predecessor Tribeca Learning from —
- (a) New South Wales;
  - (b) Queensland; and
  - (c) Western Australia.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

A person's actual academic qualifications, the training organisation used by them or their previous experience has no relevance to a mutual recognition licensing decision. I am advised that were the BLA to consider such matters, it would be beyond the legal requirements under mutual recognition laws.

I provide detailed information on the workings of the mutual recognition laws in answer to Question No. 1881.

**Consumer affairs: Business Licensing Authority**

- 1881.** **MS LOVELL** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs): Does the Business Licensing Authority (BLA) when undertaking approvals of Mutual Recognition applicants check if applicants are currently or have been employed as an Agent's Representative in Victoria; if so, how many applicants in each of the years 2005, 2006 and 2007 were at the time of application employed as or previously employed as an Agent's Representative in Victoria for each of —
- (a) New South Wales;
  - (b) South Australia;
  - (c) Queensland;

- (d) Western Australia;
- (e) Tasmania;
- (f) Australian Capital Territory;
- (g) Northern Territory; and
- (h) New Zealand.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Broadly speaking, under the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) a person registered to practise an occupation in one State or Territory is entitled to practise an equivalent occupation in another State or Territory. Under the Trans Tasman Mutual Recognition Arrangement (TTMRA) a person registered to practise an occupation in New Zealand is entitled to practise an equivalent occupation in Australia.

Under these agreements, mutual recognition licensing laws require decision makers such as the BLA to have regard to:

- (1) whether or not an applicant is licensed in another state/Territory/New Zealand; and
- (2) whether or not the activities able to be undertaken under that licence are equivalent to activities able to be undertaken under a Victorian licence.

Where a person is currently working, living or their actual academic qualifications are all factors that have no relevance to a mutual recognition licensing decision.

The Business Licensing Authority has noted that increasing numbers of currently employed agents' representatives in Victoria are applying for Victorian Real Estate Agents licences under mutual recognition legislation on the basis of holding a NSW licence.

**Attorney-General: CPR Communications and Public Relations**

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

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

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

In lieu of the response tabled on 7 May 2008:



**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Wednesday, 30 July 2008

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
15/07/05	Review of communications approaches relating to public safety and in particular, evidence on the effectiveness of various approaches and audit existing communication activities generated in and by the Department of Justice, related to perceptions of crime and safety.	\$29,040	15/12/05	In accordance with government policy.
20/09/05	Public relations services in relation to the "Crimesmart" campaign	\$193,783.47	31/12/05	In accordance with government policy.
16/01/06	Consultation process to inform and obtain views of stakeholders on Funds in Court project and a follow-up briefing for consultation participants	\$47,586	31/10/06	In accordance with government policy.
Aug 07	Whole of Justice communications framework market research	\$14,410	Aug 07	In accordance with government policy.

Due to an administrative oversight by the Department of Justice, the earlier response tabled was incorrect.

**Major projects: projects**

**1997. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: For each major project undertaken between 2000 and 2007, what was the —

- (a) name of the project;
- (b) projected cost;
- (c) actual cost at completion;
- (d) projected completion dates; and
- (e) actual completion dates.

**ANSWER:**

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

Please refer to table attached for all Major Projects Victoria projects commenced and completed between 2000 and 2007.

Name of project	Projected cost	Projected completion	Actual cost	Actual completion
Australian Synchrotron	\$157.3 million	2007	\$157.3 million	2007
Austin Health redevelopment and Mercy Hospital for Women relocation (new towers)	\$393 million	2005	\$393 million	2005
Bonegilla Migrant Experience Heritage Park	\$2 million	2003	\$2 million	2004
Docklands Film and Television Studio	\$40 million	mid-2003	\$40 million	Feb 2004
Former Fish Market Site redevelopment	\$17.1 million	2005	\$17.1 million	2005

Name of project	Projected cost	Projected completion	Actual cost	Actual completion
Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre	\$66 million	2006	\$79.4 million	2006
Ngargee Australian Centre for Contemporary Arts	\$11.8 million	2002	\$12.3 million	2002
Parliament House catering upgrade	\$6.1 million	2006	\$5 million	2006
Royal Melbourne Showgrounds	\$100.7 million	2005	\$108.6 million	2006
State Library (stages 4–6 works)	\$91.4 million	2007	\$91.4 million	2007
William Barak Bridge	\$27.8 million	2005	\$32.688 million	2005
West Gate Bridge Memorial Park	\$1 million	2004	\$1 million	2004

**Planning: new residential zones expert group**

**2001. MR GUY** — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the New Residential Zones Expert Group, as announced in ‘The Government’s Five Point Priority Action Plan’ document (Department of Planning and Community Development, October 2007):

- (1) What are the names of each member.
- (2) What is the total remuneration to be paid to the Group.
- (3) What are the dates of all past meetings.
- (4) What are the dates of all scheduled future meetings.
- (5) What are the terms of reference.
- (6) On what date was the Group established.
- (7) Have any external consultants been engaged; if so —
  - (a) who are the consultants;
  - (b) how much has been paid for each consultancy to date; and
  - (c) what is the budget for external consultants.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The Expert Group comprises Wolfgang Haala, Director, Statutory Planning Systems Reform, Department of Planning and Community Development (Chair), Sue Wilkinson, Director, State Planning Services, DPCD, Liz Johnstone, Manager Built and Natural Environment, Municipal Association of Victoria, James Lamour-Reid, Shire of Yarra Ranges, Jonathon Guttman, City of Kingston and Justin O’Meara, City of Knox.

The Group represents the collaborative partnership approach established between state and local government towards the preparation of new residential zones to make policy stronger.

- (2) No remuneration is to be paid to the Group.

- (3) & (4)

The Expert Group has previously met on three occasions: 27 November 2007; 6 December 2007, and

5 March 2008 to help shape the concepts outlined in the public discussion paper released on 15 February 2008.

No Future meetings have been scheduled at this point in time.

- (5) The Group's terms of reference are to provide advice to the Department to assist the preparation of new residential zones by:
  - Assisting the preparation of a revised suite of residential zones and discussion paper for public consultation.
  - Providing advice and on the form of stakeholder engagement.
  - Assisting the consideration of submissions and the final form of the residential zones for consideration by the Minister for Planning.
- (6) The Group was established on 27 November 2007.
- (7) No external consultants have been engaged. There is no budget for external consultants.

**Planning: state planning policy framework expert group**

**2003. MR GUY** — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the State Planning Policy Framework Expert Group, as announced in 'The Government's Five Point Priority Action Plan' document (Department of Planning and Community Development, October 2007):

- (1) What are the names of each member.
- (2) What is the total remuneration to be paid to the Group.
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  - (a) who are the consultants;
  - (b) how much has been paid for each consultancy to date; and
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**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The members of the expert group assisting the review are:
  - Chris Turner, Director Statutory Programs, Department of Planning and Community Development (Chair)
  - Athena Andriotis, Team Leader Resources and Infrastructure, Department of Premier and Cabinet
  - Helen Gibson, Deputy President, Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal
  - Mark Marsden, Senior Panel Member, Planning Panels Victoria
  - John Ginivan, Executive Director, Planning Policy, Department of Planning and Community Development
  - Con Tsotsoros, Manager Planning Systems, Department of Planning and Community Development
  - Bruce Phillips, Director City Development, Yarra City Council
- (2) No remuneration is being paid to any member.
- (3) 17 April 2008, 5 May 2008 and 21 May 2008.

- (4) The dates of future meetings will be determined at the next meeting scheduled for 24 June 2008.
- (5) The Terms of Reference of the expert group are attached.
- (6) The group was established in December 2007.
- (7) There are no consultants appointed for the project and there is no specific budget for external consultants.

### TERMS OF REFERENCE

#### Expert group for the review of the State Planning Policy Framework (SPPF)

#### Purpose

The primary purpose of the review of the State Planning Policy Framework (SPPF) is to improve the legibility and effectiveness of the SPPF in delivering State land use and development policy and strategic directions and in guiding planning decisions.

The purpose of the SPPF expert group is to:

- Critically evaluate the need to modify the structure of the SPPF
- Evaluate options for the structure of the SPPF
- Assist in developing a preferred SPPF
- Re-cut the SPPF into the preferred structure
- Identify areas where a policy vacuum exists
- Propose a process for amendment of the SPPF
- Act as ambassadors for the ‘new’ SPPF

#### Project objectives

- To ensure the SPPF identifies State Government interests and priorities and provides clearer, and where possible, stronger guidance about how key State policies and strategies are implemented at a local level.
- To improve how the SPPF is used in planning permit and planning scheme amendment decisions.
- To improve the language and expression of policies in the SPPF.

