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Tuesday, 28 October 2008

Community services: kinship and permanent care places

1341. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to funds of \$1.2 million for additional kinship and permanent care places in the 2002–03 budget:

- (1) How much of the above funding was expended in 2002–03.
- (2) How many new places were created in 2002–03 as a direct result of these funds.
- (3) How many new places in 2002–03 were located in each Department of Human Services region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) This funding was fully expended in 2002–03.
- (2) Between 30 June 2002 and 30 June 2003 the number of kinship care and permanent care placements increased by 174.
- (3) The new places were located in each of the Department of Human Services regions.

Veterans affairs: staff attrition rate

3111. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Veterans' Affairs): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration: What was the staff attrition rate for each of the financial years 2000–01 to 2006–07.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As the Minister for Veterans' Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister The Hon. Justin Madden, for LC 3093.

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

Multicultural affairs: staff attrition rate

3112. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration: What was the staff attrition rate for each of the financial years 2000–01 to 2006–07.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

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As the Minister for Multicultural Affairs I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. I direct you to the response of the lead Minister, the Hon Justin Madden, for LC 3093.

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Thursday, 30 October 2008

Tourism and major events: economic benefits

1065. MS PENNICUIK — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Tourism and Major Events): In relation to the Auditor-General's report on the economic benefits of the 2005 Grand Prix and the Minister's media release on 23 May 2007 responding to this report in which the Minister indicated that the National Institute of Economic and Industry Research (NIEIR) economic impact model remained the Government's preferred method of assessing major events:

- (1) Is the NIEIR still the preferred model for assessing the economic viability of major events.
- (2) Is the Minister aware of recent research that shows that the NIEIR model yields an inflated result for predicted economic impact.
- (3) Is the Minister also aware that the NIEIR model uses an input-output economic model which is now considered outdated.
- (4) Has the Minister received advice that assumptions used in the NIEIR model regarding induced tourism are not supported by any evidence.
- (5) Will the Minister ensure that current and future major events and proposals are evaluated using both CBA (cost benefit analysis) and CGE (computable general equilibrium); if not, why not.
- (6) Will the Minister also require that current major events are reassessed to include social and environmental impacts; if not, why not.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

- (1) As announced on 23 May 2007, the Government is reviewing our assessment of major events evaluation following the Auditor-General's report.
- (2) There is considerable international research around the different models for assessing the economic impact of major events.
- (3) The NIEIR model does use an input-output model, which is consistent with international events such as the 2007 British Open Golf Championship, the 2005 Fundacion Gala-Salvador Dali exhibition in Spain, the Edinburgh Festivals 2004–05 and the 2001 IAAF World Half Marathon Championships in Bristol.
- (4) No.
- (5) Please refer to 1.) above.
- (6) Please refer to 1.) above.

Water: authorised officers

1208. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Water): How many people are employed as authorised water officers for —

- (a) Melbourne Water Corporation;
- (b) City West Water Limited;
- (c) South East Water Limited;
- (d) Yarra Valley Water Limited;
- (e) Barwon Region Water Authority;
- (f) Central Gippsland Region Water Authority;
- (g) Central Highlands Region Water Authority;
- (h) Coliban Region Water Authority;
- (i) East Gippsland Region Water Authority;
- (j) First Mildura Irrigation Trust;
- (k) Gippsland and Southern Rural Water Authority;
- (l) Goulburn Valley Region Water Authority;
- (m) Goulburn-Murray Rural Water Authority;
- (n) Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water Authority;
- (o) Lower Murray Urban and Rural Water Authority;
- (p) North East Region Water Authority;
- (q) South Gippsland Region Water Authority;
- (r) Wannon Water Authority;
- (s) Western Region Water Authority; and
- (t) Westernport Region Water Authority.

ANSWER:

I am informed that the water businesses have the following authorised water officers:

	<i>Water Industry Act 1994 s185A</i>
(1) City West Water Limited.	4
(2) South East Water Limited.	3
(3) Yarra Valley Water Limited.	1
(4) Barwon Region Water Corporation	2
(5) Central Gippsland Region Water Corporation.	1
(6) Central Highlands Region Water Corporation.	4
(7) Coliban Region Water Corporation.	0
(8) East Gippsland Region Water Corporation.	2
(9) Goulburn Valley Region Water Corporation.	2
(10) Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water Corporation.	1
(11) Lower Murray Urban and Rural Water Corporation.	3
(12) North East Region Water Corporation.	1
(13) South Gippsland Region Water Corporation.	2
(14) Wannon Water Corporation.	1
(15) Western Region Water Corporation.	2
(16) Westernport Region Water Corporation	2

Gippsland and Southern Rural Water Corporation, Goulburn-Murray Rural Water Corporation and Melbourne Water are not responsible for water restrictions in urban reticulated water supply systems and therefore do not have authorised water officers.

First Mildura Irrigation Trust no longer exists and Lower Murray Urban and Rural Water Corporation is now responsible for the functions of the former Trust.

Tourism and major events: Australian Grand Prix Corporation — media and communications staff

1546. 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 Australian Grand Prix Corporation and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Corporation.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Australian Grand Prix Corporation spent \$4,018,520 on advertising and promotion for the financial year 2006–07. Three full time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Corporation.

Environment and climate change: Environment Protection Authority — media and communications staff

1570. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: For the financial year 2006–07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Environment Protection Authority and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Authority.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the EPA during the financial year 2006–07 was \$636,713. This was predominantly spent on campaigns relating to EPA’s Public Litter Reporting Program and Smoky Vehicle Reporting Program. It also includes spending on advertising placed to meet statutory requirements. Both the Public Litter Reporting and Smoky Vehicle Reporting programs saw substantial increases in reports received during the campaigns, resulting in significant benefits to the environment.

- The total advertising and promotion expense includes \$447,522 drawn from the Environment Protection Fund rather than consolidation revenue.
- There was a 15% increase in the number of litter reports received from the public in 2006–07 from the previous year.
- There was a 13% increase in the number of smoky vehicle reports received from the public in 2006–07 from the previous year.

A total of 2 full-time equivalent staff members were employed by the Environment Protection Authority in media and communication roles.

