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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

Tuesday, 11 November 2008

Planning: Kingston — permit application

1211. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to Permit Application KP340/04 in the City of Kingston:

- (1) On what date did the Minister receive the planning panel report.
- (2) On what date did the Minister decide upon on the application.
- (3) On what date was the Member for Mordialloc advised of the Minister's decision.
- (4) On what date was the City of Kingston advised of the Minister's decision.
- (5) On what date was the Minister's decision released publicly.

ANSWER:

I am advised as follows:

- (1) 25 September 2007
- (2) 31 October 2007
- (3) 31 October 2007
- (4) 31 October 2007
- (5) 31 October 2007

Community services: kinship and permanent care

1336. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to funds of \$200,000 allocated to cater for service demands in kinship and permanent care in the 2001-02 budget:

- (1) Which services, and by what date, received this funding.
- (2) How many additional places were created as a direct result of the allocation of these funds in 2001-02.
- (3) In which Department of Human Services regions were these places located.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Additional funds of \$200,000 were allocated in 2001-02 to cater for service demands in kinship care and permanent care. The funds were allocated to each Department of Human Services region during 2001-02.
- (2) Between 30 June 2001 and 30 June 2002 the number of places in kinship care and permanent care increased by 164.

- (3) The new places were located in each of the Department of Human Services regions.

Roads and ports: Port of Melbourne Corporation — media and communications staff

- 1540. MR D. M. DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): For the financial year 2006-07, what was the total amount spent on advertising and promotion by the Port of Melbourne Corporation and how many full-time equivalent staff were employed in media and communications roles by the Corporation.

ANSWER:

I have been advised by the Port of Melbourne Corporation (PoMC) that a total amount of \$805,000 was spent on advertising and promotions during the 2006-07 financial year. This comprised of \$251,000 in advertising and \$554,000 in promotions.

PoMC further advise that as at 30 June 2007, there are 8 full time media and communications staff.

Planning: urban development program

- 2005. MR GUY** — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Urban Development Program (UDP) 2007 Annual Report:

- (1) On what date did the Minister receive it from the Department.
- (2) How long was the period in between receiving it and releasing it publicly.
- (3) Given that it was due to be released in December 2007, what is the reason for its release being delayed until March 2008.
- (4) On what date will the UDP 2008 Annual Report be released.
- (5) How many Department of Planning and Community Development staff are working with the Department of Treasury and Finance on reviewing population forecasts.
- (6) On what date will the new population forecasts be released.
- (7) Regarding the Geelong region (page 18), how did the UDP come to the figure of a projected demand for 1,160 residential lots per year over the next five years, given that from 2002-04 the demand was around 1,900 lots per year.
- (8) Does the UDP have any plans to report in 2008 on the supply of residential land in the following areas —
 - (a) Greater Geelong City Council;
 - (b) Ballarat City Council;
 - (c) Greater Bendigo City Council;
 - (d) Latrobe City Council;
 - (e) Surf Coast Shire Council;
 - (f) Ararat Rural City Council;
 - (g) Bass Coast Shire Council;
 - (h) Benalla Rural City Council;
 - (i) Central Goldfields Shire Council;
 - (j) Colac Otway Shire Council;
 - (k) Corangamite Shire Council;
 - (l) Glenelg Shire Council;
 - (m) Golden Plains Shire Council;
 - (n) Greater Shepparton Shire Council;

- (o) Horsham Rural City Council;
 - (p) Macedon Ranges Shire Council;
 - (q) Mildura Rural City Council;
 - (r) Moyne Shire Council;
 - (s) Warrnambool City Council;
 - (t) Moorabool Shire;
 - (u) Mitchell Shire Council;
 - (v) Murrundindi Shire Council;
 - (w) South Gippsland Shire Council;
 - (x) Wellington Shire Council; and
 - (y) Wodonga City Council.
- (9) Were any external consultants engaged; if so —
- (a) who were the consultants; and
 - (b) how much was paid for each consultancy.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

1. I was briefed by the Department of Planning and Community Development on the major findings from the 2007 UDP on Friday 29 February 2008.
2. The UDP was released on the Department's website on Monday 3 March 2008. For comparison, the 2006 UDP was released on 2 February 2007.
3. The UDP is an annual update of data and information relating to the supply of residential and industrial land across metropolitan Melbourne and Geelong. It has been usual practice to aim to release the UDP around the end of the calendar year. There is no statutory requirement to release the UDP at this time.

The 2007 UDP was delayed pending finalisation and analysis of future population forecasts following release of the 2006 census data.

As noted in the UDP report 'the 2006 Australian Census and other recent data show that net overseas migration is at record highs, and is driving residential dwelling demand in Victoria'. The interim projections for new households based on this data and the resultant impact on available residential land stock needed to be properly assessed and understood before the release of land supply forecasts.

4. It is intended to conform to usual practice and aim to release the UDP around the end of the 2008 calendar year.
5. Around 2.5 persons work on developing population forecasts.
6. December 2008.
7. Page 22 of the 2007 UDP Annual Report states that on average 1,480 lots were constructed in Geelong in the previous 5 years. Based on industry feedback, over the next 5 years 1,160 lots per year are anticipated to be constructed in the Geelong region
8. The UDP currently covers metropolitan Melbourne and Geelong. Preliminary work has been undertaken to extend the UDP to cover Ballarat City Council, Greater Bendigo City Council, Greater Bendigo City Council and Wodonga City Council in 2009. Other towns may be included as resources become available.
9. No consultants were engaged in the preparation of the 2007 UDP Annual Report.

Planning: Melbourne 2030 — audit

2007. MR GUY — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Melbourne 2030 Audit:

- (1) When did the Minister receive the report from the Audit Expert Group.
- (2) When will the Minister release the report.
- (3) Did the Minister, his office or Department change the report from the version submitted by the Expert Group; if so, what sections were changed and why.
- (4) What was the total remuneration paid to the four members of the Audit Expert Group.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

1. The Audit Expert Group submitted their report to me in March 2008.
2. The Audit Expert Group's report was made publicly available in May 2008.
3. The content of the report submitted by the Audit Expert Group was not changed by my office or by the Department. In preparing the report for publication minor proofing edits were made in consultation with the Convenor of the Audit Expert Group.
4. The total payment made to the four Audit Expert Group members was \$218,206.02.

Community services: kinship and permanent care

2067. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$1.2 million worth of funding for 220 new kinship and permanent care places promised in the 2002-03 budget:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the financial year 2002-03.
- (2) How many additional places were created in the financial year 2002-03 because of these funds.
- (3) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of that evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

1. This funding was fully expended in 2002-03.
2. Between 1 July 2002 and 30 June 2003 the number of kinship care and permanent care placements increased by 174.
3. No

Roads and ports: women — boards, councils and committees

2429. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): In relation to each department, agency or authority within the Minister's administration: How many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, indicating in respect of each board, council or committee the total number of members.

ANSWER:

As at the date the question was received, and in relation to boards, councils and committees that are subject to Ministerial appointment, the answer is:

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

Roads and ports: entertainment expenses

2665. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07: What are the details are of all entertainment expenses incurred, indicating —

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

ANSWER:

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

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

Children and early childhood development: Victorian Government Purchasing Board — procurement policies

2766. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that :

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

Children and early childhood development: annual reports

2806. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration: What was the total cost of each annual report for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

To compile the information from the last seven financial years would place a large burden on the Department's time and resources.

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

Children and early childhood development: trade union grants

2846. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration: What are the details of all grants made to trade union groups for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

To provide a response for the last seven financial years from each Department, agency and authority within my administration would place a large burden on the resources of the Department. However, if there is a specific issue that you would like further information on please provide more details in any further questions on this matter.

Roads and ports: trade union grants

2874. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration: What are the details of all grants made to trade union groups for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07.

ANSWER:

As at the date the question was raised, the response is as follows:

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

Children and early childhood development: workplace bullying

2886. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07: What are the details of bullying in the workplace indicating —

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

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

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

Children and early childhood development: property sales

2926. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration 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.

Corrections: investigations, audits and reviews

2963. MS PENNICUIK — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Corrections): In relation to the Corrections Inspectorate (CI) and Office of the Correctional Services Review (OCSR):

- (1) Has either an independent review or Department of Justice ('DoJ') internal review been undertaken of the competency, accuracy, defensibility and independence of the methodology, findings and recommendations of investigations, audits and reviews undertaken by the CI/OCSR from 1 July 2003 to present; if so, what were the findings and recommendations and what actions have been undertaken to implement these.
- (2) Prior to the instituting of the CI on 1 July 2003, what evaluations did the DoJ undertake of alternative inspectorate models such as the Western Australian Office of the Custodial Inspector and the United Kingdom Prisons Inspectorate.
- (3) Why were statutory independent forms of inspectorates rejected in favour of the internal CI model.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) The Ombudsman observed the operation of the former Corrections Inspectorate between February and May 2007. As a result, the Ombudsman held discussions with the Secretary of the Department of Justice in August 2007. At that meeting, the Secretary briefed the Ombudsman on the proposed establishment of the Office of Correctional Services Review and the new governance arrangements to address perceived shortcomings in the Corrections Inspectorate's operations. Following these discussions, the Ombudsman determined that he would monitor progress with the reforms over the following twelve months. The Ombudsman did not provide the Department with a final report in relation to the Corrections Inspectorate. There are no relevant findings or recommendations.

Prior to the Ombudsman's observation of the Corrections Inspectorate, there were two previous independent reviews regarding some aspects of the Corrections Inspectorate's review methodologies. One was in June 2005, when Nexus Research was appointed to validate the "Healthy Prison" methodology questionnaires. The multiple-choice questionnaires contain a comprehensive range of questions on four principles (safety, respect, constructive engagement and preparation for release) and are administered to approximately 30% of the prison population at random and to a cross section of at least one-third of prison staff.

Nexus Research pilot-tested the questionnaires in two prisons; the Melbourne Assessment Prison on 2 June 2005 and at Port Phillip Prison on 3 June 2005. The Review found that the questionnaires worked well. Respondents found them easy to complete, understandable and relevant. Following the pilot testing, minor modifications were made to the questionnaires. The final questionnaires produced by Nexus Research have been used on several occasions, the most recent being the Healthy Prison Review of DPFC in 2007.

The other independent review was in November 2005, when the Corrections Inspectorate appointed Benbow Consulting to:

- Evaluate the Service Delivery Outcomes (SDO) validation process, including the appropriateness of sampling of data from 3 months of the performance year;
- Conduct an onsite visit to a prison to test each validation methodology against SDO definitions;
- Determine whether the validation methodology was sufficiently robust to provide an accurate account of the prison's reporting against SDO definition; and
- Provide advice regarding potential improvements to SDO validation and the development of future SDO validation methodologies.

The review was completed in November 2005. Records from Fulham Correctional Centre and Port Phillip Prison from 2004-2005 performance year were used to demonstrate the processes followed by the Corrections Inspectorate in validating SDO performance. A visit was completed of the Fulham medium security private prison in Sale. Whilst on site at Fulham prison, a range of prison records were analysed for appropriateness in the SDO validation process.

The Review concluded that Corrections Inspectorate SDO validation methodology was robust, and the process followed was clear, well structured and employed strict review guidelines.

The consultant further observed that the Corrections Inspectorate review process was consistent with what would be considered best auditing practice in terms of the conduct of the audit, the collection and management of prison records and communication processes with prison management. The reports prepared by the Corrections Inspectorate were of an acceptable standard, dealing only with factual information.

The consultant made the following recommendations:

- Corrections Inspectorate formalise the validation of each SDO methodology into a structured audit procedures manual;
- Working papers collected during the course of the validation should be filed in a more concise and structured manner;
- Sample sizes selected for review can be reduced allowing more time for deeper analysis of selected SDO performance;

- The basis of choosing the sample data and any other key business assumptions made during the review cycle should be documented as part of the working papers;
- Corrections Inspectorate continue to employ benchmark intelligence in monitoring incident reporting; and
- Corrections Inspectorate requests copies of any internal review assessments completed by the prison operators.

All the recommendations have been implemented by being incorporated into the annual SDO validation reviews conducted by the Office of Correctional Services Review. The most recent of such reviews have been those of Port Phillip Prison, Fulham Correctional Centre and four public prisons (Ararat, Loddon, Barwon and Marnong Correctional Centre) conducted in 2008.

- (2) Following the State Coroner's findings in April 2000 on five deaths at Port Phillip Prison, the Department of Justice commissioned an independent investigation into the management and operation of Victoria's private prisons. The investigation panel comprised: Peter Kirby (Chairperson), Vivienne Roche (Senior Policy Analyst) and Brian Greaves (Correctional Services Expert). The panel's report, *Report of the Investigation into the Management and Operations of Victoria's Private Prisons* (October 2000), included consideration of alternative models for monitoring and performance. It also considered whether the Monitoring and Review function should remain within the then Office of Correctional Services Commissioner (OCSC) where it reported to the Commissioner, or whether it should be established as an independent body that reports to the Secretary of the Department of Justice or the Minister.

The Kirby Investigation reviewed models for independent monitoring of prisons in other jurisdictions: Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons in England and Wales and the Office of the Inspector of Custodial Services in Western Australia. The Kirby Investigation recommended that the Monitoring and Review function should remain within the OCSC but that accountability should be strengthened by a more rigorous and predictable monitoring regime that is supported by a schedule of full and timely public reporting of results. The Investigation acknowledged the views that had been expressed that locating the monitoring function within the OCSC compromised independence and lacked transparency in reporting. However, it noted that establishing a separate, independent monitoring function had the potential to further fragment the prison system and reduce the opportunity for operational input into policy development. Also, it would require resources to be duplicated within a prisons system that is comparatively small by Australian and international standards.

Until July 2003, the Monitoring and Performance Review Unit remained in the OCSC. As a result of the decision to amalgamate the OCSC and CORE (Public Correctional Enterprise) into Corrections Victoria from 1 July 2003, there was a need to consider the role and placement of an external monitoring and review function. The Department of Justice contracted Success Works in April 2003 to determine the most effective correctional services monitoring and review mechanism reporting directly to the Secretary. The terms of reference for the review were to:

- Develop alternative models for independent monitoring and review to optimise the effectiveness of the independent monitoring and review role;
- Review legislative, financial and commercial impacts of alternative models and the implementation of resourcing requirements;
- Examine ways in which independent monitoring and reporting can be effectively conducted collaboratively within a framework of continuous improvement;
- Identify how the function will fit into the Justice structure; and
- Prepare a report on the review for the Department.