#### Background

Stakeholders have identified a number of issues they feel reduce the effectiveness of policy in the planning system. These are:

- Uncertainty about the weight should be given to individual policies.
- The need to clarify how potentially conflicting policies are to be reconciled.
- Inconsistent structure and operation between the SPPF and LPPF.
- Local policies only needing not to be inconsistent with State policy rather than giving effect to State policy.
- Policies that are unclear, too broad and difficult to understand and apply.
- Inconsistent application of policy by decision-makers.

These issues have been identified in two recent process reviews:

- The *Cutting red tape in planning* report (DSE August 2006)
- The *Making local policy stronger* report (September 2007).

The *Cutting red tape in planning* report was released in August 2006 with 15 actions for improvement of the Victorian planning system. The report noted that the State Planning Policy Framework has been in operation in its current form for 10 years and that it could be made more effective and easier to apply to decision making.

Some submissions called for an improvement in the relationship between the SPPF and LPPF's to give greater clarity about how State policy can be applied in local circumstances. Action 9 of the reports recommends:

- That a discussion paper be prepared with options to improve the structure of the SPPF and its relationship to local policy.
- That an audit be conducted every four years to improve the effectiveness of the SPPF.

In response to Action 9 and 10 (*Making Local policy stronger*) an expert group was set up to advise the Minister for Planning on the further development and implementation of the *Cutting red tape in planning actions*.

The *Making local policy stronger* report released in September 2007 makes five key project recommendations including a review of the SPPF, a pilot restructure of the LPPF and the creation of new residential zones.

The expert group suggests that although the SPPF contains sound general principles for planning they tend to be unspecific and at times containing mixed messages.

The group believes that on a critical and contentious issue such as medium density development, the SPPF provides little guidance about where such development should be located or how local government should approach the task.

The expert group recommends that State planning policy should progress from general statements to include more specific and detailed targets, provisions, and guidelines for key policies such as urban consolidation and higher density development, centre development, retail hierarchy and employment generation. The group also noted that there are major gaps in state policy and the SPPF such as environmentally sustainable development and rural policy.

The specific finding of the group is that:

- The SPPF should be more targeted on issues of state importance
- The SPPF should be reviewed on a regular basis.

Following the release of the *Making Local Policy Stronger* report, Government committed to a review of the SPPF and the establishment of an SPPF expert group.

### **Chair**

The Chair of the expert group is Chris Turner, Director Planning Reviews, Department of Planning and Community Development.

### **Tasks**

The role of the expert group is to inform the review and to receive feedback and guidance as to the practical application of State policy. It is expected that the expert group will work together toward agreement about the matters to be included in a discussion paper and a proposed structure of the SPPF.

It is expected that the expert group will need to meet on about 4–5 occasions.

The tasks the expert group will be asked to perform are:

- Consider the data collected as part of the SPPF survey and examination of individual policies
- Evaluate the need to restructure the SPPF and what, if any, improvements can be made
- Evaluate options for restructure
- Assist in developing a discussion paper for consultation
- Participate (as required) in targeted workshops

- Finalise advice to the Minister for Planning following consultation
- Prepare a ‘mock-up’ of the revised SPPF
- Identify areas of policy vacuum or policy gaps.
- Outline a process for future amendments to the SPPF for its ongoing maintenance and quality control.

**Project support**

The expert group will be supported by DPCD officers to undertake the administrative functions of the group, provide further information, clarify Terms of Reference and provide assistance with the review. The key contact officer is:-

**Project manager**

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**Planning: local planning policy framework**

**2004.** **MR GUY** — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to action 4, the pilot restructure of the Local Planning Policy Framework, as announced in ‘The Government’s Five Point Priority Action Plan’ document (Department of Planning and Community Development, October 2007):

- (1) Which local councils have been chosen.
- (2) On what date were these councils chosen.
- (3) On what basis were these councils chosen.
- (4) When did the review commence with each council.
- (5) What are the terms of reference for the reviews.
- (6) On what date will the reviews be completed.
- (7) How many equivalent full-time positions of Department of Planning and Community Development staff have been allocated to work on these reviews.
- (8) What is the DPCD budget allocation for these reviews in the 2007–08 financial year.
- (9) Have any external consultants been engaged; if so —
  - (a) who are the consultants;
  - (b) how much has been paid for each consultancy to date; and
  - (c) what is the budget for external consultants.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

1. Sixteen councils are participating in the review of the Local Planning Policy Framework. They are:
  - Port Phillip
  - Bayside
  - Moreland
  - Stonnington
  - Whitehorse
  - Manningham
  - Brimbank
  - Greater Dandenong

- Colac-Otway
- Greater Bendigo
- Hume
- Yarra Ranges
- Moira
- Mornington Peninsula
- Moorabool
- Mansfield

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All councils volunteered to be part of the project. The councils nominated themselves in January 2008 after a request was sent to all municipalities from the MAV calling for volunteers.

4. The review commenced in February 2008.
5. The review will pilot three alternative models to improve the effectiveness of the Local Planning Policy Framework and test each model against a set of evaluation principles.
6. The review will be completed by December 2008.
7. A 0.5 position has been allocated to the project.
8. An estimated budget of \$20,000 has been allocated for the project in the 2007–08 financial year.
9. The consultants engaged for the project are:
  - AlphaPlan
  - Gaye McKenzie, Planning Consultant

Of the \$20,000 budgeted \$11,326 (ex GST) has been spent to date.

### **Education: Croydon North Primary School**

**2013. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to the delivery of the Victorian Schools Plan: On what date will work begin on Croydon North Primary School’s rebuild, renovation or extension.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Government has committed \$1.9 billion to renovate or rebuild a further 500 schools in four years. This is the largest school building program in the State’s history, and will transform education infrastructure across the State. The Victorian Schools Plan will see the remainder of the 1600 Government schools rebuilt or renovated over the next ten years.

In order for each school to be considered for funding under the Victorian Schools Plan, it must be invited for consideration through the Building Futures process. The Building Futures framework ensures that educational needs and improved educational outcomes underpin any future capital investment and is the best way to ensure world class educational facilities are delivered for all Victorians.

**Education: Croydon West Primary School**

**2014. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to the delivery of the Victorian Schools Plan: On what date will work begin on Croydon West Primary School’s rebuild, renovation or extension.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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**Education: Kalinda Primary School**

**2015. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to the delivery of the Victorian Schools Plan: On what date will work begin on Kalinda Primary School’s rebuild, renovation or extension.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Government has committed \$1.9 billion to renovate or rebuild a further 500 schools in four years. This is the largest school building program in the State’s history, and will transform education infrastructure across the State. The Victorian Schools Plan will see the remainder of the 1600 Government schools rebuilt or renovated over the next ten years.

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**Education: Maroondah Secondary College**

**2016. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to the delivery of the Victorian Schools Plan: On what date will work begin on Maroondah Secondary College’s rebuild, renovation or extension.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Government has committed \$1.9 billion to renovate or rebuild a further 500 schools in four years. This is the largest school building program in the State’s history, and will transform education infrastructure across the State. The Victorian Schools Plan will see the remainder of the 1600 Government schools rebuilt or renovated over the next ten years.



In order for each school to be considered for funding under the Victorian Schools Plan, it must be invited for consideration through the Building Futures process. The Building Futures framework ensures that educational needs and improved educational outcomes, underpin any future capital investment and is the best way to ensure world class educational facilities are delivered for all Victorians.

**Education: North Ringwood Primary School**

**2017. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to the delivery of the Victorian Schools Plan: On what date will work begin on North Ringwood Primary School’s rebuild, renovation or extension.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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**Education: Norwood Secondary College**

**2018. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to the delivery of the Victorian Schools Plan: On what date will work begin on Norwood Secondary College’s rebuild, renovation or extension.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Government has committed \$1.9 billion to renovate or rebuild a further 500 schools in four years. This is the largest school building program in the State’s history, and will transform education infrastructure across the State. The Victorian Schools Plan will see the remainder of the 1600 Government schools rebuilt or renovated over the next ten years.

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**Education: Park Orchards Primary School**

**2019. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to the delivery of the Victorian Schools Plan: On what date will work begin on Park Orchards Primary School’s rebuild, renovation or extension.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Government has committed \$1.9 billion to renovate or rebuild a further 500 schools in four years. This is the largest school building program in the State's history, and will transform education infrastructure across the State. The Victorian Schools Plan will see the remainder of the 1600 Government schools rebuilt or renovated over the next ten years.

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**Education: Ringwood Heights Primary School**

**2020. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to the delivery of the Victorian Schools Plan: On what date will work begin on Ringwood Heights Primary School's rebuild, renovation or extension.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Government has committed \$1.9 billion to renovate or rebuild a further 500 schools in four years. This is the largest school building program in the State's history, and will transform education infrastructure across the State. The Victorian Schools Plan will see the remainder of the 1600 Government schools rebuilt or renovated over the next ten years.