Environment and climate change: Royal Botanic Gardens Board — media and communications staff

1572. MR D. M. DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: For the financial year 2006–07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Royal Botanic Gardens Board and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Board.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Royal Botanic Gardens Board was \$147,360. This spending included programs offered to adult visitors, keen gardeners, families and children, such as:

- displays on weed management in home gardens for World Environment Day;
- Australian Garden programs which focused on increasing the community’s knowledge of and commitment to the conservation of native plants and habitats;
- a regional touring exhibition, called Hidden in Plain View—the Forgotten Flora, which brought the research work of the Gardens’ botanists to public attention.

In 2006–07 visitor numbers to RBG Melbourne increased from 1,238,884 in the previous year to 1,438,451, an increase of 14% on visitor numbers during 2005–06. The Ian Potter Foundation Children’s Garden attracted an estimated 166,296 visitors, including 24,171 students who participated in education programs. In addition, 2,500 people participated in Garden Discovery Walks and an estimated 7,000 people visited RBG Melbourne on Spring Open Day in October 2006.

During the same period at RBG Cranbourne, visitor numbers increased by 65%, from 37,951 in 2005–06 to 110,263 in 2006–07. Of these visitors, 53,505 people visited the recently opened Australian Garden, 11,186 students participated in education programs offered by RBG Cranbourne staff and 7,501 visitors participated in onsite public programs.

A total of 3.8 full-time equivalent staff members were employed by the Royal Botanic Gardens Board in media and communications roles.

Education: CPR Communications and Public Relations

1889. MR. D. M. DAVIS—To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In table form, what was the expenditure by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development 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 as follows:

During the Financial year 2005–06 there were two instances of expenditure by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development on CPR Communications and Public Relations, of \$15,846 and \$48,840, and each came as a result of the formal process as required by the Victorian Government Purchasing Board (VGPB) panel. Matters included communication strategies for procurement and maintenance and were concluded by October 2006.

During the financial year 2006–07 there was one instance of expenditure by the Department on CPR Communications and Public Relations of \$77,990. This expenditure came as a result of the formal process as required by the VGPB panel. The matter was to provide a communications strategy across the Department and was concluded by November 2007.

During the period 1 July 2007–31 December 2007 there was one instance of expenditure by the Department CPR Communications and Public Relations. Expenditure was \$7,200 and came as a result of the formal process required by the VGPB panel. The matter related to a communications package for the Student Resource Package and was concluded by August 2007.

Industrial relations: fair payments policy

2197. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Industrial Relations): In relation to the Government’s Fair Payments Policy, which requires a department or agency to pay invoices for work done by small businesses within 30 days or pay penalty interest, with respect to the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

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

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

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

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.

Tourism and major events: stress leave

2264. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Tourism and Major Events): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details of all stress related leave, including —

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

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

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

Education: trade union grants

2845. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration: What are the details of all grants made to trade union groups for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

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

Education: property sales

2925. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration involved in the sale of properties for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

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

Health: Wodonga Regional Health Services

2970. MRS PETROVICH — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Wodonga Regional Health Services, where attendances at the Emergency Department are growing at such an alarming rate that they are estimated to reach 32,000 for 2007–08: What funding is being provided to cope with this demand.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Emergency department presentations at Wodonga Regional Health Service for the 2007/08 financial year were 31,029. This compares with 30,093 for the full financial year 2006/07, an increase of 3.1%.

In 2008/09 the health service received approximately \$3.4m for its non-admitted emergency service grant, a 7.5% increase on the previous year.

Wodonga Regional Health Service total acute expenditure budget has gone from \$24.9m in 1999/00 to \$49.4m in 2008/09, an increase of 97.8%.

Sport, recreation and youth affairs: uniforms

3069. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration:

- (1) How many 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 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 3053.

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

Roads and ports: freeways — guardrail system

3132. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): In relation to the manufacture of Guardrail Systems for use along major freeways: Have any mandatory compliance standards/specifications been established; if so, what are those compliance standards/specifications (particularly in terms of base material thickness for guardrail posts).

ANSWER:

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

Information about standard specifications are available on the VicRoads website: www.vicroads.vic.gov.au

Roads and ports: Cambridge Road, Mooroolbark

3183. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): Is the category of Cambridge Road, Mooroolbark to be upgraded from a Secondary Main Road to a Primary Main Road —

- (a) if not, why not;
- (b) if so, what are the plans for future works and when will they be completed.

ANSWER:

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

Councils own and manage the local road networks within their respective municipalities and are responsible for maintaining them in accordance with their Road Management Plan, taking into account such things as the operational objectives, available resources and strategic links and traffic volumes.

Local governments share funding responsibility for local roads with the Commonwealth. This has been the case since 1991 and was reaffirmed at the time when the former Howard Government introduced the Goods and Services Tax.

Councils receive grants from the Commonwealth taking into consideration Council's local road responsibilities. The Federal Government provides additional funding for local roads through the Roads to Recovery, Strategic Regional Roads and Federal Blackspot program components of Auslink.

As Cambridge Road is a local road under the care and management of the Shire of Yarra Ranges, any concerns regarding future improvement works on this road should be directed to the Shire.

Education: adjournment debate responses

3277. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Education): 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 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: dementia management in hospitals program

3328. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$265,000 funding for education and training projects in dementia care and management in acute hospitals promised on 14 September 2004:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that the \$265,000 funding was announced on 14 September 2003 and that:

- (1) All funding was expended in 2003–04.
- (2) The use of the funding was evaluated, resulting in further education/ training projects in dementia care and management in hospitals.

Environment and climate change: sewerage — Stonnington

3344. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: How many illegal sewerage connections are there currently in the City of Stonnington.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This is a matter for the Minister for Water as illegal connections into the reticulated sewerage system are covered by the *Water Industry Act 1994* which falls within his portfolio of responsibility.

Environment and climate change: sewerage — Stonnington

3345. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: How many illegal sewerage connections were found in the City of Stonnington in each of the years 2000 to 2007.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This is a matter for the Minister for Water as illegal connections into the reticulated sewerage system are covered by the *Water Industry Act 1994* which falls within his portfolio of responsibility.

Environment and climate change: sewerage — Prahran electorate

3346. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: How many illegal sewerage connections are there currently in the Prahran electorate.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This is a matter for the Minister for Water as illegal connections into the reticulated sewerage system are covered by the *Water Industry Act 1994* which falls within his portfolio of responsibility.

