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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, 7 October 2008

Health: Parliamentary Secretary for Health

- 807. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): Between 25 November 2006 and 2 August, 2007, what support was provided for Ms Maxine Morand, MP and at what cost, in her capacity as Parliamentary Secretary for Health for —
- (a) telephone and other communication support;
 - (b) car hire and rental car access including dates, destination and purpose;
 - (c) air flights, where to, on what date and how much did each flight cost;
 - (d) meal and entertainment costs;
 - (e) staff assisting him, their effective full time number and cost to the department; and
 - (f) any other support or reimbursement provided including details of the nature and cost of the support or reimbursement.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Between 25 November 2006 and 2 August 2007:

- (a) Mobile phone calls totalling \$788.40 have been paid and a mobile phone costing \$801.44 has been purchased.
- (b) No car hire and rental car access expenses have been incurred.
- (c) Two air flights have been purchased: an economy-class return flight to Canberra at a cost of \$597.85 (including a booking fee \$32.20) and a business-class return flight to Brisbane at a cost of \$1,598.63 (including a booking fee of \$32.20).
- (d) Accommodation costing \$280.00 related to an overnight stay in Canberra have been incurred.
- (e) No staff were assigned to the Office of the Parliamentary Secretary for Health to assist her perform this role.
- (f) No other expenses related to the Parliamentary Secretary for Health were identified.

Health: hospitals — financial reporting

- 1074. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health):
- (1) How many hospitals have been placed on ‘close watch’ by the Department of Human Services (DHS) since January 2005, that is hospitals which have financial problems and have extra reporting requirements to DHS.
 - (2) What is the name of each hospital.
 - (3) How long has each hospital been under ‘close watch’.
 - (4) What is the specific reason/s for placing each hospital under ‘close watch’.

- (5) What are the specific reporting requirements that DHS has mandated for hospitals under 'close watch'.
- (6) When is each hospital expected to be removed from the 'close watch' requirements.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

All rural health service annual reports for 2006-07 have been tabled in Parliament. The final operating surplus was \$17.1m.

Hospitals under 'close watch' provide detailed information and commentary on their financial position monthly to the Department of Human Services.

The criteria for placing hospitals on 'close watch' is:

- A projected year-end operating deficit and/or;
- A projected current asset ratio of less than 0.7 and/or;
- Requesting additional financial support.

Hospitals are removed from the 'close watch' reporting system when they are no longer:

- Projecting a year-end operating deficit and/or;
- Projecting a current asset ratio of less than 0.7 and/or;
- Require additional financial support.

Since January 2005 nine hospitals have been added to the 'close watch' reporting system.

Hospitals may remain on 'close watch' despite returning a surplus to ensure that the improved financial position has stabilised. A hospital may also elect to go on the 'close watch' reporting process.

Water: D and M Downie Pty Ltd

1210. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): In relation to D & M Downie Pty Ltd providing consultancy services to the Department of Sustainability and Environment:

- (1) What were the dates of work provided.
- (2) What was the nature of the work provided.
- (3) How much was paid for the work undertaken.
- (4) What date did Mr David Downie officially begin work as an employee of the department of Sustainability and Environment.
- (5) Why is D & M Downie Pty Ltd still listed as a Government recommended tenderer for the Water Sector Group Panel of Project Managers and Advisers given that Mr Downie works for the Department of Sustainability and Environment.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) 5 March 2004 to 29 April 2005

- (2) Advisory services on: institutional and statutory barriers to water trading; and the COAG National Water Initiative and Living Murray/Murray Darling Basin Intergovernmental Agreement.
- (3) \$334,105.67
- (4) 2 May 2005
- (5) D&M Downie Pty Ltd was initially accepted for the panel of project Managers and Advisers in 2005 and included in a draft list but withdrew before the list was finalised due to Mr Downie accepting employment with the Department.

Agriculture: contractors

1327. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Agriculture): For the financial year 2006-07 what were the names and purposes of all contractors employed by the Department of Primary Industries, setting out in tabular form —

- (a) the name of the contractor;
- (b) the date the contract was entered into;
- (c) the purpose of the contract;
- (d) the value of the contract;
- (e) the expected term of the contract; and
- (f) the amount paid on the contract in the period.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

To provide details as requested would be an unreasonable diversion of my Department's resources. To ascertain details of all contractors engaged by DPI for the financial year 2006/07 would involve the analysis of many thousands of transactions. Details of DPI contracts greater than \$100,000 are listed on the Victorian Government's website at www.contracts.vic.gov.au.

Agriculture: contractors

1328. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Agriculture): For the period 1 July to 30 November 2007 what were the names and purposes of all contractors employed by the Department of Primary Industries, setting out in tabular form —

- (a) the name of the contractor;
- (b) the date the contract was entered into;
- (c) the purpose of the contract;
- (d) the value of the contract;
- (e) the expected term of the contract; and
- (f) the amount paid on the contract in the period.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

To provide details as requested would be an unreasonable diversion of my Department's resources. To ascertain details of all contractors engaged by DPI in the period requested would involve analysis of many thousands of transactions. Details of DPI contracts greater than \$100,000 are listed on the Victorian Government's website at www.contracts.vic.gov.au.

Tourism and major events: Emerald Tourist Railway Board — media and communications staff

1547. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Tourism and Major Events): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Emerald Tourist Railway Board and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Board.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The total amount spent by the Emerald Tourist Railway Board on advertising & promotion for the financial year 2006/2007 was \$142,791 with 1.5 full time equivalent staff employed in media and communications roles.

Tourism and major events: Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Trust — media and communications staff

1548. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Tourism and Major Events): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Trust and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Trust.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

In the 2006/07 financial year the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Trust spent \$514,262 on advertising and promotion and employed one full time person as Communications Manager.

Arts: Australian Centre for the Moving Image — media and communications staff

1560. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Arts): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Australian Centre for the Moving Image and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Centre.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

There is no centralised portfolio database that holds the information requested. In this context, it would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to obtain the details sought in this question.

Arts: Film Victoria — media and communications staff

1561. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Arts): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by Film Victoria and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the agency.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

There is no centralised portfolio database that holds the information requested. In this context, it would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to obtain the details sought in this question.

Arts: Geelong Performing Arts Centre Trust — media and communications staff

1562. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Arts): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Geelong Performing Arts Centre Trust and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Trust.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

There is no centralised portfolio database that holds the information requested. In this context, it would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to obtain the details sought in this question.

Arts: National Gallery of Victoria — media and communications staff

1563. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Arts): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the National Gallery of Victoria and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Gallery.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

There is no centralised portfolio database that holds the information requested. In this context, it would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to obtain the details sought in this question.

Arts: State Library of Victoria — media and communications staff

1564. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Arts): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the State Library of Victoria and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Library.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

There is no centralised portfolio database that holds the information requested. In this context, it would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to obtain the details sought in this question.

Arts: Museum Victoria — media and communications staff

1565. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Arts): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by Museum Victoria and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Museum.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

There is no centralised portfolio database that holds the information requested. In this context, it would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to obtain the details sought in this question.

Arts: Victorian Arts Centre Trust — media and communications staff

1566. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Arts): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Victorian Arts Centre Trust and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Trust.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

There is no centralised portfolio database that holds the information requested. In this context, it would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to obtain the details sought in this question.

Treasurer: media monitoring

1752. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Treasurer: What was the expenditure by the Department of Treasury and Finance on media monitoring for each of the financial years 2002-03 to 2007-08 to date.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The expenditure on media monitoring by the Department of Treasury and Finance includes amounts incurred by the Essential Services Commission; the Office of Gambling Regulation and the State Revenue Office.

Expenditure on media monitoring for the years 2005-06 to 2007-08 can be found at www.tenders.vic.gov.au. Expenditure for each of the years 2002-03 to 2004-05 is as follows:

2002-03	\$224,125.28
2003-04	\$283,350.76
2004-05	\$237,691.59

Environment and climate change: media monitoring

1755. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: What was the expenditure by the Department of Sustainability and Environment on media monitoring for each of the financial years 2002-03 to 2007-08 to date.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

As at March 2008, the Department of Sustainability and Environment’s media monitoring including all expenditure i.e. retainer, clips, copyright, transcripts and electronic files is as follows:

2002-2003	\$ 310,827
2003-2004	\$ 176,995
2004-2005	\$ 226,946
2005-2006	\$ 201,000
2006-2007	\$ 251,379
2007-2008 to date	\$ 194,821

Note: The Department of Sustainability and Environment was created in December 2002. The 2002-03 figure includes expenditure for the former Department of Natural Resources and Environment, which serviced the Agricultural portfolio, prior to this date.

Agriculture: CPR Communications and Public Relations

1891. MR D. M. DAVIS—To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Agriculture): In table form, what was the expenditure by the Department of Primary Industries 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:

There was no expenditure incurred in the financial year 2006-07 and the period between 30 June 2007 and 31 December 2007.