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**Education: Warrandyte Primary School**

**2021. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to the delivery of the Victorian Schools Plan: On what date will work begin on Warrandyte Primary School's rebuild, renovation or extension.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Government has committed \$1.9 billion to renovate or rebuild a further 500 schools in four years. This is the largest school building program in the State's history, and will transform education infrastructure across the State. The Victorian Schools Plan will see the remainder of the 1600 Government schools rebuilt or renovated over the next ten years.

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**Education: Warranwood Primary School**

**2022. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to the delivery of the Victorian Schools Plan: On what date will work begin on Warranwood Primary School's rebuild, renovation or extension.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Government has committed \$1.9 billion to renovate or rebuild a further 500 schools in four years. This is the largest school building program in the State's history, and will transform education infrastructure across the State. The Victorian Schools Plan will see the remainder of the 1600 Government schools rebuilt or renovated over the next ten years.

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**Education: Warrandyte High School**

**2024.**     **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to the delivery of the Victorian Schools Plan: On what date will work begin on Warrandyte High School's rebuild, renovation or extension.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Government has committed \$1.9 billion to renovate or rebuild a further 500 schools in four years. This is the largest school building program in the State's history, and will transform education infrastructure across the State. The Victorian Schools Plan will see the remainder of the 1600 Government schools rebuilt or renovated over the next ten years.

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**Education: Mullum Primary School**

**2025.**     **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to the delivery of the Victorian Schools Plan: On what date will work begin on Mullum Primary School's rebuild, renovation or extension.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Government has committed \$1.9 billion to renovate or rebuild a further 500 schools in four years. This is the largest school building program in the State's history, and will transform education infrastructure across the State. The Victorian Schools Plan will see the remainder of the 1600 Government schools rebuilt or renovated over the next ten years.

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**Education: Parkwood Secondary College**

**2026. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to the delivery of the Victorian Schools Plan: On what date will work begin on Parkwood Secondary College’s rebuild, renovation or extension.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Government has committed \$1.9 billion to renovate or rebuild a further 500 schools in four years. This is the largest school building program in the State’s history, and will transform education infrastructure across the State. The Victorian Schools Plan will see the remainder of the 1600 Government schools rebuilt or renovated over the next ten years.

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**Planning: Residential Land Bulletin**

**2027. MR GUY** — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Spatial Analysis and Research Branch of the Department of Planning and Community Development:

- (1) What is the release schedule for the *Residential Land Bulletin* over the next 12 months.
- (2) What was the release schedule for the *Residential Land Bulletin* over the last 36 months.
- (3) Was the publication of the *Residential Land Bulletin* cancelled after the June 2007 edition was published; if so, why.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This is a quarterly publication.

The *Residential Land Bulletin* is generally published on a quarterly basis around five to six months after the end of the relevant quarter. Publication of the Bulletin is dependent on the availability of supporting data. Typically, data on lots in subdivision plans, lots released and dwelling approvals is available within one to two months of the end of a quarter, while the Valuer-General’s data is available five months after the end of a quarter, hence the lag in the Valuer-General’s data presented in the report. Data processing, validation and analysis all contribute to the lead time between receipt of the data and publication.

The past release dates of the publication to the Department’s Website are provided below.

Edition	Release date
December 2007 Q	14/05/2008
September 2007 Q	17/04/2008
June 2007 Q	24/01/2008
March 2007 Q	14/09/2007
December 2006 Q	15/06/2007
September 2006 Q	17/01/2007
June 2006 Q	21/09/2006
March 2006 Q	20/06/2006

December 2005 Q	10/03/2006
September 2005 Q	3/02/2006
June 2005 Q	3/10/2005
March 2005 Q	19/07/2005

The *Residential Land Bulletin* has not ceased publication.

**Planning: Landmark Education Corporation**

**2038. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that/as follows:

The Department of Planning and Community Development was established on 14 August 2007.

The Department of Planning and Community Development continues to provide training opportunities to employees from a number of accredited training organisations. Landmark Education Corporation was not one of the accredited training organisations departmental staff attended.

**Roads and ports: Landmark Education Corporation**

**2041. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Roads and Ports):

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

**ANSWER:**

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

The Department of Transport continues to provide training opportunities to employees from a number of credited training organisations. Landmark Education Corporation is not one of them.

**Community services: Bass Coast — community building project**

**2062. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$500,000 worth of funding for a community building project on the Bass Coast announced on 30 April 2002:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The initiative is not my portfolio responsibility.

**Community services: community infrastructure project**

**2073. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$10 million worth of funding for the Community Infrastructure Project promised in the 2002–03 budget:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended by the end of the 2004–05 financial year.
- (2) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of that evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The initiative is not my portfolio responsibility.

**Senior Victorians: support for carers program**

**2083. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to the Support for Carers Program: How much funding did the Program receive in each of the financial years 2004–05 to 2007–08.

**ANSWER:**

The Support for Carers Program received the following funding —

- (1) 2004–05—\$11.5 million
- (2) 2005–06—\$12.2 million
- (3) 2006–07—\$12.5 million
- (4) 2007–08—\$13.5 million.

**Senior Victorians: respite care services**

**2084. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to the Government’s commitment to ‘fund projects in innovative and creative respite options to meet individual and changing needs of those in care relationships’ as seen in the Department of Human Services action plan 2006–09, ‘Recognising and supporting care relationships for older Victorians’.

- (1) Which projects were funded in the financial years 2005–06, 2006–07 and 2007–08.
- (2) How much funding did each project receive.

**ANSWER:**

1.

Projects funded in:

- (a) 2005–06

Meeting diverse and transition care needs projects:

Bunurong Community Care

Lyndoch Warrnambool Inc  
 Barwon Health  
 Bendigo Health Care Group  
 Wimmera Health Care Group  
 Moonee Valley–Melbourne Primary Care Partnership  
 City of Darebin

(b) 2006–07

Well for Life in Care Relationships projects:

Family Care  
 BSL  
 Warrnambool CC  
 Benetas  
 Villa Maria  
 Carers Vic (Carer Links West)  
 City of Darebin

(c) 2007–08

Services and information for people with dementia and their carers from Aboriginal and CALD backgrounds

Diversitat/ AAV  
 St Laurence Community Services  
 Western Region Health Centre  
 Western Health  
 North West CALD Partnership (auspiced by Action on Disability in Ethnic Communities)

(2) How much funding did each project receive.

Bunurong Community Care	\$50,000
Lyndoch Warrnambool Inc	\$50,000
Barwon Health	\$50,000
Bendigo Health Care Group	\$50,000
Wimmera Health Care Group	\$50,000
Moonee Valley–Melbourne PCP	\$50,000
City of Darebin	\$25,000
Family Care	\$27,840
BSL	\$20,000
Warrnambool CC	\$20,000
Benetas	\$14,500
Villa Maria	\$30,000
Carers Vic (Carer Links West)	\$27,635
City of Darebin	\$18,000
Diversitat/AAV	\$36,300
St Laurence Community Services	\$41,993
Western Region Health Centre	\$30,088
Western Health	\$30,000
North West CALD Partnership	\$ 5,000

**Senior Victorians: respite care services**

**2086. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to the Government’s commitment to ‘undertake a research and development project to examine how well social support and respite services meet carer needs and support care relationships’, as stated in the Department of Human Services action plan 2006–09, ‘*Recognising and supporting care relationships for older Victorians*’: Has this project been completed —

- (a) if so, can the Minister provide a copy of the report;
- (b) if not, what is the expected date of completion.

**ANSWER:**

- (1) The project has not been completed.
- (2) The expected date of completion is early 2009.

**Senior Victorians: Stella Anderson Nursing Home**

**2090. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to the redevelopment of Stella Anderson Nursing Home in Bendigo: Will the redevelopment be funded in the 2008–09 Victorian Budget.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Senior Victorians: Trentham Residential Aged Care**

**2091. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to the redevelopment of Trentham Residential Aged Care in Trentham: Will the redevelopment be funded in the 2008–09 Victorian Budget.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Community services: child protection and family services**

**2114. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to the child protection and family services workforce:

- (1) Will the Government fund a greater number of workers in the upcoming budget.
- (2) How many extra positions will be funded.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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



**Mental health: disability services — early intervention services**

**2116. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to early intervention services for children with disabilities: Will the Government provide the extra \$6 million promised in the 2006 election in the upcoming budget.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Planning: Glen Eira — public open space**

**2169. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning: What was the total amount of state-controlled public open space within the City of Glen Eira in each of the years 2002 to 2007.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

I am unable to respond to this question as the matter comes under the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Environment and Climate Change.

**Planning: Bentleigh electorate — public open space**

**2170. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning: What was the total amount of state-controlled public open space within the Bentleigh electorate in each of the years 2002 to 2007.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

I am unable to respond to this question as the matter comes under the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Environment and Climate Change.

