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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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

**Tuesday, 19 August 2008**

**Water, environment and climate change: ministerial conduct**

**549. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Water, Environment and Climate Change): In relation to overseas travel —

- (1) Has the Minister taken any international trips —
  - (a) between 1 January 2003 and 1 March 2003;
  - (b) between 1 October 2003 and 31 December 2003;
  - (c) in 2004;
  - (d) in 2006; and
  - (e) in 2007.
- (2) If so —
  - (a) What was the date/s of travel.
  - (b) What was the destination/s of travel.
  - (c) What was the purpose for the travel.
  - (d) How many staff members accompanied him on the travel.
  - (e) What was the total cost of this travel broken down into —
    - (i) airfares;
    - (ii) accommodation;
    - (iii) meals; and
    - (iv) all other expenses.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The previous Minister did not travel overseas between 1 January 2003 and 1 March 2003.

The previous Minister did not travel overseas between 1 October 2003 and 31 December 2003.

The former Minister travelled to Canada and the United States of America between 11 May and 23 May 2004.

The purpose of the trip was to attend a Conference of the Reducers in Toronto. The former Minister also met with officials from Canadian and US state governments on climate change issues.

The total cost for airfares for the former Minister and one ministerial staff member was \$19,472. The total cost of accommodation was \$2,316. The total cost for meals and other expenses for the former Minister and one ministerial staff member was \$11,769.

The former Minister travelled to India and Sri Lanka between 30 January 2006 and 15 February 2006. The purpose of the trip was to attend a number of meetings with Indian Government officials to explore opportunities for collaboration with the Victorian Government in regards to water salinity, green buildings, renewable energy, climate change and water management practices. The former Minister was not accompanied by a ministerial staff

member on this travel. While in Sri Lanka the former Minister for Water, Environment and Climate Change inspected the progress of the Victorian Government's Tsunami Disaster Reconstruction Fund.

The total cost for airfares for the former Minister was \$9,802. The total cost of accommodation was \$8,051. The total allowance paid to the former Minister for meals and other expenses was \$3,309.

The former Minister did not travel overseas in 2007.

### Roads and ports: licences

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

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

### ANSWER:

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

- (1) The following information is available as at 24 September 2007. This information is not readily available for the periods requested.
  - (a) Motor car—3,261,395
  - (b) Motorcycle (class R)—1,588
  - (c) Light rigid (class LR)—25,659
  - (d) Medium rigid (class MR)—77,571
  - (e) Heavy rigid (class HR)—149,818
  - (f) Heavy combination (class HC)—136,394
  - (g) Multi combination—(class MC)—16,754

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

Licences from categories (c) to (g) above are a type of heavy vehicle endorsement added to a motor car licence.

- (2–5) The information sought is not readily available. Significant cost and effort would be required to develop a report which would extract the historical data from the VicRoads’ Driver Licensing System.
- (6) With regard to inappropriate access to the demerit points database, three cases of inappropriate access were reported to VicRoads in the period 2004–05 to 30 April 2007. The database was accessed on 9 March 2004, 15 March 2004, and 13 February 2006. Two officers resigned on 29 July 2005 and a third person was prosecuted on 7 December 2006.

**Public transport: myki ticketing system**

**683. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Industry and State Development (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the proposed myki transport ticketing system being developed by the Transport Ticketing Authority: Have any reports or studies been done by the Government on access of people with a disability to the public transport system under the new myki system; if so, what are the names, authors and dates of these reports/studies.

**ANSWER:**

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

<b>NAME</b>	<b>AUTHOR</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Confide & Consult Report	Ker Walsh Communications	December 2004
Confide & Consult Visit Summary	Ker Walsh Communications	December 2004
Framework to Achieve Compliance	Murray Mountain–Access Design Solutions	March 2006
Disability Discrimination Act–1992 – Compliance	Murray Mountain–Access Design Solutions	March 2006
Disability Discrimination Act Report	Kamco	March 2006
Disability Discrimination Act & New Ticketing Solution	L.E.K. Consulting Pty Ltd	June 2006
Disability Discrimination Act Position (Draft)	Kamco	October 2006
Public Transport Access Committee Presentation / Issue Summary	Duncan Bryce / Suzanne Stephenson	June 2007
Disability Discrimination Act Report	Murray Mountain–Access Design Solutions	June 2007

**Public transport: myki ticketing system**

**793. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the rollout of myki: What date is the pilot scheduled to begin.

**ANSWER:**

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

A specific date has not been fixed for the myki pilot.

**Health: hospitals — funding**

**944. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health):

- (1) How many of the total 145,214 patients admitted to a hospital bed from an emergency department from July to December 2006 were admitted within 8 hours.
- (2) From 1999 to 2007 inclusive, on both a yearly and quarterly basis, what has been the level of Government funding provided to each of the private hospitals and/or private hospital groups and for what purpose.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The total number of patients admitted to a hospital bed from an emergency department from July to December 2006 was 145,224. The number admitted within 8 hours was 105,317.
- (2) In terms of the financial data requested, this information is not routinely collated in the format requested and to provide these details would be an unreasonable diversion of my Department's resources.

**Sport, recreation and youth affairs: consultancies**

**963. MR GUY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs): What are the details of each consultancy commissioned by the Minister's Department and each agency and authority within the Minister's administration since 1 December 2006, indicating for each —

- (a) date;
- (b) cost;
- (c) purpose;
- (d) name and address of consultant;
- (e) recommendations made;
- (f) action taken in response to any recommendations; and
- (g) whether tenders were called.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

As Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development.

In relation to the agencies and authorities within my administration, since 1 December, 2006, to the date the question was asked, I am informed that the information below is consistent with Victorian Government Purchasing Board(VGPB) Guidelines with respect to consultancies:

State Sports Centre Trust:

1 consultancy undertaken by SGL Consulting Group to undertake an SSCT Master Plan at a cost of \$31,680; and

Melbourne and Olympic Parks Trust:

1 consultancy undertaken by Bovis Lend Lease to develop a Master Plan at a cost of \$67,500.

Neither consultancy went to public tender as they were below the public tender threshold.

Questions in relation to consultancies commissioned by the Department should be directed to the Lead Minister for the Department, Justin Madden, Minister for Planning

### **Sport, recreation and youth affairs: regional youth affairs networks**

**969. MR GUY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs): What are the details of the consultant commissioned by the Minister's Department to look in to the Regional Youth Affairs Networks, including —

- (a) date;
- (b) cost;
- (c) purpose;
- (d) name and address of consultant;
- (e) recommendations made;
- (f) action taken in response to any recommendations; and
- (g) whether tenders were called.

#### **ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Asquith Group undertook the consultancy for the RYAN improvement project at a cost of \$29,150. The consultant made a number of recommendations to strengthen the focus and role of the Regional Youth Affairs Networks to support youth participation and engagement.

The Office for Youth is currently finalising new guidelines for the RYANs, linking the networks to Future Directions, the Government's action agenda for young people and the Youth Affairs Interdepartmental Committee.

### **Finance, WorkCover and the Traffic Accident Commission: minister's office — expenses**

**980. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the TAC): Between 25 November 2006 and 2 August 2007 what are the details of expenses of the office of the Minister for:

- (a) staff salaries and on-costs;
- (b) number of Ministerial staff (including driver);
- (c) any other Ministerial office operating costs (recurrent expenses);
- (d) Minister's and/or office international flights;
- (e) Minister's and/or office domestic flights;
- (f) Minister's and/or office charter flights;

- (g) travel related expenses (international);
- (h) travel related expenses (domestic);
- (i) entertainment/hospitality expenses; and
- (j) alcohol costs.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Education: minister's office — expenses**

**981. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): Between 25 November 2006 and 2 August 2007 what are the details of expenses of the office of the Minister for:

- (a) staff salaries and on-costs;
- (b) number of Ministerial staff (including driver);
- (c) any other Ministerial office operating costs (recurrent expenses);
- (d) Minister's and/or office international flights;
- (e) Minister's and/or office domestic flights;
- (f) Minister's and/or office charter flights;
- (g) travel related expenses (international);
- (h) travel related expenses (domestic);
- (i) entertainment/hospitality expenses; and
- (j) alcohol costs.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Housing: minister's office — expenses**

**985. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): Between 25 November 2006 and 2 August 2007 what are the details of expenses of the office of the Minister for:

- (a) staff salaries and on-costs;
- (b) number of Ministerial staff (including driver);
- (c) any other Ministerial office operating costs (recurrent expenses);
- (d) Minister's and/or office international flights;
- (e) Minister's and/or office domestic flights;
- (f) Minister's and/or office charter flights;
- (g) travel related expenses (international);
- (h) travel related expenses (domestic);
- (i) entertainment/hospitality expenses; and
- (j) alcohol costs.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Mental health: minister's office — expenses**

**986. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): Between 25 November 2006 and 2 August 2007 what are the details of expenses of the office of the Minister for:

- (a) staff salaries and on-costs;
- (b) number of Ministerial staff (including driver);
- (c) any other Ministerial office operating costs (recurrent expenses);
- (d) Minister's and/or office international flights;
- (e) Minister's and/or office domestic flights;
- (f) Minister's and/or office charter flights;
- (g) travel related expenses (international);
- (h) travel related expenses (domestic);
- (i) entertainment/hospitality expenses; and
- (j) alcohol costs.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Community services: minister's office — expenses**

**987. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): Between 25 November 2006 and 2 August 2007 what are the details of expenses of the office of the Minister for:

- (a) staff salaries and on-costs;
- (b) number of Ministerial staff (including driver);
- (c) any other Ministerial office operating costs (recurrent expenses);
- (d) Minister's and/or office international flights;
- (e) Minister's and/or office domestic flights;
- (f) Minister's and/or office charter flights;
- (g) travel related expenses (international);
- (h) travel related expenses (domestic);
- (i) entertainment/hospitality expenses; and
- (j) alcohol costs.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Senior Victorians: minister's office — expenses**

**988. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): Between 25 November 2006 and 2 August 2007 what are the details of expenses of the office of the Minister for:

- (a) staff salaries and on-costs;
- (b) number of Ministerial staff (including driver);
- (c) any other Ministerial office operating costs (recurrent expenses);
- (d) Minister's and/or office international flights;
- (e) Minister's and/or office domestic flights;
- (f) Minister's and/or office charter flights;
- (g) travel related expenses (international);
- (h) travel related expenses (domestic);
- (i) entertainment/hospitality expenses; and
- (j) alcohol costs.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Corrections: minister's office — expenses**

**999. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Corrections): Between 25 November 2006 and 2 August 2007 what are the details of expenses of the office of the Minister for:

- (a) staff salaries and on-costs;
- (b) number of Ministerial staff (including driver);
- (c) any other Ministerial office operating costs (recurrent expenses);
- (d) Minister's and/or office international flights;
- (e) Minister's and/or office domestic flights;
- (f) Minister's and/or office charter flights;
- (g) travel related expenses (international);
- (h) travel related expenses (domestic);
- (i) entertainment/hospitality expenses; and
- (j) alcohol costs.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

I refer you to my response to Question on Notice number 998.

[*Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 7 May 2008, page 1728*]



**Tourism and major events: minister's office — expenses**

**1005. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Tourism and Major Events): Between 25 November 2006 and 2 August 2007 what are the details of expenses of the office of the Minister for:

- (a) staff salaries and on-costs;
- (b) number of Ministerial staff (including driver);
- (c) any other Ministerial office operating costs (recurrent expenses);
- (d) Minister's and/or office international flights;
- (e) Minister's and/or office domestic flights;
- (f) Minister's and/or office charter flights;
- (g) travel related expenses (international);
- (h) travel related expenses (domestic);
- (i) entertainment/hospitality expenses; and
- (j) alcohol costs.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Agriculture: minister's office — expenses**

**1008. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Agriculture): Between 25 November 2006 and 2 August 2007 what are the details of expenses of the office of the Minister for:

- (a) staff salaries and on-costs;
- (b) number of Ministerial staff (including driver);
- (c) any other Ministerial office operating costs (recurrent expenses);
- (d) Minister's and/or office international flights;
- (e) Minister's and/or office domestic flights;
- (f) Minister's and/or office charter flights;
- (g) travel related expenses (international);
- (h) travel related expenses (domestic);
- (i) entertainment/hospitality expenses; and
- (j) alcohol costs.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Public transport: rail — Brighton level crossing**

**1012. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the train crash at the New Street railway gates in Brighton on 10 September 2007 and a similar crash 18 months prior:

- (1) Has a decision been made to install an interlocking system on the New Street crossing; if so, on what date was it made.
- (2) What is the cost of such a system.
- (3) Has construction commenced on such a system; if so, on what date.
- (4) Is installation complete.
- (5) Are there plans to fully install a fully functioning interlocking system; if so, on what date will this occur.

**ANSWER:**

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

(1–5) Connex advise me that they have been involved in an extensive process with the local council in relation to ongoing safety concerns at this crossing. The operator and the Council are weighing up community concerns about retaining rail heritage at the site, with the operator's absolute obligation to safety.