Success Works conducted face-to-face and telephone interviews with several stakeholders and assessed alternative models applying interstate and overseas. These included the Western Australian Office of the Inspector of Custodial Services, Queensland Contract Management Unit-Operational Support Services and Ethical Standards Unit, NSW Probity and Performance Management Division, United Kingdom Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons in England and Wales, and the United States' Federal Bureau of Prisons-Programs Review Division.

Success Works recommended:

- Establishing a Corrections Performance Audit Unit independently within the Department of Justice with the aim of contributing to improvements in performance and enhanced accountability in the Victorian correctional system;
- Amending the Corrections Act 1986 to redesignate the responsibility for monitoring to the Secretary;
- That the Corrections Performance Audit Unit report directly to the Secretary of the Department;
- Resourcing the Corrections Performance Audit Unit through transfer of resources from the existing Corrections Monitoring and Review Unit in the OCSC; and
- Placing an Executive level manager in charge of the unit.

The role of the independent unit recommended would be to monitor the performance of public and private prisons and conduct planned and ad hoc reviews as directed by the Secretary and the Minister as well as manage the official prison visitors program with the aim of ensuring system transparency and accountability.

The recommendations have been implemented.

- (3) The Kirby Investigation assessed the strengths and weaknesses of applying the UK Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons and the Western Australia Office of the Inspector of Custodial Services models to Victoria. While the Investigation noted that an inspectorate that was separate from the bureaucracy could provide an independent source of advice to the Minister regarding the overall performance of individual prisons and emerging trends and issues, it argued against adopting the approach because of several difficulties. One problem concerned resourcing an appropriately qualified team of inspectors. The Investigation referred to the UK experience of significant challenges in meeting the required resources to conduct a planned program of full inspections, thereby limiting the ability to conduct a full inspection of all prisons every five years as originally intended. Another difficulty concerned the impact of the approach on correctional service providers. As noted by the Kirby Investigation, the Victorian prison system has already been subject to a number of external reviews and reports (particularly the private prisons) and external reviews, like outsourcing, do not serve to enhance organisational learning.

In August 2007, the Department of Justice took action to strengthen the corrections oversight function through the establishment of the Office of Correctional Services Review. Key reforms included a 75% increase in staffing for the function, as well as the creation of a Corrections Monitoring and Review Steering Committee (chaired by the Secretary and including an independent member) to provide stronger oversight and governance of the function.

The Victorian experience supports the Department of Justice approach, which has achieved significant outcomes through a collaborative, organisational learning model. Victoria has one of the best correctional systems in Australia, as confirmed by the Report on Government Services 2008 (pp 8.1-8.46). For example, each year from 2002-03 to 2006-07, rates of prisoner deaths from apparent unnatural causes, rates of prisoner escapes/absconds from open custody and secure custody, indigenous and non-indigenous imprisonment rates, and rates of offenders on community corrections were higher in Western Australia than Victoria. The rigorous monitoring and review regime in Victoria has contributed to this outcome.

Corrections: prison cells

- 2964. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Corrections): In relation to hanging points and the implementation of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (RCIADIC) Recommendations and Inquest Recommendations:

- (1) What actions have the Department of Justice undertaken to ensure the removal of all obvious structural hanging points in cells within the Cassia unit of Barwon Prison prior to its intended re-commissioning in the first half of 2008.
- (2) What is the status and progress of all other modifications to remove obvious hanging points in cells at other units of Barwon Prison and all other Victorian prisons in compliance with

Recommendation 185 of the RCIADIC, the Port Phillip Prison inquest findings and Corrections Victoria cell safety design guidelines.

- (3) What data do Corrections Victoria, GSL and GEO collect in order to assess implementation of Recommendation 181 of the RCIADIC in relation to the use of separation/segregation as a last resort for indigenous people.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

In relation to hanging points and the implementation of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (RCIADIC) Recommendations and Inquest Recommendations:

- (1) It is not intended at this stage to undertake cell redevelopment works under the cell & fire safety program in the Cassia Unit, as per the Corrections Building Design Review Project (BDRP), as this unit has been assessed to be only of medium to low risk in terms of prisoner self harm. In these instances, care is taken not to place any prisoner who is deemed to be at risk in those cells.
- (2) Corrections Victoria has taken action to maximise the safety of 'at risk' prisoners, and has amended its *At Risk Procedures* (i.e. the relevant Commissioner's Requirement and Director's Instruction), to ensure that those prisoners identified as at immediate risk of suicide or self harm or at significant risk of suicide or self harm are placed and managed in a physical environment that is suitable to their suicide risk (observation cell, single cell, shared cell as appropriate).

The program of cell modification and construction has successfully achieved BDRP compliance in over 1350 cells across the system. This has been achieved under an accelerated program. With the completion of works at Port Phillip Prison anticipated to be late 2008, the initial phase of the project will have been delivered 3½ years ahead of the original completion date.

- (3) Corrections Victoria's Indigenous Policy and Services Unit (IPSU) works closely with the local Prison Review and Assessment Committees for the management of Indigenous prisoners who require separation. Additionally, the IPSU also has direct input into case management decisions made by the Sentence Management Unit, which is responsible for the placement of all prisoners across the system.

Corrections: prison cells

2965. MS PENNICUIK — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Corrections): In relation to failures of cell intercoms at Port Phillip Prison (PPP) and other prisons:

- (1) On how many occasions, on which dates, in which units and for what duration have failures and/or other operational defects in prisoner cell intercom system occurred at PPP from 1 January 2006 to the present.
- (2) What remedial action has been taken in response to these cell intercom failures or other operational defects (including removal of prisoners from cells/units).
- (3) In which other prisons and prisoner transport vehicles have intercom failures and/or other intercom operational defects occurred from 1 January 2006 to the present.
- (4) What remedial action has been taken in response to these cell intercom failures or other operational defects (including removal of prisoners from cells/units and prisoner transport).

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

1. There have been 14 incidents reported where failures and/or other operational defects in prisoner cell intercom systems occurred at Port Phillip Prison during the nominated reporting period (Refer to table below for details).

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The data excludes inoperability due to prisoner interference or damage, minor audibility issues and testing activities that were promptly resolved. There have been an additional 17 occasions where minor faults were reported and repaired within the same day, with no disruption to the prison’s operations.

DATE	UNIT	FAULT and Remedial Action Taken	DURATION
15.1.06	All units	Failed cell intercom - additional staff deployed and all units manned until intercoms back on line	2 hours
3.5.06	Sirius West	Console reported faulty - replaced same day	Replaced same day
15.11.06	Sirius East Sirius West	No link to control - Unit staffed overnight, and intercoms operational by next day	Operational by 16.11.06
15.12.06	Sirius West	1 cell - faulty connection	Repaired same day
21.12.06	Sirius West	1 cell - faulty connection	Repaired same day
30.5.07	Swallow	Failed intercom back to control	Repaired within 1 hour
25.6.07	All units	Intercom system down	Repaired within 28 minutes
25.7.07	Swallow	Intercom system down	Repaired within 3 hours
13.8.07	Sirius West	1 cell faulty connection	Operational by 14.8.07
4.1.08	Marlborough	One cell taken off line due to cabling issues. New cabling laid and intercom rewired	Cell back on line within 14 days
2.2.08	All units	Intercom system failure between cells and control room, but fully functional between cells and officer’s station	Operational by 3.2.08
29.2.08	Marlborough	Officer’s station intercom unit faulty	Repaired same day
24.3.08	All units	Intercom system down due to lightning strike. Officers placed in all units	Repaired in 4 hours
13.5.08	Marlborough	Intercom failure –main panel in officer’s station	Repaired same day

2. See table above.
3. During the requested reporting period, all Victorian prisons with the exception of HM Prison Langi Kal Kal have reported at least one intercom failure and or other intercom operational defect.
4. In the event of a malfunction of a cell call system, emergency procedures are initiated to mitigate any risks. This may require the deployment of additional staff to units to monitor prisoner communication and respond to calls for assistance; or removal of the prisoner to another cell with a functioning cell intercom.

Prisoners are not secured in cells without a functional intercom.

Multicultural affairs: board representatives

2992. 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 provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on their boards, indicating —

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

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As the Minister for 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 2974.

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

Roads and ports: board representatives

3010. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration: What provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on their boards, indicating —

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

ANSWER:

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

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

Roads and ports: uniforms

3089. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Roads and Ports): In relation to each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration:

- (1) How many 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:

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

Skills and workforce participation: TAFE electrical engineering courses

3137. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Skills and Workforce Participation):

- (1) How many applications for Electrical Engineering at all Victorian TAFE colleges were received 2008.
- (2) How many positions are available for Electrical Engineering at Victorian TAFE colleges.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Skills Victoria collects vocational education and training data for Victoria in accordance with the Australian Vocational Education and Training Management Information Statistical Standard. This standard was developed by the National Training Statistics Committee to provide data definitions for information related to students, training programs and providers of training and further education.

Skills Victoria measures providers of training and further education and State Training System capacity to efficiently meet training demands, maintain contractual obligations, satisfy industry and individual aspirations, minimise risks and ensure quality of value.

Data on the number of applications for government supported places at TAFE is not collected by Skills Victoria.

TAFE institutions identified through their Training Plans, including relevant addenda, that they intended to deliver 3.765 million student contact hours via courses in the Electrical and Electronics sector in 2008.

In 2007, there were 384 government funded enrolments in Electrical Engineering at TAFE institutions in Victoria. The number of government funded enrolments in 2008 will not be known until March 2009.

Corrections: indigenous prisoners

- 3142. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Corrections): What are the Government's analysis/projections in relation to the overrepresentation of Indigenous men and women in adult prison custody in the next five years in the context of the expansion in the infrastructure capacity of prisons.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Data over the last five years suggests that the proportion of Victorian prisoners identifying as Indigenous has remained stable at less than six per cent of the prison population, in the face of improved identification and reporting of Indigenous status across the entire criminal justice system.

The development of accurate projections in relation to future growth in the Indigenous prison population is problematic due to the very small numbers of Indigenous prisoners, which can result in volatility and make clear trends difficult to identify.

While the overall Victorian population is ageing, the Indigenous population is getting younger and is projected to continue to do so. As age is an important correlate with criminal activity, this may have an impact on the rate of overrepresentation of Indigenous prisoners into the future.

The number of Indigenous prisoners in Victoria continues to be a source of concern for this Government, and a range of culturally specific programs and services are in place to address the rate of re-offending by Indigenous offenders. Recent initiatives include the introduction of the Wulgunggo Ngalu Learning Place, which is a residential program in regional Victoria for up to 20 Aboriginal men on Community Based Orders, and an intensive pre- and post-release support program 'Konnect' to assist Koori prisoners on transition from prison to the community.

Children and early childhood development: adjournment debate responses

3271. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development): What is the usual length of time it takes the Minister to respond to matters raised in the Adjournment debate.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

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

Community services: kinship and permanent care

3304. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$2 million funding for kinship care and permanent care promised in the 2003-04 Budget:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in the 2003-04 financial year.
- (2) How many extra placements throughout Victoria were provided as a result of this funding.
- (3) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

1. \$2 million
2. 234 placements
3. No

Community services: psychogeriatric assessment and treatment services

3363. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to psychogeriatric assessment and treatment services:

- (1) How much funding was allocated in 2008-09.
- (2) How much funding was allocated in 2004-05.
- (3) What is the average wait between client registration and assessment in metropolitan areas.
- (4) What is the average wait between client registration and assessment in rural and regional areas.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The funding allocated to PGATS in 2008-09 was \$ 28,001,354
- (2) The funding allocated to PGATS in 2004-05 was \$ 25,175,204
- (3) & (4)

All clients referred to an Aged Persons Community Team are assessed. However, only those assessed as requiring a specialist mental service response are registered therefore the information is not recorded in the manner suggested.

Senior Victorians: Wodonga

3382. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): In relation to \$25,000 worth of funding to the city of Wodonga to help develop a strategy to improve services and support frail older people in the area promised on 11 May 2001:

- (1) How much funding was expended by 30 June 2002.
- (2) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) This was a 12 month project (1 January to 31 December 2002) and all funds were expended.
- (2) The project was completed and a strategy document produced.

Mental health: Peninsula area

3383. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to the Peninsula Adult Mental Health Service Area:

- (1) How much funding went to this area mental health service in each of the financial years from 1999-2000 to 2007-08.
- (2) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Funding Peninsula Adult Mental Health Service Area for 1999-2000 to 2007-2008 is as follows:

For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for Peninsula Adult Mental Health Service Area.

2003-04	\$ 13,554,811
2004-05	\$ 14,478,047
2005-06	\$ 15,782,350
2006-07	\$ 16,545,822
2007-08	\$ 17,531,533

- (2) The impact of the services' overall funding is not specifically evaluated. Services are subject to continuous improvement processes and individual client outcomes are measured.

Mental health: Dandenong area

3384. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to the Dandenong Adult Mental Health Service Area:

- (1) How much funding went to this area mental health service in each of the financial years from 1999-2000 to 2007-08.
- (2) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for Dandenong Adult Mental Health Service Area.

2003-04	\$ 18,610,501
2004-05	\$ 23,066,712
2005-06	\$ 28,265,725
2006-07	\$ 29,918,294
2007-08	\$ 31,805,685

- (2) The impact of the services' overall funding is not specifically evaluated. Services are subject to continuous improvement processes and individual client outcomes are measured.

Mental health: south-east area

3385. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to the South East Adult Mental Health Service Area:

- (1) How much funding went to this area mental health service in each of the financial years from 1999-2000 to 2007-08.
 (2) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

There is no South East Adult Mental Health Service Area, data has been provided for the Inner South East Adult Mental Health Service Area.

- (1) For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for Inner South East Adult Mental Health Service Area.

2003-04	\$ 18,910,842
2004-05	\$ 20,727,449
2005-06	\$ 21,743,406
2006-07	\$ 22,261,458
2007-08	\$ 25,193,234

- (2) The impact of the services' overall funding is not specifically evaluated. Services are subject to continuous improvement processes and individual client outcomes are measured.

Mental health: inner urban east area

3386. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to the Inner Urban East Adult Mental Health Service Area:

- (1) How much funding went to this area mental health service in each of the financial years from 1999-2000 to 2007-08.

- (2) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for Inner Urban East Adult Mental Health Service Area.

2003-04	\$ 16,349,660
2004-05	\$ 17,659,093
2005-06	\$ 19,270,863
2006-07	\$ 20,122,748
2007-08	\$ 21,534,101

- (2) The impact of the services' overall funding is not specifically evaluated. Services are subject to continuous improvement processes and individual client outcomes are measured.