Environment and climate change: sewerage — Prahran electorate

3347. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: How many illegal sewerage connections were found in the Prahran electorate in each of the years 2000 to 2007.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This is a matter for the Minister for Water as illegal connections into the reticulated sewerage system are covered by the *Water Industry Act 1994* which falls within his portfolio of responsibility.

Environment and climate change: sewerage — Glen Eira

3348. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: How many illegal sewerage connections are there currently in the City of Glen Eira.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This is a matter for the Minister for Water as illegal connections into the reticulated sewerage system are covered by the *Water Industry Act 1994* which falls within his portfolio of responsibility.

Environment and climate change: sewerage — Glen Eira

3349. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: How many illegal sewerage connections were found in the City of Glen Eira in each of the years 2000 to 2007.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This is a matter for the Minister for Water as illegal connections into the reticulated sewerage system are covered by the *Water Industry Act 1994* which falls within his portfolio of responsibility.

Environment and climate change: sewerage — Bentleigh electorate

3350. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: How many illegal sewerage connections are there currently in the Bentleigh electorate.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This is a matter for the Minister for Water as illegal connections into the reticulated sewerage system are covered by the *Water Industry Act 1994* which falls within his portfolio of responsibility.

Environment and climate change: sewerage — Bentleigh electorate

3351. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: How many illegal sewerage connections were found in the Bentleigh electorate in each of the years 2000 to 2007.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This is a matter for the Minister for Water as illegal connections into the reticulated sewerage system are covered by the *Water Industry Act 1994* which falls within his portfolio of responsibility.

Environment and climate change: sewerage — monitoring systems

3352. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: What monitoring systems does the Department Sustainability and Environment have in place to ensure sewerage connections are of a suitable standard.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This is a matter for the Minister for Water as illegal connections into the reticulated sewerage system are covered by the *Water Industry Act 1994* which falls within his portfolio of responsibility.

Environment and climate change: sewerage — penalty system

3353. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: What is the penalty system in place for owners or residents who are found to have illegal sewerage connections.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This is a matter for the Minister for Water as illegal connections into the reticulated sewerage system are covered by the *Water Industry Act 1994* which falls within his portfolio of responsibility.

Housing: rainwater tanks

3360. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to public housing properties owned by the Office of Housing:

- (1) Is the property at 12 Holland Court, Flemington installed with an operational rainwater tank.
- (2) Is the property at 235 Nelson Place, Williamstown installed with an operational rainwater tank.
- (3) Is the property at 150 Victoria Avenue, Albert Park installed with an operational rainwater tank.
- (4) Is the property at 510 Lygon Street, Carlton installed with an operational rainwater tank.
- (5) Is the property at 259 Malvern Road, South Yarra installed with an operational rainwater tank.
- (6) How many properties owned by the Office of Housing have operational rainwater tanks.
- (7) Does the Office of Housing install rainwater tanks in new properties it builds or purchases.
- (8) How many rainwater tanks were installed in properties in the 2007–08 financial year.
- (9) How much money has been spent to date on the installation of rainwater tanks at public housing properties.
- (10) What is the average holding capacity of any rainwater tanks installed.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The Property at 12 Holland Court Flemington has a 45,000 litre underground water tank however it is not operational as a rain water tank at this stage.
- (2) The property at 235 Nelson Place, Williamstown does not have a rain water tank.
- (3) The property at 150 Victoria Avenue Albert Park has a 15,000 litre redundant fire tank that is being converted to a rain-water-fire water collection tank which will be used for watering.
- (4) The property at 510 Lygon Street Carlton has three 10,000 litre redundant fire water tanks which could be converted to rain water/fire water collection tanks.
- (5) The property at 259 Malvern Road South Yarra does not have any water tanks.
- (6) The Office of Housing currently has 9 tanks in the high-rise buildings operating as rain water and fire water collection tanks. The water is used for watering community gardens, general garden areas and flushing of toilets at two estates.
- (7) The Office of Housing does include rainwater tanks when building new properties if practicable or a requirement in the permit condition.
- (8) The Office of Housing installed 3 rain water/fire water tanks in 2007–08. A further 20 were installed on new housing properties.
- (9) The Office of Housing has spent \$50,000 on the installation of rain water tanks for new housing.

- (10) The average holding capacity of the rain water tanks varies considerably. At various high-rise estates the rain water tanks vary from 10,000 to 45,000 litre tanks. Water tanks installed to domestic dwellings range from 1000 ltrs to 2000 litres.

Senior Victorians: ethnic communities

3365. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to \$1.6 million worth of funding for ethno-specific agencies to provide support to local councils promised on 23 November 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 the funding was expended.
- (2) Yes. The evaluation indicated that there was a positive overall improvement in the participation of people from CALD background accessing services in the local government areas targeted by CEGS.

Senior Victorians: ethnic communities

3366. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to \$300,000 for agencies to improve the access of small and emerging ethnic communities into Home and Community Care (HACC) Services promised on 23 November 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 of the funding was expended by 30 June 2006.
- (2) Yes, and the evaluation resulted in the extension of two of the Small & Emerging projects to December 2010.

Senior Victorians: aged-care support and mentoring project

3371. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to \$9 million worth of funding for the Aged Care Support & Mentoring Project, phase 2 promised on 6 March 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) There was no announcement on 6 March 2003 for \$9m for the Aged Care Support and Mentoring project.

The \$9 million refers to the total Home and Community Care (HACC) program funding to ethno-specific and multicultural organisations in 2002–03.

- (2) Project funding of \$39,000 was added recurrently to the ECCV's funding base in 2004–05.

Senior Victorians: social activities

3380. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to \$35,000 worth of funding to improve social activities for isolated older people promised on 21 October 2001:

- (1) How much funding was expended by 30 June 2003.
- (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 2003.
- (2) Program outputs are monitored annually.