**Planning: departmental staff — travel expenses**

**1034. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to expenditure on domestic air travel by the Department of Planning and Community Development in 2006–07: What proportion of expenditure was related to carriage by —

- (a) Jetstar;
- (b) Qantas;
- (c) Regional Express;
- (d) Virgin Blue;
- (e) other scheduled carriers; and
- (f) chartered flights.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

All flights taken by members of staff from the Department of Planning and Community Development are purchased through a contracted, government appointed booking agency, who determines the appropriate flight carrier. To retrieve this information would require a manual search of all invoices and would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Planning: departmental staff — travel expenses**

**1035. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to expenditure on international air travel by the Department of Planning and Community Development in 2006–07: What proportion of expenditure was related to carriage by —

- (a) Air China;
- (b) Air New Zealand;
- (c) Air Pacific;
- (d) Cathay Pacific;
- (e) China Eastern;
- (f) Emirates;
- (g) Garuda Indonesia;
- (h) Jetstar;

- (i) Malaysia Airlines;
- (j) Qantas;
- (k) Singapore Airlines;
- (l) Thai Airways International;
- (m) United Airlines;
- (n) Vietnam Airlines; and
- (o) other scheduled carriers.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

All flights taken by members of staff from the Department of Planning and Community Development are purchased through a contracted, government appointed booking agency, who determines the appropriate flight carrier. To retrieve this information would require a manual search of all invoices and would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission: heart attack injury claims**

**1044. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission): In relation to the Victorian WorkCover Authority (VWA):

- (1) How many claims relating to ‘heart attack injury’ have been lodged with the VWA since July 2001.
- (2) How many of the claims lodged since July 2001 relating to ‘heart attack injury’ have been rejected by the VWA.
- (3) How many common law appeals have been lodged against the VWA relating to those rejected claims for ‘heart attack injury’ lodged since July 2001.
- (4) How many of these appeals have been successful.
- (5) What is the total amount paid out by VWA to workers due to successful common law appeals relating to ‘heart attack injury’ as referred to in (4).

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The Victorian WorkCover Authority (VWA) records do not contain data specific to ‘heart attack injury’ claims. The VWA keep claims data on Ischaemic Heart Disease, which includes heart attack, angina, myocardial infarction and coronary occlusion. VWA records indicate there were 835 Ischaemic Heart Disease claims between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2007 as at 30 September 2007.
- (2) Of the 835 claims, 648 have been rejected.
- (3) Where the question refers to ‘common law appeals’ this has been interpreted to mean that the claimant has appealed the VWA decision of rejection in court. Of the 648 rejected claims, 147 claims have gone to court.
- (4) Sixty-nine of the claims appealed in court were reversed or varied, and eight matters are yet to be resolved. (VWA records do not accurately indicate whether the reversal or variation of the claims was as a result of a court decision or whether settlement was reached prior to the court hearing.)
- (5) These sixty-nine claims have been reversed or varied at a cost of \$15,989,408.

**Housing: Doncaster, Doncaster East and Donvale**

**1159. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to public housing in each of the suburbs of Doncaster, Doncaster East and Donvale:

- (1) How many one bedroom units are there in each suburb.
- (2) What monies have been spent on those units in the last three years.
- (3) What is the age of those units.
- (4) What is the occupancy rate and how is this measured.
- (5) What is the current waiting list for one bedroom units in these suburbs.
- (6) What plans are there to buy more one bedroom housing stock in these suburbs.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Since 1999, the Victorian Government has delivered over 11,000 new social housing units, including an additional 1,350 properties in Eastern Metropolitan, bringing the total provision of social housing stock in Eastern Metropolitan Region to over 6,850 units, of which 153 are situated in the Doncaster area, including 39 one bedroom properties.
- (2) It is difficult to disaggregate expenditure data to the suburb level; and therefore it is difficult to estimate the amount spent on one-bedroom units in Doncaster, Doncaster East and Donvale in the last three years.
- (3) Properties in the Doncaster area have an average construction date of 1983, compared to a state average of 1979. One-bedroom properties in the Doncaster area have an average construction date of 1990.
- (4) The Office of Housing makes every effort to ensure that vacant properties are allocated as soon as is practicable to avoid properties being left unoccupied. At 30 September 2007, the Box Hill area office, which manages the Doncaster area, had an occupancy rate of 99.5%, compared to the statewide average of 99.1% and the private rental market occupancy rate of 98.8% (REIV September 2007). The occupancy rate for one-bedroom properties was 99.3%. As with private rental properties, the occupancy rate is measured as the properties let as a proportion of all tenantable properties. Properties may remain vacant for a range of reasons, including the need for maintenance, work to modify properties to meet client needs, client illness, or in the case of disposing of goods abandoned by vacating tenants, time for actions such as inspections by Consumer Affairs Victoria.
- (5) There has been a reduction in the Box Hill waiting list over the past four years of over three per cent, from 2,512 in June 2003 to 2,431 in September 2007. Of these, 1,311 applicants were waiting for a one-bedroom property.
- (6) The Office of Housing capital works planning process ensures that acquisitions are targeted to communities and areas in need of assistance. A number of new housing projects have already been announced in Ballarat, Norlane, Bacchus Marsh, Bendigo and Northcote as part of the new State Government investment of \$500 million, and planning is currently underway to identify further opportunities to use this Government's significant new funding commitment to benefit those Victorians in greatest need of assistance.

**Housing: Doncaster, Doncaster East and Donvale**

**1160. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to public housing in each of the suburbs of Doncaster, Doncaster East and Donvale:

- (1) How many two bedroom units are there in each suburb.

- (2) What monies have been spent on those units in the last three years.
- (3) What is the age of those units.
- (4) What is the occupancy rate and how is this measured.
- (5) What is the current waiting list for two bedroom units in these suburbs.
- (6) What plans are there to buy more two bedroom housing stock in these suburbs.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Since 1999, the Victorian Government has delivered over 11,000 new social housing units, including an additional 1,350 properties in Eastern Metropolitan, bringing the total provision of social housing stock in Eastern Metropolitan Region to over 6,850 units, of which 153 are situated in the Doncaster area, including 76 two bedroom properties.
- (2) It is difficult to disaggregate expenditure data to the suburb level; and therefore it is difficult to estimate the amount spent on two bedroom units in Doncaster, Doncaster East and Donvale in the last three years.
- (3) Properties in the Doncaster area have an average construction date of 1983, compared to a state average of 1979. Two bedroom properties in the Doncaster area have an average construction date of 1985.
- (4) The Office of Housing makes every effort to ensure that vacant properties are allocated as soon as is practicable to avoid properties being left unoccupied. At 30 September 2007 the Box Hill area office, which manages the Doncaster area had an occupancy rate of 99.5%, compared to the statewide average of 99.1% and the private rental market occupancy rate of 98.8% (REIV September 2007). The occupancy rate for two bedroom properties was 99.4%. As with private rental properties, the occupancy rate is measured as the properties let as a proportion of all tenantable properties. Properties may remain vacant for a range of reasons, including the need for maintenance, work to modify properties to meet client needs, client illness, or in the case of disposing of goods abandoned by vacating tenants, time for actions such as inspections by Consumer Affairs Victoria.
- (5) There has been a reduction in the Box Hill waiting list over the past four years of over three per cent, from 2,512 in June 2003 to 2,431 in September 2007. Of these, 677 applicants were waiting for a two bedroom property.
- (6) The Office of Housing capital works planning process ensures that acquisitions are targeted to communities and areas in need of assistance. A number of new housing projects have already been announced in Ballarat, Norlane, Bacchus Marsh, Bendigo and Northcote as part of the new State Government investment of \$500 million, and planning is currently underway to identify further opportunities to use this Government's significant new funding commitment to benefit those Victorians in greatest need of assistance.

**Housing: Doncaster, Doncaster East and Donvale**

**1161. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to public housing in each of the suburbs of Doncaster, Doncaster East and Donvale:

- (1) How many three bedroom units are there in each suburb.
- (2) What monies have been spent on those units in the last three years.
- (3) What is the age of those units.
- (4) What is the occupancy rate and how is this measured.
- (5) What is the current waiting list for three bedroom units in these suburbs.
- (6) What plans are there to buy more three bedroom housing stock in these suburbs.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Since 1999, the Victorian Government has delivered over 11,000 new social housing units, including an additional 1,350 properties in Eastern Metropolitan, bringing the total provision of social housing stock in Eastern Metropolitan Region to over 6,850 units, of which 153 are situated in the Doncaster area, including 29 three bedroom properties.
- (2) It is difficult to disaggregate expenditure data to the suburb level; and therefore it is difficult to estimate the amount spent on three bedroom units in Doncaster, Doncaster East and Donvale in the last three years.
- (3) Properties in the Doncaster area have an average construction date of 1983, compared to a state average of 1979. Three bedroom properties in the Doncaster area have an average construction date of 1974.
- (4) The Office of Housing makes every effort to ensure that vacant properties are allocated as soon as is practicable to avoid properties being left unoccupied. At 30 September 2007 the Box Hill area office, which manages the Doncaster area had an occupancy rate of 99.5%, compared to the statewide average of 99.1% and the private rental market occupancy rate of 98.8% (REIV September 2007). The occupancy rate for three bedroom properties was 99.7%. As with private rental properties, the occupancy rate is measured as the properties let as a proportion of all tenable properties. Properties may remain vacant for a range of reasons, including the need for maintenance, work to modify properties to meet client needs, client illness, or in the case of disposing of goods abandoned by vacating tenants, time for actions such as inspections by Consumer Affairs Victoria.
- (5) I am pleased to report that there has been a reduction in the Box Hill waiting list over the past four years of over three per cent, from 2,512 in June 2003 to 2,431 in September 2007. Of these, 373 applicants were waiting for a three bedroom property.
- (6) The Office of Housing capital works planning process ensures that acquisitions are targeted to communities and areas in need of assistance. A number of new housing projects have already been announced in Ballarat, Norlane, Bacchus Marsh, Bendigo and Northcote as part of the new State Government investment of \$500 million, and planning is currently underway to identify further opportunities to use this Government's significant new funding commitment to benefit those Victorians in greatest need of assistance.

**Housing: Doncaster, Doncaster East and Donvale**

**1162. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to public housing in each of the suburbs of Doncaster, Doncaster East and Donvale:

- (1) How many four bedroom units are there in each suburb.
- (2) What monies have been spent on those units in the last three years.
- (3) What is the age of those units.
- (4) What is the occupancy rate and how is this measured.
- (5) What is the current waiting list for four bedroom units in these suburbs.
- (6) What plans are there to buy more four bedroom housing stock in these suburbs.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Since 1999, the Victorian Government has delivered over 11,000 new social housing units, including an additional 1,350 properties in Eastern Metropolitan, bringing the total provision of social housing stock in

Eastern Metropolitan Region to over 6,850 units, of which 153 are situated in the Doncaster area, including nine four or greater bedroom properties.

- (2) It is difficult to disaggregate this data to the suburb level; it is therefore difficult to estimate the amount spent on four bedroom units in Doncaster, Doncaster East and Donvale in the last three years.
- (3) Properties in the Doncaster area have an average construction date of 1983, compared to a state average of 1979. Four or greater bedroom properties in the Doncaster area have an average construction date of 1983.
- (4) The Office of Housing makes every effort to ensure that vacant properties are allocated as soon as is practicable to avoid properties being left unoccupied. At 30 September 2007 the Box Hill area office, which manages the Doncaster area had an occupancy rate of 99.5%, compared to the statewide average of 99.1% and the private rental market occupancy rate of 98.8% (REIV September 2007). The occupancy rate for four or greater bedroom properties was 99.2%. As with private rental properties, the occupancy rate is measured as the properties let as a proportion of all tenantable properties. Properties may remain vacant for a range of reasons, including the need for maintenance, work to modify properties to meet client needs, client illness, or in the case of disposing of goods abandoned by vacating tenants, time for actions such as inspections by Consumer Affairs Victoria.
- (5) There has been a reduction in the Box Hill waiting list over the past four years of over three per cent, from 2,512 in June 2003 to 2,431 in September 2007. Of these, 70 applicants were waiting for a four bedroom property.
- (6) The Office of Housing capital works planning process ensures that acquisitions are targeted to communities and areas in need of assistance. A number of new housing projects have already been announced in Ballarat, Norlane, Bacchus Marsh, Bendigo and Northcote as part of the new State Government investment of \$500 million, and planning is currently underway to identify further opportunities to use this Government's significant new funding commitment to benefit those Victorians in greatest need of assistance.

### **Public transport: seniors concessions**

**1193. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the number of seniors using Seniors Daily Concession in regional and rural Victoria in each of the years 2000 to 2007:

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

### **ANSWER:**

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

(1–2) Seniors Daily tickets are only available in metropolitan Melbourne as the price of concession fares on public transport within regional cities and towns is normally lower than the cost of the Seniors Daily ticket.

### **Community services: Kew Residential Services**

**1241. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the redevelopment of Kew Residential Services, as at 30 June 2007:

- (1) What is the total recurrent expenditure incurred.
- (2) What is the total capital expenditure incurred.
- (3) What is the total redevelopment expenditure to date which is to be offset against the proceeds of the sale of the site.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) For the year to 30 June 2007, the total recurrent expenditure incurred for the redeveloped KRS was \$19.0 million.
- (2) The total capital expenditure as at 30 June 2007 was \$70.0 million.
- (3) The total redevelopment expenditure as at 30 June 2007, which is to be offset against the proceeds of the sale of the site, was \$70.0 million.

**Community services: Kew Residential Services**

**1242. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the redevelopment of Kew Residential Services, as at 30 June 2007 to date what is the total amount to be offset against the proceeds of the sale of the site.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

As at 30 June 2007, the total amount of the Kew Residential Services redevelopment expenditure to be offset against the proceeds of the sale of the site was \$70.0 million.

**Community services: Aboriginal children**

**1343. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the \$2.4 million fund to protect Aboriginal children and to reduce the over-representation of Aboriginal children in the child protection system that was announced after the 2002–03 budget:

- (1) How much money was expended from this fund in each of the financial years 2002–03 to 2006–07.
- (2) Which specific services/programs, in what locations, received funding in each of these years.
- (3) How much funding did each service/program receive in each of these years.
- (4) How many claims of abuse or neglect of Aboriginal children were made, and substantiated, in each of these years.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) \$600,000 annually.
- (2) The funding was provided to Specialist Support Services in North West Region.
- (3) \$600,000 annually.
- (4)

Financial Year	Reports to Child Protection Involving an Aboriginal Child	Number of Substantiations
2002–03	2431	725



Financial Year	Reports to Child Protection Involving an Aboriginal Child	Number of Substantiations
2003–04	2422	749
2004–05	2497	816
2005–06	2701	859
2006–07	2886	730

**Roads and ports: King Street, Doncaster East**

**1356. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): What was the final cost of recent road resurfacing in King Street from Victoria Street to George Street in Doncaster East.