Mental health: inner west area

3387. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to the Inner West Adult Mental Health Service Area:

- (1) How much funding went to this area mental health service in each of the financial years from 1999-2000 to 2007-08.
 (2) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for Inner West Adult Mental Health Service Area.

2003-04	\$ 13,297,547
2004-05	\$ 17,103,533
2005-06	\$ 18,429,128
2006-07	\$ 19,654,866
2007-08	\$ 22,720,253

- (2) The impact of the services' overall funding is not specifically evaluated. Services are subject to continuous improvement processes and individual client outcomes are measured.

Mental health: mid-west area

3388. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to the Mid West Adult Mental Health Service Area:

- (1) How much funding went to this area mental health service in each of the financial years from 1999-2000 to 2007-08.
 (2) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for Mid West Adult Mental Health Service Area.

2003-04	\$ 14,909,409
2004-05	\$ 16,489,947
2005-06	\$ 16,885,281
2006-07	\$ 17,823,549
2007-08	\$ 18,656,777

- (2) The impact of the services' overall funding is not specifically evaluated. Services are subject to continuous improvement processes and individual client outcomes are measured.

Mental health: middle south area

3389. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to the Middle South Adult Mental Health Service Area:

- (1) How much funding went to this area mental health service in each of the financial years from 1999-2000 to 2007-08.
- (2) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for Middle South Adult Mental Health Service Area.

2003-04	\$ 14,517,728
2004-05	\$ 17,043,021
2005-06	\$ 18,159,220
2006-07	\$ 18,782,947
2007-08	\$ 20,184,702

- (2) The impact of the services' overall funding is not specifically evaluated. Services are subject to continuous improvement processes and individual client outcomes are measured.

Mental health: north-east area

3390. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to the North East Adult Mental Health Service Area:

- (1) How much funding went to this area mental health service in each of the financial years from 1999-2000 to 2007-08.
- (2) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for North East Adult Mental Health Service Area.

2003-04	\$ 14,136,724
2004-05	\$ 14,267,401
2005-06	\$ 15,163,870
2006-07	\$ 15,921,804
2007-08	\$ 17,907,413

- (2) The impact of the services' overall funding is not specifically evaluated. Services are subject to continuous improvement processes and individual client outcomes are measured.

Mental health: north-west area

3391. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to the North West Adult Mental Health Service Area:

- (1) How much funding went to this area mental health service in each of the financial years from 1999-2000 to 2007-08.
- (2) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for North West Adult Mental Health Service Area. The following figures include adult mental health services provided by Orygen State-wide service.

2003-04	\$ 19,650,782
2004-05	\$ 20,614,732
2005-06	\$ 21,944,500
2006-07	\$ 23,204,497
2007-08	\$ 24,927,546

- (2) The impact of the services' overall funding is not specifically evaluated. Services are subject to continuous improvement processes and individual client outcomes are measured.

Mental health: northern area

3392. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to the Northern Adult Mental Health Service Area:

- (1) How much funding went to this area mental health service in each of the financial years from 1999-2000 to 2007-08.
- (2) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for Northern Adult Mental Health Service Area.

2003-04	\$ 12,876,232
2004-05	\$ 14,020,000
2005-06	\$ 14,731,003
2006-07	\$ 15,575,556
2007-08	\$ 16,693,607

- (2) The impact of the services' overall funding is not specifically evaluated. Services are subject to continuous improvement processes and individual client outcomes are measured.

Mental health: outer east area

3393. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to the Outer East Adult Mental Health Service Area:

- (1) How much funding went to this area mental health service in each of the financial years from 1999-2000 to 2007-08.
- (2) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for Outer East Adult Mental Health Service Area.

2003-04	\$ 12,996,469
2004-05	\$ 14,117,750
2005-06	\$ 15,666,648
2006-07	\$ 16,620,675
2007-08	\$ 17,937,874

- (2) The impact of the services' overall funding is not specifically evaluated. Services are subject to continuous improvement processes and individual client outcomes are measured.

Mental health: south-west area

3394. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to the South West Adult Mental Health Service Area:

- (1) How much funding went to this area mental health service in each of the financial years from 1999-2000 to 2007-08.
- (2) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for South West Adult Mental Health Service Area.

2003-04	\$ 11,159,468
2004-05	\$ 12,497,594
2005-06	\$ 14,308,674
2006-07	\$ 15,078,723
2007-08	\$ 15,887,983

- (2) The impact of the services' overall funding is not specifically evaluated. Services are subject to continuous improvement processes and individual client outcomes are measured.

Mental health: Grampians area

3400. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to the Grampians Mental Health Service Area:

- (1) How much funding went to this area mental health service for adult services in each of the financial years from 1999-2000 to 2007-08.
- (2) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for Grampians Adult Mental Health Service Area.

2003-04	\$ 13,171,589
2004-05	\$ 14,832,591
2005-06	\$ 15,377,288
2006-07	\$ 16,238,293
2007-08	\$ 17,448,245

- (2) The impact of the services' overall funding is not specifically evaluated. Services are subject to continuous improvement processes and individual client outcomes are measured.

Mental health: north-east Hume area

3401. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to the North East Hume Mental Health Service Area:

- (1) How much funding went to this area mental health service for adult services in each of the financial years from 1999-2000 to 2007-08.
- (2) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for North East Hume Adult Mental Health Service Area.

2003-04	\$ 9,530,855
2004-05	\$ 9,838,359
2005-06	\$ 10,893,101
2006-07	\$ 10,867,265
2007-08	\$ 12,214,392

- (2) The impact of the services' overall funding is not specifically evaluated. Services are subject to continuous improvement processes and individual client outcomes are measured.

Mental health: northern Mallee area

3402. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to the Northern Mallee Mental Health Service Area:

- (1) How much funding went to this area mental health service for adult services in each of the financial years from 1999-2000 to 2007-08.
 (2) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for Northern Mallee Adult Mental Health Service Area.

2003-04	\$ 4,671,890
2004-05	\$ 5,143,518
2005-06	\$ 5,455,781
2006-07	\$ 5,766,809
2007-08	\$ 6,148,620

- (2) The impact of the services' overall funding is not specifically evaluated. Services are subject to continuous improvement processes and individual client outcomes are measured.

Mental health: child and adolescent psychiatric beds

3403. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to child and adolescent inpatient psychiatric beds: How many beds are currently operational in Victorian public hospitals and where are they located.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

As at 1 July 2008 there are a total of 67 child and adolescent beds in operation in hospitals providing mental health services. They are located around the state.

Mental health: eastern dual diagnosis services

3404. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to Victoria’s dual diagnosis services: How much funding did the Eastern Dual Diagnosis Team receive in each of the financial years from 2001-02 to 2007-08.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for the metropolitan and rural components of Eastern Dual Diagnosis Team.

Year	Total Funding
2003-04	\$ 402,942
2004-05	\$ 514,396
2005-06	\$ 675,879
2006-07	\$ 861,116
2007-08	\$ 886,175

Mental health: northern nexus dual diagnosis services

3405. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to Victoria’s dual diagnosis services: How much funding did the Northern Nexus Dual Diagnosis Team receive in each of the financial years from 2001-02 to 2007-08.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for metropolitan and rural components of Northern Nexus Dual Diagnosis Team.

Year	Total Funding
2003-04	\$ 533,528
2004-05	\$ 699,802
2005-06	\$ 990,954
2006-07	\$ 1,182,656
2007-08	\$ 1,209,826

Mental health: southern dual diagnosis services

3406. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to Victoria’s dual diagnosis services: How much funding did the Southern Dual Diagnosis Team receive in each of the financial years from 2001-02 to 2007-08.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for the metropolitan and rural components of the Southern Dual Diagnosis Team.

Year	Total Funding
2003-04	\$ 732,000
2004-05	\$ 895,910
2005-06	\$ 1,089,714
2006-07	\$ 1,330,908

Mental health: western summit dual diagnosis services

3407. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to Victoria’s dual diagnosis services: How much funding did Western Summit receive in each of the financial years from 2001-02 to 2007-08.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for the metropolitan and rural components of Western Summit Dual Diagnosis Team.

Year	Total Funding
2003-04	\$ 970,018
2004-05	\$ 1,229,335
2005-06	\$ 1,434,069
2006-07	\$ 1,836,870
2007-08	\$ 1,903,193

Mental health: crisis assessment and treatment teams

3408. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to Crisis Assessment and Treatment (CAT) Teams:

- (1) How much funding did CAT Teams receive in each of the financial years from 2001-02 to 2007-08.
- (2) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for Crisis Assessment and Treatment (CAT) Teams.

2003-04	\$ 27,794,807
2004-05	\$ 29,440,436

2005-06	\$ 32,708,879
2006-07	\$ 32,656,235
2007-08	\$ 34,439,862

- (2) The impact of the services' overall funding is not specifically evaluated. However a wide-ranging review of CAT services and functions was undertaken under the auspices of the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Mental Health in 2006. A copy of the Report of the Review is attached.

Mental health: crisis assessment and treatment teams

- 3409.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to Crisis Assessment and Treatment (CAT) Teams: How many staff (equivalent full time) are currently employed in CAT Teams.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Human Services does not routinely collect number of staff employed in CAT teams.

Mental health: community care units

- 3410.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to Community Care Units:

- (1) How much funding did Community Care Units receive in each of the financial years from 2001-02 to 2007-08.
- (2) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for Community Care Units.

2003-04	\$29,638,067
2004-05	\$30,546,073
2005-06	\$33,140,706
2006-07	\$34,359,395
2007-08	\$36,898,166

- (2) The impact of the services' overall funding is not specifically evaluated. Services are subject to continuous improvement processes and individual client outcomes are measured.

Mental health: community care units

- 3411.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to Community Care Units: How many staff (equivalent full time) are currently employed in Community Care Units.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Human Services does not routinely collect number of staff employed in Community Care units.

Mental health: secure extended care units

3412. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to Secure Extended Care Units:

- (1) How much funding did Secure Extended Care Units receive in each of the financial years from 2001-02 to 2007-08.
- (2) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- 1. For years prior to 2003-04 validated data is currently not available for Secure Extended Care Units.

2003-04	\$ 13,868,072
2004-05	\$ 14,430,033
2005-06	\$ 15,053,743
2006-07	\$ 15,684,988
2007-08	\$ 16,287,129

- 2. The use of funding for Secure Extended Care Units was reviewed as part of a project analysing the Victorian rehabilitation and recovery care system for people with a severe mental illness and associated disability. A copy of the report indicating the results of the project is available at:
<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/mentalhealth/pdrss/rehab-recovery.pdf>

Mental health: secure extended care units

3413. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to Secure Extended Care Units: How many staff (equivalent full time) are currently employed in Secure Extended Care Units.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Human Services does not routinely collect number of staff employed in Secure Extended Care Units.

Mental health: adult psychiatric beds

3414. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to adult inpatient psychiatric beds: How many were operational in each of the financial years from 2001-02 to 2007-08.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The numbers of operational adult psychiatric inpatient beds are as follows:

- 2001–02: 825
- 2002–03: 854
- 2003–04: 872
- 2004–05: 902
- 2005–06: 906
- 2006–07: 923
- 2007–08: 925

Mental health: division 1 nurses

- 3415. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to Victoria’s public mental health workforce: How many division 1 nurses (equivalent full time) are currently employed.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Data provided by mental health services submitted for the National Minimum Data set for Mental Health Establishments 2007 indicated that there were 2,641.2 equivalent full time registered nurses (Division 1/Division 3) employed by public mental health services in 2006-2007.

Mental health: division 2 nurses

- 3416. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to Victoria’s public mental health workforce: How many division 2 nurses (equivalent full time) are currently employed.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Data provided by mental health services submitted for the National Minimum Data set for Mental Health Establishments 2007 indicated that there were 693.8 equivalent full time division two nurses employed in Victorian public mental health services in 2006-2007.

Mental health: division 3 nurses

- 3417. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to Victoria’s public mental health workforce: How many division 3 nurses (equivalent full time) are currently employed.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Data provided by mental health services submitted for the National Minimum Data set for Mental Health Establishments 2007 indicated that there were 2,641.2 equivalent full time registered nurses (Division 1/Division 3) employed by public mental health services in 2006-2007.

Mental health: nurses

3418. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to Victoria’s public mental health workforce: How many unfilled positions for division 1, division 2 and division 3 nurses (equivalent full time) are there currently.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Human Services does not routinely monitor vacancies, though it does undertake a range of activities aiming to support services in their efforts to recruit and retain nursing staff including support for graduate programs.

Mental health: social workers

3419. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to Victoria’s public mental health workforce: How many social workers (equivalent full time) are currently employed.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Data provided by mental health services submitted for the National Minimum Data set for Mental Health Establishments 2007 indicated that there were 372.6 equivalent full time social workers employed by public mental health services in 2006-2007.

Mental health: occupational therapists

3420. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to Victoria’s public mental health workforce: How many occupational therapists (equivalent full time) are currently employed.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Data provided by mental health services submitted for the National Minimum Data set for Mental Health Establishments 2007 indicated that there were 232.4 equivalent full time occupational therapists employed by public mental health services in 2006-2007.

Mental health: psychologists

3421. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to Victoria’s public mental health workforce: How many psychologists (equivalent full time) are currently employed.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Data provided by mental health services submitted for the National Minimum Data set for Mental Health Establishments 2007 indicated that there were 415 equivalent full time psychologists employed by public mental health services in 2006-2007.

Mental health: allied health workers

3422. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to Victoria’s public mental health workforce: How many unfilled allied health positions (equivalent full time) are there currently.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Human Services does not routinely monitor vacancies.

Mental health: disorder programs for children

3427. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to conduct disorder programs for children promised in the 2003-04 Budget:

- (1) How much funding was allocated to this promise.
- (2) How much of this funding was expended in each of the financial years from 2003-04 to 2006-07.
- (3) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) \$720,000 was allocated to the DHS activity conduct disorder program in the 2003-04 budget.
- (2) The amount of funding expended on the DHS activity conduct disorder program was:
 - 2003-04: \$391,781
 - 2004-05: \$793,051
 - 2005-06: \$1,353,719
 - 2006-07: \$2,139,214
- (3) The impact of the funding for this program has not been specifically evaluated. The program is subject to continuous improvement processes and individual client outcomes are measured.

Mental health: Centre for Women’s Mental Health

3431. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to \$1.1 million worth of funding for the Centre for Women’s Mental Health at the Royal Women’s Hospital promised in the 2006-07 Budget:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended in each of the financial years 2006-07 and 2007-08.
- (2) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) \$190,000 was expended in 2006-07 and \$197,474 was expended in 2007-08
- (2) The use of the funding has not been evaluated at this stage.