**Planning: Stonnington — public open space**

**2171. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning: What was the total amount of state-controlled public open space within the City of Stonnington in each of the years 2002 to 2007.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

I am unable to respond to this question as the matter comes under the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Environment and Climate Change.

**Planning: Prahran electorate — public open space**

**2172. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning: What was the total amount of state-controlled public open space within the Prahran electorate in each of the years 2002 to 2007.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

I am unable to respond to this question as the matter comes under the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Environment and Climate Change.

**Roads and ports: Healesville bypass road**

**2173. MRS PETROVICH** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): What are the intentions for the land designated for the Healesville Bypass Road.

**ANSWER:**

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

Whilst there are no current proposals to construct a road within the Healesville Freeway reservation, the option for a future road will continue to be protected by the reservation.

**Innovation: fair payments policy**

**2200. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Innovation: In relation to the Government's Fair Payments Policy, which requires a department or agency to pay invoices for work done by small businesses within 30 days or pay penalty interest, with respect to the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

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

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

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

Accordingly no penalty interest payments have been made.

**Planning: fair payments policy**

**2205. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Government's Fair Payments Policy, which requires a department or agency to pay invoices for work done by small businesses within 30 days or pay penalty interest, with respect to the Department of Planning and Community Development and/or the former Department of Victorian Communities:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that/as follows:

In relation to the five questions, the Department of Planning and Community Development and the former Department for Victorian Communities has not paid any penalty interest.

**Community services: home and community care — Glen Eira**

**2226. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): Per capita, what was the State Government Home and Community Care funding contribution in the City of Glen Eira in 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- The State Government Home and Community Care funding contribution per capita, in the City of Glen Eira for 2004–05 was \$518.
- (Note: In this context per capita means per head of estimated HACC target population and funding is the amount of money in the local government area for service provision to clients).

**Community services: home and community care — Glen Eira**

**2227. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): Per capita, what was the State Government Home and Community Care funding contribution in the City of Glen Eira in 2005.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- The State Government Home and Community Care funding contribution per capita, in the City of Glen Eira for 2005–06 was \$507.
- (Note: In this context per capita means per head of estimated HACC target population and funding is the amount of money in the local government area for service provision to clients).

**Community services: home and community care — Glen Eira**

**2228.** **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): Per capita, what was the State Government Home and Community Care funding contribution in the City of Glen Eira in 2006.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- The State Government Home and Community Care funding contribution per capita, in the City of Glen Eira for 2006–07 was \$511.
- (Note: In this context per capita means per head of estimated HACC target population and funding is the amount of money in the local government area for service provision to clients).

**Community services: home and community care — Glen Eira**

**2229.** **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): Per capita, what was the State Government Home and Community Care funding contribution in the City of Glen Eira in 2007.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- The State Government Home and Community Care funding contribution per capita, in the City of Glen Eira for 2007–08 was \$529
- (Note: In this context per capita means per head of estimated HACC target population and funding is the amount of money in the local government area for service provision to clients).

**Planning: stress leave**

**2233.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details of all stress related leave, including —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Major projects: stress leave**

**2236.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details of all stress related leave, including —

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

**ANSWER:**

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

Staff are entitled to a range of authorised absences/leave including sick leave. No data is available as to whether any sick leave absences are due to any particular illness.

**Education: stress leave**

**2240. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details of all stress related leave, including —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Consumer affairs: stress leave**

**2260. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details of all stress related leave, including —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

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

**Roads and ports: stress leave**

**2269. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details of all stress related leave, including —

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

**ANSWER:**

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

I am informed that a detailed response would be too voluminous and an unnecessary diversion of department resources.

**Innovation: salary levels**

**2272. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Innovation: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration, for the financial year 2006–07: How many public servants are paid more than the base salary rate for Victorian Members of Parliament, indicating their —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

This information can be located in the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development Annual Report.

**Education: salary levels**

**2280. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration, for the financial year 2006–07: How many public servants are paid more than the base salary rate for Victorian Members of Parliament, indicating their —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

Remuneration details for the 2006–07 financial year are contained in the Department of Education 2006–07 Annual Report.

**Consumer affairs: salary levels**

**2300. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration, for the financial year 2006–07: How many public servants are paid more than the base salary rate for Victorian Members of Parliament, indicating their —

- (a) classifications;
- (b) salary package;

- (c) position; and
- (d) responsibilities.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

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

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

**Regional and rural development: salary levels**

**2301. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Regional and Rural Development): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration, for the financial year 2006–07: How many public servants are paid more than the base salary rate for Victorian Members of Parliament, indicating their —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Skills and workforce participation: salary levels**

**2302. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Skills and Workforce Participation): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration, for the financial year 2006–07: How many public servants are paid more than the base salary rate for Victorian Members of Parliament, indicating their —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Tourism and major events: salary levels**

**2304. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Tourism and Major Events): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration, for the financial year 2006–07: How many public servants are paid more than the base salary rate for Victorian Members of Parliament, indicating their —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

Information on staff numbers and VPS classification is provided in the annual reports of departments, agencies and authorities. Information relating to the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development can be found on page 121 of the 2006–07 Annual Report.

**Planning: travel expenses**

**2313. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to expenditure on overseas travel by each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Education: travel expenses**

**2320. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to expenditure on overseas travel by each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:



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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Water: travel expenses**

**2322. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): In relation to expenditure on overseas travel by each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Given the very broad nature of the question, compiling the information requested would place a large burden on the department's time and resources.

**Industrial relations: travel expenses**

**2345. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Industrial Relations): In relation to expenditure on overseas travel by each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Planning: legal expenses**

**2353. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to legal expenses incurred by each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Water: women — boards, councils and committees**

**2402. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): In relation to each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration: How many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, indicating in respect of each board, council or committee the total number of members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This information is publicly available on the Public Board Appointments Victoria website ([www.publicboards.vic.gov.au](http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au)) and can also be found on the individual websites of each board, council and committee.

**Senior Victorians: capital grants program**

**2431. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to Aged and Community Care’s 2008–09 Budget Submission recommending the establishment of a capital grants program available to all providers of residential aged care services: Does the Government support this recommendation —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Senior Victorians: hospital-to-home care**

**2432. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to Aged and Community Care’s 2008–09 Budget Submission recommending additional funding to improve transition care from hospital to a person’s home: Does the Government support this recommendation —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Senior Victorians: small and isolated communities**

**2433. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to Aged and Community Care’s 2008–09 Budget Submission recommending additional funding to build care safety, quality and capacity in small and isolated Victorian communities: Does the Government support this recommendation —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Senior Victorians: aged-care strategic plan**

**2435. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to Aged and Community Care’s 2008–09 Budget Submission recommending that the Victorian Government develops an Aged Care Strategic Plan: Does the government support this recommendation —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Senior Victorians: home and community care**

**2436. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to Aged and Community Care’s 2008–09 Budget Submission recommending that the Home and Community Care Program is indexed to 5 per cent: Does the Government support this recommendation —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Senior Victorians: home and community care**

**2437. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to the Carers Victoria 2008–09 Budget Submission recommending that the Victorian Government lobby the Commonwealth to achieve significant real growth in the HACC Program to reduce service gaps and waiting lists: Does the Government support this recommendation; if not, what are the Government’s reasons for opposing this recommendation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Senior Victorians: home and community care**

**2438. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to the Carers Victoria 2008–09 Budget Submission recommending that the Government should direct funds towards ‘supplementing and strengthening the capacity of HACC assessment services’: Does the Government support this recommendation —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Senior Victorians: carer consultant program**

**2439. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to the Carers Victoria 2008–09 Budget Submission recommending that the Government expand the recurrent funding available to the Carer Consultant Program ‘to ensure its expansion across child and adolescent mental health services, adult mental health services and aged services’: Does the Government support this recommendation —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Senior Victorians: FaST program**

**2440. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to the Carers Victoria 2008–09 Budget Submission recommending additional funding of the FaST Program: Does the Government support this recommendation —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Senior Victorians: community aged-care packages**

**2441. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to the Carers Victoria 2008–09 Budget Submission recommending an ‘improved ration of Community Aged Care Packages to other forms of care in the aged care planning ratio’: Does the government support this recommendation —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Senior Victorians: day program waiting list**

- 2442. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to the Carers Victoria 2008–09 Budget Submission recommending additional funds to allow greater community participation for those currently classed as ‘urgent’ or ‘high priority’ on the day program waiting list: Does the Government support this recommendation —
- (a) if so, how much extra funding will the Government commit in this year’s budget;
  - (b) if not, what are the Government’s reasons for opposing this recommendation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Senior Victorians: pensioner concessions**

- 2444. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to the Fair Go for Pensioners Coalition 2008–09 Budget Submission recommending an increase in the pensioner concession rates for utilities and for municipal rates: Does the Government support this recommendation —
- (a) if so, how much extra funding will the Government commit in this year’s budget;
  - (b) if not, what are the Government’s reasons for opposing this recommendation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Senior Victorians: low-income concessions**

- 2447. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to the Council on the Ageing 2008–09 Budget Submission recommending that the State Government allocate ‘sufficient funds to ensure that the cost of utilities, rates and taxes are affordable for those on low incomes’: Does the Government support this recommendation —
- (a) if so, how much extra funding will the Government commit in this year’s budget;
  - (b) if not, what are the Government’s reasons for opposing this recommendation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Senior Victorians: older men’s health coordinator**

- 2448. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to the Council on the Ageing 2008–09 Budget Submission

recommending funding for the employment of an Older Men's Health Coordinator to bolster older men's social inclusion: Does the Government support this recommendation —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Women's affairs: Office of Women's Policy — program funding**

**2451. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Women's Affairs): In relation to the \$1.4 million of funding for the expansion of programs in the Office of Women's Policy announced on 8 May 2000:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended by 30 June 2003.
- (2) Which programs were expanded using these funds.
- (3) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of that evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that/as follows:

By 30 June 2003, all of the \$1.4 million funding was expended.