**ANSWER:**

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

This question cannot be answered as George Street runs parallel with King Street in East Doncaster, rather than intersecting it.

**Public transport: rail — graffiti**

**1370. MR KOCH** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport):

- (1) Have Connex suburban carriages 707M, 773M, 1069T, 1649T and 1666T recently been subject to exterior graffiti attacks.
- (2) Are remnants of this graffiti still visible on the exteriors of these cars.
- (3) To what standard is Connex required to remove graffiti —
  - (a) on the interior; and
  - (b) on the exterior of suburban cars.
- (4) Do the surfaces of both interior and exterior walls present particular challenges in removing graffiti; if so, what strategies if any are being used or developed to minimise the amount of visible graffiti remnants after an attack.
- (5) How much did the most recent date of graffiti attack on each of the above cars cost to clean in —
  - (a) labour; and
  - (b) materials.
- (6) What date was graffiti last removed from the exterior of these cars.
- (7) How many separate incidents of graffiti were recorded between 1 July and 22 November 2007 on the —
  - (a) interior passenger saloon walls;
  - (b) interior passenger saloon windows;
  - (c) interior of passenger saloon doors;
  - (d) exterior walls or fluting;
  - (e) exterior of passenger saloon doors;
  - (f) exterior of passenger saloon windows;
  - (g) interior of drivers' compartments;
  - (h) exterior of drivers' compartments; and

- (i) couplers.
- (8) What was the cost to Connex in cleaning each type of graffiti identified in (7).
- (9) How many attacks in each category occurred between 1 July 2007 and 22 November 2007 while trains were stabled at the following stations:
- (a) North Melbourne;
  - (b) Ringwood;
  - (c) Bayswater;
  - (d) Belgrave;
  - (e) Lilydale;
  - (f) Newport Workshops;
  - (g) Werribee;
  - (h) Watergardens;
  - (i) Broadmeadows;
  - (j) Craigieburn;
  - (k) Upfield;
  - (l) Epping;
  - (m) Eltham;
  - (n) Hurstbridge;
  - (o) Ashburton;
  - (p) Camberwell;
  - (q) Ringwood;
  - (r) Glen Waverley;
  - (s) Dandenong;
  - (t) Pakenham;
  - (u) Cranbourne;
  - (v) Mordialloc;
  - (w) Carrum;
  - (x) Frankston;
  - (y) Macaulay;
  - (z) Burnley; and
  - (aa) Newport.
- (10) On how many occasions at the locations in (9) between 1 July 2007 and 22 November 2007 —
- (a) was heavy gauge wire surrounding a train stabling compound believed to have been cut or otherwise interfered with to allow unauthorised persons to gain entry; and
  - (b) were gates left open which is believed to have allowed unauthorised persons to gain entry.
- (11) How many persons have been apprehended for each of (10)(a) and (10)(b) between 1 July 2007 and 22 November 2007 and how many separate offences does each person's apprehension allegedly relate to.
- (12) What additional security measures are being considered to deter graffiti vandals.
- (13) What is the expected cost of any such measures.
- (14) When will any such measures be implemented.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1) Yes.

- (2) While remnants of some graffiti remain visible, no removable graffiti remains on these trains.
- (3a&b) All removable graffiti is to be taken off in the cleaning process.
- (4) Due to the impact of ink staining, and some paint types, interior and exterior surfaces can sustain permanent or long-term damage.
- Strategies to remove graffiti include ongoing trials of better performing graffiti removal products, and buffing external painted surfaces.
- (5a&b)  
Connex has advised that individual graffiti cleaning costs are not available as cleaning is conducted as part of a larger cleaning and maintenance contract.
- (6) External graffiti was last removed from: 707M on 2/12/07; 773M on 30/11/07; 1069T on 3/12/07; 1649T on 5/12/07; and 1666T on 5/12/07.
- (7–8) Connex has advised that it does not hold the necessary data to respond to these questions. Graffiti is cleaned from rolling stock as part of a fixed price contract and units are not returned to service until they have been fully cleaned. The type and location of graffiti removed is not recorded as it does not impact upon the cost of removal.
- (9) Connex has advised that it does not record graffiti incidents to this level of detail and is therefore unable to provide a response to this question.
- (10–11)  
Connex has advised that it does not hold the necessary data to respond to these questions. The questions should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services as data on criminal activity at railway stations and other public transport infrastructure is collated and held by Victoria Police.
- (12–13)  
The following additional security measures, and associated costs, are currently being implemented to deter graffiti vandals:
- ‘Tripwire units’, which allow remote monitoring of rail sidings, are currently being trialled by Connex.
  - The Government is also currently considering public comments with regard to its Graffiti Prevention Draft Bill. The Bill establishes: specific criminal offences for marking graffiti; provides search and seizure powers for members of Victoria Police; and provides powers for authorised persons to enter private property to remove publicly visible graffiti.
- (14) The timing to implement the additional security measures is as follows:
- The trial of tripwire units began in late 2007.
  - The Graffiti Prevention Bill is to be debated and considered.

**Public transport: rail — Cranbourne line**

- 1372. MR KOCH** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport):
- (1) Did a Hi-Rail vehicle operate on part of the closed Cranbourne to Nyora section of the former Leongatha and Yarram lines on Thursday, 22 November 2007.
- (2) On that date, how far from the South Gippsland highway crossing at Cranbourne towards Nyora did the vehicle operate —
- (a) on railway tracks;
  - (b) on public roads; and

- (c) on private roads.
- (3) Was the Hi-Rail operated by Mainco Melbourne; if not, by whom was it operated.
- (4) Did it travel on these tracks near the Narre Warren–Cranbourne Road.
- (5) Was the vehicle conducting an inspection in relation to the installation of stabling sidings at Cranbourne; if not, what was its purpose.
- (6) When will an electrified passenger rail line from Cranbourne to Cranbourne East be —
  - (a) funded; and
  - (b) built.
- (7) What is the current estimated cost of —
  - (a) additional stabling sidings at Cranbourne;
  - (b) rebuilding a single track electrified railway from Cranbourne to Cranbourne East; and
  - (c) building a station at Cranbourne East.
- (8) Who prepared each cost estimate in (7).

**ANSWER:**

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

(1–5) Connex, Mainco, VicTrack, V/Line and the tourist railway have advised that they did not operate a Hi-Rail vehicle in that area on 22 November 2007.

(6) There is no immediate intention to extend the Cranbourne line to East Cranbourne.

(7–8) Information on the Cranbourne Train Stabling and Station Upgrade project can be found in my media release of 18 January 2008.

**Attorney-General: media monitoring**

**1756. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Attorney-General): What was the expenditure by the Department of Justice on media monitoring for each of the financial years 2002–03 to 2007–08 to date.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

The expenditure by the Department of Justice on media monitoring for each of the financial years 2002–03 to 2007–08 to date was:

2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08 (as at 26 March)
\$299,208	\$416,487	\$186,793	\$288,214	\$217,123	\$271,234

At the end of 2004 the Department of Justice consolidated multiple media monitoring services across the department into one streamlined contract.

Victoria Police now receives their media monitoring from the Department of Justice, resulting in further savings to the taxpayer. Since 2005/06, the department’s figures have included expenses for Victoria Police’s media monitoring as well.

The increase in media monitoring expenses since July 2007 is a result of decreased competition in the marketplace because of a corporate takeover (Rehame was purchased by rival Media Monitors). Prices rose significantly as a result.

The Department of Justice is currently taking part in a review of media monitoring services under a whole-of-government contract.

**Premier: CPR Communications and Public Relations**

**1884. MR. D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Premier): In table form, what was the expenditure by the Department of Premier and Cabinet in the financial years 2005–06 and 2006–07 and the period between 30 June 2007 and 31 December 2007 on CPR Communications and Public Relations, providing in each case —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The following table provides the year the contracts were entered into, the total expenditure and the date on which the matter was finalised.

	<b>EXPENDITURE DPC 2005–06 July and August 2005</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE DPC 2006–07 Sept and October 2006</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE DPC 30 June 2007–31 Dec 2007</b>
<b>Staff Training</b>	\$7,500.00  (12 August 2005)	\$9,300.00  (25 November 2006)	Nil
<b>TOTAL BY DPC</b>	<b>\$16,800.00</b>		

CPR Communications are a preferred supplier on the Victorian Government Marketing Services Panel (MSP). Once appointed to the MSP, another tender process is not required. They can be purchased off the panel based on one quote.

They were selected from the panel to provide staff training for the Premier’s Private Office.

**Education: Albert Park College**

**1893. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): How many people of eligible secondary school age are in the Albert Park College district.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

Albert Park College (8733) was a government school that closed at the end of the 2006 school year. It was situated within the Local Government Area of the City of Port Phillip, and more particularly, within the Statistical Local Area of Port Phillip (C)–West. The College had a declining enrolment with a total of 211.4 full-time equivalent (FTE) student enrolments in February 2006 (compared with 260.9 in February 2005).

The following assumptions have been made in order to determine the number of persons of eligible secondary school age that are in the so called “Albert Park College district”:

- Persons who are of eligible secondary school age are generally those aged between 12 and 17 years.
- The Statistical Local Area of Port Phillip (C)–West is defined as the “Albert Park College district”.

Based on the results of the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) 2006 Census of Population and Housing, there were a total of 1,196 persons aged between 12 and 17 years in the Statistical Local Area of Port Phillip (C)–West.

The ABS Census of Population and Housing defines age as the age of the person at last birthday and the residential location as the place of usual residence.

**Education: Albert Park College**

**1894. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): What information has been sent to the households of people of eligible secondary school age, within the Albert Park College district, updating them on information as to the latest developments and estimated time of completion of Albert Park College.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

Since the college closed at the end of 2006, there have been a number of ways that residents in the City of Port Phillip have been informed about the development of the new college, including regular updates published in the newsletters of local schools, a website [www.smr.vic.edu.au/albertpark](http://www.smr.vic.edu.au/albertpark), articles in local print media, community meetings in May 2007.

Print updates and community meetings will continue during 2008.

**Education: Albert Park College**

**1895. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): How many students living within the Albert Park College district, who have to travel longer distances to attend another secondary school than they otherwise would have if Albert Park College was operational, receive financial compensation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

All former Albert Park students received a \$300 allocation towards school requisites and uniform when they started at new schools at the commencement of 2007. They were also eligible for a funded annual Met Travel card.

This included all Year 7–11 students enrolled at the college in 2006.

Former Albert Park College students continue to be eligible for annual Met Travel cards while they are attending government secondary schools or educational settings until they have completed their secondary education.

Students make arrangements at their school or educational setting to receive their travel card.

In 2007 there were 153 students who sought and received Met Cards.

In 2008 to date, 15 students have sought and received Met Cards.

**Education: Albert Park College**

**1896. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): Where were each of the students, who were enrolled at Albert Park College at the time of closure, relocated to for the start of the 2007 school year.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

At the end of 2006 students from Albert Park College were enrolled at the following schools for 2007:

1. Bayside College Paisley
2. Bayside College Altona North
3. Bayside College Williamstown
4. Brighton SC
5. Brunswick College
6. Carranaballac College
7. Cheltenham SC
8. Christian Brothers St Kilda
9. Eaglehawk SC
10. Elwood College
11. Footscray City College
12. Glen Eira College
13. Kensington Community School
14. MacRobertson Girls HS
15. Princes Hill SC
16. Sandringham College
17. Swinburne Senior Secondary
18. Thornbury HS
19. University HS
20. Victorian College of the Arts Secondary School

21. Westall SC

**Education: Albert Park College**

**1897. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): How much financial support, in monetary terms, was each student who was enrolled at Albert Park College at the time of closure, given to purchase the school uniform of their new school.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

All former Albert Park students received a \$300 allocation towards school requisites and uniform when they started at new schools at the commencement of 2007.

**Education: Albert Park College**

**1898. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): Has there ever been explorations into alternative sites to build the new school in place of Albert Park College.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

Although a review of other potential sites was undertaken, given the limited land availability in the inner suburbs, nothing suitable within the catchment area was identified.

**Education: Albert Park College**

**1899. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): What is the current estimated date of completion for the new Albert Park College.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Department cannot pre-empt the outcome of the environmental testing and its impact on the decontamination works and construction timelines for the new school.

**Education: Albert Park College**

**1900. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): Have there been Government funded health checks on former Albert Park College secondary school students.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

There have been no Government funded health checks on former Albert Park College students.

**Education: Albert Park College**

**1901. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): Have there been Government funded health checks on children who attended childcare at Albert Park College.



**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

There have been no Government funded health checks on children who attended childcare at Albert Park College.

**Education: Albert Park College**

**1902.** MRS COOTE — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): How many former students, or relatives of students, have sought compensation from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development as a result of mental or physical illness caused by contamination of school grounds of —

- (a) Albert Park College; and
- (b) Albert Park College childcare centre facility.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

We have no record of a claim submitted by a former student, or relatives of students seeking compensation from physical illness caused by contamination of the school grounds.

**Education: Albert Park College**

**1903.** MRS COOTE — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): How many former staff, or relatives of staff, of the following, have sought compensation from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development as a result of mental or physical illness caused by contamination of school grounds of —

- (a) Albert Park College; and
- (b) Albert Park College childcare centre facility.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Department has no record of a claim submitted by former staff or relatives of staff seeking compensation from physical illness caused by contamination of the school grounds.

**Education: Albert Park College**

**1904.** MRS COOTE — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): On what date was the contamination of Albert Park College grounds first discovered.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

A preliminary site contamination assessment was commissioned at the start of the redevelopment process following the school's closure at the end of 2006. Contamination was discovered in April 2007.

**Education: Albert Park College**

**1905.** MRS COOTE — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): How many students were attending the school on the Albert Park College site when the contamination was discovered.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

When contamination was discovered in April 2007 there were no students attending the school on the Albert Park College site.