Mental health: early psychosis programs for young people

3433. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to \$16.9 million for early psychosis programs for young people promised as part of the National Action Plan on Mental Health:

- (1) How much of this funding had been expended before 1 February 2006.
- (2) How much of this funding was expended in each of the financial years from 2005-06 to 2007-08.
- (3) Has the use of these funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Funding of \$978,946 for young people announced as part of the National Action Plan on Mental health was expended under the DHS activity early psychosis program before 1 February 2006.
- (2) The amount of funding expended on the DHS early psychosis program was:
 - 2005-06: \$3,882,763
 - 2006-07: \$5,831,687
 - 2007-08: \$8,063,500
- (3) The *Youth Early Psychosis Status Report* published by the then Mental Health Branch of the Department of Human Services in March 2007 found that the Youth Early Psychosis (YEP) services operating in 2005-06 were providing intensive case management, treatment and support for young people with early psychosis in keeping with the program specifications. The Status Report can be accessed or downloaded from: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/mentalhealth/psychosis/index.htm>

Gaming: problem gambling

3456. MS HARTLAND — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Gaming):

- (1) Has the Government commissioned any research on the impact of problem gambling on —
 - (a) fraud;
 - (b) homelessness;
 - (c) suicide;
 - (d) health;
 - (e) economic wellbeing; and
 - (f) family breakdown.
- (2) Has the Minister read the BDO Not-for-Profit Fraud Survey 2008; if so, what action has the Government taken pursuant to the information on page 54 stating that fifty-three cents out of every dollar stolen from not-for-profit groups in Australia and New Zealand goes to fund problem gambling.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) This Government has committed more than \$11 million in total to research into the complex issue of problem gambling and the development and targeting of appropriate and effective treatments and interventions.

The Government has specifically funded a Problem Gambling Research and Treatment Centre in partnership with the University of Melbourne and Monash University. The Centre will conduct research into problem gambling treatment approaches and clinical practices, and will provide training to staff in gamblers' help services. The Centre has produced a report for beyondblue on depression and problem gambling. This project is concerned with the identification of risk and protective factors for problem gambling with a particular emphasis upon the role of depression and related psychological and behavioural problems in problem gambling.

As part of the Victorian problem gambling strategy and associated research program, an epidemiological and subsequent longitudinal study have been commissioned. These studies will investigate, as part of their terms of reference, issues of mental health (including suicide) and family relationships.

Victoria has also commissioned the Alfred Hospital to continue its work in collecting data on people who present to their psychiatric unit with psychological issues which include problem gambling. The Alfred has previously received Government funding and has published work in this area.

Further, Victoria has a committee overseeing a project within the Department of Justice involving courts, Corrections and the Office of Gaming and Racing. The objective of this research project is to gather the necessary research, data and operational intelligence to inform the delivery of the Government's policy commitment to enhancing problem gambling treatment services for people in the correctional services system.

Victoria's gambling research program is overseen by the Responsible Gambling Ministerial Advisory Committee (RGMAC), which provides direction on research objectives and overviews commissioned research. The RGMAC incorporates representation from the gambling industry, community groups, problem gambling service providers, local government, and academia. Input from the RGMAC ensures that Victoria's gambling research program benefits from the best available expertise and direction.

The Government's Gambling Research Grants program has funded 11 new research projects to a total value of about \$1.2 million. These research projects focus on a range of issues (including matters raised by the Member) confronting all Governments seeking to address problem gambling.

- (2) The Government recognises that problem gambling has a number of determining factors. To respond to this important issue, this Government has committed over \$132 million to over 40 separate problem gambling initiatives, representing the biggest funding commitment for problem gambling in Australian history. In addition, the research being undertaken into problem gambling in the justice system will help us design interventions suitable for people in that system.

The Government does not propose to respond specifically to this report as my Department advises me that there exist a number of reasons for caution in the use of its findings. For example, the small sample of 384 from 700,000 not for profit organisations means that the findings are not representative of the experience of such charitable organisations.

Health: medical training

3458. MS HARTLAND — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health):

- (1) How much of the \$55,000 allocated in the 2008-09 budget to undergraduate medical places will go towards administration, and how much will be allocated to training needs.
- (2) How has the budget responded to the AMA Victoria Provincial Victoria Medical Workforce Rescue Package with regards to —

- (a) a Centre for International Medical Graduate Support;
- (b) payments to general practitioners for out of hours telephone consultations;
- (c) rural allowances for hospital medical staff;
- (d) rural locum support service;
- (e) rural relocation allowances;
- (f) specialist bridging finance;
- (g) support for practice amalgamation;
- (h) information technology support grants;
- (i) increased CME allowance for doctors in training in rural areas; and
- (j) retention allowances.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Of the \$55 million (not \$55,000) allocated to undergraduate medical places in the 2008-09 budget, \$20 million has been allocated to provide additional capital investment in teaching infrastructure, with the costs of administration for this absorbed as part of existing Department of Human Services staff costs. The remaining \$35 million will be invested over four years to build training capability for 211 additional doctors graduating in 2012. The administrative costs for this will be equivalent to the salary of a project officer for the term of the project.

The Government recognises the importance of workforce in achieving a sustainable health system. In specific response to the medical workforce shortages in rural Victoria:

- The Rural Enhancement Package (REP) provides funding of \$63,000 per annum to 85 rural sites for GPs on the on-call rosters.
- An additional \$100,000 has been provided in the 2008 – 09 budget for the rural locum support services. This builds on the \$100,000 provided in the 2007 – 08 budget.
- Relocation allowances are available as part of the \$50,000 incentive funding provided to health services to assist them to secure their desired International Medical Graduates or doctors from interstate. \$1.2 million has been allocated to this in the 2008 – 09 budget.
- As part of the initial response to the Ministerial Review of Victorian Public Health Medical Staff, a support fund of \$1.5 million, to be delivered over two years, has been created to which rural and outer metropolitan hospitals have access to ensure that recently qualified Australian trained specialists are not lost to hospitals that do not have an immediate vacancy. This has been provided through an expansion of the current Strengthening Medical Specialist Training program.
- In the 2008 – 09 budget additional funding of \$5 million has been provided to replace medical equipment and support technological advances across a range of metropolitan and rural health services.
- Many state funded rural hospitals provide significant ongoing incentives to recruit and retain GPs, including funding for locum coverage, training/support to gain accreditation, medical indemnity costs, travel costs and provision of housing and vehicles. In 2007 – 2008 the average recurrent costs for providing the recruitment and retention incentives averaged \$102,000 per town and the cost of capital investment averaged \$341,000 per town.
- The Continuing Medical Education allowance for doctors in training and allowances for Hospital Medical Staff are the subject of current Enterprise Bargaining Agreement negotiations.
- Support for practice amalgamation is a responsibility of the Commonwealth government.

Community services: disability services register

3460. MS HARTLAND — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services):

- (1) What percentage of public and community housing stock meets disability access standards.
- (2) What is the average waiting period for someone to receive accommodation support after registering on the Disability Services Register (DSR).
- (3) What is the longest waiting time of all those on the DSR.
- (4) How many respite beds are currently occupied by people waiting for accommodation support on the DSR.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) As at 30 June 2008 approximately 12.3% of the public housing and the recently transferred community housing stock asset portfolio meet the disability access standards.
- (2) The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.
- (3) The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.
- (4) The information requested is not a standard data set reported by the Disability Services Division.

Multicultural affairs: funding

3461. MS HARTLAND — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs):

- (1) In relation to the \$6.5 million to improve education for refugee school children in the 2008-09 Budget, will this include funding to assess whether it is still appropriate to put refugee children into classes with children of the same age when their abilities are vastly different.
- (2) Will funding of the New Workforce Partnerships Program continue at least until any Federal funding takes its place.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

- (1) This question should be referred to the Minister for Education.
- (2) This question should be referred to the Minister for Skills and Workforce Participation.

Health: Western and Williamstown hospitals

3462. MS HARTLAND — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Health):

- (1) Considering the ageing infrastructure at Western General Hospital, and no money in this year's budget to modernise, does the Government plan to keep it open in its present form in the future.
- (2) What are the Government's plans to improve services at Williamstown Hospital.
- (3) Does the Government have a plan to improve obstetrics and gynaecology at these hospitals.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The Government is committed to meeting the acute health needs of people living in the western suburbs.

In 2008-09 the Government increased funding to Western Health by an additional \$27.5 million to a total of \$347.9 million. This is an increase of 128.3% since 1999-00.

Western Hospital plays a key role in addressing the acute health needs of residents living in Western Health's catchment area and will do so in the future. Over \$150 million in capital funding has been allocated to Western Health since 1999.

In recognition of this role, funding of \$24.8 million was provided in 2007-08 to upgrade four inpatient wards, and to undertake important fire safety works and priority engineering infrastructure upgrades to ensure the ongoing safe provision of services at Western Hospital and funding of \$1.1 million was provided in 2005-06 to upgrade infrastructure.

- (2) The Williamstown Hospital offers emergency, acute general medical and surgical, Early Parenting Day Stay Centre, aged care and rehabilitation services to people living in Melbourne's West.

More than 80% of the hospital has been redeveloped over recent years, providing enhanced facilities for patients and staff. Williamstown has strong links with the local community, including a well-developed GP base and effective partnerships with other community health providers.

- (3) In 2007-08 funding of \$20 million was allocated for the first stage of the expansion and redevelopment of Sunshine Hospital. This will deliver upgraded facilities, including the maternity ward, to facilitate a new model of care.

Within the Western Health catchment, antenatal and postnatal care is provided in a number of community settings, with birthing services provided at Sunshine Hospital, which is the third largest provider of birthing services in Victoria.

Western Health has recently introduced a new model of one-on-one midwifery care which is well received by women and midwives.

Multicultural affairs: culturally and linguistically diverse programs

3468. MS HARTLAND — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs):

- (1) Is there any provision in the 2008-09 Budget for the creation of the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Older Person's Action Plan, which was described in the ALP 2006 election platform —
 - (a) if so, what is that provision; and
 - (b) if not, why not.
- (2) What are the unmet demands in language services for refugee children in schools and senior Victorians from CALD backgrounds.
- (3) Will relevant stakeholders be consulted in the development of the Refugee Support Strategy.
- (4) Are there any specific programs tailored towards refugee communities from the \$111 million boost in mental health reform.
- (5) Within the drugs, alcohol and youth mentoring initiatives in the 2008-09 Budget, are there any specific programs tailored towards CALD communities.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

- (1) The Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Older Persons' Action Plan will be an overarching statement of Government actions and intentions to address the issues of the growing number of older people from CALD backgrounds. The Plan will be developed within existing resources.
- (2) This question should be directed to the Minister for Education and the Minister for Senior Victorians respectively.

(3) The Victorian Government has and will continue to consult with a range of stakeholders in the development of the Refugee Support Strategy.

(4) & (5)

These questions should be directed to the Minister for Mental Health.

Children and early childhood development: disability services — early intervention support

3470. MS HARTLAND — To ask the Treasurer (for the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development):

- (1) With 12,000 children aged 0-4 with severe or profound disability and only 8,000 places in early intervention, why is a shortfall of 4,000 places being addressed with funding for just 1,000 places in the 2008-09 Budget.
- (2) What is the likely impact of missing out on early intervention support for the 3,000 children with a severe or profound disability.
- (3) How are the new early intervention places in the 2007-08 Budget being allocated.
- (4) What regions will receive the funding.
- (5) Is the Government aware that there is a shortfall of early intervention places across the state, not just in growth areas.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

In April 2007 the Government announced Victoria's *Plan to Improve Outcomes in Early Childhood*. This included a recommendation for a comprehensive review of services and supports for children with developmental concerns, including Early Childhood Intervention Services. In response to this the Early Childhood Intervention Reform Project is currently reviewing early childhood intervention services, including demand pressures across the state. Prior to the 2008-09 Budget, funding had been provided for 8,820 Early Childhood Intervention places. In addition to Early Childhood Intervention Services places, 505 Flexible Support Packages are available to provide additional support to complement Early Childhood Intervention Services. Both Early Childhood Intervention Services places and Flexible Support Packages are allocated according to child and family need. All regions have received an allocation of additional places from the 2008-09 Budget, with priority to those regions with greatest unmet demand.

Agriculture: vehicle fleet

3530. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to car usage by employees of the Department of Primary Industries: What model vehicles made by the following manufacturers are currently in use, and how many of each model are in use:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The following motor vehicles are currently in use by the Department of Primary Industries (DPI):

- a) Ford: Courier-14, Escape-3, Falcon-112, Ranger-4, Territory-11, Transit-1;
- b) Holden: Captiva-22, Commodore-210, Crewman- 8, Rodeo-41, Statesman-1;
- c) Toyota: Aurion-4, Camry-99, Hi Ace-3, Hilux-98, Kluger-1, Landcruiser-33, Landcruiser100-2, Landcruiser Prado-37, Prius Hybrid-36, RAV4-10;
- d) Subaru: Forester-46, Outback-3;
- e) Mazda: NIL;
- f) Mitsubishi: Magna-4, MIT380-7, Outlander-1, Pajero-15, Triton-16, and
- g) Other Manufacturers: Daimler/Chrysler: Vito-1 , Nissan: Navara-11, Patrol-6, X-Trail-20.

Multicultural affairs: women — boards, councils and committees

3559. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): In relation to the answer to Question on Notice No. 2411, tabled on 24 June 2008, which referred to the website www.publicboards.vic.gov.au: What are the exact internet addresses of the web pages on this site relevant to the question.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

I refer the Member to my previous response for LC 2411.