Planning: Apollo Bay land

3451. MS PENNICUIK — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Great Ocean Green Development in Apollo Bay:

- (1) Did flood plain modelling for the Great Ocean Green development include the consideration of the extent or effect of storm surges or river flooding on the site.
- (2) Why did flood plain modelling for the Great Ocean Green development in Apollo Bay consider south-west storms when historically, storms are easterly.
- (3) Given that independent surveys for the degree of flooding in the area have indicated that it is unsuited to the type of development proposed, will the Minister invoke the powers under the *Local Government Act 1989* to enforce modifications.
- (4) What consideration has been given for loss of fish values at the Great Ocean Green site.
- (5) Given the current water shortages faced by most regions across the state, is it appropriate to allow the Great Ocean Green development to go ahead on what was previously identified as the most appropriate site for water storage to secure water supply for the Apollo Bay township.
- (6) Has water supply for Apollo Bay been secured.
- (7) If a new location for water storage has been chosen, where is it and what are the increased costs of storing water at the new location compared with the costs of storing it at the site of the Great Ocean Green development.
- (8) Given the approvals for the development, who would be liable should any properties in the Great Ocean Green development be flooded.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Flood modelling prepared for the proposed Great Ocean Green development (Colac Otway Planning Scheme Amendment C29) was modelled using accepted modelling procedures and was based on rainfall data, sea level conditions and 1:100 year flood event data.

- (2) The flood modelling provides sufficient data to determine the broad effects of flooding and from a flood management perspective, whether the scale of the proposed development is appropriate in this floodplain.
- (3) The independent panel appointed to consider Amendment C29 and submissions, was satisfied that the modelling has been carried out in accordance with established practices. The panel also agreed that the proposed planning provisions provide an appropriate mechanism to review and refine flood impacts as the project progresses.
- (4) The Barham River estuary has important aquatic species and, in the event of development on the site, water quality monitoring and regular fish surveys shall occur.
- (5) Barwon Water is investigating various storage sites and is expected to release a report on the various options in late 2008 which will be released for public comment.
- (6) Barwon Water has not secured a new water storage site in Apollo Bay, however, Barwon Water is continuing to investigate various storage sites.
- (7) A new location for water storage has not been chosen and Barwon Water is continuing to investigate various storage sites.
- (8) The issue of the liability is not a planning issue and not something I can consider in my determination of this proposed development.

Veterans affairs: CityLink concessions

3452. MS HARTLAND — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Veterans' Affairs): Have concessions on CityLink e-tags and tolls for totally or permanently incapacitated veterans been considered by the Government; if so, what concession amount has been proposed and what is the expected cost to the Government.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Tollways in Victoria are operated by Transurban and ConnectEast under concession deeds with the Victorian Government. The only vehicles that are exempted from tolls are emergency services and Australian Defence Force vehicles. There are no Government toll exemptions or concessions available to any users.

Exemptions or concessions for the tolls are not provided because the Victorian Government has ensured that alternative toll-free roads are maintained for those who prefer, or cannot afford, to pay road tolls.

Children and early childhood development: autism

3453. MS HARTLAND — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): In relation to the \$29 million for 1,000 additional Early Childhood Intervention Services places in the 2008–09 budget for children aged under six with developmental delays or disabilities:

- (1) Will children with Autism Spectrum Disorder be automatically eligible for these places.
- (2) How many specialists and how many psychiatrists in Victoria are currently able to make an autism diagnosis.
- (3) What is the Government's plan to increase this number.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

- (1) The 2008–09 Budget announcement of \$29 million over four years to boost support for early intervention includes:
- \$23.9 million for extra Early Childhood Intervention places;
 - \$3.3 million for additional Kindergarten Inclusion Support Service placements; and
 - \$1.8 million for an Early Childhood Specialist workforce strategy.

Children with a disability or significant developmental delay, including children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder, will be eligible to access the new Early Childhood Intervention Services places. Children do not require a diagnosis to access these services with priority for service provided on the basis of developmental need.

- (2) There is a range of specialists and psychiatrists in Victoria who are able to make an autism diagnosis but there is no requirement for specialists or psychiatrists to be registered as specialist autism diagnosticians.
- (3) This is a Commonwealth Government responsibility.

Health: dental services — emergency care

3469. MS HARTLAND — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health):

- (1) By what date does the Government expect to achieve a target ratio of emergency care below 53% of all public dentistry, in order to better emphasise preventive care.
- (2) What is the projected ratio of emergency care in public dentistry for each of the financial years 2008–09 to 2010–11.
- (3) In what year does the Government expect to decrease its target ratio of emergency care in public dentistry from 53%.
- (4) Does the Government have a long-term target to reduce the ratio of emergency care in public dentistry.
- (5) How does an emergency care ratio of 53% contribute to Victoria’s aim under the National Oral Health Plan, 2004–2013, Healthy Mouths, Healthy Lives for “a strong focus on promoting health and the prevention and early identification of oral disease”.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The ratio of emergency to general care in public dentistry has fallen from 59:41 in 2003–04 to 53:47 in 2007–08 following a significant increase in public dental funding by the Government in 2004–05. The Government expects to further lower the target ratio of emergency to general care in public dentistry over the next few years.
- (2) The ratio of emergency to general care in public dentistry was at 53:47 in 2007–08. Although this is expected to fall, I am unable to provide a projected ratio for each of the financial years 2008–09 to 2010–11.
- (3) The Government expects the ratio to fall over the next few years with its own continued investment as well as the provision of additional funding through the Commonwealth Dental Health Program to assist Victoria to deliver public dental services.

It should be noted, that the Commonwealth Dental Health Program is currently being prevented from commencing as the Opposition and minor parties, including the Greens and Independent senators are blocking its passage in the Senate. This is preventing \$72.65 million flowing to Victoria, for an additional 258,000 dental services over the next three years.

- (4) The Government expects the ratio of emergency to general care in public dentistry will continue to fall with the continued provision of significant investment in dental infrastructure and initiatives to increase and retain the dental workforce.

In Victoria for example, seven new public dental clinics have opened since December 2005, bringing the total number to 69. This has allowed for 49 new and replacement chairs to be opened increasing the number of dental chairs in Victoria to 371. The total number of chairs will soon expand by 21 with the completion of capital works at three different sites in metropolitan Victoria. A further 30 chairs will also be built at three sites, to accommodate the La Trobe University Rural Dental School at Bendigo. These will bring the total number of dental chairs in the state to 422 by the end of 2010.

The Victorian Government makes a significant contribution to the recruitment and retention of the state's dental workforce. This includes the provision of training of undergraduates at publicly funded dental services including the Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne and at metropolitan and regional Community Health Services. In 2006, approximately one third of the dentists graduating from the University of Melbourne took up positions in the public sector. Innovative models such as job sharing with the private sector are being used to retain these graduates.