**Education: Albert Park College**

**1906.** MRS COOTE — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): How many new enrolments to Albert Park College were accepted after the date on which the contamination of the Albert Park College grounds was first discovered.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

There were no new enrolments to Albert Park College after the contamination was discovered in April 2007. The College was closed at the end of the 2006 school year.

**Education: Albert Park College**

**1907.** MRS COOTE — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): How many pupils were attending the childcare centre facility on the Albert Park College site when the contamination was discovered.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

There were 80 families registered with the childcare centre facility on the Albert Park College site when the contamination was discovered in April 2007.

The contamination did not present a safety risk for staff or children at the childcare centre facility.

**Education: Albert Park College**

**1908.** MRS COOTE — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): How many new enrolments to the childcare facility on the Albert Park College site were accepted after the date on which the contamination of the Albert Park College grounds was first discovered.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

After the date in April 2007 on which the contamination of the Albert Park College grounds was discovered, until March 2008, when the centre relocated to Stanley Street Port Melbourne, there were 40 new enrolments to the childcare facility on the Albert Park College site.

The contamination did not present a safety risk for staff or children at the childcare centre facility.

**Education: Albert Park College**

**1909.** MRS COOTE — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): How many students were attending the school on the Albert Park College site on 12 October, 2006.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

There were 204 students attending the school on the Albert Park College site on 12 October, 2006.

**Education: Albert Park College**

**1910.** MRS COOTE — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): How many pupils were attending the childcare centre facility on the Albert Park College site on 12 October 2006.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

On 12 October 2006 there were 80 families with children attending the 35 place childcare centre facility on the Albert Park College site. Many of these children attended part time.

**Education: Albert Park College**

**1911.** MRS COOTE — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): What were the Year 7 enrolments for Albert Park College in each of the years 1999 to 2006.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The year 7 enrolments for Albert Park College were as follows:

In 1999 there were 44 students

In 2000 there were 71 students

In 2001 there were 57 students

In 2002 there were 50 students

In 2003 there were 47 students

In 2004 there were 34 students

In 2005 there were 20 students

In 2006 there were 26 students

**Education: Albert Park College**

**1912.** MRS COOTE — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): What were the Year 12 enrolments for Albert Park College in each of the years 1999 to 2006.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The year 12 enrolments for Albert Park College were as follows:

In 1999 there were 59 students

In 2000 there were 65 students

In 2001 there were 56 students

In 2002 there were 60 students

In 2003 there were 68 students

In 2004 there were 53 students

In 2005 there were 53 students

In 2006 there were 53 students

**Education: Albert Park College**

**1913.** MRS COOTE — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): Has the concept of building the new school on the Albert Park College site in stages been considered.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

Due to the site size constraints and the need for a multi storey construction it would be impracticable to build the school in stages.

**Education: Albert Park College**

**1914.** MRS COOTE — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): What was the budgeted amount for the Albert Park College redevelopment in each of the financial years 2005–06 to 2007–08.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

In the 2007–08 budget \$16 million was allocated for a replacement school for Albert Park College.

**Education: Albert Park College**

**1915.** MRS COOTE — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): How much money has been spent so far on the decontamination process of the Albert Park College site.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The decontamination process has not yet been put out to tender.

**Education: Albert Park College**

**1916.** MRS COOTE — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): What was the monetary amount of the funding given to Albert Park College for each of the years 2000 to 2006.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

For the period 2000 to 2006 inclusive Albert Park College was provided with the following amounts:

Student Resource Package (School Global Budget) funding model:

2000	\$2,569,712
2001	\$2,671,042
2002	\$2,609,163
2003	\$2,724,911
2004	\$2,386,334
2005	\$2,421,603
2006	\$2,154,175

Funding other than through Student Resource Package, including Education Maintenance allowance

2000	\$489,618
2001	\$828,723
2002	\$417,316
2003	\$393,837
2004	\$678,327
2005	\$635,939
2006	\$761,384

**Community services: Trentham aged care**

**1989. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to Trentham Aged Care:

- (1) Has construction commenced —
  - (a) if not, when is construction expected to commence; and
  - (b) if so, how much has the Government spent on the Aged Care Redevelopment to date.
- (2) What is the expected date of completion.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Construction has not yet commenced.
  - (a) Construction is expected to commence in February 2009.
  - (b) A total of \$135,276 has been spent to date on the redevelopment. This includes expenditure on design fees and site surveying.
- (2) The expected date of completion is August 2010.

**Education: Andersons Creek Primary School**

**2011. 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 Andersons Creek Primary School’s rebuild, renovation or extension.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

Anderson Creek Primary School was allocated funding of \$941,000 in the 2002–03 State Budget.

The scope of works included six new General Purpose Classrooms and a Staff Work Space.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development also contributed \$86,000 as a grant to the school in 2004–05 as part of the Community Facilities Fund program for the construction of a Performing Arts Centre.

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 1,600 Government schools rebuilt or renovated over the next ten years.

**Education: Yarra Road Primary School**

**2023. 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 Yarra Road Primary School’s rebuild, renovation or extension.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

Yarra Road Primary School was allocated funding of \$850,000 in the 2000–01 State Budget and a further \$891,000 in the 2001–02 State Budget.

The scope of works in 2000–01 included seven new General Purpose Classrooms, new Staff Work Space and student toilets. In 2001–02 the scope of works included a new Library, Multi-purpose Room, Staff and Administration, Canteen, First Aid facility and staff toilets.

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**Health: Landmark Education Corporation**

**2028. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for the Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health):

- (1) How many staff from the Department of Human Services 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:

A review of the Department of Human Service's financial recording systems indicates that eight accounts have been settled with Landmark Education Corporation between September 2001 and November 2007. These accounts indicate that approximately eight people have attended courses offered by the organisation at a cost of \$4,565.

This education provider was either chosen by individual staff members or clients of the department who were later reimbursed by the department. Alternatively, a manager was made aware of the courses available through Landmark Education Corporation and authorised attendance of staff or clients.

I am advised that decisions on the appropriateness of staff or clients attending courses by Landmark Education Corporation are made by individual managers who remain best placed to assess the development needs of their staff.

### **Women's affairs: Landmark Education Corporation**

**2029. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Women's Affairs):

- (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 Minister for Women's Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. In relation to the response for the Department of Planning and Community Development I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon Justin Madden, to LC2038.

*[Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 2997]*

### **Arts: Landmark Education Corporation**

**2034. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Arts):

- (1) How many staff from the Department of Premier and Cabinet 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:

The Department of Premier and Cabinet 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.

### **Community services: Landmark Education Corporation**

**2035. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for the Environment and Climate Change (for Minister for Community Services):

- (1) How many staff from the Department of Human Services 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:**

Refer to the response to question no. 2028.

**Mental health: Landmark Education Corporation**

**2036. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for the Environment and Climate Change (for Minister for Mental Health):

- (1) How many staff from the Department of Human Services 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:**

Refer to the response to question no. 2028.

**Children and early childhood development: Landmark Education Corporation**

**2037. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Treasurer (for Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development):

- (1) How many staff from the Department of Education and Early Childhood 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 as follows:

Please refer to the response from the Minister for Education.

**Senior Victorians: Landmark Education Corporation**

**2042. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for the Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians):

- (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 Minister for Senior Victorians I am supported in part by the Department of Planning and Community Development. In relation to the response for the Department of Planning and Community development, I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon Justin Madden, to LC 2038.

[Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 2997]



**Roads and ports: roads — ‘Keep clear’ pavement markings**

**2054. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): On what basis or criteria is a decision made to install ‘Keep Clear’ pavement markings at an intersection, and are accidents part of the criteria.

**ANSWER:**

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

Keep Clear markings supplement Road Rule 128 which is a general road rule prohibiting blocking intersections.

There are a variety of factors that determine the appropriateness of installing keep Clear pavement markers at an intersection, including traffic volumes turning right; traffic volumes turning right that are blocked by stationary traffic and other local traffic conditions; the presence of emergency services facilities and at certain tram route locations.

**Roads and ports: roads — ‘Keep clear’ pavement markings**

**2055. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): What is the minimum distance between pedestrian traffic lights at an intersection at which the installation of ‘Keep Clear’ pavement markings would be deemed appropriate.

**ANSWER:**

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

Keep Clear markings supplement Road Rule 128 which is a general road rule prohibiting blocking intersections.

There are a variety of factors that determine the appropriateness of installing keep Clear pavement markers at an intersection, including traffic volumes turning right; traffic volumes turning right that are blocked by stationary traffic and other local traffic conditions; the presence of emergency services facilities and at certain tram route locations.

**Community services: residential aged-care facilities**

**2076. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to State Government expenditure on public sector residential aged care facilities: Noting that between 1999 and 2006 the Department of Human Services allocated \$336 million to public sector residential aged care facilities and the 2006–07 Budget provided an additional \$130 million over three years, however expenditure up to March 2006 was only \$255 million, how much of the allocated, but unspent \$211 million has now been spent.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

As at 1 March 2008 the unspent funds associated with capital works to public sector residential aged care facilities is \$67.1 million.

**Senior Victorians: residential aged-care facilities**

**2079. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to maintenance funding for public sector residential aged care facilities: How much was spent on maintenance in each of the financial years 2000–01 and 2004–05 to 2007–08.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The total amount spent on maintenance of public sector residential aged care facilities provided by the State Government is as follows:

2000–01	\$142,110
2004–05	\$493,893
2005–06	\$320,147
2006–07	\$421,500
2007–08	\$346,295

**Senior Victorians: residential aged-care facilities**

**2080.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to bid based maintenance funding for aged care:

- (1) What was the total amount spent on maintenance of public sector residential aged care facilities through bid based funding in the financial years —
  - (a) 2000–01;
  - (b) 2004–05; and
  - (c) 2007–08.
- (2) Does the Government measure recurrent funding for maintaining facilities in aged care; if so, how much recurrent funding was spent in the financial years —
  - (a) 2000–01;
  - (b) 2004–05; and
  - (c) 2007–08.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The total amount spent on maintenance of public sector residential aged care facilities through bid based funding is as follows:
 

(a)	2000–01	\$142,110
(b)	2004–05	\$493,893
(c)	2007–08	\$346,295
- (2) No

**Senior Victorians: residential aged-care facilities**

**2081.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to the closure of public sector residential aged care facilities:

- (1) Why was Frankston Aged Care closed.
- (2) Why was Midland Hostel closed.
- (3) Why was Pleasant Homes Hostel closed.

- (4) What is the basis for which a Government Department determines that a facility is closed or re-developed.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Peninsula Health reviewed service access and community preferences in relation to residential aged care services for older people living in Mornington Peninsula and in the Frankston areas. Careful consideration of the availability of service alternatives and the viability implications associated with declining demand for Frankston Aged Care, led to Peninsula Health changing the use of this facility from the provision of residential aged care to the provision of sub-acute services. This improved provision of sub-acute services in that area.
- (2) There has been declining demand for low care residential services in the Ballarat area, understood to be due to people with lower care needs increasingly using community based services rather than moving into residential care.

In 2003, the Commonwealth planning benchmark for residential aged care places was exceeded for the Ballarat LGA.

- (3) Declining demand for low care places in Ballarat led to consideration of the impact on the viability of Pleasant Homes. The facility had a range of building and amenity issues for residents and staff. In addition, the service targeted residents with a reasonably high level of independence, largely overlapping with people targeted by community care services and wishing to remain in their own homes.

The over-riding consideration is community need. The Victorian public sector residential aged care services (PSRACS) policy of 2004 recognises the need for the Government's investment in residential aged care to respond to changing community preferences, needs and characteristics.

Planning for the health services takes place at an agency and local area level, with agencies assessing factors such as community needs, changing service preferences and current and forecast demand for services.

Should a reconfiguration of a service be recommended through this process, this recommendation will then be considered in consultation with relevant agencies, under the terms of the State's asset management program and PSRAC policy.

**Senior Victorians: Heywood Nursing Home**

- 2082. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to the 2007 Commonwealth Aged Care Approvals Round: Why did the Government refuse to endorse the proposal for additional bed places at Heywood Nursing Home.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- DHS supported the Heywood Rural Health (HRH) submission for 8 Community Aged Care Packages. However, the Commonwealth did not allocate them to HRH.
- I understand that the level of demand for the Heywood area was being met and the community need in Portland was greater. The Commonwealth has subsequently approved a new 90 places residential aged care service to be operated by Innisfree Aged and Community Care P/L in Portland which is 26 kilometres from Heywood.

**Education: students — attendance**

**2135. MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education):

- (1) What is the rate of public school attendance as a percentage of total students in each education region.
- (2) What number of full school days have been lost due to student absenteeism and truancy.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

Details on student attendance are publicly available on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website [www.education.vic.gov.au](http://www.education.vic.gov.au)

**Roads and ports: pedestrian crossings**

**2175. MRS PETROVICH** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): Has a review been conducted of pedestrian crossing facilities outside all Victorian nursing homes and retirement villages; if so —

- (a) by whom was it conducted;
- (b) when was the review completed; and
- (c) what recommendations were made.

**ANSWER:**

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

Where nursing homes and retirement villages are located on arterial roads, VicRoads monitor the pedestrian crossings as part of their regular maintenance of the safety of the arterial road network.

**Aboriginal affairs: fair payments policy**

**2181. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs): 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 as follows:

As Minister for Aboriginal Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. In relation to the response for the Department of Planning and Community Development I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, to questions LC2205 and LA959c.

[*Hansard reference: question no. 2205, Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3003; question no. 959c, Legislative Assembly, 29 July 2008, page 2916*]

**Community services: fair payments policy**

**2187. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Government’s Fair Payments Policy, which requires a department or agency to pay invoices for work done by small businesses within 30 days or pay penalty interest, with respect to the Department of Human Services:

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

**ANSWER:**

Refer to the response to question no. 2195.

[*Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 29 May 2008, page 2104*]

**Local government: fair payments policy**

**2201. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Local Government): 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 as follows:

As Minister for Local Government I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. In relation to the response for the Department of Planning and Community Development I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, to questions LC2205 and LA959c.