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, 24 June 2008, page 2685]

Treasurer: women — boards, councils and committees

3564. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer: In relation to the answer to Question on Notice No. 2390, tabled on 10 June 2008, which referred to the website www.publicboards.vic.gov.au: What are the exact internet addresses of the web pages on this site relevant to the question.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

As at 14 October 2008, the exact internet addresses of the web pages relevant to Question on Notice No. 2390 are as follows:

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Tuesday, 11 November 2008

City West Water Limited:

<http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au/PEDetails.aspx?ID=AtmkK8bk1Sld77GJxf6MKSU/C/9nxAiH/3xUjP9mYn0=>

Melbourne Water Corporation:

<http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au/PEDetails.aspx?ID=Tytae1ObfBizFtxoQ0wjKWxKmpDIZqJtLt+IrdxFw+Q=>

Rural Finance Corporation of Victoria:

<http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au/PEDetails.aspx?ID=4wagSWsthNet6FTQJN6p+yQ/AE37jd32O7YTguPT9hY=>

Snowy Hydro Limited:

<http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au/PEDetails.aspx?ID=GZ+fcTH3WE/QzAIIwZnAg4d/2QUx+Uq+AgIUnbbm0w=>

South East Water Limited:

<http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au/PEDetails.aspx?ID=chOncnkaeetyComWEZyb3bdlk7y+dtx/wWNCIDcDh0c=>

State Electricity Commission of Victoria:

<http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au/PEDetails.aspx?ID=dE+MC4s3cJSJ05Hu4giZHhNWcOOHPjTNqP6qTNsesIA=>

State Trustees Limited:

<http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au/PEDetails.aspx?ID=mLICN3KP7rTmxErDjkkHoSPidxytWzqAx1qwTdO1PSI=>

Treasury Corporation of Victoria:

<http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au/PEDetails.aspx?ID=RzXkQw1ZYaBVFAPoq1n6olTxJYOP+fZI//opMdVC0YA=>

VicForests:

<http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au/PEDetails.aspx?ID=l/uaVYkPpm8YJRzzFoBqe/rmCg3qD6FAiGarjmFuAGI=>

Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission:

<http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au/PEDetails.aspx?ID=54wn0ye03TzRjir8Co4MIE9ugAK1p8uzMu4xVr+0qzs=>

Victorian Funds Management Corporation:

<http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au/PEDetails.aspx?ID=Eytn4AdoCAZnJaL/0R+3tdYevjb7SNINUOpGgLMr08Y=>

Victorian Plantation Corporation:

<http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au/PEDetails.aspx?ID=46QspV+M+GUvo1MBi4nr0235louOPwPY65XIi36X5FQ=>

Yarra Valley Water Limited:

<http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au/PEDetails.aspx?ID=iw1BuFmUJ/1PIgGZvd6hsOGAcHQky1of0qi6dmwhiPc=>

Young Farmers Finance Council:

<http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au/PEDetails.aspx?ID=hQSQir5IIPe03mdt7LCCUEaxtOD1YuDCGD5+KkiP+NM=>

Veterans affairs: women — boards, councils and committees

3574. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Veterans' Affairs): In relation to the answer to Question on Notice No. 2410, tabled on 29 May 2008, which referred to the website www.publicboards.vic.gov.au: What are the exact internet addresses of the web pages on this site relevant to the question.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

I refer the Member to my previous response for LC 2410.

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, 29 May 2008, page 2109]

Community development: women — boards, councils and committees

3576. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the answer to Question on Notice No. 2408, tabled on 28 May 2008, which referred to the website www.publicboards.vic.gov.au: What are the exact internet addresses of the web pages on this site relevant to the question.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

I refer the Member to my previous response for LC 2408.

[Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 28 May 2008, page 2083]

Treasurer: Origin Energy — state purchase contract

3588. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Treasurer: In relation to the answer to Question on Notice No. 2180, tabled on 24 June 2008, which referred to the website www.tenders.vic.gov.au: What are the exact internet addresses of the web pages on this site relevant to the question.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

As at 14 October 2008, the exact internet address on this site relevant to the question can be found by going to the website www.tenders.vic.gov.au, following the link to "Contracts", typing the word "Origin" in the search function and then selecting the link entitled "Supply Of Electricity >160MWh p.a. Government Sites".

Senior Victorians: Seniors Information Victoria

3597. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians):

- (1) How much funding did Seniors Information Victoria receive in each of the financial years 2007-08 and 2008-09.
- (2) Has the use of the funds for each of these years been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

(1) Funding for the Seniors Information Victoria service for 2007-08 and 2008-09 is as follows:

2007-08 \$252,242

2008-09 \$257,798

(2) Yes; the review recommended a continuation of the existing service to the end of 2010-11.

Senior Victorians: cognitive dementia and memory services

3600. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Senior Victorians): Does the Government keep any data in relation to the number of people waiting to access Cognitive Dementia and Memory Services; if so, what data is kept.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Government does not keep any data on the number of people waiting to access CDAMS.

Community development: Community Support Fund — stress leave

4569. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the Community Support Fund — Community Initiatives Program, for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07: What are the details of all stress related leave, including —

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

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As the Minister for Community Development I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. Due to the broad nature of the question, a detailed response would be an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Community development: Community Support Fund — legal expenses

4570. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Community Support Fund — Community Initiatives Program, 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:

As the Minister for Community Development I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. Due to the broad nature of the question, a detailed response would be an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Community development: Community Support Fund — advertising

4571. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the Community Support Fund — Community Initiatives Program: 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:

As the Minister for Community Development I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. Due to the broad nature of the question, a detailed response would be an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Community development: Community Support Fund — entertainment expenses

4572. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the Community Support Fund — Community Initiatives Program, 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:

As the Minister for Community Development I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. Due to the broad nature of the question, a detailed response would be an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Community development: Community Support Fund — media and communications staff

4573. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the Community Support Fund — Community Initiatives Program, for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

- (1) What was the number and cost of staff working in the office.
- (2) What was 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:

As the Minister for Community Development I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. Due to the broad nature of the question, a detailed response would be an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Community development: Community Support Fund — trade union grants

4574. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the Community Support Fund — Community Initiatives Program, 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:

As the Minister for Community Development I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. Due to the broad nature of the question, a detailed response would be an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Community development: Community Support Fund — board representatives

- 4575. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the Community Support Fund — Community Initiatives Program, 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:

As the Minister for Community Development I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. Due to the broad nature of the question, a detailed response would be an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Community development: Community Support Fund — stress leave

- 4576. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the Community Support Fund — Departmental Initiatives Unit, for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07: What are the details of all stress related leave, including —
- (a) the number of days taken;
 - (b) the estimated cost; and
 - (c) the total number of staff in the section.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As the Minister for Community Development I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. Due to the broad nature of the question, a detailed response would be an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Community development: Community Support Fund — legal expenses

- 4577. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Community Support Fund — Departmental Initiatives Unit, 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:

As the Minister for Community Development I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. Due to the broad nature of the question, a detailed response would be an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Community development: Community Support Fund — advertising

4578. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the Community Support Fund — Departmental Initiatives Unit: 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:

As the Minister for Community Development I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. Due to the broad nature of the question, a detailed response would be an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Community development: Community Support Fund — entertainment expenses

4579. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the Community Support Fund — Departmental Initiatives Unit, 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:

As the Minister for Community Development I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. Due to the broad nature of the question, a detailed response would be an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Community development: Community Support Fund — media and communications staff

4580. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the Community Support Fund — Departmental Initiatives Unit, for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

- (1) What was the number and cost of staff working in the office.
- (2) What was 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:

As the Minister for Community Development I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. Due to the broad nature of the question, a detailed response would be an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Community development: Community Support Fund — trade union grants

4581. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the Community Support Fund — Departmental Initiatives Unit, what are the details of all grants for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07 made to trade union groups.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

As the Minister for Community Development I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. Due to the broad nature of the question, a detailed response would be an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Community development: Community Support Fund — board representatives

4582. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the Community Support Fund — Departmental Initiatives Unit, what provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on its boards, indicating —

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

As the Minister for Community Development I am supported by the Department of Planning and Community Development. Due to the broad nature of the question, a detailed response would be an unnecessary diversion of the Department's resources.

Planning: stress leave

4583. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Department of Planning and Community Development, 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:

I refer the member to my previous response for LC 2233.

The Department of Planning and Community Development was only established in August 2007, bringing together the planning function from the Department of Sustainability and Environment, and the majority of functions from the former Department for Victorian Communities. The Department for Victorian Communities was itself only established in December 2002, comprising functions from seven other Departments.

To attempt to research a detailed response to this question would represent an unnecessary diversion of my Department's resources.

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

Planning: legal expenses

4584. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Department of Planning and Community Development, 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:

I refer the member to my previous response for LC 2353.

The Department of Planning and Community Development was only established in August 2007, bringing together the planning function from the Department of Sustainability and Environment, and the majority of functions from the former Department for Victorian Communities. The Department for Victorian Communities was itself only established in December 2002, comprising functions from seven other Departments.

To attempt to research a detailed response to this question would represent an unnecessary diversion of my Department's resources.

[Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 30 July 2008, page 3010]

Planning: advertising

4585. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Department of Planning and Community Development: 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:

The Department of Planning and Community Development was only established in August 2007, bringing together the planning function from the Department of Sustainability and Environment, and the majority of functions from the former Department for Victorian Communities. The Department for Victorian Communities was itself only established in December 2002, comprising functions from seven other Departments.

To attempt to research a detailed response to this question would represent an unnecessary diversion of my Department's resources.

Planning: entertainment expenses

4586. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Department of Planning and Community Development, 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:

The Department of Planning and Community Development was only established in August 2007, bringing together the planning function from the Department of Sustainability and Environment, and the majority of functions from the former Department for Victorian Communities. The Department for Victorian Communities was itself only established in December 2002, comprising functions from seven other Departments.

To attempt to research a detailed response to this question would represent an unnecessary diversion of my Department's resources.

Planning: media and communications staff

4587. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Department of Planning and Community Development, for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

- (1) What was the number and cost of staff working in the office.
- (2) What was 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 the member to my previous response for LC 2509.

The Department of Planning and Community Development was only established in August 2007, bringing together the planning function from the Department of Sustainability and Environment, and the majority of functions from the former Department for Victorian Communities. The Department for Victorian Communities was itself only established in December 2002, comprising functions from seven other Departments.

To attempt to research a detailed response to this question would represent an unnecessary diversion of my Department's resources.

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

Planning: trade union grants

4588. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Department of Planning and Community Development, 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:

I refer the member to my previous response for LC 2838.

The Department of Planning and Community Development was only established in August 2007, bringing together the planning function from the Department of Sustainability and Environment, and the majority of functions from the former Department for Victorian Communities. The Department for Victorian Communities was itself only established in December 2002, comprising functions from seven other Departments.

To attempt to research a detailed response to this question would represent an unnecessary diversion of my Department's resources.

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

Planning: board representatives

4589. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to the Department of Planning and Community Development, 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:

I refer the member to my previous response for LC 2974.

The Department of Planning and Community Development was only established in August 2007, bringing together the planning function from the Department of Sustainability and Environment, and the majority of functions from the former Department for Victorian Communities. The Department for Victorian Communities was itself only established in December 2002, comprising functions from seven other Departments.

To attempt to research a detailed response to this question would represent an unnecessary diversion of my Department's resources.

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

Community development: Patriotic Funds Council — stress leave

4590. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the Patriotic Funds 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:

This is not my portfolio responsibility.

Community development: Patriotic Funds Council — legal expenses

4591. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Patriotic Funds 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:

This is not my portfolio responsibility.

Community development: Patriotic Funds Council — advertising

4592. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the Patriotic Funds 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:

This is not my portfolio responsibility.

Community development: Patriotic Funds Council — entertainment expenses

4593. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the Patriotic Funds 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:

This is not my portfolio responsibility.

Community development: Patriotic Funds Council — media and communications staff

4594. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the Patriotic Funds Council, for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

- (1) What was the number and cost of staff working in the office.
- (2) What was 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:

This is not my portfolio responsibility.

Community development: Patriotic Funds Council — trade union grants

4595. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the Patriotic Funds 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:

This is not my portfolio responsibility.

Community development: Patriotic Funds Council — board representatives

4596. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the Patriotic Funds 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:

This is not my portfolio responsibility.

Community development: Office of Senior Victorians and Veterans Victoria — stress leave

4597. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the Office of Senior Victorians and Veterans 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:

This is not my portfolio responsibility.

Community development: Office of Senior Victorians and Veterans Victoria — legal expenses

4598. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Office of Senior Victorians and Veterans 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.
- (3) What were the names of legal counsel engaged.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

This is not my portfolio responsibility.

Community development: Office of Senior Victorians and Veterans Victoria — advertising

4599. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the Office of Senior Victorians and Veterans Victoria: 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:

This is not my portfolio responsibility.

Community development: Office of Senior Victorians and Veterans Victoria — entertainment expenses

4600. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the Office of Senior Victorians and Veterans Victoria, 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:

This is not my portfolio responsibility.

Community development: Office of Senior Victorians and Veterans Victoria — media and communications staff

4601. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the Office of Senior Victorians and Veterans Victoria, for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

- (1) What was the number and cost of staff working in the office.
- (2) What was 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:

This is not my portfolio responsibility.

Community development: Office of Senior Victorians and Veterans Victoria — trade union grants

4602. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the Office of Senior Victorians and Veterans Victoria, 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:

This is not my portfolio responsibility.

Community development: Office of Senior Victorians and Veterans Victoria — board representatives

4603. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the Office of Senior Victorians and Veterans Victoria, 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:

This is not my portfolio responsibility.

Community development: Victoria Grants Commission — stress leave

4604. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the Victorian Grants 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:

This is not my portfolio responsibility.

Community development: Victoria Grants Commission — legal expenses

4605. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Victorian Grants 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:

This is not my portfolio responsibility.

Community development: Victoria Grants Commission — advertising

4606. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the Victorian Grants 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:

This is not my portfolio responsibility.

Community development: Victoria Grants Commission — entertainment expenses

4607. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the Victorian Grants 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:

This is not my portfolio responsibility.

Community development: Victoria Grants Commission — media and communications staff

4608. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the Victorian Grants Commission, for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

- (1) What was the number and cost of staff working in the office.
- (2) What was 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:

This is not my portfolio responsibility.

Community development: Victoria Grants Commission — trade union grants

4609. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the Victorian Grants Commission, 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:

This is not my portfolio responsibility.

Community development: Victoria Grants Commission — board representatives

4610. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the Victorian Grants 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:

This is not my portfolio responsibility.

Community development: Office for Youth — stress leave

4611. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the Office for Youth, 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:

This is not my portfolio responsibility.

Community development: Office for Youth — legal expenses

4612. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Office for Youth, 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:

This is not my portfolio responsibility.

Community development: Office for Youth — advertising

4613. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the Office for Youth: 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:

This is not my portfolio responsibility.

Community development: Office for Youth — entertainmnet expenses

4614. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the Office for Youth, 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:

This is not my portfolio responsibility.

Community development: Office for Youth — media and communications staff

4615. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the Office for Youth, for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

- (1) What was the number and cost of staff working in the office.
- (2) What was 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:

This is not my portfolio responsibility.

Community development: Office for Youth — trade union grants

4616. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the Office for Youth, 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:

This is not my portfolio responsibility.