This funding provided for the relocation of the Office of Women's Policy (OWP) to the Department of Premier and Cabinet, as well as providing for the expansion of the Office's policy capacity from five to seven policy staff.

The funding was also used to deliver on key government policy commitments including addressing violence against women, the creation of a consultation program with Victoria's women, research into the media portrayal of women, and the strengthening of the Victorian Women's Directory managed at that time by the Waite Group.

The performance measures for these activities are included and reported on in the Departmental Output Statements in the Budget Papers.

**Women's affairs: women's safety strategy**

**2463. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Women's Affairs): In relation to the \$3.4 million of funding to establish a Women's Safety Strategy announced 12 May 2002 and the subsequent the \$600,000 of funding announced 21 October 2002:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended by 30 June 2006.
- (2) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of that evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that/as follows:

As Minister for Women's Affairs I have overall responsibility for the development and monitoring of the Women's Safety Strategy. However, expenditure responsibilities within the strategy rest with the participating portfolio Ministers and their departments.

With respect to the \$600,000 funding provided from the Community Support Fund and announced on 21 October 2002, \$300,398 was expended by 30 June 2006.

The Women's Safety Strategy as a whole is currently under evaluation.

**Women's affairs: family violence network program**

**2465. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Women's Affairs): In relation to the \$1.5 million of funding to enhance the Family Violence Network Program announced 4 June 2002:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended by 30 June 2005.
- (2) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of that evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

As Minister for Women's Affairs I have overall responsibility for the development and monitoring of the Family Violence Strategy. However, expenditure responsibilities within the strategy rest with the participating portfolio Ministers and their Departments.

**Women's affairs: violence prevention programs for men**

**2466. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Women's Affairs): In relation to the \$1.6 million of funding to implement a range of prevention programs for men who use violence against family members announced 29 July 2002:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended by 30 June 2005.
- (2) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of that evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

As Minister for Women's Affairs I have overall responsibility for the development and monitoring of the Family Violence Strategy. However, expenditure responsibilities within the strategy rest with the participating portfolio Ministers and their Departments.

**Women's affairs: women's community leadership grants**

**2473. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Women's Affairs): In relation to the \$132,000 of funding for the Women's Community Leadership Grants announced 16 August 2004:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended by 30 June 2005.
- (2) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of that evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that/as follows:

By 30 June 2005, all of the \$132,000 funding had been expended.

An evaluation of the Women's Community Leadership Grants was undertaken in 2005. The results were that:



- the grants have provided a significant benefit to a number of women, especially disadvantaged women;
- the benefits of the grants have had a lasting legacy with many programs continuing beyond the period of the funding from the initial grant;
- the benefits gained from the grants extends beyond the participants to include the flow on effect to other women who either undertake subsequent programs or are mentored by the original women; and
- the skills gained from undertaking funded programs have enabled a number of women to help their communities and other women.

**Water: sewerage — Warrandyte electorate**

**2505. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): In relation to the Government’s plan to accelerate septic tank replacement in the Electorate of Warrandyte:

- (1) Have Yarra Valley Water completed their plan to replace septic tanks in the area with a reticulated sewerage system.
- (2) Is it a requirement that the Essential Services Commission must sign off on this plan before the implementation can proceed.
- (3) Will there be an opportunity for community comment on the plan before it is implemented.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Yarra Valley Water has completed its plan to replace septic tanks in the electorate of Warrandyte with a reticulated sewerage system as part of the Metropolitan Backlog Sewerage Program.

The Essential Services Commission will make a decision on Yarra Valley Water’s Water Plan, including the cost of implementing the Metropolitan Backlog Sewerage Program, by mid 2009. This decision will be made before the implementation of backlog sewerage projects can commence.

The metropolitan fringe councils, including the City of Manningham, have prepared domestic wastewater management plans which identify priority areas for the installation of sewerage infrastructure. These plans were an input to Yarra Valley Water’s planning process for septic tank replacement within its license area.

The Essential Services Commission will provide an opportunity for the community and other interested stakeholders to comment on the Water Plan before it is approved.

**Planning: media and communications staff**

**2509. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Education: media and communications staff**

**2516. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Water: media and communications staff**

**2518. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- 1) Ministerial staff are employed by the Premier and administered by the Department of Premier and Cabinet. In accordance with Premier's guidelines, the Department of Sustainability and Environment provides a Department Liaison Officer to my office and an administrative assistant as required.
- 2) There are no public relations or communications units under my control or in my office. The research required to provide information on communications units in department, agencies and authorities under my administration would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

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

**2533. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What is the number and cost of staff working in the Minister's office.

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

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

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

**Corrections: media and communications staff**

**2534. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Corrections): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

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

**Tourism and major events: media and communications staff**

**2540. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Tourism and Major Events): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

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

**Education: advertising**

**2596. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration: What the details are of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, indicating —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

Details regarding advertising for the 2006–07 financial year can be found in the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee Report on the 2006–07 Financial Performance Outcomes.

Further information can be found at [www.contracts.vic.gov.au](http://www.contracts.vic.gov.au)

**Water: advertising**

**2598. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration: What the details are of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, indicating —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Given the very broad nature of the question, compiling the information requested would place a large burden on the department’s time and resources.

**Police and emergency services: advertising**

**2613. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration: What the details are of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, indicating —

- (a) the date of approval for each contract;
- (b) the cost of each contract;
- (c) the purpose of advertisement;

- (d) the duration of advertisement;
- (e) where and when each advertisement was published or broadcast; and
- (f) to whom each contract was awarded.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

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

**Corrections: advertising**

**2614. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Corrections): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration: What the details are of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, indicating —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

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

**Regional and rural development: advertising**

**2617. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Regional and Rural Development): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration: What the details are of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, indicating —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

Further information can be found at [www.contracts.vic.gov.au](http://www.contracts.vic.gov.au)

**Skills and workforce participation: advertising**

**2618. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Skills and Workforce Participation): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration: What the details are of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, indicating —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

Further information can be found at [www.contracts.vic.gov.au](http://www.contracts.vic.gov.au)

**Tourism and major events: advertising**

**2620. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Tourism and Major Events): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration: What the details are of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, indicating —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

Further information can be found at [www.contracts.vic.gov.au](http://www.contracts.vic.gov.au)

**Planning: entertainment expenses**

**2629. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details are of all entertainment expenses incurred, indicating —

- (a) total costs incurred by each section, including the Minister’s office; and
- (b) itemised details of all expenditure in excess of \$500, including the —

- (i) date incurred;
- (ii) cost;
- (iii) number of guests;
- (iv) purpose; and
- (v) name of service provider.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Education: entertainment expenses**

**2636. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details are of all entertainment expenses incurred, indicating —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Water: entertainment expenses**

**2638. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details are of all entertainment expenses incurred, indicating —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Given the very broad nature of the question, compiling the information requested would place a large burden on the department's time and resources.

**Housing: entertainment expenses**

**2640. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details are of all entertainment expenses incurred, indicating —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Attorney-General: entertainment expenses**

**2651. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Attorney-General): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details are of all entertainment expenses incurred, indicating —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

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

Should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.