During the financial year 2005-06, CPR Communications and Public Relations were engaged on 28 March 2006 for the purposes of reviewing the risk management strategy and to provide on-going strategic advice in the roll out of the communications and consultation strategy agreed to by DPI and La Trobe University for the Biosciences Research Centre (formerly National Biosecurity Centre) Project at a total cost of \$15, 312. The matter was finalised on 30 April 2006.

CPR Communications and Public Relations Pty Ltd are a panel member of the Whole of Government Marketing and Communications Specialists Panel and were engaged under the terms of the State Purchase Contract.

Major Projects: projects

1998. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: What criteria is used to determine which projects fall under the responsibility of the Major Projects portfolio.

ANSWER:

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

The Government reviews each project on its merits in determining the appropriate ministerial governance structure for the project.

This will involve consultations between proposing agencies, Major Projects Victoria and central agencies before recommendations are made to the Premier.

Planning: urban growth zone

2006. MR GUY — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the new Urban Growth Zone (UGZ):

- (1) How many meetings has the Minister had with each growth area council to discuss the creation of the UGZ.

- (2) When was the Growth Areas Authority informed of the introduction of this new zone.
- (3) Have any external consultants been engaged to work on the development of this new zone; if so —
 - (a) who are the consultants;
 - (b) how much has been paid for each consultancy to date; and
 - (c) what is the budget for external consultants.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Planning and Community Development and the Growth Areas Authority (GAA) have been working together for some time to improve the planning of growth areas. The Urban Growth Zone (UGZ) is one of the initiatives to come out of this work.

The UGZ was introduced into the *Victoria Planning Provisions* in June 2008, and applied to four growth areas in metropolitan Melbourne. The zone may also be applied to suitable land adjacent to regional cities and towns.

The Department and the GAA worked with Melbourne's growth area councils in developing the zone. There were no external consultants appointed for the project, however a limited amount of legal advice was sought in drafting the zone.

Education: schools — sites

2133. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education):

- (1) Has the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development identified, purchased or obtained any sites for future school locations in light of Melbourne's population expansion.
- (2) What submissions have the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and/or the Minister for Education made to regional development authorities, planning commissions and other government departments regarding future schooling sites, needs and locations.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has identified future school sites across all five of Melbourne's Urban Growth Corridors and is well placed to meet the education needs of these new and emerging communities.

The Department has identified, acquired or is in the process of acquiring sites to meet the Government's commitment to deliver at least twenty new schools during this parliamentary term.

The Department works with relevant development authorities, local government, developers and other government Departments, as required, in the planning for the educational needs of students across the State.

Agriculture: fair payments policy

2182. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Agriculture): 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 Primary Industries:

- (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 Department of Primary Industries has not received any claims for penalty interest from small businesses.

Children and early childhood development: fair payments policy

2185. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): 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 Education and Early Childhood 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:

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.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has not made any penalty interest payments.

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.

The Department has not received any application for penalty interest payment in relation to the fair payments policy. Accordingly no penalty interest payments have been made.

Sport, recreation and youth affairs: salary levels

2289. 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 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 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 LC 2273.

[Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 19 August 2008, page 3382]

Major projects: travel expenses

2316. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: 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:

The scope and details required in this question would constitute an unreasonable commitment of resources and costs associated with its preparation.

Roads and ports: travel expenses

2349. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): 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:

Department of Transport [including Public Transport Safety Victoria (PTSV) and Chief Investigator, Transport and Marine Safety Investigations (TMSI)], VicRoads, SEITA, Victorian Regional Channel Authority (VRCA) and Port of Melbourne Corporation (PoMC):

The scope and details required in this question for Department of Transport [including Public Transport Safety Victoria (PTSV) and Chief Investigator, Transport and Marine Safety Investigations (TMSI)], VicRoads, SEITA, Victorian Regional Channel Authority (VRCA) and Port of Melbourne Corporation (PoMC) would constitute an unreasonable commitment of resources and costs associated with its preparation.

Port of Hastings Corporation (PoHC):

There was no overseas travel during the period in question for this corporation.

Treasurer: publications

2350. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration: What publications have been produced for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07, indicating —

- (a) how many copies were produced;
- (b) what the unit cost was, including production and distribution of the publication;
- (c) what income, if any, was derived from the publication;
- (d) what was the purpose of the publication; and
- (e) whether the publication was solely printed in Victoria; if not, why.

ANSWER:

I am informed that information regarding what publications were produced by the Department of Treasury and Finance can be found in appendix ten of the department's annual reports.

With regard to further information such as copies produced, unit cost, and income, to compile this information for the past seven financial years would place a large burden on the Department of Treasury and Finance. A detailed response to this question would be too voluminous and an unreasonable diversion of department's time and resources.

Agriculture: women — boards, councils and committees

2427. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration: How many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, indicating in respect of each board, council or committee the total number of members.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The information you seek is publicly available at <http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au>.

Treasurer: media and communications staff

2506. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer: 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.

Roads and ports: media and communications staff

2545. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

- (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 at the date the question was raised, 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.

Treasurer: advertising

2586. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer: 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.

Sport, recreation and youth affairs: advertising

2605. 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 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 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 LC 2589.

[Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 19 August 2008, page 3397]

Public transport: advertising

2624. 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 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 raised, the answer is:

The scope and details required in this question would constitute an unreasonable commitment of resources and costs associated with its preparation which cannot be justified.

Treasurer: entertainment expenses

2626. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer: 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 unreasonable diversion of the Department's time and resources.

Senior Victorians: entertainment expenses

2643. 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 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:

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 for the response to LC 2639.

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 2629.

[Hansard reference: question no. 2639, Legislative Council, 19 August 2008, page 3404; question no. 2629, Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3022]

Environment and climate change: Victorian Government Purchasing Board — procurement policies

2756. 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:

- (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:

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

Each department is responsible for ensuring that procurement processes comply with Victorian Government Procurement Board (VGPB) procurement policies and that financial processes comply with the *Financial Management Act 1994* and associated Financial Management Regulations.

The Accountable Officer of each department is to report cases of non-compliance with VGPB policies as part of the Annual Supply Report to the VGPB. Details of departmental compliance and breaches with the VGPB's procurement policies can be found in the annual reports of the VGPB.

Water: Victorian Government Purchasing Board — procurement policies

2767. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration:

- (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:

Each department is responsible for ensuring that procurement processes comply with Victorian Government Procurement Board (VGPB) procurement policies and that financial processes comply with the *Financial Management Act 1994* and associated Financial Management Regulations.

The Accountable Officer of each department is to report cases of non-compliance with VGPB policies as part of the Annual Supply Report to the VGPB. Details of departmental compliance and breaches with the VGPB’s procurement policies can be found in the annual reports of the VGPB.

Racing: Victorian Government Purchasing Board — procurement policies

2781. 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:

- (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 advised that:

There were no breaches within the Minister for Racing’s administration.

Agriculture: Victorian Government Purchasing Board — procurement policies

2792. 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 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:

The Department of Primary Industries did not identify any breach of Victorian Government Purchasing Board procurement policies during the years 2004-05 to 2006-07.

Roads and ports: Victorian Government Purchasing Board — procurement policies

2794. 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:

- (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:

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

Within the roads and ports portfolio, there were no breaches of the Victorian Government Purchasing Board’s procurement policies committed by the Department of Transport.

Agencies and authorities within the roads and ports portfolio are not subject to the Victorian Government Purchasing Board’s procurement policies.

Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission: annual reports

2804. 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 total cost of each annual report for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Collation of information in the specific format sought by the Honourable Member represents an unreasonable diversion of resources by the department, agencies and authorities within my administration.

Sport, recreation and youth affairs: trade union grants

2854. 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 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:

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 LC 2838.

[Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 19 August 2008, page 3426]

Local government: trade union grants

2857. 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 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:

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 LC 2838.

[Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 19 August 2008, page 3426]

Treasurer: property sales

2915. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer: In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Treasurer’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:

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

Water: property sales

2927. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration 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:

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.

All sales of Victorian Government land must comply with the *Policy and Instructions for the Purchase, Compulsory Acquisition and Sale of Land*. This document, which is publicly available from www.land.vic.gov.au, sets out the conditions and processes by which Government land must be valued and sold and the respective roles of the Valuer General and the Government Land Monitor.

All Government land must be sold by public auction, tender or other public process unless:

- exceptional circumstances have been established and approved by the Minister;
- the provisions of the *Land Act 1958* apply;
- otherwise provided for under the *Policy and Instructions*; and
- written approval for sale by some other method is granted by the Government Land Monitor.

The Minister for Finance has the designated responsibility for the sale of Crown land.

Water: board representatives

2983. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration: What 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:

The board of First Mildura Irrigation Trust (FMIT) was elected by the owners or occupiers of rateable land within the irrigation district covered by the trust, with no ministerial involvement. (I note the functions, powers and duties of FMIT have now been transferred to Lower Murray Water.)