Community development: Office for Youth — board representatives

4617. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Community Development): In relation to the Office for Youth, 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:

This is not my portfolio responsibility.

Police and emergency services: Darebin railway station — crime

4747. MR GUY — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Darebin Railway Station, Ivanhoe, in the 2007-08 financial year:

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

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

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

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

The Government's additional support to Victoria Police is showing good results. Victoria's crime rate has fallen 24.5 per cent since 2000-01, with Victoria now having the lowest crime rate in Australia.

However, the fight against crime is ongoing. That is why at the last election the Government committed to a further increase of 350 sworn police by 2010, as well as an additional 50 forensic and specialist investigators. In addition to this, the Government committed to providing additional resources and equipment to assist police in their work, including an extra 100 police cars.

Since 2000-01, the overall crime rate (per million trips) on and around public transport has declined by 37.3 per cent. Information on the official crime statistics for Victoria can be found on the Victoria Police website under *About Victoria Police, Statistics, Crime Statistics*. Further, historical information is available in hard copy at the State Library of Victoria.

Police and emergency services: Ivanhoe railway station — crime

4748. **MR GUY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Ivanhoe Railway Station, Ivanhoe, in the 2007-08 financial year:

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

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

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Police and emergency services: Eaglemont railway station — crime

4749. **MR GUY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Eaglemont Railway Station, Eaglemont, in the 2007-08 financial year:

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;

- (g) harassment;
- (h) offensive behaviour in public;
- (i) theft of motor vehicle; and
- (j) theft from motor vehicle.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

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

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Police and emergency services: Heidelberg railway station — crime

4750. MR GUY — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Heidelberg Railway Station, Heidelberg, in the 2007-08 financial year:

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

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

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

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

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Police and emergency services: Rosanna railway station — crime

4751. MR GUY — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Rosanna Railway Station, Rosanna, in the 2007-08 financial year:

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

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

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

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

The Government's additional support to Victoria Police is showing good results. Victoria's crime rate has fallen 24.5 per cent since 2000-01, with Victoria now having the lowest crime rate in Australia.

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About Victoria Police, Statistics, Crime Statistics. Further, historical information is available in hard copy at the State Library of Victoria.

Police and emergency services: Macleod railway station — crime

4752. **MR GUY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Macleod Railway Station, Macleod, in the 2007-08 financial year:

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

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

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

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

The Government's additional support to Victoria Police is showing good results. Victoria's crime rate has fallen 24.5 per cent since 2000-01, with Victoria now having the lowest crime rate in Australia.

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Police and emergency services: Watsonia railway station — crime

4753. **MR GUY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Watsonia Railway Station, Watsonia, in the 2007-08 financial year:

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;

- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;
- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment;
- (h) offensive behaviour in public;
- (i) theft of motor vehicle; and
- (j) theft from motor vehicle.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

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

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Police and emergency services: Greensborough railway station — crime

4754. **MR GUY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Greensborough Railway Station, Greensborough, in the 2007-08 financial year:

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

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Police and emergency services: Montmorency railway station — crime

4755. MR GUY — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Montmorency Railway Station, Montmorency, in the 2007-08 financial year:

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

4756. MR GUY — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Eltham Railway Station, Eltham, in the 2007-08 financial year:

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

4757. MR GUY — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Diamond Creek Railway Station, Diamond Creek, in the 2007-08 financial year:

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

4758. **MR GUY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Wattle Glen Railway Station, Wattle Glen, in the 2007-08 financial year:

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

4759. MR GUY — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Hurstbridge Railway Station, Hurstbridge, in the 2007-08 financial year:

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

4760. MR GUY — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Epping Railway Station, Epping, in the 2007-08 financial year:

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
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- (e) theft of bicycle;
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Police and emergency services: Lalor railway station — crime

4761. **MR GUY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Lalor Railway Station, Lalor, in the 2007-08 financial year:

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

4762. **MR GUY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Thomastown Railway Station, Thomastown, in the 2007-08 financial year:

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

4763. MR GUY — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported at Keon Park Railway Station, Keon Park, in the 2007-08 financial year:

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
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Police and emergency services: Ivanhoe — crime

4764. MR GUY — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported in Ivanhoe in the 2007-08 financial year:

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

4765. **MR GUY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported in Heidelberg West in the 2007-08 financial year:

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

4766. **MR GUY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported in Heidelberg Heights in the 2007-08 financial year:

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

4767. **MR GUY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported in Rosanna in the 2007-08 financial year:

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

4768. MR GUY — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported in Heidelberg in the 2007-08 financial year:

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
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Police and emergency services: Viewbank — crime

4769. MR GUY — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported in Viewbank in the 2007-08 financial year:

- (a) rape;

- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
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Police and emergency services: Greensborough — crime

4770. **MR GUY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported in Greensborough in the 2007-08 financial year:

- (a) rape;
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Police and emergency services: Watsonia — crime

4771. MR GUY — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported in Watsonia in the 2007-08 financial year:

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
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Police and emergency services: Bundoora — crime

4772. **MR GUY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported in Bundoora in the 2007-08 financial year:

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

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

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

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

The Government's additional support to Victoria Police is showing good results. Victoria's crime rate has fallen 24.5 per cent since 2000-01, with Victoria now having the lowest crime rate in Australia.

However, the fight against crime is ongoing. That is why at the last election the Government committed to a further increase of 350 sworn police by 2010, as well as an additional 50 forensic and specialist investigators. In addition to this, the Government committed to providing additional resources and equipment to assist police in their work, including an extra 100 police cars.

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Police and emergency services: Diamond Creek — crime

4773. **MR GUY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported in Diamond Creek in the 2007-08 financial year:

- (a) rape;
- (b) robbery;
- (c) assault;
- (d) property damage;
- (e) theft of bicycle;

- (f) weapons/explosives;
- (g) harassment;
- (h) offensive behaviour in public;
- (i) theft of motor vehicle; and
- (j) theft from motor vehicle.

ANSWER:

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Police and emergency services: Wattle Glen — crime

4774. **MR GUY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported in Wattle Glen in the 2007-08 financial year:

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

ANSWER:

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Police and emergency services: Hurstbridge — crime

4775. **MR GUY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported in Hurstbridge in the 2007-08 financial year:

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

ANSWER:

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Information on the official crime statistics for Victoria can be found on the Victoria Police website under *About Victoria Police, Statistics, Crime Statistics*. Further, historical information is available in hard copy at the State Library of Victoria.

Police and emergency services: Doreen — crime

4776. **MR GUY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported in Doreen in the 2007-08 financial year:

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

ANSWER:

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Police and emergency services: Mernda — crime

4777. **MR GUY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported in Mernda in the 2007-08 financial year:

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

- (i) theft of motor vehicle; and
- (j) theft from motor vehicle.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

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Police and emergency services: South Morang — crime

4778. MR GUY — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported in South Morang in the 2007-08 financial year:

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

ANSWER:

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Police and emergency services: Epping — crime

4779. MR GUY — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported in Epping in the 2007-08 financial year:

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

ANSWER:

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Police and emergency services: Mill Park — crime

4780. MR GUY — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported in Mill Park in the 2007-08 financial year:

- (a) rape;

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

ANSWER:

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Police and emergency services: Macleod — crime

4781. MR GUY — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported in Macleod in the 2007-08 financial year:

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

ANSWER:

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Police and emergency services: Whittlesea — crime

4782. MR GUY — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported in Whittlesea in the 2007-08 financial year:

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

ANSWER:

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Police and emergency services: Yarrambat — crime

4783. MR GUY — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How many of the following crimes were reported in Yarrambat in the 2007-08 financial year:

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

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

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Housing: property sales

4794. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing):

- (1) What is the Office of Housing policy regarding the retention or sale of existing properties in each of the eight Department of Human Services regions.
- (2) What is the Office of Housing policy regarding the retention or sale of existing weatherboard properties in each of the eight Department of Human Services regions.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Decisions regarding the retention or sale of properties are based on demand, condition, age and cladding.

Housing: Numurkah, Nathalia, Tatura, Cobram, Shepparton and Merrigum

4795. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing):

- (1) What is the Office of Housing policy regarding the retention or sale of existing properties in Numurkah, Nathalia, Tatura, Cobram, Shepparton, and Merrigum.
- (2) What is the Office of Housing policy regarding the retention or sale of existing weatherboard properties in Numurkah, Nathalia, Tatura, Cobram, Shepparton and Merrigum.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Decisions regarding the retention or sale of properties are based on demand, condition, age and cladding.

Housing: properties

4796. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): As at 30 June 2008, broken down by region, what was the total number of properties —

- (a) owned by the Office of Housing in each of the eight Department of Human Services regions;
- (b) leased by the Office of Housing in each of the eight Department of Human Services regions;
- (c) owned by the Office of Housing in each of the eight Department of Human Services regions that were vacant;
- (d) owned by the Office of Housing in each of the eight Department of Human Services regions that had been earmarked to be sold; and
- (e) owned by the Office of Housing in each of the eight Department of Human Services regions that had been earmarked to be transferred to housing associations.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Information relating to stock, including ownership and location, can be found in the *Summary of Housing Assistance Programs*, available at www.housing.vic.gov.au

The Office of Housing makes an effort to ensure that vacant properties are allocated as soon is practicable to avoid properties being left unoccupied. The Office of Housing vacancy rate was 0.8% at 30 June 2008. Properties may remain vacant for a range of reasons, including the need for maintenance, work to modify properties to meet client needs, or in the case of disposing of goods abandoned by vacating tenants, time for actions such as inspections by Consumer Affairs Victoria.

Decisions regarding the retention or sale of properties are based on demand, condition, age, and cladding. Details of stock sales are published in the *Summary of Housing Assistance Programs*, available at www.housing.vic.gov.au

No properties have been earmarked for transfer to Housing Associations as at 30 June 2008.

Housing: Shepparton

4797. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): As at 30 June 2008, what was the total number of properties —

- (a) owned by the Office of Housing in Shepparton;
- (b) leased by the Office of Housing in Shepparton;
- (c) owned by the Office of Housing in Shepparton that were vacant;
- (d) owned by the Office of Housing in Shepparton that had been earmarked to be sold; and
- (e) owned by the Office of Housing in Shepparton that had been earmarked to be transferred to housing associations.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Information relating to stock, including ownership and location, can be found in the *Summary of Housing Assistance Programs*, available at www.housing.vic.gov.au

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Decisions regarding the retention or sale of properties are based on demand, condition, age, and cladding. Details of stock sales are published in the *Summary of Housing Assistance Programs*, available at www.housing.vic.gov.au

No properties have been earmarked for transfer to Housing Associations as at 30 June 2008.

Housing: Cobram

4798. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): As at 30 June 2008, what was the total number of properties —

- (a) owned by the Office of Housing in Cobram;
- (b) leased by the Office of Housing in Cobram;
- (c) owned by the Office of Housing in Cobram that were vacant;
- (d) owned by the Office of Housing in Cobram that had been earmarked to be sold; and
- (e) owned by the Office of Housing in Cobram that had been earmarked to be transferred to housing associations.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Information relating to stock, including ownership and location, can be found in the *Summary of Housing Assistance Programs*, available at www.housing.vic.gov.au

The Office of Housing makes an effort to ensure that vacant properties are allocated as soon is practicable to avoid properties being left unoccupied. The Office of Housing vacancy rate was 0.8% at 30 June 2008. Properties may remain vacant for a range of reasons, including the need for maintenance, work to modify properties to meet client needs, or in the case of disposing of goods abandoned by vacating tenants, time for actions such as inspections by Consumer Affairs Victoria.

Decisions regarding the retention or sale of properties are based on demand, condition, age, and cladding. Details of stock sales are published in the *Summary of Housing Assistance Programs*, available at www.housing.vic.gov.au

No properties have been earmarked for transfer to Housing Associations as at 30 June 2008.

Housing: Merrigum

4799. **MS LOVELL** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): As at 30 June 2008, what was the total number of properties —

- (a) owned by the Office of Housing in Merrigum;
- (b) leased by the Office of Housing in Merrigum;
- (c) owned by the Office of Housing in Merrigum that were vacant;
- (d) owned by the Office of Housing in Merrigum that had been earmarked to be sold; and
- (e) owned by the Office of Housing in Merrigum that had been earmarked to be transferred to housing associations.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Information relating to stock, including ownership and location, can be found in the *Summary of Housing Assistance Programs*, available at www.housing.vic.gov.au

The Office of Housing makes an effort to ensure that vacant properties are allocated as soon is practicable to avoid properties being left unoccupied. The Office of Housing vacancy rate was 0.8% at 30 June 2008. Properties may remain vacant for a range of reasons, including the need for maintenance, work to modify properties to meet client needs, or in the case of disposing of goods abandoned by vacating tenants, time for actions such as inspections by Consumer Affairs Victoria.

Decisions regarding the retention or sale of properties are based on demand, condition, age, and cladding. Details of stock sales are published in the *Summary of Housing Assistance Programs*, available at www.housing.vic.gov.au

No properties have been earmarked for transfer to Housing Associations as at 30 June 2008.

Housing: Tatura

4800. **MS LOVELL** — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): As at 30 June 2008, what was the total number of properties —

- (a) owned by the Office of Housing in Tatura;
- (b) leased by the Office of Housing in Tatura;
- (c) owned by the Office of Housing in Tatura that were vacant;
- (d) owned by the Office of Housing in Tatura that had been earmarked to be sold; and
- (e) owned by the Office of Housing in Tatura that had been earmarked to be transferred to housing associations.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Information relating to stock, including ownership and location, can be found in the *Summary of Housing Assistance Programs*, available at www.housing.vic.gov.au

The Office of Housing makes an effort to ensure that vacant properties are allocated as soon is practicable to avoid properties being left unoccupied. The Office of Housing vacancy rate was 0.8% at 30 June 2008. Properties may remain vacant for a range of reasons, including the need for maintenance, work to modify properties to meet client needs, or in the case of disposing of goods abandoned by vacating tenants, time for actions such as inspections by Consumer Affairs Victoria.

Decisions regarding the retention or sale of properties are based on demand, condition, age, and cladding. Details of stock sales are published in the *Summary of Housing Assistance Programs*, available at www.housing.vic.gov.au

No properties have been earmarked for transfer to Housing Associations as at 30 June 2008.