**Racing: entertainment expenses**

**2652. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Racing): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details are of all entertainment expenses incurred, indicating —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

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

Should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

**Gaming: entertainment expenses**

**2655. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Gaming): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details are of all entertainment expenses incurred, indicating —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

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

**Consumer affairs: entertainment expenses**

**2656. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details are of all entertainment expenses incurred, indicating —

- (a) total costs incurred by each section, including the Minister’s office; and
- (b) itemised details of all expenditure in excess of \$500, including the —

- (i) date incurred;
- (ii) cost;
- (iii) number of guests;
- (iv) purpose; and
- (v) name of service provider.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

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

**Tourism and major events: entertainment expenses**

**2660. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Tourism and Major Events): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details are of all entertainment expenses incurred, indicating —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Innovation: professional development expenses**

**2668. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Innovation: In relation to expenditure on conferences, seminars, workshops and training courses or like events by each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What was the name of each conference, course, seminar, workshop or like event attended indicating the —
  - (a) locality and venue; and
  - (b) purpose.
- (2) What was the cost of each event indicating —
  - (a) accommodation;
  - (b) entertainment;
  - (c) meals and refreshments;
  - (d) travel;
  - (e) car hire;

- (f) taxis and hire cars; and
  - (g) other expenses.
- (3) Was the event externally organised; if so, what was the name of the person(s), organisation(s) or companies engaged and at what cost.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

A detailed response would be too voluminous and an unnecessary diversion of the department's resources. However, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

**Planning: professional development expenses**

**2669. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to expenditure on conferences, seminars, workshops and training courses or like events by each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Education: professional development expenses**

**2676. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to expenditure on conferences, seminars, workshops and training courses or like events by each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What was the name of each conference, course, seminar, workshop or like event attended indicating the —
  - (a) locality and venue; and

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Water: professional development expenses**

**2678. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): In relation to expenditure on conferences, seminars, workshops and training courses or like events by each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Given the very broad nature of the question, compiling the information requested would place a large burden on the department's time and resources.

**Housing: professional development expenses**

**2680. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to expenditure on conferences, seminars, workshops and training courses or like events by each department, agency or authority within the Minister’s administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Attorney-General: professional development expenses**

**2691. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Attorney-General): In relation to expenditure on conferences, seminars, workshops and training courses or like events by each department, agency or authority within the Minister’s administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What was the name of each conference, course, seminar, workshop or like event attended indicating the —
  - (a) locality and venue; and
  - (b) purpose.
- (2) What was the cost of each event indicating —
  - (a) accommodation;
  - (b) entertainment;
  - (c) meals and refreshments;
  - (d) travel;
  - (e) car hire;
  - (f) taxis and hire cars; and
  - (g) other expenses.

- (3) Was the event externally organised; if so, what was the name of the person(s), organisation(s) or companies engaged and at what cost.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

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

Should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

**Racing: professional development expenses**

**2692. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Racing): In relation to expenditure on conferences, seminars, workshops and training courses or like events by each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

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

Should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

**Gaming: professional development expenses**

**2695. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Gaming): In relation to expenditure on conferences, seminars, workshops and training courses or like events by each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What was the name of each conference, course, seminar, workshop or like event attended indicating the —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

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

**Consumer affairs: professional development expenses**

**2696. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs): In relation to expenditure on conferences, seminars, workshops and training courses or like events by each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

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

**Regional and rural development: professional development expenses**

**2697. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Regional and Rural Development): In relation to expenditure on conferences, seminars, workshops and training courses or like events by each department, agency or authority within the Minister’s administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Skills and workforce participation: professional development expenses**

**2698. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Skills and Workforce Participation): In relation to expenditure on conferences, seminars, workshops and training courses or like events by each department, agency or authority within the Minister’s administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What was the name of each conference, course, seminar, workshop or like event attended indicating the —
  - (a) locality and venue; and
  - (b) purpose.
- (2) What was the cost of each event indicating —
  - (a) accommodation;
  - (b) entertainment;
  - (c) meals and refreshments;
  - (d) travel;
  - (e) car hire;
  - (f) taxis and hire cars; and
  - (g) other expenses.



**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Small business: professional development expenses**

**2699. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Small Business): In relation to expenditure on conferences, seminars, workshops and training courses or like events by each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Tourism and major events: professional development expenses**

**2700. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Tourism and Major Events): In relation to expenditure on conferences, seminars, workshops and training courses or like events by each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) What was the name of each conference, course, seminar, workshop or like event attended indicating the —
  - (a) locality and venue; and
  - (b) purpose.
- (2) What was the cost of each event indicating —
  - (a) accommodation;
  - (b) entertainment;

- (c) meals and refreshments;
  - (d) travel;
  - (e) car hire;
  - (f) taxis and hire cars; and
  - (g) other expenses.
- (3) Was the event externally organised; if so, what was the name of the person(s), organisation(s) or companies engaged and at what cost.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Industrial relations: professional development expenses**

**2701. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Industrial Relations): In relation to expenditure on conferences, seminars, workshops and training courses or like events by each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Water: household consumption**

**2706. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): In relation to articles in *The Age* on 19 and 27 March 2008, which advocated a reduction in household water consumption through consumers reducing water pressure by adjusting the tap at their

household water meter: Does the Government support the voluntary reduction in household water pressure to reduce household water consumption —

- (a) if so, what action will it take to promote this proposal; and
- (b) if not, why does it not support this proposal.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Reducing water pressure by adjusting the tap at the meter is an overly simplistic approach to water conservation. This measure affects all water-using appliances in the home, some of which may not operate if the flow rate is too low. Buckets, baths and washing machines will simply take longer to fill without any consequential water savings.

The main water savings, as a result of your suggestion, come from reduced flow in the shower. The metropolitan retailers run free showerhead exchange programs and encourage households to swap inefficient showerheads for efficient models. A three star rated showerhead uses nine litres of water less per minute than less efficient showerheads.

The Government would not discourage individual property owners from turning down the tap at their meter; however, this is not considered a water conservation measure. In addition, turning down the tap is easily reversible, while measures such as installing three-star rated showerheads and flow control valves provide for permanent water savings.

**Planning: Residential Land Bulletin**

**2711. MR GUY** — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the *Residential Land Bulletin*:

- (1) Why did it take seven months for the September quarter 2007 Bulletin to be published.
- (2) Did the Minister ask for the publication of the September quarter 2007 Bulletin to be delayed.
- (3) Is there a departmental policy on the timely release of statistical documents; if so, is a seven month delay within the policy's timeframe.
- (4) Why has the average length of time for publication of the Bulletin gone from three months over 2004–06 to an average of six months for the 2007 Bulletins.
- (5) When will the December quarter 2007 Bulletin be published.
- (6) When will the March quarter 2008 Bulletin be published.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- 1. The September quarter 2007 *Residential Land Bulletin* was delayed by technical difficulties during the data compilation and processing stages and the implementation of some new processes and outputs in the Bulletin. This resulted in a longer than normal time frame for publication.
- 2. No I did not.
- 3. The September quarter 2007 *Residential Land Bulletin* was not delayed by 7 months, rather it came out around 3 months later than expected.
- 4. The *Residential Land Bulletin* is generally published on a quarterly basis around five to six months after the end of the relevant quarter. This lag is mostly accounted for by the time it takes to gather and process the data contained in the bulletin and prepare the bulletin for publication. In providing continuous improvements to the Residential Land Bulletin, such as the inclusion of the Valuer-General's data, some processes will experience delays from time to time.

5. The December quarter 2007 *Residential Land Bulletin* was released on 14 May 2008, in line with the normal five to six month lag from end of the relevant quarter.
6. The March 2007 quarter *Residential Land Bulletin* is expected to be released in late July/early August 2008. However, as always, the production of the Bulletin is dependent on a number of external data sources providing data to DPCD in a timely manner.

**Police and emergency services: Nepean Highway–Bay Road–Karen Street, Cheltenham — red-light cameras**

**2712. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to the traffic lights at the intersection of Nepean Highway and Bay Road, and the Nepean Highway and Karen Street, particularly as they relate to right hand turns which are monitored by red light cameras: How many motorists were fined for having entered the intersection against a red light right turn arrow for a time of 0.9 of a second or less in —

- (a) January 2008;
- (b) March 2008;
- (c) January 2007;
- (d) February 2007;
- (e) March 2007;
- (f) April 2007;
- (g) May 2007;
- (h) June 2007;
- (i) July 2007;
- (j) August, 2007;
- (k) September 2007;
- (l) October 2007;
- (m) November 2007;
- (n) December 2007;
- (o) November 2006; and
- (p) December 2006.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

I am informed that there were 11 infringements issued for having entered the intersection on a red light for a time of 0.9 of a second or less between November 2006 until March 2008.