[Hansard reference: question no. 2205, Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3003; question no. 959c, Legislative Assembly, 29 July 2008, page 2916]

**Multicultural affairs: fair payments policy**

**2204. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): 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 as follows:

As Minister for Multicultural Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. In relation to the response for the Department of Planning and Community Development I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, to questions LC2205 and LA959c.

[Hansard reference: question no. 2205, Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3003; question no. 959c, Legislative Assembly, 29 July 2008, page 2916]

**Senior Victorians: fair payments policy**

**2212. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): 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 as follows:

As Minister for Senior Victorians I am supported in part by the Department of Planning and Community Development. In relation to the response for the Department of Planning and Community Development I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, to questions LC2205 and LA959c.

[*Hansard reference: question no. 2205, Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3003; question no. 959c, Legislative Assembly, 29 July 2008, page 2916*]

**Sport, recreation and youth affairs: fair payments policy**

**2215. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs): 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 as follows:

As Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. In relation to the response for the Department of Planning and Community Development I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, to questions LC2205 and LA959c.

[*Hansard reference: question no. 2205, Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3003; question no. 959c, Legislative Assembly, 29 July 2008, page 2916*]

**Treasurer: fair payments policy**

**2217. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Treasurer: 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 Treasury and Finance:

- (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:

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

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

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

### **Veterans affairs: fair payments policy**

**2218. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Veterans' Affairs): 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 as follows:

As Minister for Veterans' Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. In relation to the response for the Department of Planning and Community Development I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, to questions LC2205 and LA959c.

*[Hansard reference: question no. 2205, Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3003; question no. 959c, Legislative Assembly, 29 July 2008, page 2916]*

### **Women's affairs: fair payments policy**

**2220. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Women's Affairs): 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 as follows:

As the Minister for Women's Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. In relation to the response for the Department of Planning and Community Development I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, to questions LC2205 and LA959c.

[*Hansard reference: question no. 2205, Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3003; question no. 959c, Legislative Assembly, 29 July 2008, page 2916*]

**Arts: stress leave**

**2238.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details of all stress related leave, including —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Children and early childhood development: stress leave**

**2241.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details 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.

**Mental health: stress leave**

**2245.** **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 for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details of all stress related leave, including —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

A detailed response to this would be too voluminous and an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

**Community services: stress leave**

**2246. 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 for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details of all stress related leave, including —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

A detailed response to this would be too voluminous and an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

**Senior Victorians: stress leave**

**2247. 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 for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details of all stress related leave, including —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

A detailed response to this would be too voluminous and an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

**Sport, recreation and youth affairs: stress leave**

**2249. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth 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 informed as follows:

As the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2233.

[Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3004]

**Veterans affairs: stress leave**

**2250. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Veterans' 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 informed as follows:

As the Minister for Veterans' Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2233.

[Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3004]

**Multicultural affairs: stress leave**

**2251. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural 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 informed as follows:

As the Minister for Multicultural Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2233.

[Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3004]

**Local government: stress leave**

**2252. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Local Government): 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:

As the Minister for Local Government I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2233.

[Hansard reference: *Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3004*]

**Aboriginal affairs: stress leave**

**2253. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Aboriginal 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 informed as follows:

As the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2233.

[Hansard reference: *Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3004*]

**Women’s affairs: stress leave**

**2254. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Women’s 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 informed as follows:

As the Minister for Women’s Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2233.

[Hansard reference: *Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3004*]

**Planning: salary levels**

**2273. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning: 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:

The Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) was established in August 2007 taking in the planning function from the Department of Sustainability and Environment and the majority of portfolios from the former Department of Victorian Communities.

The 2006–07 Annual Reports of the Department for Victorian Communities, and the Department of Sustainability and Environment, contain information on executive officers' salary packages as well as the number of departmental staff employed at each salary grade.

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

**Children and early childhood development: salary levels**

**2281. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood 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:

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

**Veterans affairs: salary levels**

**2290. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Veterans' 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 informed as follows:

As the Minister for Veterans' Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2273.

**Multicultural affairs: salary levels**

**2291. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural 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 informed as follows:

As the Minister for Multicultural Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2273.

**Aboriginal affairs: salary levels**

**2293. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Aboriginal 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 informed as follows:

As the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2273.

**Children and early childhood development: travel expenses**

**2321. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): In relation to expenditure on overseas travel by each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (1) How many people undertook such travel and to what destinations.
- (2) What was the purpose of visiting each destination.
- (3) With whom did the Minister or persons undertaking such travel meet and for what purpose.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel indicating —
  - (a) airfares;

- (b) car rental and hire cars, including types of cars hired or rented;
  - (c) taxis;
  - (d) accommodation, including name of establishment and the itemised costs;
  - (e) entertainment, including nature, venue and itemised costs; and
  - (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Community development: travel expenses**

**2328. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to expenditure on overseas travel by each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

As the Minister for Sport, Recreation & Youth Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2313.

[Hansard reference: *Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3008*]

**Sport, recreation and youth affairs: travel expenses**

**2329. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs): 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:

As the Minister for Sport, Recreation & Youth Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2313.

[Hansard reference: *Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3008*]

**Veterans affairs: travel expenses**

**2330. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Veterans' Affairs): 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:

As the Minister for Veterans' Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2313.

[Hansard reference: *Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3008*]

**Multicultural affairs: travel expenses**

**2331. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): 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:

As the Minister for Multicultural Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2313.

[*Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3008*]

**Local government: travel expenses**

**2332. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Local Government): 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:

As the Minister for Local Government I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2313.

[*Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3008*]

**Aboriginal affairs: travel expenses**

**2333. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs): 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:

As the Minister for Local Government I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2313.

[*Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3008*]

**Women's affairs: travel expenses**

**2334. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Women's Affairs): 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:

As the Minister for Local Government I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2313.

[*Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3008*]

**Energy and resources: travel expenses**

**2346. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): 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:**

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

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

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

**2398. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to each department, agency or authority within the Minister’s administration: How many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, indicating in respect of each board, council or committee the total number of members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Children and early childhood development: women — boards, councils and committees**

**2401. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): In relation to each department, agency or authority within the Minister’s administration: How many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, indicating in respect of each board, council or committee the total number of members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Government is committed to equal opportunity for women and increasing their representation on boards, commissions, committees and advisory bodies.

Further information is available at [www.publicboards.vic.gov.au](http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au)

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

**2404. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration: How many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, indicating in respect of each board, council or committee the total number of members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Government is committed to equal opportunity for women and increasing their representation in statutory offices, boards, commissions, committees and advisory bodies. Further information can be found at [www.publicboards.vic.gov.au](http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au)

**Health: Austin Health and Mercy Hospital for Women**

**2430. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): In relation to the model developed and implemented to allocate costs of common facilities across the Austin Health and Mercy Hospital, referred to by the Minister in reply to Question on Notice No. 1963: Has the projected \$10.6 million in operating savings been reached.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- The Auditor-General's 2004 Report on the Austin Hospital Redevelopment and Mercy Hospital for Women Relocation Project recommended 'that Austin Hospital and the Mercy Hospital develop a model to allocate the costs of common facilities so that the total operating costs of each hospital are accurate for health funding purposes'. This model has been developed and implemented. Austin Health are currently reviewing the model in consultation with Mercy Hospital for Women to improve the transparency and rigour of cost allocation.
- The Auditor-General's 2004 report also noted that in the 2001 Business Case that was the basis for Government's investment in the project, it was estimated that Austin Health would save about \$9.6 million per year and the Mercy Hospital \$1 million a year, by amalgamating and rationalising building, engineering and other services.
- Austin Health has made considerable savings as a result of the move into new facilities, as demonstrated by its significantly improved operating position. A detailed independent review will be undertaken within the next 12 months to quantify the cost savings.
- As noted by the Auditor-General in his 2004 report, Mercy has rolled-up the expected cost savings in an up-front contribution to the project.

**Environment and climate change: media and communications staff**

**2507. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration for 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.
- (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.

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

**2515. 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:

- (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:

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.

**Children and early childhood development: media and communications staff**

**2517. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Health: media and communications staff**

**2519. 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 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:

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.

**Mental health: media and communications staff**

**2521. 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 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:**

Refer to the response to Question 2519.

**Community services: media and communications staff**

**2522. 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 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:**

As Minister for Community Services I am supported in part by the Department of Human Services. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Daniel Andrews MP, for LC 2519.

As Minister for Community Services I am supported in part by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC 2509.

[*Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3017*]

**Senior Victorians: media and communications staff**

**2523. 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 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:**

As Minister for Senior Victorians I am supported in part by the Department of Human Services. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Daniel Andrews MP, for LC 2519.

As Minister for Senior Victorians I am supported in part by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC 2509.

[*Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3017*]

**Sport, recreation and youth affairs: media and communications staff**

**2525. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs): 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:

As the Minister for Sport, Recreation & Youth Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2509.

[*Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3017*]

**Veterans affairs: media and communications staff**

**2526. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Veterans' Affairs): 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:

As the Minister for Veterans' Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2509.

[*Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3017*]

**Multicultural affairs: media and communications staff**

**2527. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): 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:

As the Minister for Veterans' Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2509.

[*Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3017*]

**Local government: media and communications staff**

**2528. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Local Government): 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:

As the Minister for Veterans' Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2509.

[*Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3017*]

**Aboriginal affairs: media and communications staff**

**2529. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs): 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:

As the Minister for Veterans' Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2509.

[*Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3017*]

**Women's affairs: media and communications staff**

**2530. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Women's Affairs): 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:

As the Minister for Veterans' Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2509.

[*Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3017*]

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

**2531. 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:

- (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.

**Racing: media and communications staff**

**2532. 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:

- (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.

**Gaming: media and communications staff**

**2535. 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:

- (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.

**Consumer affairs: media and communications staff**

**2536. 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:

- (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.

**Planning: advertising**

**2589. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration: What the details are of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, indicating —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

Further information can be found at <http://www.contracts.vic.gov.au>.

**Arts: advertising**

**2594. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration: What the details are of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, indicating —

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

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

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

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

**2595. 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 the details are of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, indicating —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

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

**Children and early childhood development: advertising**

**2597. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood 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 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)

**Health: advertising**

**2599.** **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 the details are of all advertising undertaken for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07, indicating —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

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

**Veterans affairs: advertising**

**2606.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs): 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:

As the Minister for Veterans’ Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2589.

**Multicultural affairs: advertising**

**2607.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): 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:

As the Minister for Multicultural Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2589.

**Aboriginal affairs: advertising**

**2609. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs): 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:

As the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2589.

**Attorney-General: advertising**

**2611. 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: 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.

**Racing: advertising**

**2612. 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: 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.

**Gaming: advertising**

**2615. 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: 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.

**Consumer affairs: advertising**

**2616. 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: 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.

**Agriculture: advertising**

**2623. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration: What 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:

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

**Roads and ports: advertising**

**2625. 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: 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:**

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

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



**Arts: entertainment expenses**

**2634. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Arts): 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.

**Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission: entertainment expenses**

**2635. 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 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.

**Children and early childhood development: entertainment expenses**

**2637. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details are of all entertainment expenses incurred, indicating —

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

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Health: entertainment expenses**

**2639. 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 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.

**Community development: entertainment expenses**

**2644. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details are of all entertainment expenses incurred, indicating —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

As the Minister for Sport, Recreation & Youth Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2629.

[Hansard reference: *Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3022*]

**Sport, recreation and youth affairs: entertainment expenses**

**2645. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth 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 informed as follows:

As the Minister for Sport, Recreation & Youth Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2629.

[Hansard reference: *Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3022*]

**Veterans affairs: entertainment expenses**

**2646. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Veterans’ 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 informed as follows:

As the Minister for Sport, Recreation & Youth Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2629.

[Hansard reference: *Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3022*]

**Multicultural affairs: entertainment expenses**

**2647. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural 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 informed as follows:

As the Minister for Sport, Recreation & Youth Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2629.

[*Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3022*]

**Local government: entertainment expenses**

**2648. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Local Government): 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:

As the Minister for Sport, Recreation & Youth Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2629.

[*Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3022*]

**Aboriginal affairs: entertainment expenses**

**2649. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Aboriginal 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 informed as follows:

As the Minister for Sport, Recreation & Youth Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2629.

[Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3022]

**Women’s affairs: entertainment expenses**

**2650. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Women’s 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 informed as follows:

As the Minister for Sport, Recreation & Youth Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2629.

[Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3022]

**Industry and trade: professional development expenses**

**2670. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade: 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.

**Information and communication technology: professional development expenses**

**2671. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Information and Communication Technology: 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.

**Major projects: professional development expenses**

**2672. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: 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.

**Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission: professional development expenses**

**2675. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Finance, Workcover and the TAC): 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.

**Children and early childhood development: professional development expenses**

**2677. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood 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.

**Health: professional development expenses**

**2679. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): 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.

**Mental health: professional development expenses**

**2681. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): 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:**

Refer to the response to question no. 2679.

**Community services: professional development expenses**

**2682. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to expenditure on conferences, seminars, workshops and training courses or like events by each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

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

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

**ANSWER:**

As Minister for Community Services I am supported in part by the Department of Human Services. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Daniel Andrews MP, for LC 2679.

As Minister for Community Services I am supported in part by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC 2669.

[*Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3027*]

**Senior Victorians: professional development expenses**

**2683. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): 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:**

As Minister for Senior Victorians I am supported in part by the Department of Human Services. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Daniel Andrews MP, for LC 2679.

As Minister for Senior Victorians I am supported in part by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC 2669.

[*Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3027*]

**Community development: professional development expenses**

**2684. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community 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:**

As Minister for Senior Victorians I am supported in part by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC 2669.

*[Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3027]*

**Sport, recreation and youth affairs: professional development expenses**

**2685. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth 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 informed as follows:

As the Minister for Sport, Recreation & Youth Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2669.

[*Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3027*]

**Veterans affairs: professional development expenses**

**2686. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Veterans' 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 informed as follows:

As the Minister for Veterans' Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2669.

[*Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3027*]

**Multicultural affairs: professional development expenses**

**2687. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural 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 informed as follows:

As the Minister for Multicultural Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2669.