- (5) As previously stated, it is important to note that more than two thirds of care actually provided in public dentistry is general preventive dentistry. General courses of care provide twice the amount of treatment.

The Victorian Government's Improving Victoria's oral health policy is strongly focused on promoting health and the prevention and early identification of oral disease. When people access for emergency care it is an opportunity to encourage preventive oral health behaviour.

The trend towards a lower ratio of emergency to general courses of care in recent years is indicative of the Government's significant investment in oral health prevention. This has included the Government's commitment to extend water fluoridation in regional Victoria, declining waiting times for general care in recent years and programs such as Smiles for Miles which provides prevention-focused targeted oral health access and education for parents, teachers and carers of preschoolers.

Planning: wind energy — noise standards

- 3505. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning: On what scientific basis did the Victorian State Policy and Planning Guidelines for the development of wind energy facilities in Victoria adopt a New Zealand noise standard which advocates an acceptable limit of 40dBA.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

At the time that the Government's wind energy guidelines were being prepared in 2001/2002 there was no Australian Standard for noise available for wind farms. The New Zealand standard was adopted on the basis that it was the most comprehensive document that provided an absolute noise level for wind farm performance.

The New Zealand standard remains the accepted standard.

Planning: wind energy — noise standards

- 3507. MRS COOTE** — To ask the Minister for Planning: For each complaint lodged with the Department of Planning and Community Development relating to noise standards arising from wind farms, what was the —

- (a) date of lodgment;
- (b) location of wind farm(s) in question;

- (c) details of lodgment concern;
- (d) date of reply from the Department; and
- (e) details of secondary lodgment, if applicable.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Of the five operating wind farms across Victoria the Department of Planning and Community Development (the Department) has received one complaint in August 2007 regarding the Wonthaggi wind farm.

The complainant claims that the base line noise data report submitted during the permit application process is flawed. The Department is currently working with the complainant to resolve the issue raised.

Planning: wind energy — Bald Hills

3509. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to Recommendation 19 contained in the Panel’s Report on the Bald Hills Wind Farm Project EES, EES Supplement and Called-In Planning Permits, dated 24 June 2004: What actions have been taken by the Department to address the issues raised.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Recommendation 19 says “*In the medium term, consideration should be given to the establishment of a role for the EPA in monitoring and enforcing acoustic conditions.*”

It is normal practice for a planning permit for a wind farm to provide for a post-construction noise monitoring program to the satisfaction of the responsible authority. The *Planning and Environment Act 1987* establishes Council as the responsible authority for enforcement of planning permit conditions. It is appropriate that Council have this role.

Planning: wind energy — Bald Hills

3510. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to Recommendation 20 contained in the Panel’s Report on the Bald Hills Wind Farm Project EES, EES Supplement and Called-In Planning Permits, dated 24 June 2004: What actions have been taken by the Department to address the issues raised.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Recommendation 20 says “*In the medium term, consideration should be given to the use of a SEPP or other related Victorian standard to define the specific application of NZS 6808 and or the forthcoming Australian Standard to wind energy facilities within Victoria.*”

The operation of the statutory planning system in conjunction with the Policy and planning guidelines for development of wind energy facilities in Victoria requires the New Zealand Standard for noise to be applied to wind farms. The New Zealand Standard is the accepted standard to address the amenity impacts of wind farm noise.

Planning: wind energy — complaints

3511. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Planning: What resources does the Department of Planning and Community Development allocate to local governments to enable them to make informed decisions on complaints raised by the public in regard to wind farms under 30MW level.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Planning and Community Development (the Department) provides close support for local governments involved with wind farm proposals including, providing advice about the planning permit process and compliance and enforcement matters. The Department planning officers make themselves available to local government through meetings and presentations regarding permit application process and specific concerns of local government. They also direct councils to relevant panel reports and model planning permit conditions. Guidance is also provided through the Government's *Policy and planning guidelines for development of wind energy facilities in Victoria*.

Planning: wind energy — Macarthur

3512. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Planning: What public reporting regarding actual capacity is being undertaken in regard to permit application PL-SP/05/0283 (Panel's Report on the Macarthur Wind Farm, May 2006, page 59).

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The permit issued for the Macarthur wind farm does not require the operators to publicly report on the actual capacity factor of the wind farm.

The *Policy and planning guidelines for development of wind energy facilities in Victoria* states that "a wind energy facility in Victoria will typically have a capacity factor of 35%." This establishes, as a generalisation, the anticipated capacity factor of any proposed wind farm. This capacity factor is then used to assess the likely power output of any wind farm and to assess its contribution to the displacement of coal fired electricity generation.

It is expected that the operator of the Macarthur wind energy facility will operate the facility at maximum efficiency.

It is not considered necessary to include a condition on the planning permit for the Macarthur wind farm to require the operator to report on the actual capacity factor of the wind farm.

Planning: wind energy — Leonards Hill

3513. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Planning: What public reporting regarding actual capacity is being done in regard to permit application 2006/9231 (VCAT P549/2007, VCAT Report on Leonards Hill wind farm, July 2007, page 5).

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

VCAT directed council to issue a planning permit on 27 July 2007 for the use and development of a wind energy facility including two turbines and associated buildings and works at 2040 Ballan–Daylesford Road, Leonards Hill.

The permit does not require the operators to publicly report on the actual capacity of the wind energy facility.

Planning: wind energy — farm location

3514. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Planning: What departmental guidelines are currently in place to assess landscape values in regard to the placement of wind farms.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Victorian Government recognises that local communities place a high value on protecting the visual amenity of rural landscapes and their associated environmental, social and economic benefits. The *Policy and planning guidelines for development of wind energy facilities in Victoria* provide the framework for how landscape values are to be assessed.

The guidelines provide detailed advice on:

- assessing the magnitude of change to a landscape caused by a wind farm proposal;
- identifying landscape features; and
- impact reduction measures.

In a number of regions across Victoria strategic landscape studies have been completed including, the *Great Ocean Road Region Landscape Assessment Study* (2004) and the *Coastal Spaces Landscape Assessment Study* (2006). The *State Planning Policy Framework of the Victoria Planning Provisions* (Clause 15.08 ‘Coastal areas’) requires these studies to be considered by decision makers.

In addition a variety of planning scheme overlays can be used to identify and protect areas of landscape significance including, the Significant Landscape Overlay, the Environmental Significance Overlay and the Vegetation Protection Overlay.