There are no provisions for the direct appointment of elected representatives or trade union nominees as members of any public entity boards in the Water portfolio. Members of all public entity boards in the Water portfolio are appointed by me on principles of equity and merit, or appointed by the Governor in Council on my recommendation.

The membership of public entity boards is publicly available by visiting www.publicboards.vic.gov.au.

Housing: board representatives

2985. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration:

What provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on their boards, indicating —

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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

Local government: board representatives

2993. 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 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:

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 LC 2974.

[Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 9 September 2008, page 3871]

Aboriginal affairs: board representatives

2994. 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 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:

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 LC 2974.

[Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 9 September 2008, page 3871]

Women's affairs: board representatives

2995. 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 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:

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 LC 2974.

[Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 9 September 2008, page 3871]

Corrections: board representatives

2999. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Corrections): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration: What 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 advised that:

I am advised by the Department of Justice that there are no bodies under my portfolio responsibilities with provision for trade union representatives on their boards.

Regional and rural development: board representatives

3002. 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 provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on their boards, indicating —

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

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

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

Skills and workforce participation: board representatives

- 3003. 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 provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on their boards, indicating —
- (a) what the basis is of their representation and when it was established;
 - (b) who the current trade union representatives are and who held the positions previously; and
 - (c) what fee or remuneration is paid to the representatives.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

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

Agriculture: board representatives

- 3008. 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 provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on their boards, indicating —
- (a) what the basis is of their representation and when it was established;
 - (b) who the current trade union representatives are and who held the positions previously; and
 - (c) what fee or remuneration is paid to the representatives.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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

Water: uniforms

- 3062. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration:
- (1) How many employees are supplied with uniforms.
 - (2) Which company or companies supply these uniforms.
 - (3) In what country were these uniforms manufactured.
 - (4) What safeguards have been established to ensure that uniforms are manufactured by workers employed under safe and humane conditions free of exploitation, including child labour.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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

Housing: uniforms

3064. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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

Local government: uniforms

3072. 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 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:

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 LC 3053.

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Aboriginal affairs: uniforms

3073. 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 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:

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 LC 3053.

[Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 9 September 2008, page 3872]

Women’s affairs: uniforms

3074. 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 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:

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 LC 3053.

[Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 9 September 2008, page 3872]

Regional and rural development: uniforms

3081. 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 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.

Skills and workforce participation: uniforms

3082. 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 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.

Water: staff attrition rate

- 3103. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration: What was the staff attrition rate for each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2006-07.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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

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

Sport, recreation and youth affairs: staff attrition rate

- 3110. 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 staff attrition rate for each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2006-07.

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 LC 3093.

[Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 19 August 2008, page 3444]

Aboriginal affairs: staff attrition rate

- 3114. 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 staff attrition rate for each of the financial years 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 LC 3093.

[Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 19 August 2008, page 3444]

Consumer affairs: staff attrition rate

3121. 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 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.

Regional and rural development: staff attrition rate

3122. 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 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.

Skills and workforce participation: staff attrition rate

3123. 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 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.

Agriculture: fisheries officers — Mallacoota

3134. MR P. R. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Agriculture): How many Fisheries officers are based permanently at Mallacoota.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Fisheries Victoria has four Field Officers permanently based at Mallacoota.

Industry and trade: Toyota — hybrid Camry

3135. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade: In relation to the announcement by Toyota to manufacture Hybrid Camrys at its Altona Manufacturing plant:

- (1) Has the Government committed funding to Toyota to assist in the manufacturing of these vehicles; if so —
 - (a) how much funding has been committed; and
 - (b) on what date was the decision made by the Government to provide this funding.
- (2) Did the Government receive a request from Toyota for funding to assist with the construction of these new vehicles; if so —
 - (a) on what date was this request received; and
 - (b) what amount did Toyota seek from the Government.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

1. (a) The Victorian Government has worked closely with Toyota Australia on the Hybrid Camry and financial support for this project will be provided in conjunction with the Federal Government to facilitate its production at the Altona plant. The negotiations with Toyota are commercial-in-confidence and the Government cannot disclose the amount of funding that has been committed.
 - (b) The decision to provide funding for this project was made on the 29th January 2008.
2. (a) Toyota's request for funding support was made on the 14th of December 2007.
 - (b) The Toyota negotiations are commercial-in-confidence.

Treasurer: J. H. Boyd Girls High School site

3146. MRS COOTE — To ask the Treasurer: How much has been budgeted in the 2008-09 State Budget for capital works on existing buildings on the site of the former J. H. Boyd Girls' High School, at 207-221 City Road, Southbank.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The site of the former J. H. Boyd Girls' High School, at 207-221 City Road, Southbank was sold by the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission to the City of Melbourne in 2007, with settlement on 3 December 2007.

Therefore, no amount has been budgeted in the 2008-09 State Budget for capital works on existing buildings.

Treasurer: J. H. Boyd Girls High School site

3147. MRS COOTE — To ask the Treasurer: How much has been budgeted in the 2008-09 State Budget for grounds and gardens maintenance works on the site of the former J. H. Boyd Girls' High School, at 207-221 City Road, Southbank.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The site of the former J. H. Boyd Girls' High School, at 207-221 City Road, Southbank was sold by the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission to the City of Melbourne in 2007, with settlement on 3 December 2007.

Therefore, no amount has been budgeted in the 2008-09 State Budget for grounds and gardens maintenance works.

Treasurer: J. H. Boyd Girls High School site

3148. MRS COOTE — To ask the Treasurer: How much has been budgeted in the 2008-09 State Budget for constructions of new buildings on the site of the former J. H. Boyd Girls' High School, at 207-221 City Road, Southbank.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The site of the former J. H. Boyd Girls' High School, at 207-221 City Road, Southbank was sold by the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission to the City of Melbourne in 2007, with settlement on 3 December 2007.

Therefore, no amount has been budgeted in the 2008-09 State Budget for the construction of new buildings.

Treasurer: J. H. Boyd Girls High School site

3149. MRS COOTE — To ask the Treasurer: How much has been budgeted in the 2008-09 State Budget for demolition of existing buildings on the site of the former J. H. Boyd Girls' High School, at 207-221 City Road, Southbank.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The site of the former J. H. Boyd Girls' High School, at 207-221 City Road, Southbank was sold by the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission to the City of Melbourne in 2007, with settlement on 3 December 2007.

Therefore, no amount has been budgeted in the 2008-09 State Budget for the demolition of existing buildings.

Sport, recreation and youth affairs: J. H. Boyd Girls High School site

3160. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Sport Recreation and Youth Affairs): 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:

I am unable to respond to this question as this initiative does not come under my portfolio responsibilities.

Regional and rural development: adjournment debate responses

3252. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Regional and Rural Development): 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.

Skills and workforce participation: adjournment debate responses

3253. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Skills and Workforce Participation): 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.

Tourism and major events: adjournment debate responses

3262. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Tourism and Major Events): 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:

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

Treasurer: adjournment debate responses

3268. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer: What is the usual length of time it takes the Treasurer to respond to matters raised in the Adjournment debate.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The adjournment debates in the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council play an important role where members raise matters for Ministers which they consider require 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.

Local government: adjournment debate responses

3284. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Local Government): 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 Council play an important role where members raise matters for Ministers which they consider require 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.

Community services: refugee mental health clinic

3292. 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 a mental health clinic for refugees promised on 28 October 2002:

- (1) By what date was the funding expended.
- (2) On what date did the clinic become operational.
- (3) How many refugees have been treated at the clinic each year.
- (4) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

- (1) 30 June 2003.
- (2) The clinic became operational on 25th July 2003.

(3)

	Clients
2003-04	69
2004-05	70
2005-06	157
2006-07	163
2007-08	224

- (4) Yes. The evaluation highlighted positive clinical outcomes for clients and the broader contribution of the Refugee Mental Health clinic in continuing to support the development of expertise in working with survivors of torture and trauma.

Roads and ports: EastLink — guardrail system

3333. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): In relation to the EastLink Tollway:

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

ANSWER:

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

The relevant specifications for the steel provided for guard rail components on EastLink are found in VicRoads Standard Specifications for Road and Bridgeworks, Section 708, which directly references AS 1594 (hot-rolled steel products), which in turn references AS 1365 (tolerances for flat-rolled steel products).

VicRoads has investigated the matter raised and is satisfied steel provided for guardrail components on EastLink comply with relevant specifications. The quality of works has also been assured by the Independent Reviewer.

Environment and climate change: Port Melbourne drill hall

3335. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: In relation to the Drill Hall, located at 40 Bay St Port Melbourne, currently being used by Circus Australia Ltd:

- (1) On what date did the State Government enter into an agreement enabling Circus Australia Ltd to use the premises.
- (2) Who owns the land and premises at 40 Bay St, Port Melbourne.
- (3) On what date does the current lease undertaken by Circus Australia Ltd for the use of the premises expire.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The Sandridge Post and Telegraph Office Reserve Committee of Management Incorporated (the Committee) is the appointed Committee of Management of the Crown reserve at 40 Bay St, Port Melbourne. The Committee entered into a lease with Circus Australia Ltd which commenced on 21 April 1999.
- (2) The land at 40 Bay St Port Melbourne is Crown land temporarily reserved for Public Purposes (Arts, Cultural and Community Purposes) pursuant to section 4 of the *Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978* (the Act). Under the terms of the lease all buildings and structures on the premises remain the property of the Committee.
- (3) The lease expires on 20 April 2020.