**Public transport: Bentleigh railway station — crime**

**2726. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many of the following crimes were reported at Bentleigh Train Station, Bentleigh, in the 2006–07 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;

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

**ANSWER:**

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

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

**Planning: Springvale–Hutton roads, Keysborough — land**

**2748. MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to a parcel of land of approximately 87 hectares located at the south-east corner of the intersection of Springvale Road and Hutton Road:

- (1) Does the Government have any plans to take this land out of the green wedge zone.
- (2) What discussions has the Minister or any of the Minister’s staff had with the current or former registered proprietors and/or their representatives regarding the re-zoning of this land out of the green wedge.
- (3) Does the Minister support this land remaining in the green wedge.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Green wedge zones and the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) support the strategic directions of *Melbourne 2030*, in particular the protection of Melbourne’s twelve green wedges from inappropriate development. The UGB manages outward urban expansion and the Green Wedge Zone protects and conserves green wedge land. The Government is committed to maintaining the green wedge policies and therefore the Government does not have any plans to take this land out of the Green Wedge Zone.
- (2) In April 2002, the Greater Dandenong City Council prepared Amendment C27 to the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme. The amendment proposed to rezone the Keysborough Golf Course site and nearby land immediately south of the golf course located on the south east corner of Springvale and Hutton Roads to facilitate a residential and golf course development with approximately 480 dwellings. The Department of Sustainability and Environment objected to the amendment on the basis that it did not accord with the emerging directions of *Melbourne 2030*.

The introduction of *Melbourne 2030* and the interim UGB in October 2002 placed the land outside the UGB. The Golf Club made a submission to *Melbourne 2030* requesting a change to include the land within the UGB. When the location of the UGB was finalised in November 2003, the Golf Club site and the land south of Hutton Road were still located outside the UGB.

Amendment C27 lapsed as the then Minister for Planning did not agree to an extension of time for the amendment to proceed on the basis that the amendment was inconsistent with the UGB and green wedge principles of *Melbourne 2030*.

I am unaware of any other subsequent discussions regarding the rezoning of this land out of the green wedge.

- (3) Green wedges are to be protected in accordance with Government objectives contained within Direction 2 of *Melbourne 2030*. The Government is committed to maintaining the green wedge policies and therefore supports this land remaining in the green wedge.

**Agriculture: agricultural spray chemicals**

**2751. MR BARBER** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to the issue of pesticide use: Does the Government collect data on the number of complaints lodged with the Department or with Local Councils regarding chemical drift from crop spraying activities in regional Victoria; if so, how many complaints have been lodged regarding this matter in the past two years and what action has the Department taken.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Department of Primary Industries (DPI) keep a log of complaints and enquiries received regarding chemical drift from crop spraying activities in regional Victoria.

Since March 2007, DPI has received 70 complaints/enquiries regarding spray drift.

The Government does not have data on cases investigated by local councils.

The majority of the contact made with DPI regarding spray drift were predominantly of an enquiry nature over legislative control and individual rights. Of the 70 complaints/enquires made to DPI 28 required further intervention. The results of DPI interventions varied from matters being amicably resolved, insufficient evidence of any damage caused and therefore no further action required, to the issuing of warning letters.

**Agriculture: agricultural spray chemicals**

**2752. MR BARBER** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to the issue of pesticide use:

- (1) How many people presented at hospitals with adverse effects from exposure to agricultural chemicals in Victoria in each of 2006, 2007 and 2008.
- (2) If the above statistics are unavailable, does the Minister consider this information to be important in protecting the health of regional Victorians and what actions will the Department take to gather this information in the future.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Whilst DPI acquaints itself with information available relating to hospital presentations as a result of exposure to agricultural chemicals, DPI is not responsible for this information. The Member should direct his question to the appropriate Minister.

**Innovation: Victorian Government Purchasing Board — procurement policies**

**2757. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Innovation: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Planning: Victorian Government Purchasing Board — procurement policies**

**2758. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Industry and trade: Victorian Government Purchasing Board — procurement policies**

**2759. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Information and communication technology: Victorian Government Purchasing Board — procurement policies**

**2760. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Information and Communication Technology: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Industrial relations: Victorian Government Purchasing Board — procurement policies**

**2790. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Industrial Relations): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Innovation: annual reports**

**2797. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Innovation: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration: What was the total cost of each annual report for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Planning: annual reports**

**2798. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration: What was the total cost of each annual report for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Industry and trade: annual reports**

**2799. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration: What was the total cost of each annual report for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07.



**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Information and communication technology: annual reports**

**2800. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Information and Communication Technology: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration: What was the total cost of each annual report for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Water: annual reports**

**2807. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration: What was the total cost of each annual report for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The research required to provide this information for each department, agency and authority under my administration would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Police and emergency services: annual reports**

**2822. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration: What was the total cost of each annual report for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

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

Should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

**Corrections: annual reports**

**2823. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Corrections): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration: What was the total cost of each annual report for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

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

Should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

**Industrial relations: annual reports**

**2830. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Industrial Relations): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration: What was the total cost of each annual report for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Innovation: trade union grants**

**2837. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Innovation: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration: What are the details of all grants made to trade union groups for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Industry and trade: trade union grants**

**2839. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration: What are the details of all grants made to trade union groups for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Information and communication technology: trade union grants**

**2840. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Information and Communication Technology: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration: What are the details of all grants made to trade union groups for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Water: trade union grants**

**2847. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration: What are the details of all grants made to trade union groups for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The research required to provide this information for each department, agency and authority would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources. However, the records of the Department of Sustainability and Environment do not indicate any grants provided to trade union groups during the period specified.

**Small business: trade union grants**

**2868. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Small Business): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration: What are the details of all grants made to trade union groups for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Industrial relations: trade union grants**

**2870. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Industrial Relations): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration: What are the details of all grants made to trade union groups for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Energy and resources: trade union grants**

**2871. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration: What are the details of all grants made to trade union groups for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07.

**ANSWER:**

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

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

**Innovation: workplace bullying**

**2877. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Innovation: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details of bullying in the workplace indicating —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Planning: workplace bullying**

**2878. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details of bullying in the workplace indicating —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Industry and trade: workplace bullying**

**2879. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details of bullying in the workplace indicating —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Information and communication technology: workplace bullying**

**2880. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Information and Communication Technology: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details of bullying in the workplace indicating —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Major projects: workplace bullying**

**2881. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details of bullying in the workplace indicating —

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

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission: workplace bullying**

**2884.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Finance, Workcover and the TAC): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details of bullying in the workplace indicating —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

To compile information for the past seven financial years would place an unnecessary burden on the resources of the departments, agencies and authorities within my administration.

**Attorney-General: workplace bullying**

**2900.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Attorney-General): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Attorney-General's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details of bullying in the workplace indicating —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

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

Should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

**Racing: workplace bullying**

**2901. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Racing): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details of bullying in the workplace indicating —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

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

Should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

**Gaming: workplace bullying**

**2904. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Gaming): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details of bullying in the workplace indicating —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

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

**Consumer affairs: workplace bullying**

**2905. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details of bullying in the workplace indicating —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

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

**Small business: workplace bullying**

**2908. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Small Business): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details of bullying in the workplace indicating —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

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

**Industrial relations: workplace bullying**

**2910. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Industrial Relations): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details of bullying in the workplace indicating —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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**Innovation: property sales**

**2917. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Innovation: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration involved in the sale of properties for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:



- (1) How many properties have been sold, indicating —
  - (a) whether they were sold by —
    - (i) selected tender;
    - (ii) public tender;
    - (iii) private sale; or
    - (iv) public auction.
  - (b) the address of each property;
  - (c) the valuation of each property and the name of the valuer;
  - (d) what advertising costs were incurred and attributed to each; and
  - (e) the sale price for each property and the terms offered.
- (2) Were there any defaults in the performance of any contracts of sale arising from those sales.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Planning: property sales**

**2918. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration involved in the sale of properties for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) How many properties have been sold, indicating —
  - (a) whether they were sold by —
    - (i) selected tender;
    - (ii) public tender;
    - (iii) private sale; or
    - (iv) public auction.
  - (b) the address of each property;
  - (c) the valuation of each property and the name of the valuer;
  - (d) what advertising costs were incurred and attributed to each; and
  - (e) the sale price for each property and the terms offered.
- (2) Were there any defaults in the performance of any contracts of sale arising from those sales.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Industry and trade: property sales**

**2919. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration involved in the sale of properties for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) How many properties have been sold, indicating —
  - (a) whether they were sold by —
    - (i) selected tender;
    - (ii) public tender;
    - (iii) private sale; or
    - (iv) public auction.
  - (b) the address of each property;
  - (c) the valuation of each property and the name of the valuer;
  - (d) what advertising costs were incurred and attributed to each; and
  - (e) the sale price for each property and the terms offered.
- (2) Were there any defaults in the performance of any contracts of sale arising from those sales.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Information and communication technology: property sales**

