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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, 8 August 2006**

**Education and training: minister's office — alcohol purchases**

**5437. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Education and Training): In relation to alcohol purchased by the Minister's Office since 30 June 2004, what was the —

- (a) the date of each purchase;
- (b) the value of each purchase; and
- (c) the items purchased.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

One component of the Ministerial office budget is hospitality expenses. From time to time hospitality is provided for functions held by my office. Hospitality expense for my office is moderate.

**Agriculture: Primary Industries — freedom of information requests**

**6072. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Department of Primary Industries for 2004–05:

- (1) How many requests were received.
- (2) Of these requests, how many were —
  - (a) denied in full;
  - (b) released in part;
  - (c) released in full; and
  - (d) given to the Minister before being given to the applicant.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Information regarding FOI requests (i.e. number of requests received, denied in full, released in part and released in full) is readily available in the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Annual Reports. No FOI requests were given to the Minister.

**Agriculture: Murray Valley Wine Grape Industry Development Committee — capital works**

**6506. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to the Murray Valley Wine Grape Industry Development Committee's allocation of funds to major capital works, including major maintenance, replacement and upgrades,

what were the priority major projects that were approved for the year 2004–05 and were each of these priority projects achieved.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Murray Valley Wine and Grape Industry Development Committee has no role in, nor did it allocate any funds to major capital works in the year 2004–05.

**Attorney-General: minister's office — mobile telephones**

**6657. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA**— To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney General): What was the cost of providing mobile telephone services to the Minister's staff for 2004–05.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

It would be an unreasonable diversion of the Department's time and resources to provide a response to this question.

**Information and communication technology: minister's office — mobile telephones**

**6662. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA**— To ask the Minister for Information and Communication Technology: What was the cost of providing mobile telephone services to the Minister's staff for 2004–05.

**ANSWER:**

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

The cost of providing mobile telephone services to the Minister's staff for 2004–05 is \$10,300.47.

**Financial services: minister's office — furnishings**

**7474. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Financial Services Industry): What furniture items, including movable furniture, fixed furniture and electrical goods were purchased for the Minister's private office in 2004–05 and what was the total cost of the items purchased.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

Refer to Question No 7476.

**Manufacturing and export: minister's office — furnishings**

**7476. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Manufacturing and Export): What furniture items, including movable furniture, fixed furniture and electrical goods were purchased for the Minister's private office in 2004–05 and what was the total cost of the items purchased.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The following items were purchased for my office (covering all of my portfolios of Manufacturing and Export, Financial Services and Small Business) in 2004–05:

<b>Mobile draw pedestal</b>	<b>180.00</b>
<b>Overhead storage hutch</b>	<b>660.00</b>
Total:	840.00

**Small business: minister’s office — furnishings**

**7477. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Small Business): What furniture items, including movable furniture, fixed furniture and electrical goods were purchased for the Minister’s private office in 2004–05 and what was the total cost of the items purchased.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

Refer to Question No 7476.

**Financial services: Innovation, Industry and Regional Development — entertainment expenses**

**7517. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Financial Services Industry): What was the total amount spent by the Minister’s department on entertainment expenses including alcohol, food, admission to Commonwealth Games events, admission to other entertainment events, special gifts, all transport and corporate box leasing for their invited guests and those who were hosting them at the Commonwealth Games.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

To answer this question in the specific manner sought by the Member would require an unjustifiable diversion of departmental resources. The Department’s financial reports are contained in its annual report.

**Manufacturing and export: Innovation, Industry and Regional Development — entertainment expenses**

**7519. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Manufacturing and Export): What was the total amount spent by the Minister’s department on entertainment expenses including alcohol, food, admission to Commonwealth Games events, admission to other entertainment events, special gifts, all transport and corporate box leasing for their invited guests and those who were hosting them at the Commonwealth Games.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

To answer this question in the specific manner sought by the Member would require an unjustifiable diversion of departmental resources. The Department’s financial reports are contained in its annual report.

**Small business: Innovation, Industry and Regional Development — entertainment expenses**

**7520. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Small Business): What was the total amount spent by the Minister’s department on entertainment expenses including alcohol, food, admission to Commonwealth Games events, admission to other entertainment events, special gifts, all transport and corporate box leasing for their invited guests and those who were hosting them at the Commonwealth Games.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

To answer this question in the specific manner sought by the Member would require an unjustifiable diversion of departmental resources. The Department’s financial reports are contained in its annual report.

**Consumer affairs: Justice — entertainment expenses**

**7523. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs: What was the total amount spent by the Minister’s department on entertainment expenses including alcohol, food, admission to Commonwealth Games events, admission to other entertainment events, special gifts, all transport and corporate box leasing for their invited guests and those who were hosting them at the Commonwealth Games.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

The Victorian Government and the M2006 corporation jointly hosted events for a range of dignitaries and VIPs. Ministers and senior departmental officers performed the role of host for these events during the Commonwealth Games.