Planning: public land

3336. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Planning: What are the locations of State Government controlled, residentially zoned land which is currently vacant in the —

- (a) City of Port Phillip;
- (b) City of Glen Eira;
- (c) City of Stonnington;
- (d) City of Bayside; and
- (e) City of Boroondara.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The location of Minister for Planning owned, residentially zoned land which is currently vacant in the City of Glen Eira is the west side of Gordon Street, Elsternwick north of Bent Street adjoining the Rippon Lea Estate.

There is no Minister for Planning owned land in the Cities of Port Phillip, Stonnington, Bayside or Boroondara subject of this Question.

Other Ministers are responsible for any other State Government controlled residentially zoned land which is currently vacant in the Cities of Port Phillip, Stonnington, Bayside or Boroondara.

Planning: public land

3337. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Planning: What is the total area, in square metres, of State Government controlled, residentially zoned land which is currently vacant in the —

- (a) City of Port Phillip;
- (b) City of Glen Eira;
- (c) City of Stonnington;
- (d) City of Bayside; and
- (e) City of Boroondara.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The total area of Minister for Planning owned, residentially zoned land which is currently vacant in the City of Glen Eira is 2,892 square metres.

There is no Minister for Planning owned land in the Cities of Port Phillip, Stonnington, Bayside or Boroondara subject of this Question.

Other Ministers are responsible for any other State Government controlled land.

Planning: public land

3338. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Planning: What are the locations of State Government controlled land currently being used by the Department of Defence in the —

- (a) City of Port Phillip;
- (b) City of Glen Eira;
- (c) City of Stonnington;
- (d) City of Bayside; and
- (e) City of Boroondara.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

There is no land which is Minister for Planning owned currently being used by the Department of Defence in the Cities of Port Phillip, Glen Eira, Stonnington, Bayside or Boroondara.

Other Ministers are responsible for any other State Government controlled land.

Planning: public land

3339. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Planning: What is the total area, in square metres, of State Government controlled land currently being used by the Department of Defence in the —

- (a) City of Port Phillip;
- (b) City of Glen Eira;
- (c) City of Stonnington;
- (d) City of Bayside; and
- (e) City of Boroondara.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

There is no Minister for Planning owned land currently used by the Department of Defence in the Cities of Port Phillip, Glen Eira, Stonnington, Bayside or Boroondara.

Other Ministers are responsible for any other State Government controlled land.

Planning: public land

3340. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Planning: What are the locations of State Government controlled land currently being used by water authorities in the —

- (a) City of Port Phillip;
- (b) City of Glen Eira;
- (c) City of Stonnington;
- (d) City of Bayside; and
- (e) City of Boroondara.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

There is no land which is Minister for Planning owned currently being used by water authorities in the Cities of Port Phillip, Glen Eira, Stonnington, Bayside or Boroondara.

Other Ministers are responsible for any other State Government controlled land.

Planning: public land

3341. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Planning: What is the total area, in square metres, of State Government controlled land, currently being used by water authorities, in the —

- (a) City of Port Phillip;
- (b) City of Glen Eira;
- (c) City of Stonnington;
- (d) City of Bayside; and
- (e) City of Boroondara.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

There is no Minister for Planning owned land currently used by water authorities in the Cities of Port Phillip, Glen Eira, Stonnington, Bayside or Boroondara.

Other Ministers are responsible for any other State Government controlled land.

Planning: public land

3342. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning: What are the locations of State Government controlled land that is currently being used by power companies in the —

- (a) City of Port Phillip;
- (b) City of Glen Eira;
- (c) City of Stonnington;
- (d) City of Bayside; and
- (e) City of Boroondara.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

There is no land which is Minister for Planning owned currently being used by power companies in the Cities of Port Phillip, Glen Eira, Stonnington, Bayside or Boroondara.

Other Ministers are responsible for any other State Government controlled land.

Planning: public land

3343. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning: What is the total area, in square metres, of State Government controlled land that is currently being used by power companies in the —

- (a) City of Port Phillip,
- (b) City of Glen Eira,
- (c) City of Stonnington,
- (d) City of Bayside, and
- (e) City of Boroondara.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

There is no Minister for Planning owned land currently being used by power companies in the Cities of Port Phillip, Glen Eira, Stonnington, Bayside or Boroondara.

Other Ministers are responsible for any other State Government controlled land.

Roads and ports: Princes Pier

3354. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): What was the monetary value of State Government spending on the restoration of Princes Pier in each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2006-07.

ANSWER:

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

The works on the Princes Pier are the responsibility of the Minister for Major Projects.

Roads and ports: Princes Pier

3355. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Roads and Ports):
What is the estimated completion date for Princes Pier to be open to the public.

ANSWER:

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

The works on the Princes Pier are the responsibility of the Minister for Major Projects.

Roads and ports: Kerferd Road Pier

3356. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Roads and Ports):
What is the estimated completion date for works on Kerferd pier in the City of Port Phillip.

ANSWER:

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

The works on the Kerferd Road Pier are the responsibility of the Minister for the Environment and Climate Change.

Water: northern Victoria infrastructure renewal project

3361. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): In relation to the high density polyethylene lining being installed as part of the Northern Victoria Infrastructure Renewal Project:

- (1) What is the warranty period for the lining which is being installed across the Goulburn Murray Irrigation District.
- (2) Who bears the responsibility for damage to the lining.
- (3) Who will be responsible for the replacement of the lining when it is no longer effective.
- (4) Is the lining able to resist penetration by yabbies that are known to burrow into the bed of channels.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) lining being installed as part of the Early Works must be manufactured in compliance with relevant standards such as ISO 9001.

1. The warranty period is five years. The overall life expectancy of the lining is a minimum 30 years.
2. Damage covered under the manufacturer's warranty is the responsibility of the manufacturer. As part of ongoing infrastructure maintenance, Goulburn Murray Water will bear responsibility for damage costs not covered under the warranty. Damage as a result of stock entering GMW land is generally the responsibility of the farmer as is the case with damage to channel banks.
3. The asset owner, Goulburn Murray Water, will be responsible for replacement at the end of the HDPE lining's life. Goulburn Murray Water will continue to monitor the lining's condition as part of its ongoing maintenance program.
4. The lining will resist penetration by yabbies as it is made of a high-density non-permeable material.

Senior Victorians: dementia care and management

3367. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to \$265,000 worth of funding for education/training projects in dementia care and management in acute hospitals promised on 14 September 2003:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) All funding was expended by 30 June 2006.
- (2) The use of the funding was evaluated, resulting in further education/ training projects in dementia care and management in hospitals.

Children and early childhood development: children with disabilities

3423. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): In relation to extra funding for children with disabilities announced on 28 March 2000:

- (1) What was the increase in funding to specialist health services for children with disabilities between March 2000 and March 2004.
- (2) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Details of funding in previous budgets can be found online at www.budget.vic.gov.au.

Community services: disability support register

3444. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Disability Support Register: Were a total 3,072 requests recorded as at 31 December 2007, including —

- (a) 1,368 requests for shared supported accommodation options;
- (b) 1,326 requests for support to live in the community; and
- (c) 378 requests for daytime activities.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Disability Support Register 31 December 2007 figures quoted above are correct.

Community services: disability services — training centres

3446. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to people with disabilities and Disability Services residential accommodation support: As at 30 June 2007, what was the total funding allocated to training centres.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- The total expenditure incurred for training centres in the disability services residential accommodation support was \$51.9 million.

Community services: review

3447. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Chandler Macleod Ltd consultancy for Review of Disability Services Statewide forensic service which started on 22 January 2007 with an end date of 31 August 2007:

- (1) Has the consultancy been completed; if so, on what date was it completed.
- (2) When will the Minister make the review report available to the public.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The consultancy was completed in July 2007.
- (2) The review's focus was to evaluate the service's capability in line with the *Disability Act 2006* and was for Departmental consideration only.

Children and early childhood development: children with autism

3454. MS HARTLAND — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development):

- (1) What proportion of day care centres and early intervention facilities have regular access to specialists in working with children with autism.
- (2) What is the Government's plan to address the lack of autism specialist capacity in the workforce and meet future need.
- (3) Will the Government commit to improving pay and conditions for kindergarten and early intervention workers, given that salaries are far more attractive in the private sector and other areas.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

- (1) Child care services are the responsibility of the Commonwealth Government.

State funded Early Childhood Intervention Services are provided by allied health and specialist education professionals who have specialist knowledge and skills to support children with disabilities or developmental delay, including children with autism. Services are provided to children in their natural settings, including kindergarten and child care.