Planning: wind energy — turbine shadow flicker

3515. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to shadow flicker per annum guidelines for wind farms bordering residential properties: What restrictions are in place to protect areas of residential property other than that occupied by housing.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Planning schemes require a planning permit application for a wind farm to show the location of all dwellings within 500 metres of the site of a proposed wind farm.

While planning schemes require proponents to map dwellings, the Government’s wind energy guidelines also require proponents to explain why a site is suitable for a wind farm having regard to the likely effects of shadow flicker on the surrounding area in general.

A planning permit application should include information on the siting and use of buildings on adjacent properties, and views from existing dwellings to assist in the understanding of the pattern of surrounding land use and development, and potential impacts.

Planning: wind energy — turbine shadow flicker

3516. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to shadow flicker per annum guidelines for wind farms bordering residential properties: Have mandatory buffer zones between residential properties and wind farms been investigated.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Mandatory buffer distances around wind energy facilities are not a requirement of the Government's wind energy guidelines for assessing planning permit applications for wind farms.

The Government's wind energy guidelines address shadow flicker as one of a range of key considerations in assessing the siting and design of a proposed wind farm and its effect on the surrounding area.

The comprehensive and performance based approach of the Government's wind energy guidelines provides a more locally responsive outcome for surrounding communities than by applying a prescriptive or standard buffer distance around all wind farms irrespective of their size, configuration and the unique characteristics of the site and its environs.

Planning: wind energy — turbine strobe lighting

3517. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the compulsory red flashing strobe lighting on wind farm turbines over 110 metres tall: Are there mandatory buffer zones between residential properties and wind farms to protect the amenity of nearby residents.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Flashing lighting may be required on wind turbines that are over 110 metres high, where required by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA).

Subject to CASA's requirements, a range of measures may be taken to reduce glare from aircraft obstacle lighting, including reducing the number of lights and providing baffles.

The comprehensive and performance based approach of the Government's wind energy guidelines provides a more locally responsive outcome for surrounding communities than by applying a prescriptive or standard buffer distance around all wind farms irrespective of their size, configuration and the unique characteristics of the site and its environs.

Planning: wind energy — turbine cleaning

3518. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the cleaning of wind farm turbines: What guidelines are in place regarding —

- (a) the annual allocation of non-salt water for cleaning turbines; and
- (b) how often the turbines at each wind farm are cleaned.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The cleaning of wind turbines is not an appropriate matter for the planning system to address. There are no land use and development related impacts.

Environment and climate change: women — boards, councils and committees

3565. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: In relation to the answer to Question on Notice No. 2391, tabled on 10 June 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 address of the webpage that will allow you to search for the number of women who hold board positions on all agencies and authorities and committees within my administration is www.publicboards.vic.gov.au/PESearch.aspx.

This webpage address will allow you to search by Department and portfolio.

Planning: women — boards, councils and committees

3566. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the answer to Question on Notice No. 2393, tabled on 10 June 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 2393.

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

[Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 10 June 2008, page 2333]

Tourism and major events: City Museum signage

3589. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Tourism and Major Events): In relation to the removal of signage for the City Museum located on the steps of the Old Treasury Building on the corner of Spring and Collins Streets:

- (1) Has Heritage Victoria expedited this process by granting the Government a permit exemption to remove the signs; if so, on what grounds was the exemption granted.
- (2) When will the signs be removed.
- (3) What are the reasons for removing the signs.
- (4) What costs are involved in removing the signs and replacing them with alternative signage.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Heritage Victoria has determined that pursuant to section 66(3) of the Heritage Act 1995, a permit is not required to remove the signage.

- (2) The signage will not be removed until the Museum has had a reasonable opportunity to replace it.
- (3) The current signage is inappropriate.
- (4) The costs are unknown at this stage.

Further inquiries on this issue should be directed to me in my capacity as the Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission (the Minister responsible for administering all Victorian Government land and property).

Community services: Hepburn Health Services — Daylesford campus

3590. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$5.5 million worth of funding to redevelop Hepburn Health Services' Daylesford campus promised on 27 April 2001:

- (1) When was the redevelopment completed.
- (2) What was the total funding expended by the State Government on the redevelopment.
- (3) What was the total cost of the redevelopment.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The redevelopment of Hepburn Health Services Daylesford campus was completed in October 2003.
- (2) The total funding expended by Government on the redevelopment was \$5.425 million.
- (3) The total cost of the redevelopment was \$6.025 million. Hepburn Health Services contributed \$500,000 and Ballarat Child and Family Services contributed \$100,000.

Senior Victorians: nursing home for homeless

3598. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to \$3.4 million funding for a nursing home for homeless older people operated by Wintringham and promised on 11 January 2001:

- (1) When was the nursing home completed.
- (2) What was the total funding expended by the State Government on the nursing home.
- (3) What was the total cost of the nursing home.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The development was completed and opened in August 2005.
- (2) Total funding expended by the Government on the development was \$3.4 million.
- (3) The total cost of the redevelopment was \$7.5 million.

Community services: support for carers program

3601. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Support for Carers Program:

- (1) How much of the \$12.5 million funding that was promised in the 2006–07 financial year was expended by 30 June 2007.
- (2) How much of the \$13.5 million funding that was promised in the 2007–08 financial year has been expended to date.
- (3) Has the use of the funds for each of the years been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) All the funding was expended by 30 June 2007.
- (2) All the funding was expended by 30 June 2008.
- (3) The funds provided growth to existing programs that have annual monitoring of service outputs.

Senior Victorians: service coordination support program

3602. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to plans to expand the SRS Service Coordination Support program stated in the answer to part (3) of Question on Notice No. 809 in the Legislative Assembly:

- (1) How much funding will go toward the expansion of the program.
- (2) What are the details of the expansion.
- (3) When will the program be expanded.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) \$0.6 million has been budgeted in 2008–09 to expand the program.
- (2) Details of the expansion are yet to be finalised.
- (3) The program expansion will occur over 2008–09.

Community services: acquired brain injury slow to recover program

3605. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Acquired Brain Injury Slow to Recover Program waiting list:

- (1) How many people are on the waiting list as at August 2008.
- (2) What is the average waiting time.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The wait list for the Acquired Brain Injury Slow to Recover Program at August 2008 is 47.
- (2) The average waiting time for people receiving support from the Acquired Brain Injury Slow to Recover Program varies across the years.