[Hansard reference: *Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3027*]

**Local government: professional development expenses**

**2688. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Local Government): 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:

As the Minister for Multicultural Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2669.

[Hansard reference: *Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3027*]

**Aboriginal affairs: professional development expenses**

**2689. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Aboriginal 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 informed as follows:

As the Minister for Multicultural Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2669.

[*Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3027*]

**Women’s affairs: professional development expenses**

**2690. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Women’s 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 informed as follows:

As the Minister for Multicultural Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2669.

[*Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3027*]

**Water: water-saving campaign**

**2707. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): In relation to the television and print advertising campaign to promote water saving and Victoria's water plan, which commenced on Sunday, 13 April 2008:

- (1) What is the total cost of this campaign.
- (2) What is the name of the agency and/or consultancy that designed and implemented this campaign.
- (3) For how long will this campaign run.
- (4) How many water saving kits will be issued during this campaign.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The total cost of the campaign is \$2.8 million, including 50,000 water saving kits.
- (2) Shannon's Way Social Marketing Communications designed and implemented the campaign. DPC and DSE also worked on the campaign.
- (3) The campaign will run for three months, from 13 April 2008
- (4) A total of 50,000 water saving kits will be distributed across Victoria.

**Public transport: rail — early bird travel**

**2709. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): Does the "Early Bird" free early morning travel apply to the Sandringham Line train that is scheduled to arrive at Flinders Street Station at 7.00 a.m. —

- (a) if not, why not; and
- (b) if so, does the "Early Bird" travel still apply if that train arrives at Flinders Street Station after 7.00 a.m.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (a) Early bird travel only applies to services that arrive before 7.00 am. Passengers are technically not permitted to travel on an Early Bird ticket to Flinders Street on the service that arrives at 7.00 m. However, they may use their Early Bird ticket on this service to travel to locations where the train is scheduled to arrive before 7.00 m, such as Richmond, South Yarra, Prahran and Windsor Railway Stations.

- (b) If a train is running late, then the Early Bird ticket is still valid for travel, provided the train was scheduled to arrive at the station where the passenger alighted before 7.00 m. When a customer validates their Early Bird ticket, information is stored that can verify the customer arrived at their origin station in time to catch a service scheduled to arrive at their destination before 7.00 m.

**Small business: fair payments policy**

- 2710. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Small Business): Which Victorian Government agencies are required to pay invoices for work done by small businesses within 30 days or pay penalty interest, in accordance with the Government's Fair Payments Policy.

**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 Payments Policy.

All Victorian Government departments and 107 major and significant government agencies across a range of portfolios, including all TAFEs and regional water authorities 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.

**Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission: Victorian Government Purchasing Board — procurement policies**

- 2764. 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 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:

Details of breaches of the Victorian Government Purchasing Board's procurement guidelines are published in the Board's annual reports. To provide further information in these circumstances would place an unnecessary burden on the time and resources of the department.



**Sport, recreation and youth affairs: Victorian Government Purchasing Board — procurement policies**

**2774. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs): 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:

As the Minister for Sport, Recreation & Youth Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2758.

*[Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3039]*

**Veterans affairs: Victorian Government Purchasing Board — procurement policies**

**2775. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Veterans' Affairs): 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:

As the Minister for Veteran's Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2758.

*[Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3039]*

**Multicultural affairs: Victorian Government Purchasing Board — procurement policies**

**2776. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): 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:

As the Minister for Multicultural Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2758.

[Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3039]

**Local government: Victorian Government Purchasing Board — procurement policies**

**2777. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Local Government): 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:

As the Minister for Local Government I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2758.

[Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3039]

**Aboriginal affairs: Victorian Government Purchasing Board — procurement policies**

**2778. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs): 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:

As the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2758.

[Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3039]

**Women’s affairs: Victorian Government Purchasing Board — procurement policies**

**2779. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Women’s Affairs): 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:

As the Minister for Women's Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2758.

[Hansard reference: *Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3039*]

**Regional and rural development: Victorian Government Purchasing Board — procurement policies**

**2786. 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:

- (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.

**Skills and workforce participation: Victorian Government Purchasing Board — procurement policies**

**2787. 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:

- (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.

**Tourism and major events: Victorian Government Purchasing Board — procurement policies**

**2789. 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:

- (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:

Breaches of the Victorian Government Purchasing Board's procurement policies are detailed in the Board's annual report.

To provide further information in relation to these breaches would place an unnecessary burden on the time and resources of the department.

**Environment and climate change: annual reports**

- 2796. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration: 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.

**Community development: annual reports**

- 2813. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): 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:**

As the Minister for Community Development I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2798.

*[Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3040]*

**Sport, recreation and youth affairs: annual reports**

- 2814. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs): 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:

As the Minister for Sport, Recreation & Youth Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2798.

[Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3040]

**Veterans affairs: annual reports**

**2815. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Veterans' Affairs): 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:

As the Minister for Veterans' Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2798.

[Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3040]

**Multicultural affairs: annual reports**

**2816. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): 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:

As the Minister for Multicultural Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2798.

[Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3040]

**Local government: annual reports**

**2817. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Local Government): 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:

As the Minister for Local Government I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2798.

[Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3040]

**Aboriginal affairs: annual reports**

**2818. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs): 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:

As the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2798.

[Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3040]

**Women's affairs: annual reports**

**2819. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Women's Affairs): 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:

As the Minister for Women's Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2798.

[Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3040]

**Attorney-General: annual reports**

**2820. 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: 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.

**Racing: annual reports**

**2821. 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: 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.

**Gaming: annual reports**

**2824. 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: 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.

**Regional and rural development: annual reports**

**2826. 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 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.

**Skills and workforce participation: annual reports**

**2827. 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 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.

**Tourism and major events: annual reports**

**2829. 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 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 would place an unnecessary burden on the Department's time and resources.

**Planning: trade union grants**

**2838. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning: 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:

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

**Health: trade union grants**

**2843. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Arts): 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:

I refer the Honourable Member to the Premier's response to question 2842.

[*Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 12 June 2008, page 2352*]

**Regional and rural development: trade union grants**

**2866. 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 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.

**Skills and workforce participation: trade union grants**

**2867. 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 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.

**Tourism and major events: trade union grants**

**2869. 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 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.

**Sport, recreation and youth affairs: workplace bullying**

**2894. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth 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 informed as follows:

As the Minister for Sport, Recreation & Youth Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2878.

*[Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3044]*

**Veterans affairs: workplace bullying**

**2895. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Veterans' 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 informed as follows:

As the Minister for Veterans' Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2878.

[*Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3044*]

**Multicultural affairs: workplace bullying**

**2896. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural 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 informed as follows:

As the Minister for Multicultural Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2878.

[*Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3044*]

**Local government: workplace bullying**

**2897. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Local Government): 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:

As the Minister for I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2878.

[*Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3044*]

**Aboriginal affairs: workplace bullying**

- 2898. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Aboriginal 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 informed as follows:

As the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2878.

[*Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3044*]

**Women’s affairs: workplace bullying**

- 2899. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Women’s 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 informed as follows:

As the Minister for Women’s Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2878.

[*Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3044*]

**Regional and rural development: workplace bullying**

- 2906. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Regional and Rural Development): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details 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.

**Skills and workforce participation: workplace bullying**

**2907. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Skills and Workforce Participation): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details 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.

**Tourism and major events: workplace bullying**

**2909. 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 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:

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

**Agriculture: workplace bullying**

**2912. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details of 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 this question would be an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

**Arts: property sales**

**2923.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Arts): 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:

I refer the Honourable Member to the Premier's response to question 2922.

[*Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 11 June 2008, page 2350*]

**Sport, recreation and youth affairs: property sales**

**2934.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs): 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:

As the Minister for Sport, Recreation & Youth Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2918.

[Hansard reference: *Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3049*]

**Veterans affairs: property sales**

**2935. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Veterans' Affairs): 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:

As the Minister for Veterans' Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2918.

[Hansard reference: *Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3049*]

**Multicultural affairs: property sales**

**2936. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): 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:

As the Minister for Multicultural Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2918.

[Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3049]

**Local government: property sales**

**2937. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Local Government): 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:

As the Minister for Local Government I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2918.

[Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3049]

**Aboriginal affairs: property sales**

**2938. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs): 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:

As the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2918.

[Hansard reference: *Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3049*]

**Women's affairs: property sales**

**2939. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Women's Affairs): 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:

As the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon. Justin Madden, for LC2918.

[Hansard reference: *Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3049*]

**Attorney-General: property sales**

**2940. 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 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 advised that:

This question does not come under my portfolio responsibilities as the sale of government properties is administered by the Department of Treasury and Finance.

**Racing: property sales**

**2941. 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 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 advised that:

This question does not come under my portfolio responsibilities as the sale of government properties is administered by the Department of Treasury and Finance.

**Police and emergency services: property sales**

**2942. 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 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 advised that:

This question does not come under my portfolio responsibilities as the sale of government properties is administered by the Department of Treasury and Finance.

**Corrections: property sales**

**2943.** **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 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 advised that:

This question does not come under my portfolio responsibilities as the sale of government properties is administered by the Department of Treasury and Finance.

**Gaming: property sales**

**2944** **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 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 advised that:

This question does not come under my portfolio responsibilities as the sale of government properties is administered by the Department of Treasury and Finance.

**Consumer affairs: property sales**

**2945. 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 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 advised that:

This question does not come under my portfolio responsibilities as the sale of government properties is administered by the Department of Treasury and Finance.

**Regional and rural development: property sales**

**2946. 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 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.

**Skills and workforce participation: property sales**

**2947. 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 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.

**Tourism and major events: property sales**

**2949. 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 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.

**Planning: Patricia Baleen gas plant**

**2960. MR HALL** — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the proposed Longtom upgrade at the Patricia Baleen Gas Plant near Marlo:

- (1) Why was no supplementary Environmental Effects Statement (ESS) required.
- (2) How many incident reports from the Patricia Baleen Gas Plant have been submitted to Government and were these reports considered as part of the process in determining whether a supplementary EES was required.
- (3) Why has no risk assessment of the impact of an accident or explosion at the site on the Snowy River ever been undertaken.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The primary statutory approvals governing the operation of the Patricia Baleen Gas Plant are under the Environment Protection Act 1970. Incident reporting for the Santos owned Patricia Baleen plant is a requirement of their Environment Protection Authority (EPA) licence. The 2006 annual report for the site contained three notifiable incidents with no reportable incidents having been reported within the 2007 calendar year. The three incidents reported in 2006 related to minor equipment failure and spillages that I understand were promptly addressed.

The EPA must be satisfied that the construction and operation of gas plants in Victoria is undertaken in a safe manner. The EPA oversees, through their Work Approvals system, a number of gas facilities including this Santos plant, which has operated safely on this site for over five years.

While risk cannot be eliminated entirely, it is managed through rigorous plant design with particular attention being paid to minimising fugitive emissions from gas plants and the use of flares to provide a safe means of removing gas or vapour that might pose a hazard if not controlled.

Development of this site for a gas plant was subject to an Environment Effects Statement (EES) process for the Patricia Baleen plant and a further EES when the plant was proposed to be extended to process gas from the Sole gas field.

The most recent Longtom gas field project has been proposed as Santos do not intend to proceed immediately with the plant extension for the Sole field, instead opting for a project proposal that has fewer environmental impacts and technical issues. I therefore determined, on the basis of studies completed for the EESs for both the Patricia Baleen and Sole Gas Projects, and the experience of the Patricia Baleen development, that effects from the current

Longtom proposal would be limited and that a further EES was therefore not needed. Planning approvals are now being sought through the planning permit application process.

**Health: Wodonga ambulance station**

**2967. MRS PETROVICH** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Wodonga Ambulance Station, which was originally built over 40 years ago, was later extended to accommodate 10 staff and has a current staffing level of 20: Has this station been identified as a station that needs replacing; if so, when will this happen.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

A program of works is undertaken each year across the Ambulance Victoria's 122 rural ambulance branches in Victoria.

I am advised by Ambulance Victoria, that the Wodonga branch is not in poor condition. Since late 2006, some minor improvements have been undertaken at the branch as part of Ambulance Victoria's ongoing maintenance program.

Ambulance Victoria will continue to monitor and consider the longer term plans for the Wodonga ambulance branch.

**Treasurer: board representatives**

**2971. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Treasurer'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 information requested would place a large burden on the department's time and resources. A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous, however, should you indicate in a further question what information you are particularly seeking, I may be able to assist you.

**Children and early childhood development: board representatives**

**2982. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): 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
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**ANSWER:**

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**Mental health: board representatives**

**2986. 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 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
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**Community services: board representatives**

**2987. 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 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
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**ANSWER:**

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**Senior Victorians: board representatives**

**2988. 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 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
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**ANSWER:**

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**Tourism and major events: board representatives**

**3005. 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 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 an unnecessary burden on the Department's time and resources.

**Public transport: board representatives**

**3009. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Public Transport): 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:**

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

There is no provision for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on boards for the department, or agencies or authorities within the public transport portfolio.

Information on remuneration paid to board members can be found by identifying the board classification in the Government Public Board Appointments Victoria website: [www.publicboards.vic.gov.au](http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au), and referring to the remuneration schedules in the Department of Premier and Cabinet's *Guidelines for the Appointment and Remuneration of Part Time Non-Executive Directors of State Government Boards and Members of Statutory Bodies and Advisory Committees*: [www.dpc.vic.gov.au](http://www.dpc.vic.gov.au).



**Children and early childhood development: uniforms**

**3061. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): 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.

**Tourism and major events: uniforms**

**3084. 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:

- (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 an unnecessary burden on the Department’s time and resources.

**Agriculture: uniforms**

**3087. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration:

- (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 provide a detailed response to this question would be an unnecessary diversion of the Department’s resources.

**Planning: staff attrition rate**

**3093. 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 staff attrition rate for each of the financial years 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, 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: staff attrition rate**

**3100. 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 was the staff attrition rate for each of the financial years 2000–01 to 2006–07.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

To compile information requested from the past seven financial years would place an unnecessary burden on the department’s time and resources.