Housing: Nathalia

4801. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): As at 30 June 2008, what was the total number of properties —

- (a) owned by the Office of Housing in Nathalia;
- (b) leased by the Office of Housing in Nathalia;
- (c) owned by the Office of Housing in Nathalia that were vacant;
- (d) owned by the Office of Housing in Nathalia that had been earmarked to be sold; and
- (e) owned by the Office of Housing in Nathalia that had been earmarked to be transferred to housing associations.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Information relating to stock, including ownership and location, can be found in the *Summary of Housing Assistance Programs*, available at www.housing.vic.gov.au

The Office of Housing makes an effort to ensure that vacant properties are allocated as soon is practicable to avoid properties being left unoccupied. The Office of Housing vacancy rate was 0.8% at 30 June 2008. Properties may remain vacant for a range of reasons, including the need for maintenance, work to modify properties to meet client needs, or in the case of disposing of goods abandoned by vacating tenants, time for actions such as inspections by Consumer Affairs Victoria.

Decisions regarding the retention or sale of properties are based on demand, condition, age, and cladding. Details of stock sales are published in the *Summary of Housing Assistance Programs*, available at www.housing.vic.gov.au

No properties have been earmarked for transfer to Housing Associations as at 30 June 2008.

Housing: Numurkah

4802. MS LOVELL — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): As at 30 June 2008, what was the total number of properties —

- (1) owned by the Office of Housing in Numurkah;
- (2) leased by the Office of Housing in Numurkah;
- (3) owned by the Office of Housing in Numurkah that were vacant;
- (4) owned by the Office of Housing in Numurkah that had been earmarked to be sold; and
- (5) owned by the Office of Housing in Numurkah that had been earmarked to be transferred to housing associations.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Information relating to stock, including ownership and location, can be found in the *Summary of Housing Assistance Programs*, available at www.housing.vic.gov.au

The Office of Housing makes an effort to ensure that vacant properties are allocated as soon is practicable to avoid properties being left unoccupied. The Office of Housing vacancy rate was 0.8% at 30 June 2008. Properties may remain vacant for a range of reasons, including the need for maintenance, work to modify properties to meet client needs, or in the case of disposing of goods abandoned by vacating tenants, time for actions such as inspections by Consumer Affairs Victoria.

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No properties have been earmarked for transfer to Housing Associations as at 30 June 2008.

Environment and climate change: Firearm Safety Foundation

4805. MR BARBER — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: In relation to the Firearm Safety Foundation announced for the 2006 Victorian election:

- (1) What are the expenditure breakdowns for the financial year 2007-08 and for 2008-09 to date.
- (2) What was the purpose of these expenditures.
- (3) What organisations received funding as a result of these expenditures and what projects were implemented.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This question should be directed to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services as the Firearm Safety Foundation falls under his portfolio responsibilities.

Energy and resources: stress leave

5073. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Department of Primary Industries Minerals and Petroleum Division, 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 as at the date the question was raised:

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Energy and resources: legal expenses

5074. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to legal expenses incurred by Department of Primary Industries Minerals and Petroleum Division, 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:

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Energy and resources: advertising

5075. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Department of Primary Industries Minerals and Petroleum Division, 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:

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Energy and resources: entertainment expenses

5076. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Department of Primary Industries Minerals and Petroleum Division, 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:

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Energy and resources: media and communications staff

5077. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Department of Primary Industries Minerals and Petroleum Division, for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

- (1) What was the number and cost of staff working in the office.
- (2) What was 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 that as at the date the question was raised:

This question is part of a series of nearly one hundred questions asked by Mr Dalla-Riva regarding the operations of the Department of Primary Industries, its agencies and authorities. These questions seek information regarding departmental structures or employees that, in some cases is publicly available, does not exist or relates to expenses that could not have been incurred. In all cases the compilation of answers would represent an unreasonable cost burden on the Department of Primary Industries and therefore the Victorian taxpayer.

Energy and resources: trade union grants

5078. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Department of Primary Industries Minerals and Petroleum Division, what are the details of all grants for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07 made to trade union groups.

ANSWER:

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

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Energy and resources: board representatives

- 5079. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Department of Primary Industries Minerals and Petroleum Division, 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:

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Energy and resources: Office of the Mining Warden — stress leave

- 5080. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Office of the Mining Warden, 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 as at the date the question was raised:

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Energy and resources: Office of the Mining Warden — legal expenses

- 5081. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Office of the Mining Warden, 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 as at the date the question was raised:

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Energy and resources: Office of the Mining Warden — advertising

5082. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Office of the Mining Warden, 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
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ANSWER:

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Energy and resources: Office of the Mining Warden — entertainment expenses

5083. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Office of the Mining Warden, 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;
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ANSWER:

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Energy and resources: Office of the Mining Warden — media and communications staff

5084. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Office of the Mining Warden, for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

- (1) What was the number and cost of staff working in the office.
- (2) What was 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 that as at the date the question was raised:

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Energy and resources: Office of the Mining Warden — trade union grants

5085. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Office of the Mining Warden, 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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Energy and resources: Office of the Mining Warden — board representatives

5086. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Office of the Mining Warden, 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
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ANSWER:

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that could not have been incurred. In all cases the compilation of answers would represent an unreasonable cost burden on the Department of Primary Industries and therefore the Victorian taxpayer.

Energy and resources: Quarry Managers Advisory Panel — stress leave

5087. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Quarry Managers Advisory Panel, 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:

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Energy and resources: Quarry Managers Advisory Panel — legal expenses

5088. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Quarry Managers Advisory Panel, 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:

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Energy and resources: Quarry Managers Advisory Panel — advertising

5089. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Quarry Managers Advisory Panel, 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;
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ANSWER:

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Energy and resources: Quarry Managers Advisory Panel — entertainment expenses

5090. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Quarry Managers Advisory Panel, 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
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 - (i) date incurred;
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ANSWER:

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Energy and resources: Quarry Managers Advisory Panel — media and communications staff

5091. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Quarry Managers Advisory Panel, for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

- (1) What was the number and cost of staff working in the office.
- (2) What was 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 that as at the date the question was raised:

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Energy and resources: Quarry Managers Advisory Panel — trade union grants

5092. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Quarry Managers Advisory Panel, 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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Energy and resources: Quarry Managers Advisory Panel — board representatives

5093. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Quarry Managers Advisory Panel, 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;
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Energy and resources: Electric Line Clearance Consultative Committee — stress leave

5094. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Electric Line Clearance Consultative Committee, 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
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Energy and resources: Electric Line Clearance Consultative Committee — legal expenses

5095. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Electric Line Clearance Consultative 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:

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Energy and resources: Electric Line Clearance Consultative Committee — advertising

5096. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Electric Line Clearance Consultative 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;
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ANSWER:

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Energy and resources: Electric Line Clearance Consultative Committee — entertainment expenses

5097. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Electric Line Clearance Consultative 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;
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ANSWER:

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Energy and resources: Electric Line Clearance Consultative Committee — media and communications staff

5098. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Electric Line Clearance Consultative Committee, for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

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

ANSWER:

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Energy and resources: Electric Line Clearance Consultative Committee — trade union grants

5099. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Electric Line Clearance Consultative Committee, 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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Energy and resources: Electric Line Clearance Consultative Committee — board representatives

5100. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Electric Line Clearance Consultative Committee, what provision has been made for elected representatives or trade union nominated representatives on its boards, indicating —

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Energy and resources: stress leave

5101. **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Energy and Security Division of the former Department of Infrastructure, 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:

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Energy and resources: legal expenses

5102. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Energy and Security Division of the former Department of Infrastructure, 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:

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Energy and resources: advertising

5103. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Energy and Security Division of the former Department of Infrastructure, 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;
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ANSWER:

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Energy and resources: entertainment expenses

5104. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Energy and Security Division of the former Department of Infrastructure, 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;
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ANSWER:

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Energy and resources: media and communications staff

5105. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Energy and Security Division of the former Department of Infrastructure, for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

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

ANSWER:

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Energy and resources: trade union grants

5106. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Energy and Security Division of the former Department of Infrastructure, 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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Energy and resources: board representatives

- 5107. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Energy and Security Division of the former Department of Infrastructure, 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
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ANSWER:

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Energy and resources: Equipment Advisory Committee — stress leave

- 5108. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Equipment Advisory Committee, 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:

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Energy and resources: Equipment Advisory Committee — legal expenses

- 5109. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Equipment 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:

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Energy and resources: Equipment Advisory Committee — advertising

5110. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Equipment 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:

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Energy and resources: Equipment Advisory Committee — entertainment expenses

5111. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Equipment 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:

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Energy and resources: Equipment Advisory Committee — media and communications staff

5112. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Equipment Advisory Committee, for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

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

ANSWER:

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Energy and resources: Equipment Advisory Committee — trade union grants

5113. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Equipment 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:

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Energy and resources: Equipment Advisory Committee — board representatives

5114. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Equipment 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:

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that could not have been incurred. In all cases the compilation of answers would represent an unreasonable cost burden on the Department of Primary Industries and therefore the Victorian taxpayer.

Energy and resources: Energy Safe Victoria — stress leave

- 5115. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to Energy Safe 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:

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Energy and resources: Energy Safe Victoria — legal expenses

- 5116. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to legal expenses incurred by Energy Safe 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.
 - (3) What were the names of legal counsel engaged.

ANSWER:

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Energy and resources: Energy Safe Victoria — advertising

- 5117. MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to Energy Safe Victoria, 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
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ANSWER:

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Energy and resources: Energy Safe Victoria — entertainment expenses

5118. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to Energy Safe Victoria, 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;
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ANSWER:

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Energy and resources: Energy Safe Victoria — media and communications staff

5119. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to Energy Safe Victoria, for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

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

ANSWER:

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Energy and resources: Energy Safe Victoria — trade union grants

5120. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to Energy Safe 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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Energy and resources: Energy Safe Victoria — board representatives

5121. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to Energy Safe Victoria, 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
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Energy and resources: Office of the Chief Electrical Inspector — stress leave

5122. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Office of the Chief Electrical Inspector, 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:

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Energy and resources: Office of the Chief Electrical Inspector — legal expenses

5123. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Office of the Chief Electrical Inspector, 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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Energy and resources: Office of the Chief Electrical Inspector — advertising

5124. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Office of the Chief Electrical Inspector, 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;
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Energy and resources: Office of the Chief Electrical Inspector — entertainment expenses

5125. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Office of the Chief Electrical Inspector, 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
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Energy and resources: Office of the Chief Electrical Inspector — media and communications staff

5126. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Office of the Chief Electrical Inspector, for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

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

ANSWER:

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Energy and resources: Office of the Chief Electrical Inspector — trade union grants

5127. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Office of the Chief Electrical Inspector, 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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Energy and resources: Office of the Chief Electrical Inspector — board representatives

5128. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Office of the Chief Electrical Inspector, 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;
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Energy and resources: stress leave

5129. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Planning and Policy Division of the former Department of Infrastructure, 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
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ANSWER:

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Energy and resources: legal expenses

5130. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Planning and Policy Division of the former Department of Infrastructure, 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.

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Energy and resources: advertising

5131. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Planning and Policy Division of the former Department of Infrastructure, 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;
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ANSWER:

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Energy and resources: entertainment expenses

5132. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Planning and Policy Division of the former Department of Infrastructure, 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 —
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Energy and resources: media and communications staff

5133. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Planning and Policy Division of the former Department of Infrastructure, for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

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

ANSWER:

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Energy and resources: trade union grants

5134. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Planning and Policy Division of the former Department of Infrastructure, 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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Energy and resources: board representatives

5135. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Planning and Policy Division of the former Department of Infrastructure, 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
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Energy and resources: Victorian Energy Networks Corporation — stress leave

5136. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Victorian Energy Networks Corporation (VENCorp), 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:

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Energy and resources: Victorian Energy Networks Corporation — legal expenses

5137. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Victorian Energy Networks Corporation (VENCorp), 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:

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Energy and resources: Victorian Energy Networks Corporation — advertising

5138. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Victorian Energy Networks Corporation (VENCorp), 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;
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ANSWER:

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Energy and resources: Victorian Energy Networks Corporation — entertainment expenses

5139. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Victorian Energy Networks Corporation (VENCorp), 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 as at the date the question was raised:

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Energy and resources: Victorian Energy Networks Corporation — media and communications staff

5140. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Victorian Energy Networks Corporation (VENCorp), for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

- (1) What was the number and cost of staff working in the office.
- (2) What was 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 that as at the date the question was raised:

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Energy and resources: Victorian Energy Networks Corporation — trade union grants

- 5141.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Victorian Energy Networks Corporation (VENCorp), 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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Energy and resources: Victorian Energy Networks Corporation — board representatives

- 5142.** **MR DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Victorian Energy Networks Corporation (VENCorp), 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:

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Energy and resources: Victorian Electrolysis Committee — stress leave

5143. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Victorian Electrolysis Committee, 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:

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Energy and resources: Victorian Electrolysis Committee — legal expenses

5144. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to legal expenses incurred by the Victorian Electrolysis 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:

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Energy and resources: Victorian Electrolysis Committee — advertising

5145. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Victorian Electrolysis 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 that as at the date the question was raised:

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Energy and resources: Victorian Electrolysis Committee — entertainment expenses

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- (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;
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ANSWER:

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Energy and resources: Victorian Electrolysis Committee — media and communications staff

5147. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Victorian Electrolysis Committee, for each financial year from 2000-01 to 2006-07:

- (1) What was the number and cost of staff working in the office.
- (2) What was 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 that as at the date the question was raised:

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Energy and resources: Victorian Electrolysis Committee — trade union grants

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ANSWER:

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

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Energy and resources: Victorian Electrolysis Committee — board representatives

5149. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Victorian Electrolysis 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 that as at the date the question was raised:

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Environment and climate change: solar energy

5163. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change: What scientific research has the Government undertaken into the use of solar energy as an alternate source of energy production.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Victorian government is supporting a world-class research project to develop a prototype thin film organic solar cell as an alternative to silicon based solar photovoltaic cells.

The aim of this project is to develop cheap organic solar cells within the next three years.

The government has provided a \$6 million grant for this \$12 million project headed by Melbourne University.

Funding for this scientific research has been provided through the government's Sustainable Energy Research and Development Grants Program.

In addition, the Victorian government has committed up to \$50 million towards establishing one of the world's largest and most efficient solar photovoltaic concentrator power stations.

The \$420 million plant will begin producing power in 2010 and will have the capacity to generate 154 megawatts (MW) of electricity—enough clean energy to power 45,000 homes.

The power station will be built by Solar Systems Generation in North-West Victoria.