Community services: residential aged care

3606. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Department of Human Services (DHS) 2008–09 Strategic Projects Objective 2 as identified in the DHS Departmental Plan 2008–09, page 28: Which public sector residential aged care facilities are identified as needing upgrades in the June 2009 project stage targets.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The residential aged care facilities identified on page 28 of the Departmental Plan 2008–09 that were targeted to achieve June 2009 stage targets are:

- Stella Anderson Nursing Home–Bendigo Health
- Kingston Centre Redevelopment stage 2
- Trentham Nursing Home–campus of Hepburn Health Service.

All three were funded in the 2008/2009 State Budget.

Community services: home and community care

3607. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to Home and Community Care end of financial year surplus funds:

- (1) Which Department of Human Services (DHS) areas received the additional end of financial year surplus funds.
- (2) How much did each of the DHS areas receive.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

DHS regions are funded for Home and Community Care program on a financial year basis, in the event that not all funds are expended by the end of the financial year the funds are retained by the region for the program for which they were originally approved.

Community services: Linkages packages

3610. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services):

- (1) How many Linkages packages were provided in 2006–07.
- (2) How many Linkages packages were provided to people over the age of 65.
- (3) How many Linkages packages were provided to people aged between 16 and 64 years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that.:

- (1) 3,161 HACC Linkages packages were provided in 2006–07
- (2) 65 and over: 49 per cent
- (3) 16–64 years of age: 45 per cent

Planning: Architects Registration Board of Victoria — stress leave

3635. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Architects Registration Board of Victoria, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details of all stress related leave, including —

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

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

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Planning: Architects Registration Board of Victoria — legal expenses

3636. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Architects Registration Board of Victoria, 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.
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Planning: Architects Registration Board of Victoria — advertising

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ANSWER:

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Planning: Architects Registration Board of Victoria — entertainment expenses

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ANSWER:

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Planning: Architects Registration Board of Victoria — media and communications staff

3639. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Architects Registration Board of Victoria, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

- (a) What was the number and cost of staff working in the office.
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 - (i) the total operating budget; and
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ANSWER:

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Planning: Architects Registration Board of Victoria — trade union grants

3640. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Architects Registration Board of Victoria, what are the details of all grants for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07 made to trade union groups.

ANSWER:

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Planning: Architects Registration Board of Victoria — board representatives

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Planning: Building Advisory Council — stress leave

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Planning: Building Advisory Council — legal expenses

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- (1) What expenses were incurred.
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ANSWER:

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Planning: Building Advisory Council — advertising

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ANSWER:

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Planning: Building Advisory Council — board representatives

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Planning: Building Appeals Board — stress leave

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Planning: Building Practitioners Board — media and communications staff

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Planning: Building Practitioners Board — board representatives

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Planning: Building Regulations Advisory Committee — stress leave

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Planning: Building Regulations Advisory Committee — legal expenses

3671. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Building Regulations Advisory Committee, 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 as follows:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place an unreasonable burden on the department’s time and represent an unnecessary diversion of departmental resources.

However if you can indicate in a further question the specific information you are seeking I may be able to assist you.

Planning: Building Regulations Advisory Committee — advertising

3672. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Building Regulations Advisory Committee: 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 as follows:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place an unreasonable burden on the department's time and represent an unnecessary diversion of departmental resources.

However if you can indicate in a further question the specific information you are seeking I may be able to assist you.

Planning: Building Regulations Advisory Committee — entertainment expenses

3673. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Building Regulations Advisory Committee, 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 as follows:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place an unreasonable burden on the department's time and represent an unnecessary diversion of departmental resources.

However if you can indicate in a further question the specific information you are seeking I may be able to assist you.

Planning: Building Regulations Advisory Committee — media and communications staff

3674. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Building Regulations Advisory Committee, 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 as follows:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place an unreasonable burden on the department's time and represent an unnecessary diversion of departmental resources.

However if you can indicate in a further question the specific information you are seeking I may be able to assist you.

Planning: Building Regulations Advisory Committee — trade union grants

3675. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Building Regulations Advisory Committee, 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 as follows:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place an unreasonable burden on the department’s time and represent an unnecessary diversion of departmental resources.

However if you can indicate in a further question the specific information you are seeking I may be able to assist you.

Planning: Building Regulations Advisory Committee — board representatives

3676. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Building Regulations Advisory Committee, 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 as follows:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place an unreasonable burden on the department’s time and represent an unnecessary diversion of departmental resources.

However if you can indicate in a further question the specific information you are seeking I may be able to assist you.

Planning: Dandenong Development Board — stress leave

3684. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Dandenong Development Board, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details of all stress related leave, including —

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

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place an unreasonable burden on the department’s time and represent an unnecessary diversion of departmental resources.

However if you can indicate in a further question the specific information you are seeking I may be able to assist you.

Planning: Dandenong Development Board — legal expenses

3685. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Dandenong Development Board, 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 as follows:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place an unreasonable burden on the department's time and represent an unnecessary diversion of departmental resources.

However if you can indicate in a further question the specific information you are seeking I may be able to assist you.

Planning: Dandenong Development Board — advertising

3686. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Dandenong Development Board: 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 as follows:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place an unreasonable burden on the department's time and represent an unnecessary diversion of departmental resources.

However if you can indicate in a further question the specific information you are seeking I may be able to assist you.

Planning: Dandenong Development Board — entertainment expenses

3687. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Dandenong Development Board, 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 as follows:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place an unreasonable burden on the department's time and represent an unnecessary diversion of departmental resources.

However if you can indicate in a further question the specific information you are seeking I may be able to assist you.

Planning: Dandenong Development Board — media and communications staff

3688. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Dandenong Development Board, 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 as follows:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place an unreasonable burden on the department's time and represent an unnecessary diversion of departmental resources.

However if you can indicate in a further question the specific information you are seeking I may be able to assist you.

Planning: Dandenong Development Board — trade union grants

3689. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Dandenong Development Board, 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 as follows:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place an unreasonable burden on the department's time and represent an unnecessary diversion of departmental resources.

However if you can indicate in a further question the specific information you are seeking I may be able to assist you.