**2920. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Information and Communication Technology: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration involved in the sale of properties for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) How many properties have been sold, indicating —
  - (a) whether they were sold by —
    - (i) selected tender;
    - (ii) public tender;
    - (iii) private sale; or
    - (iv) public auction.
  - (b) the address of each property;
  - (c) the valuation of each property and the name of the valuer;
  - (d) what advertising costs were incurred and attributed to each; and
  - (e) the sale price for each property and the terms offered.
- (2) Were there any defaults in the performance of any contracts of sale arising from those sales.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Major projects: property sales**

**2921. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration involved in the sale of properties for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) How many properties have been sold, indicating —
  - (a) whether they were sold by —
    - (i) selected tender;
    - (ii) public tender;
    - (iii) private sale; or
    - (iv) public auction.
  - (b) the address of each property;
  - (c) the valuation of each property and the name of the valuer;
  - (d) what advertising costs were incurred and attributed to each; and
  - (e) the sale price for each property and the terms offered.
- (2) Were there any defaults in the performance of any contracts of sale arising from those sales.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Small business: property sales**

**2948. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Small Business): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration involved in the sale of properties for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) How many properties have been sold, indicating —
  - (a) whether they were sold by —
    - (i) selected tender;
    - (ii) public tender;
    - (iii) private sale; or
    - (iv) public auction.
  - (b) the address of each property;
  - (c) the valuation of each property and the name of the valuer;
  - (d) what advertising costs were incurred and attributed to each; and
  - (e) the sale price for each property and the terms offered.
- (2) Were there any defaults in the performance of any contracts of sale arising from those sales.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Industrial relations: property sales**

**2950. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Industrial Relations): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration involved in the sale of properties for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) How many properties have been sold, indicating —
  - (a) whether they were sold by —
    - (i) selected tender;
    - (ii) public tender;
    - (iii) private sale; or
    - (iv) public auction.
  - (b) the address of each property;
  - (c) the valuation of each property and the name of the valuer;
  - (d) what advertising costs were incurred and attributed to each; and
  - (e) the sale price for each property and the terms offered.
- (2) Were there any defaults in the performance of any contracts of sale arising from those sales.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission: trade union board representatives**

**2980. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Finance, Workcover and the TAC): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration: What provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on their boards, indicating —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

To compile the information requested would place an unnecessary burden on the time and resources of the departments, agencies and authorities within my administration.

**Education: trade union board representatives**

- 2981. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration: What provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on their boards, indicating —
- (a) what the basis is of their representation and when it was established;
  - (b) who the current trade union representatives are and who held the positions previously; and
  - (c) what fee or remuneration is paid to the representatives.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

To compile the information requested would place a large burden on the Department’s time and resources.

A detailed response would be too voluminous, however, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

**Health: trade union board representatives**

- 2984. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration: What provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on their boards, indicating —
- (a) what the basis is of their representation and when it was established;
  - (b) who the current trade union representatives are and who held the positions previously; and
  - (c) what fee or remuneration is paid to the representatives.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Industrial relations: trade union board representatives**

- 3006. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Industrial Relations): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration: What provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on their boards, indicating —
- (a) what the basis is of their representation and when it was established;
  - (b) who the current trade union representatives are and who held the positions previously; and
  - (c) what fee or remuneration is paid to the representatives.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Education: alcohol purchases**

**3021. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): Since the Minister's appointment, what are the details of all alcohol purchased by the Minister or the Minister's office, indicating, in respect of each purchase —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

To compile the information requested would place a large burden on the Department's time and resources.

A detailed response would be too voluminous, however, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

**Police and emergency services: alcohol purchases**

**3038. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): Since the Minister's appointment, what are the details of all alcohol purchased by the Minister or the Minister's office, indicating, in respect of each purchase —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Alcohol expenditure is included in overall catering expenses; therefore, to extract the details of specific purchases of alcohol would be an unreasonable diversion of the Department's resources.

**Corrections: alcohol purchases**

**3039. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Corrections): Since the Minister's appointment, what are the details of all alcohol purchased by the Minister or the Minister's office, indicating, in respect of each purchase —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Alcohol expenditure is included in overall catering expenses; therefore, to extract the details of specific purchases of alcohol would be an unreasonable diversion of the Department's resources.

**Industrial relations: alcohol purchases**

**3045. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Industrial Relations): Since the Minister's appointment, what are the details of all alcohol purchased by the Minister or the Minister's office, indicating, in respect of each purchase —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Innovation: uniforms**

**3052. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Innovation: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission: uniforms**

**3059. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Finance, Workcover and the TAC): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

To compile the information requested would place an unnecessary burden on the time and resources of the departments, agencies and authorities within my administration.

**Education: uniforms**

**3060. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

To compile the information requested would place a large burden on the Department’s time and resources.

A detailed response would be too voluminous, however, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

**Health: uniforms**

**3063. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Mental health: uniforms**

**3065. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration:

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



**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Community services: uniforms**

**3066. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Senior Victorians: uniforms**

**3067. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Industrial relations: uniforms**

**3085. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Industrial Relations): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration:

- (1) How many employees are supplied with uniforms.

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Innovation: staff attrition rate**

- 3092. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Innovation: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration: What was the staff attrition rate for each of the financial years 2000–01 to 2006–07.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Education: staff attrition rate**

- 3101. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration: What was the staff attrition rate for each of the financial years 2000–01 to 2006–07.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

To compile the information requested would place a large burden on the Department's time and resources.

A detailed response would be too voluminous, however, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

**Health: staff attrition rate**

- 3104. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration: What was the staff attrition rate for each of the financial years 2000–01 to 2006–07.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Mental health: staff attrition rate**

**3106. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration: What was the staff attrition rate for each of the financial years 2000–01 to 2006–07.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Community services: staff attrition rate**

**3107. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration: What was the staff attrition rate for each of the financial years 2000–01 to 2006–07.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Senior Victorians: staff attrition rate**

**3108. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration: What was the staff attrition rate for each of the financial years 2000–01 to 2006–07.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Police and emergency services: staff attrition rate**

**3118. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration: What was the staff attrition rate for each of the financial years 2000–01 to 2006–07.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

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

Should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

**Corrections: staff attrition rate**

**3119. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Corrections): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration: What was the staff attrition rate for each of the financial years 2000–01 to 2006–07.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

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

Should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

**Industrial relations: staff attrition rate**

**3126. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Industrial Relations): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration: What was the staff attrition rate for each of the financial years 2000–01 to 2006–07.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Environment and climate change: Parks Victoria — Mallacoota staff**

**3133. MR P. R. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: How many Parks Victoria officers are based permanently at Mallacoota.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

One Ranger-in-Charge for the Mallacoota area and

Six (6) Rangers and Field Service Officers

Two (2) Part-time Lightstation Caretakers

Two (2) Part-time Business Support Officers

Please note that other Parks Victoria–East Gippsland District staff also work from the Mallacoota office from time to time.

**Police and emergency services: Nepean Highway–Bay Road, Cheltenham — red-light cameras**

**3138. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to the traffic lights at the intersection of the Nepean Highway and Bay Road and in particular the light sequencing which governs south bound vehicles turning right from the Nepean Highway in a westerly direction down Bay Road which is monitored by a red light camera: How many infringement notices were issued on 19 March 2008.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

There were 33 infringement notices issued on 19 March 2008.

**Environment and climate change: J. H. Boyd Girls High School site**

**3165. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: In relation to the site of the former J. H. Boyd Girls High School, at 207–221 City Road, Southbank: Does the Government have any plans for using any or the entire site as public open space.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This question falls outside my portfolio responsibilities as the site in question is owned by Melbourne City Council.

**Energy and resources: adjournment debate**

**3255. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): What is the usual length of time it takes the Minister to respond to matters raised in the Adjournment debate.

**ANSWER:**

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

I endeavour to respond to all Adjournment Debate matters as soon as practicable.

**Water: adjournment debate**

**3263. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): What is the usual length of time it takes the Minister to respond to matters raised in the Adjournment debate.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Where there is no complexity that might cause unavoidable delays, I endeavour to respond to adjournment matters within 30 days.

**Environment and climate change: adjournment debate**

**3264. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: What is the usual length of time it takes the Minister to respond to matters raised in the Adjournment debate.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Where there is no complexity that might cause unavoidable delays, I respond to adjournment matters within 30 days.

**Community services: adjournment debate**

**3273.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): What is the usual length of time it takes the Minister to respond to matters raised in the Adjournment debate.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The time taken varies depending on the complexity of the matter being raised and the accessibility of relevant information.

**Mental health: adjournment debate**

**3274.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): What is the usual length of time it takes the Minister to respond to matters raised in the Adjournment debate.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The time taken varies depending on the complexity of the matter being raised and the accessibility of relevant information.

**Senior Victorians: adjournment debate**

**3275.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): What is the usual length of time it takes the Minister to respond to matters raised in the Adjournment debate.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The time taken varies depending on the complexity of the matter being raised and the accessibility of relevant information.