**Children and early childhood development: staff attrition rate**

**3102. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): 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.

**Attorney-General: staff attrition rate**

**3116. 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: 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.

**Racing: staff attrition rate**

**3117. 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: 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.

**Gaming: staff attrition rate**

**3120. 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: 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.

**Tourism and major events: staff attrition rate**

**3125. 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 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 an unnecessary burden on the Department's time and resources.

**Education: J. H. Boyd Girls High School site**

**3145. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): Does the Government have any plans to open a child care facility at the site of the former J. H. Boyd Girls' High School, at 207-221 City Road, Southbank.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The property does not fall within my portfolio of responsibilities.

**Education: J. H. Boyd Girls High School site**

**3150.** MRS COOTE — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In which year was the final secondary school class in attendance at the former J. H. Boyd Girls' High School, at 207–221 City Road, Southbank.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The final secondary class at J. H. Boyd Girls' High School was 1985.

**Education: J. H. Boyd Girls High School site**

**3151.** MRS COOTE — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): What documented plans does the government have for the restoration of the existing buildings on the site of the former J. H. Boyd Girls' High School, at 207–221 City Road, Southbank.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The property does not fall within my portfolio of responsibilities.

**Education: J. H. Boyd Girls High School site**

**3153.** MRS COOTE — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to the site of the former J. H. Boyd Girls' High School, at 207–221 City Road, Southbank: Does the Government have plans to rezone the site to allow for the sale of all or part of the site.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The property does not fall within my portfolio of responsibilities.

**Education: J. H. Boyd Girls High School site**

**3154.** MRS COOTE — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to the site of the former J. H. Boyd Girls' High School, at 207–221 City Road, Southbank: What is the current zoning classification of this site.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The property does not fall within my portfolio of responsibilities.

**Education: J. H. Boyd Girls High School site**

**3155.** MRS COOTE — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to the site of the former J. H. Boyd Girls' High School, at 207–221 City Road, Southbank: What amount of State Government funding was spent on the site in the following periods —

- (a) 2000–01;

- (b) 2001–02;
- (c) 2002–03;
- (d) 2003–04;
- (e) 2004–05; and
- (f) 2006–07.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

J. H. Boyd Girls' High School closed in 1986. The property does not fall within my portfolio of responsibilities.

**Education: J. H. Boyd Girls High School site**

- 3156.** **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to the site of the former J. H. Boyd Girls' High School, at 207–221 City Road, Southbank: What studies or reports have been undertaken into utilising the site as a community arts facility.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The property does not fall within my portfolio of responsibilities.

**Education: J. H. Boyd Girls High School site**

- 3157.** **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to the site of the former J. H. Boyd Girls' High School, at 207–221 City Road, Southbank: What studies or reports have been undertaken into utilising the site for youth activities/recreation space.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The property does not fall within my portfolio of responsibilities.

**Education: J. H. Boyd Girls High School site**

- 3159.** **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to the site of the former J. H. Boyd Girls' High School, at 207–221 City Road, Southbank: What studies or reports have been undertaken into utilising the site for library services.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The property does not fall within my portfolio of responsibilities.

**Education: J. H. Boyd Girls High School site**

- 3161.** **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to the site of the former J. H. Boyd Girls' High School, at 207–221 City Road, Southbank: What studies or reports have been undertaken into utilising the site as an older person's activity space.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The property does not fall within my portfolio of responsibilities.

**Senior Victorians: J. H. Boyd Girls High School site**

**3162.** **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to the site of the former J. H. Boyd Girls' High School, at 207–221 City Road, Southbank: What studies or reports have been undertaken into utilising the site as an older person's activity space.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

No studies or reports have been undertaken by the Department of Human Services into utilising the site as an older person's activity space.

**Education: J. H. Boyd Girls High School site**

**3163.** **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to the site of the former J. H. Boyd Girls' High School, at 207–221 City Road, Southbank: What studies or reports have been undertaken into utilising the site as a children's services centre.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The property does not fall within my portfolio of responsibilities.

**Children and early childhood development: J. H. Boyd Girls High School site**

**3164.** **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): In relation to the site of the former J. H. Boyd Girls' High School, at 207–221 City Road, Southbank: What studies or reports have been undertaken into utilising the site as a children's services centre.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Department has not undertaken any studies or reports into utilising the site as a children's services centre.

**Education: J. H. Boyd Girls High School site**

**3166.** **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): 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 as follows:

The property does not fall within my portfolio of responsibilities.

**Mental health: homelessness program — Loddon Mallee region**

**3168. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to a \$139,500 pilot project to Prevent People with a Mental Illness being discharged into homelessness in the Loddon Mallee Region announced on 7 July 2002:

- (1) How much of the funding was expended in the 18 months time frame.
- (2) How was the pilot evaluated and what were the results of the evaluation.
- (3) Has the program received ongoing funding.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Funding was fully expended in the 18 month time frame.
- (2) The pilot was favourably evaluated providing evidence for ongoing funding.
- (3) The program has received ongoing funding.

**Community services: One Stop Shop for Young People — Morwell**

**3171. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$700,000 worth of funding for the One Stop Shop for Young People in Morwell launched on 8 August 2002:

- (1) How much of the funding was expended by August 2005.
- (2) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.
- (3) Has funding been ongoing.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) A total amount of \$704,800 was expended by August 2005.
- (2) An evaluation was completed in October 2003 by the Gippsland Research and Information Service, Monash University, Gippsland. The result of the evaluation was a changed model of service delivery.
- (3) No.

**Community services: disability services — Warrandyte drowning inquiry**

**3181. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to an inquiry into the drowning death of an intellectually disabled man in Warrandyte on 20 November 2007:

- (1) Has the Government's inquiry been completed.
- (2) Will the report into the Government's inquiry into this matter that the Premier promised be made public.
- (3) When will the Government report into the inquiry be made public.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Firstly, I would like pass on my sincere condolences to the family.

(1) At the time of this incident a practice review was undertaken by the department and was completed in December 2007. The death is also the subject of a current coronial investigation.

(2) & (3)

The review findings are confidential and will not be released.

**Police and emergency services: Windsor railway station — crime**

**3184. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Windsor Train Station, Prahran, in the 2000–01 financial year —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

The Brumby Government is committed to providing safe streets and homes for all Victorians by ensuring Victoria Police are highly professional and well resourced.

Since coming to office, the State Government has increased the number of police by over 1,400. Further, we have increased funding to Victoria Police to a record budget of more than \$1.75 billion in 2008–09, and funded the construction and refurbishment of over 150 police stations across the state.

The Government’s additional support to Victoria Police is showing good results. Victoria’s crime rate has fallen 23.5 per cent since 2000–01, with Victoria now having the lowest crime rate in Australia.

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. In addition to this, the Government committed to providing additional resources and equipment to assist police in their work, including an extra 100 police cars.

Collation of information in the specific format sought by the Honourable member represents an unreasonable diversion of resources by the Department of Justice. Information on the 2006–07 crime statistics for Victoria can be found on the Victoria Police website under *About Victoria Police, Statistics, Crime Statistics*. Further historical information is available in hard copy at the State Library of Victoria.

The State Government has implemented a series of initiatives to improve public safety on trams and trains, as well as at railway stations. Measures include, installing duress buttons and Closed Circuit Televisions on all new and refurbished trains and fitting Combino trams with internal cameras to help drivers monitor passenger behaviour. At railway stations, security has been improved at entrances to underground City Loop stations, as well as upgrading



Closed Circuit Television coverage both in and around various stations. Since 2000–01, the number of offences committed on public transport has been reduced by 30.9 per cent.

**Police and emergency services: Windsor railway station — crime**

**3185. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Windsor Train Station, Prahran, in the 2001–02 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
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**Police and emergency services: Windsor railway station — crime**

**3186. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Windsor Train Station, Prahran, in the 2002–03 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
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**Police and emergency services: Windsor railway station — crime**

**3187. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Windsor Train Station, Prahran, in the 2003–04 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
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**Police and emergency services: Windsor railway station — crime**

**3188. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Windsor Train Station, Prahran, in the 2004–05 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
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**Police and emergency services: Windsor railway station — crime**

**3189. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Windsor Train Station, Prahran, in the 2005–06 financial year —

- (a) rape;
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**Police and emergency services: Windsor railway station — crime**

**3190. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Windsor Train Station, Prahran, in the 2006–07 financial year —

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**Police and emergency services: South Yarra railway station — crime**

**3191. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at South Yarra Train Station, South Yarra, in the 2000–01 financial year —

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**Police and emergency services: South Yarra railway station — crime**

**3192.** **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at South Yarra Train Station, South Yarra, in the 2001–02 financial year —

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**Police and emergency services: South Yarra railway station — crime**

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**3198. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Prahran Train Station, Prahran, in the 2000–01 financial year —

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**3199. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Prahran Train Station, Prahran, in the 2001–02 financial year —

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**3200. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Prahran Train Station, Prahran, in the 2002–03 financial year —

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**3201. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Prahran Train Station, Prahran, in the 2003–04 financial year —

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**Police and emergency services: Prahran railway station — crime**

**3203. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Prahran Train Station, Prahran, in the 2005–06 financial year —

- (a) rape;
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**Police and emergency services: Prahran railway station — crime**

**3204. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Prahran Train Station, Prahran, in the 2006–07 financial year —

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**Police and emergency services: Hawksburn railway station — crime**

**3205. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Hawksburn Train Station, South Yarra, in the 2000–01 financial year —

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**Police and emergency services: Hawksburn railway station — crime**

**3206. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Hawksburn Train Station, South Yarra, in the 2001–02 financial year —

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**Police and emergency services: Hawksburn railway station — crime**

**3207. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Hawksburn Train Station, South Yarra, in the 2002–03 financial year —

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**3208. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Hawksburn Train Station, South Yarra, in the 2003–04 financial year —

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**3210. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Hawksburn Train Station, South Yarra, in the 2005–06 financial year —

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**Police and emergency services: Moorabbin railway station — crime**

**3212. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Moorabbin Train Station, Moorabbin, in the 2000–01 financial year —

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**3213.** **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Moorabbin Train Station, Moorabbin, in the 2001–02 financial year —

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**3214.** **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Moorabbin Train Station, Moorabbin, in the 2002–03 financial year —

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**3215. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Moorabbin Train Station, Moorabbin, in the 2003–04 financial year —

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**Police and emergency services: Moorabbin railway station — crime**

**3217. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Moorabbin Train Station, Moorabbin, in the 2005–06 financial year —

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

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**Police and emergency services: Moorabbin railway station — crime**

**3218. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Moorabbin Train Station, Moorabbin, in the 2006–07 financial year —

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**Police and emergency services: Bentleigh railway station — crime**

**3219. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Bentleigh Train Station, Bentleigh, in the 2000–01 financial year —

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**Police and emergency services: Bentleigh railway station — crime**

**3220.** **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Bentleigh Train Station, Bentleigh, in the 2001–02 financial year —

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**Police and emergency services: Bentleigh railway station — crime**

**3221.** **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Bentleigh Train Station, Bentleigh, in the 2002–03 financial year —

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**Police and emergency services: Bentleigh railway station — crime**

**3224. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Bentleigh Train Station, Bentleigh, in the 2005–06 financial year —

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**Police and emergency services: Patterson railway station — crime**

**3226. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Patterson Train Station, Bentleigh, in the 2000–01 financial year —

- (a) rape;
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**Police and emergency services: Patterson railway station — crime**

**3227.** **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Patterson Train Station, Bentleigh, in the 2001–02 financial year —

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**3228.** **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Patterson Train Station, Bentleigh, in the 2002–03 financial year —

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**Police and emergency services: Patterson railway station — crime**

**3229. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Patterson Train Station, Bentleigh, in the 2003–04 financial year —

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**Police and emergency services: Patterson railway station — crime**

**3231. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Patterson Train Station, Bentleigh, in the 2005–06 financial year —

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
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**ANSWER:**

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**Police and emergency services: Patterson railway station — crime**

**3232. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Patterson Train Station, Bentleigh, in the 2006–07 financial year —

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**Police and emergency services: McKinnon railway station — crime**

**3233. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at McKinnon Train Station, McKinnon, in the 2000–01 financial year —

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**Police and emergency services: McKinnon railway station — crime**

**3234.** **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at McKinnon Train Station, McKinnon, in the 2001–02 financial year —

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**Police and emergency services: McKinnon railway station — crime**

**3235.** **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at McKinnon Train Station, McKinnon, in the 2002–03 financial year —

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**Police and emergency services: McKinnon railway station — crime**

**3238. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at McKinnon Train Station, McKinnon, in the 2005–06 financial year —

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**Police and emergency services: Ormond railway station — crime**

**3240. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Ormond Train Station, Ormond, in the 2000–01 financial year —

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**3241. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Ormond Train Station, Ormond, in the 2001–02 financial year —

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**ANSWER:**

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**Police and emergency services: Ormond railway station — crime**

**3246. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Ormond Train Station, Ormond, in the 2006–07 financial year —

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

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**Industrial relations: adjournment debate responses**

**3251. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Industrial Relations): What is the usual length of time it takes the Minister to respond to matters raised in the Adjournment debate.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The adjournment debates in the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council play an important role where members raise matters for Ministers which they consider requires attention.

If there is a particular adjournment debate matter which relates to my portfolio that you are seeking a response to please feel free to contact me.

**Agriculture: adjournment debate responses**

**3259. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Agriculture): 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:

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If there is a particular adjournment debate matter which relates to my portfolio that you are seeking a response to please feel free to contact me.

**Community services: disability services — community residential units**

**3290. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$495,000 funding for five one bedroom units for people with a disability in Mitcham promised on 11 October 2002:

- (1) On what date was the project due to be completed.
- (2) On what date was the project completed.
- (3) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This program does not fall under the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Community Services.