Planning: wind energy — compensation

5165. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Planning: What compensation will be provided to land owners, in regard to the construction and habitation of wind farms, on or within sight of their property, for —

- (a) reduction in property values;
- (b) loss of avian wildlife; and
- (c) obstruction of landscape.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

There is no requirement in Victoria to compensate a landowner who considers that they may be affected by any use and development of neighbouring land, including development for a wind farm.

Rather, the planning system puts in place a process that includes the assessment of the amenity impacts of a proposal on adjoining land. If these impacts are unacceptable, then the proposal should not proceed. If the impacts are within acceptable measures, then the proposal can proceed and a basis for compensation should not arise.

The Government's *Policy and planning guidelines for the development of wind energy facilities in Victoria* aims to protect the amenity of nearby residents by setting out a range of matters that must be considered to decide if the impacts are acceptable. Appropriate design responses based on the individual circumstances of the site and its surrounds will minimise potential amenity impacts.

Planning: wind energy — farm location

5168. MRS COOTE — To ask the Minister for Planning: What is the planning process undertaken to choose the geographical placement of wind turbines.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

There are many potential locations where a wind farm might be possible. The planning system does not try to pre-empt which ones are viable, rather it provides a mechanism by which each wind farm development proposal can be assessed and a decision on its acceptability made.

The Government provides a wide range of information to assist both the preparation of wind farm proposals and their assessment, including:

- The *Policy and planning guidelines for development of wind energy facilities in Victoria* 2003.
- The *Victorian Wind Atlas* provides detailed advice about the wind resource in Victoria, land reserved under the National Parks Act (1975) and commercial constraints to wind energy development.
- Landscape assessments of the State's coastal areas as part of the *Great Ocean Road Region Landscape Assessment Study* (2004) and the *Coastal Spaces Landscape Assessment Study* (2006).

Victoria has a considered and comprehensive planning process for assessing wind farm proposals that takes account of a range of issues including visual impacts, noise, aircraft safety lighting, landscape and environmental impacts.

Proponents of wind farm developments are encouraged to conduct pre-application discussions with referral authorities and other agencies, and to seek expert advice on a range of matters that will inform the site selection process and improve the design of the proposal.

Housing: Kilsyth electorate

5169. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Office of Housing properties in the electorate of Kilsyth:

- (1) In the months of May, June, July and August 2008 —
 - (a) how many properties were vacant due to cleaning or maintenance requirements; and
 - (b) how many days were each property vacant while waiting for cleaning or repairs.
- (2) How many houses or flats are provided for —
 - (a) emergency housing; and
 - (b) transitional housing.
- (3) What is the average waiting time for those waiting on a property.
- (4) What is the turnaround time for repairs to be approved and carried out.
- (5) What is the average time for changeover of tenants.
- (6) What is the average occupancy time.
- (7) How many occupants defaulted on their rent.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

1. The Office of Housing makes every effort to ensure that vacant properties are allocated as soon as is practicable to avoid properties being left unoccupied. The Office of Housing vacancy rate was 0.8% at 30 June 2008. Properties may remain vacant for a range of reasons, including the need for maintenance, work to modify properties to meet client needs, or in the case of disposing of goods abandoned by vacating tenants, time for actions such as inspections by Consumer Affairs Victoria. From time to time, the Office of Housing has land which is held for a range of purposes such as redevelopment and construction. Information on redevelopments can be accessed from the Office of Housing website, www.housing.vic.gov.au
2. The Victorian Government has delivered significant expansion and reform of the Victorian homelessness service system. Details of the location and type of social housing stock (including Crisis Supported Accommodation and Transitional Housing) can be found in the *Summary of Housing Assistance Programs 2006-07* available at www.housing.vic.gov.au
3. Average waiting times for prospective tenants cannot be determined as this is dependent on when a vacancy becomes available.
4. The Office of Housing maintenance contracts require that works are completed within the following time lines:
 - Urgent works within 24 hours,
 - Priority works within 7 days, and
 - Normal works within 14 days.

5. Average vacancy turnaround times can be found in the Report on Government Services 2008.
6. The Office of Housing is unable to calculate the average occupancy time until all tenancies have ended.
7. The vast majority of tenants pay their rent on time and in full. The Office of Housing works with tenants who have difficulty paying their rent.

Housing: properties

5170. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Office of Housing properties in the State of Victoria:

- (1) In the months of May, June, July and August 2008 —
 - (a) how many properties were vacant due to cleaning or maintenance requirements; and
 - (b) how many days were each property vacant while waiting for cleaning or repairs.
- (2) How many houses or flats are provided for —
 - (a) emergency housing; and
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- (3) What is the average waiting time for those waiting on a property.
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Housing: Kilsyth electorate

5171. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to the Office of Housing properties in the electorate of Kilsyth:

- (1) Between 1 January and 31 December 2007, how many vacant properties did the Department of Housing pay rent on.
- (2) Between 1 January and 31 August 2008, how many vacant properties did the Department of Housing pay rent on.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Office of Housing maintains a small portfolio of leased properties to enable flexible re-profiling of stock in order to meet demand. Leased properties used as public housing properties have the same tenancy management arrangements as Director-owned housing.

The Office of Housing makes an effort to ensure that vacant properties are allocated as soon is practicable to avoid properties being left unoccupied. The Office of Housing vacancy rate was 0.8% at 30 June 2008. Properties may remain vacant for a range of reasons, including the need for maintenance, work to modify properties to meet client needs, or in the case of disposing of goods abandoned by vacating tenants, time for actions such as inspections by Consumer Affairs Victoria.

Housing: one-bedroom units

5172. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to one bedroom public housing units in each of Croydon, Bayswater North, Kilsyth and Mooroolbark:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

1. Since 1999, the Victorian Government has delivered over 12,900 new social housing units, including an additional 1,400 properties in the Eastern Metropolitan Region, bringing the total provision of social housing stock in the Eastern Metropolitan Region to over 7,000 units. Details of units by bedroom type can be found in the Summary of Housing Assistance Programs 2006-07 at www.housing.vic.gov.au
2. The Office of Housing does not disaggregate property spending to the suburb level.
3. Each property has an individual built date and cannot be supplied without identifying specific addresses.
4. The Office of Housing makes every effort to ensure that vacant properties are allocated as soon as is practicable to avoid properties being left unoccupied. At 30 June 2008, the state-wide average occupancy rate

was 99.2%. As with private rental properties, the occupancy rate is measured as a proportion of all tenable properties. Properties may remain vacant for a range of reasons, including the need for maintenance, work to modify properties to meet client needs, client illness, or in the case of disposing of goods abandoned by vacating tenants, time for actions such as inspections by Consumer Affairs Victoria.

5. As at 30 June 2008, the waiting list for the Ringwood office is 2,059.
6. The Office of Housing capital works planning process ensures that acquisitions are targeted to communities and areas in need of assistance.

Housing: two-bedroom units

5173. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to two bedroom public housing units in each of Croydon, Bayswater North, Kilsyth and Mooroolbark:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

1. Since 1999, the Victorian Government has delivered over 12,900 new social housing units, including an additional 1,400 properties in the Eastern Metropolitan Region, bringing the total provision of social housing stock in the Eastern Metropolitan Region to over 7,000 units. Details of units by bedroom type can be found in the Summary of Housing Assistance Programs 2006-07 at www.housing.vic.gov.au
2. The Office of Housing does not disaggregate property spending to the suburb level.
3. Each property has an individual built date and cannot be supplied without identifying specific addresses.
4. The Office of Housing makes every effort to ensure that vacant properties are allocated as soon as is practicable to avoid properties being left unoccupied. At 30 June 2008, the state-wide average occupancy rate was 99.2%. As with private rental properties, the occupancy rate is measured as a proportion of all tenable properties. Properties may remain vacant for a range of reasons, including the need for maintenance, work to modify properties to meet client needs, client illness, or in the case of disposing of goods abandoned by vacating tenants, time for actions such as inspections by Consumer Affairs Victoria.
5. As at 30 June 2008, the waiting list for the Ringwood office is 2,059.
6. The Office of Housing capital works planning process ensures that acquisitions are targeted to communities and areas in need of assistance.

Housing: three-bedroom units

5174. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to three bedroom public housing units in each of Croydon, Bayswater North, Kilsyth and Mooroolbark:

- (1) How many units are there.

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

1. Since 1999, the Victorian Government has delivered over 12,900 new social housing units, including an additional 1,400 properties in the Eastern Metropolitan Region, bringing the total provision of social housing stock in the Eastern Metropolitan Region to over 7,000 units. Details of units by bedroom type can be found in the Summary of Housing Assistance Programs 2006-07 at www.housing.vic.gov.au
2. The Office of Housing does not disaggregate property spending to the suburb level.
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4. The Office of Housing makes every effort to ensure that vacant properties are allocated as soon as is practicable to avoid properties being left unoccupied. At 30 June 2008, the state-wide average occupancy rate was 99.2%. As with private rental properties, the occupancy rate is measured as a proportion of all tenable properties. Properties may remain vacant for a range of reasons, including the need for maintenance, work to modify properties to meet client needs, client illness, or in the case of disposing of goods abandoned by vacating tenants, time for actions such as inspections by Consumer Affairs Victoria.
5. As at 30 June 2008, the waiting list for the Ringwood office is 2,059.
6. The Office of Housing capital works planning process ensures that acquisitions are targeted to communities and areas in need of assistance.

Housing: four-bedroom units

5175. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Housing): In relation to four bedroom public housing units in each of Croydon, Bayswater North, Kilsyth and Mooroolbark:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

1. Since 1999, the Victorian Government has delivered over 12,900 new social housing units, including an additional 1,400 properties in the Eastern Metropolitan Region, bringing the total provision of social housing stock in the Eastern Metropolitan Region to over 7,000 units. Details of units by bedroom type can be found in the Summary of Housing Assistance Programs 2006-07 at www.housing.vic.gov.au
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5. As at 30 June 2008, the waiting list for the Ringwood office is 2,059.
6. The Office of Housing capital works planning process ensures that acquisitions are targeted to communities and areas in need of assistance.

Industry and trade: Kenworth Trucks

5184. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Industry and Trade: In relation to the recent cuts to manufacturing staff at Kenworth Trucks in Bayswater:

- (1) How many staff have been laid off from the Bayswater site.
- (2) What compensation is available to dismissed staff under current government policy.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

- (1) Kenworth Trucks retrenched 114 permanent staff from its Bayswater site on 5 September 2008. All entitlements were paid to those staff. Between 1 January and 5 September 60 to 70 contractors were separated from the company all receiving 25% casual loadings. The company advised that the Bayswater area has a low unemployment rate and that over 100 vacant jobs similar to those at Kenworth had been identified in the area as at 5 September. Interviews with potential employers were underway.
- (2) The Government is able to assist affected workers through a range of existing Government initiatives including:

Access to the range of existing government funded training places available at nearby TAFE institutions and a range of private RTOs. The State Government invests approximately \$700 million each year in training places across the State. Swinburne University - TAFE Division, Croydon campus, or Box Hill Institute of TAFE, Nunawading campus, would be the closest institutions to the Bayswater site that can assist the Kenworth Trucks employees.

Access to Skills Stores - the State Government has committed over \$23 million towards the establishment of 13 Skills Stores across the State. Skills Stores provide up-front free skills assessment, career advice and information about opportunities in the vocational education and training sector. The Eastern Melbourne Skills Store, based in Box Hill, which has a mobile service, is the closest Skills Store to the Bayswater site.

Potential for support through the Skill Up program - Skill Up is a rapid response program to retrain workers who are retrenched as a result of major industry downturn or workplace closure. The program focuses on helping retrenched workers upgrade their skills or develop new skills so they can re-enter the workforce as quickly as possible. A Situational Assessment report is required to be submitted by an authorised representative of the affected enterprise, or relevant union or TAFE institution, to determine eligibility for support. If approved, a relevant TAFE institution is identified to take the lead in sourcing appropriate training.

Senior Victorians: falls prevention program

5188. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$1.256 million worth of funding for the Falls Prevention Program promised in the 2004-05 financial year:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended as at 30 June 2007.
- (2) How many people benefited from this funding.
- (3) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

1. All the \$1.256 million funding was expended by 30 June 2007.
2. Data were not collected for individual projects prior to 2006-07.
3. In 2007-08 the National Ageing Research Institute was funded to review projects funded from 2000-07. Findings from this review will be available in October 2008.

Senior Victorians: falls prevention program

5189. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$1.27 million worth of funding for the Falls Prevention Program promised in the 2005-06 financial year:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended as at 30 June 2007.
- (2) How many people benefited from this funding.
- (3) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

1. All of the \$1.27 million funding was expended by 30 June 2007.
2. Data were not collected for individual projects prior to 2006-07.
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Senior Victorians: falls prevention program

5190. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to \$1.305 million worth of funding for the Falls Prevention Program promised in the 2006-07 financial year:

- (1) How much of this funding was expended as at 30 June 2007.
- (2) How many people benefited from this funding.
- (3) Has the use of the funds been evaluated; if so, what were the results of the evaluation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

1. All of the \$1.305 million funding was expended by 30 June 2007.
2. Data for 2006-07 indicate that 9,349 individuals participated in falls prevention activities, 1,973 health professionals participated in education and skill development and 307 agencies participated in education and skill development.
3. In 2007-08 the National Ageing Research Institute was funded to review projects funded from 2000-07. Findings from this review will be available in October 2008.

Treasurer: Swan Street swimming centre

5808. MR ATKINSON — To ask the Treasurer: In relation to the former swimming centre property occupied by the Victorian Institute of Sport (VIS) in Swan Street:

- (1) What was the asset value of the property.
- (2) What was the capital cost of relocating to the new premises at Albert Park.
- (3) What was the amount of space occupied by the VIS at Swan Street and what is the amount of space available in the new premises at Albert Park.
- (4) What rental did the Collingwood Football Club or its related entities pay for the floor space it occupied at Swan Street when it shared the building with the VIS.
- (5) What rental did the Collingwood Football Club pay annually for its occupancy of the total building space.
- (6) Has the Collingwood Football Club received any subsidy, grant or rent concession to assist the club in extending its operations at the former swimming centre in Swan Street; if so, how much has been paid or forgiven to the Football Club or its related entities.
- (7) Under what program has any subsidy, grant or rent concession been provided to the Collingwood Football Club or any related entity.
- (8) What is the length of contract or agreement with the Collingwood Football Club or any related entities for the use of the premises and what are the permitted uses for the property.
- (9) Can the property now occupied by the Collingwood Football Club be used for gaming purposes under any agreements.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This property is part of the land administered by Melbourne and Olympic Parks Trust; therefore it falls under the portfolio of the Minister for Sport.