The entertainment expenses form part of the whole of Games budget.

The accounts are still being received and when collated will be included in the government’s financial report on the Games.

**Aboriginal affairs: charter flights**

**7538. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs: In relation to all chartered flights, including helicopters and light planes used by the Minister in 2004–05 what was the —

- (a) date;
- (b) carrier;
- (c) destination;
- (d) cost; and
- (e) purpose.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

In my capacity as Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, I used a light plane on four occasions in 2004–05 to conduct regional consultations on changes to Victorian Aboriginal Affairs including Cultural Heritage legislation:

1.
  - (a) 22 July 2004
  - (b) Australasian Jet
  - (c) Wodonga
  - (d) \$4510.00
  
2.
  - (a) 27 July 2004
  - (b) Australasian Jet
  - (c) Sale
  - (d) \$6248.00
  
3.
  - (a) 15 October 2004
  - (b) Australasian Jet
  - (c) Warmambool
  - (d) \$4000.00
  
4.
  - (a) 19 October 2004
  - (b) Australasian Jet
  - (c) Swan Hill
  - (d) \$4840

**Attorney-General: charter flights**

- 7546. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): In relation to all chartered flights, including helicopters and light planes used by the Minister in 2004–05 what was the —
- (a) date;
  - (b) carrier;
  - (c) destination;
  - (d) cost; and
  - (e) purpose.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

The Department's ledger does not include account codes that separately identify chartered flights. To determine the cost and other details requested would necessitate a review of all invoices in relation to travel in 2004–05. This would place an unreasonable burden on the Department's time and resources.

**Police and emergency services: charter flights**

**7556. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to all chartered flights, including helicopters and light planes used by the Minister in 2004–05 what was the —

- (a) date;
- (b) carrier;
- (c) destination;
- (d) cost; and
- (e) purpose.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

The financial records of the Department of Justice identify two chartered flights in the name of the Minister for Police & Emergency Services in 2004–05 (16 October 2004 and 11 November 2004). In both cases the Carrier was Australasian Jet Pty Ltd. The first flight was from Essendon to Nhill to Essendon at a cost of \$2,490. The second flight was from Essendon to Wangaratta to Essendon at a cost of \$1,936.

Information relating to the purposes of these flights is not collected by the Department of Justice.

**Financial services: charter flights**

**7559. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Financial Services Industry): In relation to all chartered flights, including helicopters and light planes used by the Minister in 2004–05 what was the —

- (a) date;
- (b) carrier;
- (c) destination;
- (d) cost; and
- (e) purpose.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

No chartered flights were used by me between 25 January 2005 (the date on which I became Minister for this portfolio) and 30 June 2005.

**Manufacturing and export: charter flights**

**7561. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Manufacturing and Export): In relation to all chartered flights, including helicopters and light planes used by the Minister in 2004–05 what was the —

- (a) date;
- (b) carrier;
- (c) destination;
- (d) cost; and
- (e) purpose.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

No chartered flights were used by me between 25 January 2005 (the date on which I became Minister for this portfolio) and 30 June 2005.

**Small business: charter flights**

**7562. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Small Business): In relation to all chartered flights, including helicopters and light planes used by the Minister in 2004–05 what was the —

- (a) date;
- (b) carrier;
- (c) destination;
- (d) cost; and
- (e) purpose.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

No chartered flights were used by me between 25 January 2005 (the date on which I became Minister for this portfolio) and 30 June 2005.

**Financial services: media research and public opinion polling**

**7601. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Financial Services Industry): For each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration, what are the details of all media research and public opinion polling conducted in 2004–05, including —

- (a) the title of each poll or item of research;
- (b) the date approved and duration of contract;
- (c) the cost;
- (d) the personnel conducting the project;
- (e) whether it was put to tender;
- (f) recommendations made; and
- (g) any actions taken by the department or Minister.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

To answer this question in the specific manner sought by the Member would require all unjustifiable diversion of departmental resources. The Department’s financial reports are contained in its annual report.

**Manufacturing and export: media research and public opinion polling**

**7603. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Manufacturing and Export): For each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration, what are the details of all media research and public opinion polling conducted in 2004–05, including —

- (a) the title of each poll or item of research;
- (b) the date approved and duration of contract;
- (c) the cost;
- (d) the personnel conducting the project;
- (e) whether it was put to tender;
- (f) recommendations made; and
- (g) any actions taken by the department or Minister.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

To answer this question in the specific manner sought by the Member would require all unjustifiable diversion of departmental resources. The Department's financial reports are contained in its annual report.