- (2) There is a range of allied health and early childhood specialist providers available to support children with autism. The 2008-09 Budget included an announcement of an Early Childhood Specialist workforce strategy. In addition, the Department of Human Services, Service & Workforce Planning Branch has developed initiatives to support access to an appropriately skilled and available workforce in Victoria: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/workforce>.

- (3) The Government does not employ kindergarten teachers and is not a party to the current Multi-Employer Agreement (MECA 2005) for kindergarten teachers. The current industrial agreement for early childhood teachers expires in September.

In the majority of situations the Government does not employ early childhood intervention staff. The exception is those early childhood intervention staff employed on Specialist Children's Services regional teams. These staff are employed under the Victorian Public Service structure (VPS) and are subject to the practices and guidelines set out in the current agreement for all VPS employees.

Children and early childhood development: students with disabilities

3455. MS HARTLAND — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development):

- (1) Is there a cap on the number of places in the Program for Students with Disabilities; if so what is the cap for each of the financial years 2008-09 to 2010-11.
- (2) Does acquired brain injury automatically qualify a student for the Program for Students with Disabilities.
- (3) Does Autism Spectrum Disorder automatically qualify a student for Program for Students with Disabilities.
- (4) How many applications for assistance through the Program for Students with Disabilities were rejected in each of the financial years 2005-06 to 2007-08.
- (5) What were the main reasons given for the rejection of applications.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

There is no cap on the number of places in the Program for Students with Disabilities.

Acquired brain injury does not automatically qualify a student for the Program for Students with Disabilities. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's eligibility criteria for the Program for Students with Disabilities are developed from internationally recognised World Health Organisation definitions of disabilities. The criteria are designed to identify students with severe or profound disabilities. Students with an acquired brain injury would need to meet the eligibility criteria under one of the seven categories — Severe Behaviour Disorder; Hearing Impairment; Intellectual Disability; Visual Impairment; Physical Disability; Autism Spectrum Disorder; Severe Language Disorder with Critical Educational Needs. The criteria are publicly available on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's website.

A diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder does not automatically qualify a student for support under the Program for Students with Disabilities. The criteria are designed to identify students with severe or profound disabilities, and a student with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder would also have to meet the other eligibility criteria as outlined in the Program for Students with Disabilities Handbook. The criteria are publicly available on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's website.

In 2006, 4969 applications in total were processed for the 2007 Annual Round. Of those, 4155 met the eligibility criteria for the Program for Students with Disabilities and 814 (16%) did not meet the eligibility criteria.

In 2007, 4908 applications in total were processed for the 2008 Annual Round. Of those, 4369 met the eligibility criteria for the Program for Students with Disabilities, and 539 (11%) did not meet the eligibility criteria.

Applications for the Program for Students with Disabilities are unsuccessful if they do not meet the eligibility criteria as outlined in the Program for Students with Disabilities Handbook. The criteria are publicly available on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's website.

Health: maternity services and hospital occupancy rates

3463. MS HARTLAND — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health):

- (1) Is the extra funding for maternity services in the 2008-09 Budget going to keep pace with the population growth and baby boom in new suburbs.
- (2) Is there any plan to reduce hospital occupancy rates from 96% to below 85%, as recommended by the AMA; if so, how will this be achieved, and in what year does the Government expect to reach this target.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- 1) Growth funding for maternity services has been allocated in the last two consecutive budgets — \$35.3 million over four years in the 2007-08 budget and an additional \$46.5 million over four years to reflect continued demand for maternity services.

Growth funds are allocated on the basis of birth numbers at each health service with adjustments made to reflect known or predicted increases in demand due to population shifts. Demand for maternity services is regularly monitored to inform budget initiatives and funding allocations to health services.

- 2) The 2008-09 State Budget continues the Government’s commitment to providing the infrastructure needed to support the delivery of high quality and accessible services in the health sector. Funding of \$432.8 million is allocated in 2008-09 for new health building projects.

Victoria is maintaining the number of beds per capita, while increasing the services provided by public hospitals.

The implementation of a number of new care models, such as short stay units, and changes to clinical practice, such as the higher use of same day procedures support a more flexible health system designed to maximise the use of hospital facilities whilst maintaining levels of patient care.

The level of occupancy reflects better utilisation of our hospital infrastructure to provide more services to Victorians.

Water: fair payments policy — Barwon Region Water Authority

3471. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): In relation to penalty interest paid by Barwon Region Water Authority since the 2002 election as a result of 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:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received on which penalty interest was paid.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) the Barwon Region Water Corporation has not paid penalty interest under the Government’s Fair Payments Policy;

- (2) no small businesses have received penalty interest;
- (3) the total amount of the original bills on which penalty interest was paid was nil; and
- (4) the total amount of penalty interest paid was nil.

Water: fair payments policy — Central Gippsland Region Water Authority

3472. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): In relation to penalty interest paid by Central Gippsland Region Water Authority since the 2002 election as a result of 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:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received on which penalty interest was paid.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) the Central Gippsland Region Water Corporation has not paid penalty interest under the Government’s Fair Payments Policy;
- (2) no small businesses have received penalty interest;
- (3) the total amount of the original bills on which penalty interest was paid was nil; and
- (4) the total amount of penalty interest paid was nil.

Water: fair payments policy — Central Highlands Region Water Authority

3473. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): In relation to penalty interest paid by Central Highlands Region Water Authority since the 2002 election as a result of 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:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received on which penalty interest was paid.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) the Central Highlands Region Water Corporation has not paid penalty interest under the Government’s Fair Payments Policy;
- (2) no small businesses have received penalty interest;
- (3) the total amount of the original bills on which penalty interest was paid was nil; and

- (4) the total amount of penalty interest paid was nil.

Water: fair payments policy — Coliban Region Water Authority

3474. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): In relation to penalty interest paid by Coliban Region Water Authority since the 2002 election as a result of 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:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received on which penalty interest was paid.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) the Coliban Region Water Corporation has not paid penalty interest under the Government’s Fair Payments Policy;
- (2) no small businesses have received penalty interest;
- (3) the total amount of the original bills on which penalty interest was paid was nil; and
- (4) the total amount of penalty interest paid was nil.

Water: fair payments policy — East Gippsland Region Water Authority

3475. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): In relation to penalty interest paid by East Gippsland Region Water Authority since the 2002 election as a result of 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:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received on which penalty interest was paid.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) the East Gippsland Region Water Corporation has not paid penalty interest under the Government’s Fair Payments Policy;
- (2) no small businesses have received penalty interest;
- (3) the total amount of the original bills on which penalty interest was paid was nil; and
- (4) the total amount of penalty interest paid was nil.

Water: fair payments policy — First Mildura Irrigation Trust

3476. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): In relation to penalty interest paid by First Mildura Irrigation Trust since the 2002 election as a result of 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:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received on which penalty interest was paid.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) the First Mildura Irrigation Trust has not paid penalty interest under the Government’s Fair Payments Policy;
- (2) no small businesses have received penalty interest;
- (3) the total amount of the original bills on which penalty interest was paid was nil; and
- (4) the total amount of penalty interest paid was nil.

Water: fair payments policy — Gippsland and Southern Rural Water Authority

3477. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): In relation to penalty interest paid by Gippsland and Southern Rural Water Authority since the 2002 election as a result of 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:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received on which penalty interest was paid.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) the Gippsland and Southern Rural Water Corporation has not paid penalty interest under the Government’s Fair Payments Policy;
- (2) no small businesses have received penalty interest;
- (3) the total amount of the original bills on which penalty interest was paid was nil; and
- (4) the total amount of penalty interest paid was nil.

Water: fair payments policy — Goulburn Valley Region Water Authority

3478. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): In relation to penalty interest paid by Goulburn Valley Region Water Authority since the

2002 election as a result of 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:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received on which penalty interest was paid.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) the Goulburn Valley Region Water Corporation has not paid penalty interest under the Government's Fair Payments Policy;
- (2) no small businesses have received penalty interest;
- (3) the total amount of the original bills on which penalty interest was paid was nil; and
- (4) the total amount of penalty interest paid was nil.

Water: fair payments policy — Goulburn-Murray Rural Water Authority

3479. **MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): In relation to penalty interest paid by Goulburn-Murray Rural Water Authority since the 2002 election as a result of 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:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received on which penalty interest was paid.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) the Goulburn Murray Rural Water Corporation has not paid penalty interest under the Government's Fair Payments Policy;
- (2) no small businesses have received penalty interest;
- (3) the total amount of the original bills on which penalty interest was paid was nil; and
- (4) the total amount of penalty interest paid was nil.

Water: fair payments policy — Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water Authority

3480. **MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): In relation to penalty interest paid by Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water Authority since the 2002 election as a result of 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:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received on which penalty interest was paid.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) the Grampians Wimmera Mallee Region Water Corporation has not paid penalty interest under the Government's Fair Payments Policy;
- (2) no small businesses have received penalty interest;
- (3) the total amount of the original bills on which penalty interest was paid was nil; and
- (4) the total amount of penalty interest paid was nil.