**Community services: bushfires — relief funding**

**3293. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$733,750 funding for financial aid and counselling services to assist fire-affected communities promised on 26 February 2003:

- (1) By what date was the funding due to be expended.
- (2) By what date was the funding expended.
- (3) How many people received counselling services as a result of these funds.
- (4) How many community development workers were employed as a result of these funds.
- (5) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

\$795,500 was actually funded to the fire-affected communities for the purposes identified and that:

- (1) Funding was due to be expended by 30 June 2004;
- (2) Funding was expended by 30 June 2004;
- (3) Reports specify 450 clients received services from some agencies with other agencies reporting additional increases in service levels, indicating greater than 500 clients received services overall;
- (4) 4 Community Development Officers, 4 General Counsellors and 2 Financial Counsellors were employed;
- (5) No specific evaluation of the funds was undertaken.

**Community services: family support**

**3294. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$1 million annual funding for Geelong families in need promised on 12 March 2003: How many vulnerable local families have been supported, each year, as a result of this additional funding.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

In 2003–2004, 302 families were assisted.

In 2005–2006, 529 families were assisted.

In 2006–2007, 443 families were assisted.

**Community services: Have A Say — Moving Forward conference**

**3295. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$100,000 funding to help delegates to the “Have A Say — Moving Forward” conference meet various costs promised on 12 March 2003:

- (1) What was the total funding expended to help meet the cost of registration, transport, accommodation and carers.
- (2) How many people were helped with this funding.
- (3) How many people attended the conference.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The advocacy organisation Victorian League for Individuals with a Disability (Valid), organises this conference on an annual basis, received a \$10,000 grant from the Department of Human Services to support people with a disability to attend this conference. The total funding expended was \$12,899.
- (2) 167 people with disabilities were helped with this funding.
- (3) Over 450 people attended the three-day conference.

**Community services: HomeFirst program**

**3296. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$4.8 million funding for HomeFirst promised in the 2003–04 Budget:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the 2003–04 financial year.
- (2) How many extra individuals received housing and living support in the 2003–04 financial year as a result of these funds.
- (3) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) This initiative contributed to the output and financial performance reported in the Department of Human Services Annual Report for 2003–04. Retrospective disaggregation of this reported performance would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.
- (2) This initiative contributed to the output and financial performance reported in the Department of Human Services Annual Report for 2003–04. Retrospective disaggregation of this reported performance would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.
- (3) The use of the funds forms part of ongoing service and demand evaluation that is undertaken.

**Community services: Making a Difference program**

**3297. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$1 million funding for the Making a Difference program promised in the 2003–04 Budget:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the 2003–04 financial year.
- (2) How many extra packages did families receive in the 2003–04 financial year as a result of these funds.
- (3) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) This initiative contributed to the output and financial performance reported in the Department of Human Services Annual Report for 2003–04. Retrospective disaggregation of this reported performance would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.



- (2) This initiative contributed to the output and financial performance reported in the Department of Human Services Annual Report for 2003–04. Retrospective disaggregation of this reported performance would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.
- (3) The use of the funds forms part of ongoing service and demand evaluation that is undertaken.

**Community services: Introducing Older Years and Carer Support program**

**3298.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$1.5 million funding for the Introducing Older Years and Carer Support Program promised in the 2003–04 Budget:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the 2003–04 financial year.
- (2) How many extra clients received individual support packages in the 2003–04 financial year as a result of these funds.
- (3) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) This initiative contributed to the output and financial performance reported in the Department of Human Services Annual Report for 2003–04. Retrospective disaggregation of this reported performance would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.
- (2) This initiative contributed to the output and financial performance reported in the Department of Human Services Annual Report for 2003–04. Retrospective disaggregation of this reported performance would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.
- (3) The use of the funds forms part of ongoing service and demand evaluation that is undertaken.

**Community services: community awareness and inclusion programs**

**3299.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$200,000 funding for improved community awareness and inclusion programs promised in the 2003–04 Budget:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the 2003–04 financial year.
- (2) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) This initiative contributed to the output and financial performance reported in the Department of Human Services Annual Report for 2003–04. Retrospective disaggregation of this reported performance would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.
- (2) The use of the funds forms part of ongoing service and demand evaluation that is undertaken.

**Community services: disability services — funding**

**3300.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$3.35 million funding for planning for future needs for disability services promised in the 2003–04 Budget:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the 2003–04 financial year.
- (2) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) This initiative contributed to the output and financial performance reported in the Department of Human Services Annual Report for 2003–04. Retrospective disaggregation of this reported performance would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.
- (2) The use of the funds forms part of ongoing service and demand evaluation that is undertaken.

**Community services: Kew Residential Services**

- 3301.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$2 million funding for the redevelopment of Kew Residential Services promised in the 2003–04 Budget: How much of this funding was expended in the 2003–04 financial year.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

All the additional funding provided in financial year 2003–2004 was expended.

**Community services: family support**

- 3302.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$1.3 million funding for stronger family support promised in the 2003–04 Budget:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended by the end of the 2005–06 financial year.
- (2) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) \$1.3 million
- (2) Yes, the Family Support Innovation Project Evaluation Report identified that “the Innovations program has been an outstanding success in achieving its objectives of long term and sustainable changes in child protection system activity in the Victorian system. The Innovations program is a clear success with sustainable and strong downward impacts upon Victorian Child Protection system activity.”

**Community services: Aboriginal protocol**

- 3303.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$600,000 funding for the development of the Aboriginal Protocol promised in the 2003–04 Budget:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended by the end of the 2005–06 financial year.
- (2) How much funding was initially budgeted for this project.
- (3) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The entire amount of \$600,000 was expended in 2005–06.
- (2) The initial budget for this project was \$600,000 per annum.
- (3) Yes. As a result services have been further strengthened and expanded.

**Community services: leaving care mentoring program**

**3305. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$100,000 funding for the mentoring program for young people leaving care promised in the 2003–04 Budget:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended by the end of the 2005–06 financial year.
- (2) How many extra young people received mentors when leaving care as a result of these funds.
- (3) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) All of these funding was expended.
- (2) 33 young people.
- (3) No formal evaluation was undertaken.

**Community services: carers**

**3306. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$4 million funding for supporting home-based carers promised in the 2003–04 Budget:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the 2003–04 financial year.
- (2) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) This initiative contributed to the output and financial performance reported in the Department of Human Services Annual Report for 2003–04. Retrospective disaggregation of this reported performance would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.
- (2) The use of the funds forms part of ongoing service and demand evaluation that is undertaken.

**Community services: disability services — funding**

**3307. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$1.5 million annual funding to help young people with a disability find work promised on 7 May 2003:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the 2003–04 financial year.

- (2) How many support workers were employed in the 2003–04 financial year as a result of these funds.
- (3) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) This initiative contributed to the output and financial performance reported in the Department of Human Services Annual Report for 2003–04. Retrospective disaggregation of this reported performance would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.
- (2) This initiative contributed to the output and financial performance reported in the Department of Human Services Annual Report for 2003–04. Retrospective disaggregation of this reported performance would involve a significant diversion of departmental resources.
- (3) The use of the funds forms part of ongoing service and demand evaluation that is undertaken.

**Community services: disability services — funding**

- 3308. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$478,000 of funding grants to agencies to strengthen the rights of people with a disability promised on 27 May 2003: Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Evaluation of the projects occurred through normal departmental practices. This resulted in a number of organisations receiving ongoing disability funding to provide advocacy and self-advocacy services.

**Community services: Beginning Practice in Child Protection program**

- 3309. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$100,000 funding for the Beginning Practice Program promised on 2 June 2003:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the 2003–04 financial year.
- (2) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) \$100,000
- (2) In April 2004 a review of the ‘Beginning Practice in Child Protection’ program was undertaken by Ballarat University following 18 months of delivery. Overall the program was considered of a high standard. The report made 24 recommendations to improve the program and all were accepted and subsequently implemented.

**Community services: Doncare's Good Beginnings program**

**3311. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$60,000 funding for the Doncare's Good Beginnings Program promised on 1 July 2003: Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

No.

**Community services: family support innovations project — Maryborough**

**3313. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$148,000 funding for a Family Support Innovations Project in Maryborough promised on 22 July 2003: How many vulnerable local families were able to access intensive support services through this Family Support Innovations Project in 2003–04.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

29 families were provided with intensive support services for the part year effect of the Family Support Innovation Project 2003–2004. An additional 420 cases were provided with support via information and advice.

**Community services: Aboriginal children and families**

**3314. MR DALLA-RIVA**—To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$1.2 million funding for strategies to strengthen support for indigenous children and young people promised on 23 July 2003:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the 2003–04 financial year.
- (2) Have the new strategies been effective in reducing the over-representation of Aboriginal children in care.
- (3) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) A total of \$878,000 was expended in 2003–04.
- (2) The various projects funded from the \$1.2 million have assisted to better support and assist vulnerable Aboriginal children and families and to provide more culturally appropriate services.  
  
Aboriginal children continue to be over-represented in out of home care.
- (3) Yes. The various programs and initiatives were evaluated, informing the development of new services targeted at Aboriginal children and families.

**Senior Victorians: Supporting our Seniors initiative**

**3316. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to the *Supporting our Seniors* Initiative, a \$53.1 million (over 4 years) initiative which was first funded in the 2006–07 Budget:

- (1) How much was allocated to this initiative in the 2008–09 financial year.
- (2) How much of this was spent on the Elder Abuse Prevention initiative in the 2007–08 financial year.
- (3) When will the \$5.9 million Elder Abuse Prevention initiative be fully implemented.
- (4) How many claims of elder abuse have been reported to the new elder abuse hotline since it was officially launched on 28 April 2008.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) In 2008–09 financial year, \$13.2m is allocated to supporting the Seniors Initiative.
- (2) In 2007–08, the Elder Abuse Prevention initiative spent \$1,011,376.
- (3) The Elder Abuse Prevention initiative runs from 2006–07 until 2009–2010 and will be implemented within this timeframe.
- (4) Between 28 April and 30 June 2008 there have been 133 claims of elder abuse reported to Seniors Rights Victoria (SRV).

**Senior Victorians: aged-care assessments**

**3317. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to \$3.3 million in funding for Aged Care Assessment Services (ACAS), promised on 1 May 2007:

- (1) How much funding was expended in the 2007–08 financial year.
- (2) What was the total funding expended on ACAS services in the 2002–03 and 2007–08 financial years.
- (3) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) There was no allocation of \$3.3 million in 2007–08 to ACAS.
- (2) The total program budget for ACAS was \$17.6 million in 2002–03 and \$24.4 million in 2007–08.
- (3) The program funds a national ACAS Evaluation Unit which collects quarterly data that is used to monitor ACAS performance. A national review of ACAT operations was also undertaken by the Commonwealth Government in 2007.

**Senior Victorians: aged-care assessments**

**3318. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to Aged Care Assessment Services (ACAS):

- (1) How many people were on the waiting list in 2003.

- (2) How many people were on the waiting list in 2007.
- (3) What is the average waiting time to access ACAS, as at June 2008.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) No central waiting list is maintained. ACAS performance is measured by the waiting time for assessment.
- (2) During 2007–2008, clients in hospital settings waited an average of 1.9 days for assessment. Clients in non-hospital settings waited an average of 21.8 days.

**Community services: respite services**

**3319.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$13.1 million for respite services promised on 26 May 2007:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the 2007–08 financial year.
- (2) How many additional hours of respite have been provided.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

With reference to \$13.1 million over 4 years for respite services promised on 26 May 2007 —

- (1) In 2007–08 \$3.2 million was allocated.
- (2) Respite services are measured in episodes rather than hours.

**Community services: Support for Older Carers program**

**3320.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$15.7 million to continue the Support for Older Carers Program promised on 26 May 2007: How much of this funding was expended in the 2007–08 financial year.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

In relation to \$15.7 million to continue the Support for Older Carers Program promised on 26 May 2007, \$15.7 million is to be provided over 4 years, with \$3.8 million allocated in 2007/08.

**Community services: carers — respite and support services**

**3321.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$71 million for respite and support services for carers of seniors promised on 18 October 2004:

- (1) How much of this funding has been committed as at 30 June 2008.
- (2) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

All of the funding has been committed.

The funds provided growth to existing programs that have annual monitoring of service outputs.

**Community services: carers — respite and support services**

**3322.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$520,000 funding for flexible support for carers of people with dementia promised on 20 August 2004:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that, this funding was announced on 23 August 2004 and

- (1) \$520,000 was expended in the 2004–05 financial year.
- (2) The funds provided growth to the existing program, which aims to provide flexible and innovative service responses for individual needs of people with dementia and their unpaid carers. Program outputs are monitored annually.

**Community services: dementia — funding**

**3323.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$300,000 funding for people with dementia promised on 20 August 2004:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) \$300,000 was expended in 2004–05.
- (2) The majority of funds provided growth to the existing program, which aims to provide flexible and innovative service responses for individual needs of people with dementia and their unpaid carers. Program outputs are monitored annually.

**Community services: carers — respite and support services**

**3324.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$520,000 funding for flexible support for carers of people with dementia promised on 20 August 2004:

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- (2) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that, this funding was announced on 23 August 2004 and



- (1) \$520,000 was expended in the 2004–05 financial year.
- (2) The funds provided growth to the existing program, which aims to provide flexible and innovative service responses for individual needs of people with dementia and their unpaid carers. Program outputs are monitored annually.

**Community services: supported residential services**

**3325. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$605,000 funding for a pilot program to provide personalised support for people living in supported residential services promised on 21 October 2004:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) \$605,000 was allocated in 2004–05 for the SRS Pilot Project.
- (2) The SRS Pilot Project has been evaluated. The findings showed significant benefits for each participating SRS from both a financial and operational perspective, and to residents.

**Community services: respite services**

**3326. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$240,000 funding for four trial projects on flexible respite options in Gippsland, Loddon Mallee and Melbourne’s South and North-West promised on 18 October 2004:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) \$240,000 was expended in the 2004–05 financial year.
- (2) Monitoring and evaluation of all projects occurred, and a resource for service providers is being developed as a result.