**Small business: media research and public opinion polling**

**7604. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Small Business): For each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration, what are the details of all media research and public opinion polling conducted in 2004–05, including —

- (a) the title of each poll or item of research;
- (b) the date approved and duration of contract;
- (c) the cost;
- (d) the personnel conducting the project;
- (e) whether it was put to tender;
- (f) recommendations made; and
- (g) any actions taken by the department or Minister.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

To answer this question in the specific manner sought by the Member would require all unjustifiable diversion of departmental resources. The Department's financial reports are contained in its annual report.

**Consumer affairs: media research and public opinion polling**

**7607. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs: For each department, agency and authority within the Minister's administration, what are the details of all media research and public opinion polling conducted in 2004–05, including —

- (a) the title of each poll or item of research;
- (b) the date approved and duration of contract;
- (c) the cost;
- (d) the personnel conducting the project;
- (e) whether it was put to tender;
- (f) recommendations made; and
- (g) any actions taken by the department or Minister.



**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

There was no media research or public opinion polling conducted by any agency or authority within my administration as Minister for Consumer Affairs in 2004–05.

**Financial services: minister's office — international travel**

**7643. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Financial Services Industry): What was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all international travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Hon. Member's question is part of a plethora of questions to Ministers regarding travel expenses. The Government cannot justify diversion of the Department's time and resources required to gather this information as part of a fishing expedition.

**Manufacturing and export: minister's office — international travel**

**7645. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Manufacturing and Export): What was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all international travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Hon. Member's question is part of a plethora of questions to Ministers regarding travel expenses. The Government cannot justify diversion of the Department's time and resources required to gather this information as part of a fishing expedition.

**Small business: minister's office — international travel**

**7646. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Small Business): What was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all international travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Hon. Member's question is part of a plethora of questions to Ministers regarding travel expenses. The Government cannot justify diversion of the Department's time and resources required to gather this information as part of a fishing expedition.

**Financial services: minister's office — interstate travel**

**7685. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Financial Services Industry): What was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all interstate travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Hon. Member's question is part of a plethora of questions to Ministers regarding travel expenses. The Government cannot justify diversion of the Department's time and resources required to gather this information as part of a fishing expedition.

**Manufacturing and export: minister's office — interstate travel**

**7687. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Manufacturing and Export): What was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all interstate travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Hon. Member's question is part of a plethora of questions to Ministers regarding travel expenses. The Government cannot justify diversion of the Department's time and resources required to gather this information as part of a fishing expedition.

**Small business: minister's office — interstate travel**

**7688. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Small Business): What was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all interstate travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Hon. Member's question is part of a plethora of questions to Ministers regarding travel expenses. The Government cannot justify diversion of the Department's time and resources required to gather this information as part of a fishing expedition.

**Financial services: minister's office — intrastate travel**

**7727. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Financial Services Industry): What was the cost, including airfares, air charter, accommodation and expenses of all intrastate travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Hon. Member's question is part of a plethora of questions to Ministers regarding travel expenses. The Government cannot justify diversion of the Department's time and resources required to gather this information as part of a fishing expedition.

**Manufacturing and export: minister's office — intrastate travel**

**7729. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Manufacturing and Export): What was the cost, including airfares, air charter, accommodation and expenses of all intrastate travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Hon. Member's question is part of a plethora of questions to Ministers regarding travel expenses. The Government cannot justify diversion of the Department's time and resources required to gather this information as part of a fishing expedition.

**Small business: minister's office — intrastate travel**

**7730. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Small Business): What was the cost, including airfares, air charter, accommodation and expenses of all intrastate travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Hon. Member's question is part of a plethora of questions to Ministers regarding travel expenses. The Government cannot justify diversion of the Department's time and resources required to gather this information as part of a fishing expedition.

**Attorney-General: minister's office — entertainment expenses**

**7756. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2005.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

According to the financial records of the Department of Justice, there were no entertainment expenses incurred in 2005.

**Financial services: minister's office — entertainment expenses**

**7769. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Financial Services Industry): What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2005.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Hon. Member's question is part of a plethora of questions to Multiple Ministers regarding catering and entertainment expenses. The Government cannot justify diversion of the Department's time and resources required to gather this information for a fishing expedition.

**Manufacturing and export: minister's office — entertainment expenses**

**7771. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Manufacturing and Export): What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2005.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Hon. Member's question is part of a plethora of questions to Multiple Ministers regarding catering and entertainment expenses. The Government cannot justify diversion of the Department's time and resources required to gather this information for a fishing expedition.

**Small business: minister's office — entertainment expenses**

**7772. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Small Business): What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2005.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Hon. Member's question is part of a plethora of questions to Multiple Ministers regarding catering and entertainment expenses. The Government cannot justify diversion of the Department's time and resources required to gather this information for a fishing expedition.