Planning: Dandenong Development Board — board representatives

3690. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Dandenong Development Board, 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 as follows:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place an unreasonable burden on the department's time and represent an unnecessary diversion of departmental resources.

However if you can indicate in a further question the specific information you are seeking I may be able to assist you.

Planning: Heritage Council — legal expenses

3692. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Heritage Council, 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 as follows:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place an unreasonable burden on the department's time and represent an unnecessary diversion of departmental resources.

However if you can indicate in a further question the specific information you are seeking I may be able to assist you.

Planning: Heritage Council — advertising

3693. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Heritage Council: 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 as follows:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place an unreasonable burden on the department's time and represent an unnecessary diversion of departmental resources.

However if you can indicate in a further question the specific information you are seeking I may be able to assist you.

Planning: Heritage Council — entertainment expenses

3694. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Heritage Council, 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 as follows:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place an unreasonable burden on the department’s time and represent an unnecessary diversion of departmental resources.

However if you can indicate in a further question the specific information you are seeking I may be able to assist you.

Planning: Heritage Council — media and communications staff

3695. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Heritage Council, 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 as follows:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place an unreasonable burden on the department’s time and represent an unnecessary diversion of departmental resources.

However if you can indicate in a further question the specific information you are seeking I may be able to assist you.

Planning: Heritage Council — trade union grants

3696. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Heritage Council, 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 as follows:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place an unreasonable burden on the department's time and represent an unnecessary diversion of departmental resources.

However if you can indicate in a further question the specific information you are seeking I may be able to assist you.

Planning: Heritage Council — board representatives

3697. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Heritage Council, 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 as follows:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place an unreasonable burden on the department's time and represent an unnecessary diversion of departmental resources.

However if you can indicate in a further question the specific information you are seeking I may be able to assist you.

Planning: Phillip Island Nature Park Board of Management — stress leave

3705. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Phillip Island Nature Park Board of Management Incorporated, 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 Phillip Island Nature Park Board of Management Incorporated does not lie within my portfolio responsibility.

Planning: Phillip Island Nature Park Board of Management — legal expenses

3706. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Phillip Island Nature Park Board of Management Incorporated, 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 Phillip Island Nature Park Board of Management Incorporated does not lie within my portfolio responsibility.

Planning: Phillip Island Nature Park Board of Management — advertising

3707. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Phillip Island Nature Park Board of Management Incorporated: 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 Phillip Island Nature Park Board of Management Incorporated does not lie within my portfolio responsibility.

Planning: Phillip Island Nature Park Board of Management — entertainment expenses

3708. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Phillip Island Nature Park Board of Management Incorporated, 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 Phillip Island Nature Park Board of Management Incorporated does not lie within my portfolio responsibility.

Planning: Phillip Island Nature Park Board of Management — media and communications staff

3709. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Phillip Island Nature Park Board of Management Incorporated, 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 Phillip Island Nature Park Board of Management Incorporated does not lie within my portfolio responsibility.

Planning: Plumbing Industry Advisory Council — stress leave

3712. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Plumbing Industry Advisory Council, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details of all stress related leave, including —

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

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place an unreasonable burden on the department's time and represent an unnecessary diversion of departmental resources.

However if you can indicate in a further question the specific information you are seeking I may be able to assist you.

Planning: Plumbing Industry Advisory Council — legal expenses

3713. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Plumbing Industry Advisory Council, 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 as follows:

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Planning: Plumbing Industry Advisory Council — advertising

3714. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Plumbing Industry Advisory Council: 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 as follows:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place an unreasonable burden on the department's time and represent an unnecessary diversion of departmental resources.

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Planning: Plumbing Industry Advisory Council — entertainment expenses

3715. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Plumbing Industry Advisory Council, 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 as follows:

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Planning: Plumbing Industry Advisory Council — trade union grants

3717. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Plumbing Industry Advisory Council, 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 as follows:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place an unreasonable burden on the department's time and represent an unnecessary diversion of departmental resources.

However if you can indicate in a further question the specific information you are seeking I may be able to assist you.

Planning: Plumbing Industry Advisory Council — board representatives

3718. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Plumbing Industry Advisory Council, 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 as follows:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place an unreasonable burden on the department's time and represent an unnecessary diversion of departmental resources.

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Planning: Plumbing Industry Commission — stress leave

3719. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Plumbing Industry Commission, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07: What are the details of all stress related leave, including —

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

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place an unreasonable burden on the department's time and represent an unnecessary diversion of departmental resources.

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Planning: Plumbing Industry Commission — legal expenses

3720. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Plumbing Industry Commission, 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 as follows:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place an unreasonable burden on the department's time and represent an unnecessary diversion of departmental resources.

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Planning: Plumbing Industry Commission — advertising

3721. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Plumbing Industry Commission: 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 as follows:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place an unreasonable burden on the department's time and represent an unnecessary diversion of departmental resources.

However if you can indicate in a further question the specific information you are seeking I may be able to assist you.

Planning: Plumbing Industry Commission — entertainment expenses

3722. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Plumbing Industry Commission, 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 as follows:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place an unreasonable burden on the department's time and represent an unnecessary diversion of departmental resources.

However if you can indicate in a further question the specific information you are seeking I may be able to assist you.

Planning: Plumbing Industry Commission — board representatives

3725. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Plumbing Industry Commission, 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 as follows:

Due to the broad nature of the question, to compile the information requested would place an unreasonable burden on the department's time and represent an unnecessary diversion of departmental resources.

However if you can indicate in a further question the specific information you are seeking I may be able to assist you.

Planning: Plumbing Industry Commission — legal expenses

4381. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Plumbing Industry Commission, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

I refer you to my reply for LC 3720.

Planning: Plumbing Industry Commission — advertising

4382. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Plumbing Industry Commission: 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 as follows:

I refer you to my reply for LC 3721.

Planning: Plumbing Industry Commission — entertainment expenses

4383. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Plumbing Industry Commission, 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; and
- (b) itemised details of all expenditure in excess of \$500, including the —
 - (i) date incurred;
 - (ii) cost;
 - (iii) number of guests;
 - (iv) purpose; and
 - (v) name of service provider.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

I refer you to my reply for LC 3722.

Planning: Plumbing Industry Commission — media and communications staff

4384. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Plumbing Industry Commission, for each financial year from 2000–01 to 2006–07:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

I refer you to my reply for LC 3723.