Water: fair payments policy — Lower Murray Urban and Rural Water Authority

3481. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): In relation to penalty interest paid by Lower Murray Urban and Rural Water Authority since the 2002 election as a result of 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:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received on which penalty interest was paid.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) the Lower Murray Urban and Rural Water Corporation has paid penalty interest once under the Government's Fair Payments Policy;
- (2) one small businesses has received penalty interest;
- (3) the total amount of the original bill on which penalty interest was paid was \$2893; and
- (4) the total amount of penalty interest paid was \$43.38.

Water: fair payments policy — North East Region Water Authority

3482. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): In relation to penalty interest paid by North East Region Water Authority since the 2002 election as a result of 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:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest.

- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received on which penalty interest was paid.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) the North East Region Water Corporation has not paid penalty interest under the Government's Fair Payments Policy;
- (2) no small businesses have received penalty interest;
- (3) the total amount of the original bills on which penalty interest was paid was nil; and
- (4) the total amount of penalty interest paid was nil.

Water: fair payments policy — South Gippsland Region Water Authority

3483. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): In relation to penalty interest paid by South Gippsland Region Water Authority since the 2002 election as a result of 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:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received on which penalty interest was paid.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) the South Gippsland Region Water Corporation has not paid penalty interest under the Government's Fair Payments Policy;
- (2) no small businesses have received penalty interest;
- (3) the total amount of the original bills on which penalty interest was paid was nil; and
- (4) the total amount of penalty interest paid was nil.

Water: fair payments policy — Wannon Water Authority

3484. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): In relation to penalty interest paid by Wannon Water Authority since the 2002 election as a result of 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:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received on which penalty interest was paid.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid.

- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) the Wannon Region Water Corporation has not paid penalty interest under the Government's Fair Payments Policy;
- (2) no small businesses have received penalty interest;
- (3) the total amount of the original bills on which penalty interest was paid was nil; and
- (4) the total amount of penalty interest paid was nil.

Water: fair payments policy — Western Region Water Authority

3485. **MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): In relation to penalty interest paid by Western Region Water Authority since the 2002 election as a result of 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:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received on which penalty interest was paid.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) the Western Region Water Corporation has not paid penalty interest under the Government's Fair Payments Policy;
- (2) no small businesses have received penalty interest;
- (3) the total amount of the original bills on which penalty interest was paid was nil; and
- (4) the total amount of penalty interest paid was nil.

Water: fair payments policy — Westernport Region Water Authority

3486. **MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): In relation to penalty interest paid by Westernport Region Water Authority since the 2002 election as a result of 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:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received on which penalty interest was paid.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) the Westernport Region Water Corporation has not paid penalty interest under the Government's Fair Payments Policy;
- (2) no small businesses have received penalty interest;
- (3) the total amount of the original bills on which penalty interest was paid was nil; and
- (4) the total amount of penalty interest paid was nil.

Education: fair payments policy — Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE

3487. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to penalty interest paid by Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE since the 2002 election as a result of 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:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received on which penalty interest was paid.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The TAFE sector does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

Education: fair payments policy — Box Hill Institute of TAFE

3488. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to penalty interest paid by Box Hill Institute of TAFE since the 2002 election as a result of 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:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received on which penalty interest was paid.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The TAFE sector does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

Education: fair payments policy — Central Gippsland Institute of TAFE

3489. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to penalty interest paid by Central Gippsland Institute of TAFE since the 2002 election as a result of 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:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received on which penalty interest was paid.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The TAFE sector does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

Education: fair payments policy — Chisholm Institute of TAFE

3490. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to penalty interest paid by Chisholm Institute of TAFE since the 2002 election as a result of 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:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received on which penalty interest was paid.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The TAFE sector does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

Education: fair payments policy — East Gippsland Institute of TAFE

3491. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to penalty interest paid by East Gippsland Institute of TAFE since the 2002 election as a result of 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:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received on which penalty interest was paid.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The TAFE sector does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

Education: fair payments policy — Gordon Institute of TAFE

3492. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to penalty interest paid by Gordon Institute of TAFE since the 2002 election as a result of 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:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received on which penalty interest was paid.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The TAFE sector does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

Education: fair payments policy — Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE

3493. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to penalty interest paid by Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE since the 2002 election as a result of 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:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received on which penalty interest was paid.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The TAFE sector does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

Education: fair payments policy — Holmesglen Institute of TAFE

3494. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to penalty interest paid by Holmesglen Institute of TAFE since the 2002 election as a result of 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:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest.

- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received on which penalty interest was paid.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The TAFE sector does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

Education: fair payments policy — Kangan Batman Institute of TAFE

3495. **MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to penalty interest paid by Kangan Batman Institute of TAFE since the 2002 election as a result of 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:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received on which penalty interest was paid.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The TAFE sector does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

Education: fair payments policy — Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE

3496. **MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to penalty interest paid by Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE since the 2002 election as a result of 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:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received on which penalty interest was paid.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The TAFE sector does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

Education: fair payments policy — South West Institute of TAFE

3497. **MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to penalty interest paid by South West Institute of TAFE since the 2002 election as a result of 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:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received on which penalty interest was paid.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The TAFE sector does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

Education: fair payments policy — Sunraysia Institute of TAFE

3498. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to penalty interest paid by Sunraysia Institute of TAFE since the 2002 election as a result of 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:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received on which penalty interest was paid.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The TAFE sector does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

Education: fair payments policy — William Angliss Institute of TAFE

3499. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to penalty interest paid by William Angliss Institute of TAFE since the 2002 election as a result of 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:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received on which penalty interest was paid.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The TAFE sector does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

Education: fair payments policy — Wodonga Institute of TAFE

3500. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to penalty interest paid by Wodonga Institute of TAFE since the 2002 election as a result of 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:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received on which penalty interest was paid.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The TAFE sector does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

Education: fair payments policy — RMIT University

3501. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to penalty interest paid by RMIT University TAFE Division since the 2002 election as a result of 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:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received on which penalty interest was paid.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The TAFE sector does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

Education: fair payments policy — Swinburne University of Technology

3502. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to penalty interest paid by Swinburne University of Technology TAFE Division since the 2002 election as a result of 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:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received on which penalty interest was paid.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The TAFE sector does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

Education: fair payments policy — University of Ballarat

3503. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to penalty interest paid by the University of Ballarat TAFE Division since the 2002 election as a result of 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:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received on which penalty interest was paid.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The TAFE sector does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

Education: fair payments policy — Victoria University

3504. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to penalty interest paid by Victoria University TAFE Division since the 2002 election as a result of 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:

- (1) On how many occasions has penalty interest been paid.
- (2) How many small businesses received penalty interest.
- (3) What is the total amount of original bills received on which penalty interest was paid.
- (4) What is the total amount of penalty interest paid.
- (5) If penalty interest has been paid, on what date was the first payment made.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The TAFE sector does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

Environment and climate change: public open space — Glen Eira

3519. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: What was the total amount of state-controlled public open space within the City of Glen Eira in each of the years from 2002 to 2007.

ANSWER:

I am informed that there is just over 95 ha of Crown land that serves as public open space in the City of Glen Eira. This land is managed and controlled by committees of management.

Records show that there has been no change in such Crown land since 2002.

Environment and climate change: public open space — Bentleigh electorate

3520. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: What was the total amount of state-controlled public open space within the Bentleigh electorate in each of the years from 2002 to 2007.

ANSWER:

I am informed that there is no Crown land that is reserved as public open space within the Bentleigh electorate.

Environment and climate change: public open space — Stonnington

3521. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: What was the total amount of state-controlled public open space within the City of Stonnington in each of the years from 2002 to 2007.

ANSWER:

I am informed that there is approximately 20 ha of Crown land that is reserved as public open space in the City of Stonnington. This land is managed and controlled by committees of management.

Records show that there has been no change in such Crown land since 2002.

Environment and climate change: public open space — Prahran electorate

3522. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: What was the total amount of state-controlled public open space within the Prahran electorate in each of the years from 2002 to 2007.

ANSWER:

I am informed that there is 144 ha of Crown land that is reserved as public open space within the Prahran electorate. This land is controlled and managed by committees of management.

Records show that there has been no change in such Crown land since 2002.

Treasurer: Treasury and Finance — vehicle fleet

3525. **MRS COOTE** — To ask the Treasurer: In relation to car usage by employees of the Department of Treasury and Finance: What model vehicles made by the following manufacturers are currently in use, and how many of each model are in use:

- (a) Ford;
- (b) Holden;
- (c) Toyota;
- (d) Subaru;
- (e) Mazda;
- (f) Mitsubishi; and
- (g) other manufacturers.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

As at 30 June 2008, the fleet in use by employees of the Department of Treasury and Finance consisted of the following makes of vehicles:

Make	Number
Ford	26
Holden	27
Mitsubishi	1
Toyota	17
Total	71

Major projects: Australian Synchrotron

3536. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: In relation to the Australian Synchrotron:

- (1) What was the expected completion date in 2007, specifying day and month as well as year.
- (2) What was the actual completion date in 2007, specifying day and month as well as year.
- (3) Did any industrial action occur during construction; if so —
 - (a) what was the nature of the industrial action; and
 - (b) how long did the industrial action last.
- (4) Were any modifications to this project undertaken during construction; if so —
 - (a) what was the nature of the modifications; and
 - (b) what impact did the modifications have on the project budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The scope and details required in this question would constitute an unreasonable commitment of resources and costs associated with its preparation.

Major projects: Austin Health and Mercy Hospital for Women

3537. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: In relation to the Austin Health redevelopment and Mercy Hospital for Women relocation (new towers):

- (1) What was the expected completion date in 2005, specifying day and month as well as year.
- (2) What was the actual completion date in 2005, specifying day and month as well as year.
- (3) Did any industrial action occur during construction; if so —
 - (a) what was the nature of the industrial action; and
 - (b) how long did the industrial action last.
- (4) Were any modifications to this project undertaken during construction; if so —
 - (a) what was the nature of the modifications; and
 - (b) what impact did the modifications have on the project budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The scope and details required in this question would constitute an unreasonable commitment of resources and costs associated with its preparation.

Major projects: Bonegilla Migrant Experience Heritage Park

3538. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: In relation to the Bonegilla Migrant Experience Heritage Park:

- (1) What was the expected completion date in 2003, specifying day and month as well as year.
- (2) What was the actual completion date in 2004, specifying day and month as well as year.
- (3) Did any industrial action occur during construction; if so —
 - (a) what was the nature of the industrial action; and
 - (b) how long did the industrial action last.
- (4) Were any modifications to this project undertaken during construction; if so —
 - (a) what was the nature of the modifications; and
 - (b) what impact did the modifications have on the project budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The scope and details required in this question would constitute an unreasonable commitment of resources and costs associated with its preparation.

Major projects: Docklands Film and Television Studio

3539. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: In relation to the Docklands Film and Television Studio:

- (1) What was the expected completion date in 2003, specifying day and month as well as year.
- (2) What was the actual completion date in 2004, specifying day and month as well as year.
- (3) Did any industrial action occur during construction; if so —
 - (a) what was the nature of the industrial action; and
 - (b) how long did the industrial action last.
- (4) Were any modifications to this project undertaken during construction; if so —
 - (a) what was the nature of the modifications; and
 - (b) what impact did the modifications have on the project budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The scope and details required in this question would constitute an unreasonable commitment of resources and costs associated with its preparation.

Major projects: fish market site

3540. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: In relation to the Former Fish Market Site redevelopment:

- (1) What was the expected completion date in 2005, specifying day and month as well as year.
- (2) What was the actual completion date in 2005, specifying day and month as well as year.
- (3) Did any industrial action occur during construction; if so —
 - (a) what was the nature of the industrial action; and
 - (b) how long did the industrial action last.
- (4) Were any modifications to this project undertaken during construction; if so —
 - (a) what was the nature of the modifications; and
 - (b) what impact did the modifications have on the project budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The scope and details required in this question would constitute an unreasonable commitment of resources and costs associated with its preparation.

Major projects: Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre

3541. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: In relation to the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre:

- (1) What was the expected completion date in 2006, specifying day and month as well as year.
- (2) What was the actual completion date in 2006, specifying day and month as well as year.
- (3) Did any industrial action occur during construction; if so —
 - (a) what was the nature of the industrial action; and
 - (b) how long did the industrial action last.
- (4) Were any modifications to this project undertaken during construction; if so —
 - (a) what was the nature of the modifications; and
 - (b) what impact did the modifications have on the project budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The scope and details required in this question would constitute an unreasonable commitment of resources and costs associated with its preparation.

Major projects: Australian Centre for Contemporary Art (Ngargee)

3542. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: In relation to the Ngargee Australian Centre for Contemporary Arts:

- (1) What was the expected completion date in 2002, specifying day and month as well as year.
- (2) What was the actual completion date in 2002, specifying day and month as well as year.
- (3) Did any industrial action occur during construction; if so —
 - (a) what was the nature of the industrial action; and

- (b) how long did the industrial action last.
- (4) Were any modifications to this project undertaken during construction; if so —
 - (a) what was the nature of the modifications; and
 - (b) what impact did the modifications have on the project budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The scope and details required in this question would constitute an unreasonable commitment of resources and costs associated with its preparation.

Major projects: Parliament House

3543. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: In relation to the Parliament House catering upgrade:

- (1) What was the expected completion date in 2006, specifying day and month as well as year.
- (2) What was the actual completion date in 2006, specifying day and month as well as year.
- (3) Did any industrial action occur during construction; if so —
 - (a) what was the nature of the industrial action; and
 - (b) how long did the industrial action last.
- (4) Were any modifications to this project undertaken during construction; if so —
 - (a) what was the nature of the modifications; and
 - (b) what impact did the modifications have on the project budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The scope and details required in this question would constitute an unreasonable commitment of resources and costs associated with its preparation.

Major projects: Royal Melbourne Showgrounds

3544. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: In relation to the Royal Melbourne Showgrounds redevelopment:

- (1) What was the expected completion date in 2005, specifying day and month as well as year.
- (2) What was the actual completion date in 2006, specifying day and month as well as year.
- (3) Did any industrial action occur during construction; if so —
 - (a) what was the nature of the industrial action; and
 - (b) how long did the industrial action last.
- (4) Were any modifications to this project undertaken during construction; if so —
 - (a) what was the nature of the modifications; and
 - (b) what impact did the modifications have on the project budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The scope and details required in this question would constitute an unreasonable commitment of resources and costs associated with its preparation.

Major projects: State Library

3545. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: In relation to the State Library stages 4-6 works:

- (1) What was the expected completion date in 2007, specifying day and month as well as year.
- (2) What was the actual completion date in 2007, specifying day and month as well as year.
- (3) Did any industrial action occur during construction; if so —
 - (a) what was the nature of the industrial action; and
 - (b) how long did the industrial action last.
- (4) Were any modifications to this project undertaken during construction; if so —
 - (a) what was the nature of the modifications; and
 - (b) what impact did the modifications have on the project budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The scope and details required in this question would constitute an unreasonable commitment of resources and costs associated with its preparation.

Major projects: William Barak Bridge

3546. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: In relation to the William Barak Bridge:

- (1) What was the expected completion date in 2005, specifying day and month as well as year.
- (2) What was the actual completion date in 2005, specifying day and month as well as year.
- (3) Did any industrial action occur during construction; if so —
 - (a) what was the nature of the industrial action; and
 - (b) how long did the industrial action last.
- (4) Were any modifications to this project undertaken during construction; if so —
 - (a) what was the nature of the modifications; and
 - (b) what impact did the modifications have on the project budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The scope and details required in this question would constitute an unreasonable commitment of resources and costs associated with its preparation.

Major projects: West Gate Bridge Memorial Park

3547. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: In relation to the West Gate Bridge Memorial Park:

- (1) What was the expected completion date in 2004, specifying day and month as well as year.

- (2) What was the actual completion date in 2004, specifying day and month as well as year.
- (3) Did any industrial action occur during construction; if so —
 - (a) what was the nature of the industrial action; and
 - (b) how long did the industrial action last.
- (4) Were any modifications to this project undertaken during construction; if so —
 - (a) what was the nature of the modifications; and
 - (b) what impact did the modifications have on the project budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The scope and details required in this question would constitute an unreasonable commitment of resources and costs associated with its preparation.

Major projects: projects

- 3548. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: For each major project undertaken between January 2007 and August 2008, what was the —
- (a) name of the project;
 - (b) projected cost;
 - (c) actual cost at completion;
 - (d) projected completion dates specifying day, month and year; and
 - (e) actual completion dates specifying day, month and year.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

No major projects were commenced and completed between January 2007 and August 2008.

Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission: women — boards, councils and committees

- 3580. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the TAC): In relation to the answer to Question on Notice No. 2399, tabled on 27 May 2008, which referred to the website www.publicboards.vic.gov.au: What are the exact internet addresses of the webpages on this site relevant to the question.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Honourable Member should go to the public boards website, select Public Board search, then filter by Department (Treasury and Finance) and/or Portfolio (Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission). He will then find a list of relevant public boards, their memberships, classification, terms of appointment and other relevant information.

Women’s affairs: women — boards, councils and committees

3583. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Women’s Affairs): In relation to the answer to Question on Notice No. 2414, tabled on 27 May 2008, which referred to the website www.publicboards.vic.gov.au: What are the exact internet addresses of the webpages on this site relevant to the question.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

I refer the Member to my previous response for LC 2414.

Upon entering the Public Boards Website — www.publicboards.vic.gov.au users of the site can either search by board name and enter a keyword relating to the board name they want to find then click “Search” or select a department and portfolio from the drop down boxes below and then click “Search”.

Then click on the name of the particular board and the following information will appear:

- The purpose of the board
- A list of members and their positions
- Contact details for the board
- Members’ term start and end dates

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Community services: emergency respite services — Bass electorate

3591. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services):

- (1) How many emergency respite services are located in the electorate of Bass.
- (2) How much State Government funding does each service receive.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department does not store locational data for emergency respite facilities by electorate.

Community services: emergency respite services — Mornington electorate

3592. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services):

- (1) How many emergency respite services are located in the electorate of Mornington.
- (2) How much State Government funding does each service receive.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department does not store locational data for emergency respite facilities by electorate.

Community services: emergency respite services — Gembrook electorate

3593. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services):

- (1) How many emergency respite services are located in the electorate of Gembrook.
- (2) How much State Government funding does each service receive.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department does not store locational data for emergency respite facilities by electorate.

Community services: emergency respite services — South Barwon electorate

3594. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services):

- (1) How many emergency respite services are located in the electorate of South Barwon.
- (2) How much State Government funding does each service receive.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department does not store locational data for emergency respite facilities by electorate.

Community services: emergency respite services — Frankston electorate

3595. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services):

- (1) How many emergency respite services are located in the electorate of Frankston.
- (2) How much State Government funding does each service receive.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department does not store locational data for emergency respite facilities by electorate.

Housing: Geelong and Apollo Bay

3596. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to \$3.8 million funding for four new social housing projects in Geelong and Apollo Bay promised on 18 April 2001:

- (1) When was the project completed.
- (2) What was the total State Government expenditure on the 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) All four projects were completed by August 2003.
- (2) The total State Government expenditure on the four projects was \$3.7M.
- (3) The agencies provided an acquittal of all expenditure on the projects, the projects were delivered within agreed time lines and the properties are fully tenanted.

Community services: planning framework for specialist aged persons mental health

3604. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Planning Framework for Specialist Aged Persons Mental Health as stated in the answer to Question on Notice No. 628 in the Legislative Assembly:

- (1) When did the Victorian Government commence the planning framework.
- (2) Which aspects of aged persons mental health will the planning framework address.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Work on drafting a new Planning Framework for Aged Persons Mental Health commenced in March 2008.
- (2) The Planning Framework will:
 - Outline the service components, service types, service mix and distribution of services;
 - Outline the key factors that impact on decisions regarding the components of services, mix of services, service types, service models and distribution of services that are required for Specialist Aged Persons Mental Health, and how those factors should be taken into consideration in the planning for specialist Aged Persons Mental Health Services (including who is best placed to deliver these services);
 - Outline key recommendations in relation to proposed service policies;
 - Outline the key planning changes that need to be undertaken to achieve an improved Specialist Aged Persons Mental Health future service system.

Housing: supported accommodation and assistance program

3611. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): What percentage of the Supported Accommodation and Assistance Programs are provided to people aged 60 years and over.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This information is available from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (www.aihw.gov.au).

Planning: Caulfield Racecourse Trust — stress leave

3677. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Caulfield Racecourse Trust, 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:

The Caulfield Racecourse Trust is not within my portfolio responsibility.

Planning: Caulfield Racecourse Trust — legal expenses

3678. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Caulfield Racecourse Trust, for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Caulfield Racecourse Trust is not within my portfolio responsibility.

Planning: Caulfield Racecourse Trust — advertising

3679. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Caulfield Racecourse Trust: What are the details 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 the advertisement;
- (d) the duration of the advertisement;
- (e) where and when each advertisement was published or broadcast; and
- (f) to whom each contract was awarded.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Caulfield Racecourse Trust is not within my portfolio responsibility.

Planning: Caulfield Racecourse Trust — entertainment expenses

3680. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Caulfield Racecourse Trust, for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07 what are the details 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:

The Caulfield Racecourse Trust is not within my portfolio responsibility.

Planning: Caulfield Racecourse Trust — media and communications staff

3681. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Caulfield Racecourse Trust, for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

- (a) What was the number and cost of staff working in the office.
- (b) What was the number of staff working in each public relations/communications unit; indicating —
 - (i) the total operating budget; and
 - (ii) the total promotional budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Caulfield Racecourse Trust is not within my portfolio responsibility.

Planning: trade union grants

3682. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Caulfield Racecourse Trust, what are the details of all grants for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07 made to trade union groups.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Caulfield Racecourse Trust is not within my portfolio responsibility.

Planning: Caulfield Racecourse Trust — board representatives

3683. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Caulfield Racecourse Trust, what provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on its boards, indicating —

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Caulfield Racecourse Trust is not within my portfolio responsibility.

Planning: National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust — stress leave

3698. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust, 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:

The National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust is not within my portfolio responsibility.

Planning: National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust — legal expenses

3699. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to legal expenses incurred by the National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust, for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust is not within my portfolio responsibility.

Planning: National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust — advertising

3700. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust: What are the details 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 the advertisement;
- (d) the duration of the advertisement;
- (e) where and when each advertisement was published or broadcast; and
- (f) to whom each contract was awarded.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust is not within my portfolio responsibility.

Planning: National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust — entertainment expenses

- 3701. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust, for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07 what are the details 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:

The National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust is not within my portfolio responsibility.

Planning: National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust — media and communications staff

- 3702. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust, for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:
- (a) What was the number and cost of staff working in the office.
 - (b) What was the number of staff working in each public relations/communications unit; indicating —
 - (i) the total operating budget; and
 - (ii) the total promotional budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust is not within my portfolio responsibility.

Planning: National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust — trade union grants

- 3703. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust, what are the details of all grants for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07 made to trade union groups.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust is not within my portfolio responsibility.

Planning: board representatives

- 3704. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust, what provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on its boards, indicating —

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust is not within my portfolio responsibility.

Planning: Yarra Bend Park Trust — stress leave

3733. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to Yarra Bend Park Trust, 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:

The Yarra Bend Park Trust is not within my portfolio responsibility.

Planning: Yarra Bend Park Trust — legal expenses

3734. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to legal expenses incurred by Yarra Bend Park Trust, for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Yarra Bend Park Trust is not within my portfolio responsibility.

Planning: Yarra Bend Park Trust — advertising

3735. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to Yarra Bend Park Trust: What are the details 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 the advertisement;
- (d) the duration of the advertisement;
- (e) where and when each advertisement was published or broadcast; and
- (f) to whom each contract was awarded.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Yarra Bend Park Trust is not within my portfolio responsibility.

Planning: Yarra Bend Park Trust — entertainment expenses

3736. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to Yarra Bend Park Trust, for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07 what are the details 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:

The Yarra Bend Park Trust is not within my portfolio responsibility.

Planning: Yarra Bend Park Trust — media and communications staff

3737. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to Yarra Bend Park Trust, for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

- (a) What was the number and cost of staff working in the office.
- (b) What was the number of staff working in each public relations/communications unit; indicating —
 - (i) the total operating budget; and
 - (ii) the total promotional budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Yarra Bend Park Trust is not within my portfolio responsibility.

Planning: Yarra Bend Park Trust — trade union grants

3738. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to Yarra Bend Park Trust, what are the details of all grants for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07 made to trade union groups.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Yarra Bend Park Trust is not within my portfolio responsibility.

Planning: board representatives

3739. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to Yarra Bend Park Trust, what provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on its boards, indicating —

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Yarra Bend Park Trust is not within my portfolio responsibility.

Water: north–south pipeline

4380. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): In relation to the Sugarloaf Interconnector Pipeline Project:

- (1) How many Victorians are employed on the Project.
- (2) Does the Project comply with the Victorian Industry Participation Policy.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The project currently employs approximately 170 people, who are all based in Victoria.
- (2) Yes, the project complies with the Victorian Industry Participation Policy.

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.

Friday, 10 October 2008

Energy and resources: annual reports

2831. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration: What was the total cost of each annual report for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07.

ANSWER:

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

Since its formation on 5 December 2002, annual report expenditure by the Department of Primary Industries has been as follows:

Department	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<i>Department of Primary Industries</i>	\$ 46,461.80	\$ 43,275.84	\$ 56,047.46	\$ 50,218.00
Agency or Authority	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
<i>Energy Safe Victoria</i>	\$ -	\$ 6,724.00	\$ 8,245.00	\$ 9,455.00
<i>Victorian Energy Networks Corporation (VENCorp)</i>	\$ 23,419.00	\$ 33,863.00	\$ 42,546.00	\$ 41,242.00

Energy and resources: workplace bullying

2911. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07: What are the details 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, as at the date the question was raised:

Since the establishment of the Department of Primary Industries in 2002 there have been 16 claims at a total cost of \$421,023.

Energy and resources: staff attrition rate

3127. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration: What was the staff attrition rate for each of the financial years 2000-01 to 2006-07.

ANSWER:

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

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