**Attorney-General: minister's office — alcohol purchases**

**7798. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol in 2005.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

According to the financial records of the Department of Justice, no alcohol expenses were incurred in 2005.

**Financial services: minister's office — alcohol purchases**

**7811. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Financial Services Industry): What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol in 2005.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Hon. Member's question is one of a plethora of questions to Ministers regarding such expenses. The Government cannot justify diversion of the Department's time and resources required to gather this information in response to a speculative trawling exercise.

**Manufacturing and export: minister's office — alcohol purchases**

**7813. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Manufacturing and Export): What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol in 2005.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Hon. Member's question is one of a plethora of questions to Ministers regarding such expenses. The Government cannot justify diversion of the Department's time and resources required to gather this information in response to a speculative trawling exercise.

**Small business: minister's office — alcohol purchases**

**7814. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Small Business): What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol in 2005.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Hon. Member's question is one of a plethora of questions to Ministers regarding such expenses. The Government cannot justify diversion of the Department's time and resources required to gather this information in response to a speculative trawling exercise.

**Financial services: minister's office — alcohol purchases**

**7853. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Financial Services Industry): What expenses were incurred by each Department and Agency for the purchase of alcohol for the Minister ministerial staff and the Minister's office in 2004–05.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Hon. Member's question is one of a plethora of questions to Ministers regarding such expenses. The Government cannot justify diversion of the Department's time and resources required to gather this information in response to a speculative trawling exercise.

**Manufacturing and export: minister's office — alcohol purchases**

**7855. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Manufacturing and Export): What expenses were incurred by each Department and Agency for the purchase of alcohol for the Minister ministerial staff and the Minister's office in 2004–05.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Hon. Member's question is one of a plethora of questions to Ministers regarding such expenses. The Government cannot justify diversion of the Department's time and resources required to gather this information in response to a speculative trawling exercise.

**Small business: minister's office — alcohol purchases**

**7856. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Small Business): What expenses were incurred by each Department and Agency for the purchase of alcohol for the Minister ministerial staff and the Minister's office in 2004–05.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Hon. Member's question is one of a plethora of questions to Ministers regarding such expenses. The Government cannot justify diversion of the Department's time and resources required to gather this information in response to a speculative trawling exercise.

**Attorney-General: ministerial staff — cost**

**7882. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): What was the total cost associated with the engagement of ministerial staff, including salaries, superannuation and WorkCover in 2005.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Ministerial Staff are employed by the Premier.

**Attorney-General: ministerial staff — number**

**7924. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): How many ministerial staff were employed by the Minister at 1 March 2006.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Ministerial staff are employed by the Premier.

**Sport and recreation: ministerial staff**

**8024. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation:

- (1) How many ministerial staff (in full-time equivalent terms) did the Minister have in relation to all of his Ministerial capacities as at 30 June 2005.
- (2) How many ministerial staff (in full-time equivalent terms) did the Minister have in relation to all of his Ministerial capacities as at 2 May 2006.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Six
- (2) Six

**Gaming: ministerial staff**

**8026. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Gaming):

- (1) How many ministerial staff (in full-time equivalent terms) did the Minister have in relation to all of his Ministerial capacities as at 30 June 2005.

- (2) How many ministerial staff (in full-time equivalent terms) did the Minister have in relation to all of his Ministerial capacities as at 2 May 2006.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

I refer you to the Victorian Government Directory 2005/ 2006.

**Children: Shannon's Way Pty Ltd — payments**

**8043. THE HON. GRAEME STONEY** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Children): In relation to payments made to Shannon's Way Pty Ltd by the Minister's department or private office or agency or statutory body under the Minister's administration for each project since 1 January 2005:

- (1) What amount was paid.
- (2) On what dates were the payments made.
- (3) What was the purpose of the project.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) No payments have been made to the company by the private office.

This information is not routinely collected from agencies or statutory bodies within my portfolio and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

(2) & (3)

Information on all consultancies engaged by the Department of Human Services during this period will be referred to in the relevant Department of Human Services Annual Reports.

**Community services: Shannon's Way Pty Ltd — payments**

**8044. THE HON. GRAEME STONEY** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to payments made to Shannon's Way Pty Ltd by the Minister's department or private office or agency or statutory body under the Minister's administration for each project since 1 January 2005:

- (1) What amount was paid.
- (2) On what dates were the payments made.
- (3) What was the purpose of the project.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) No payments have been made to the company by the private office.

This information is not routinely collected from agencies or statutory bodies within my portfolio and the resources required to collect it could not be justified.

(2) & (3)

Information on all consultancies engaged by the Department of Human Services during this period will be referred to in the relevant Department of Human Services Annual Reports.

**Treasurer: Shannon's Way Pty Ltd — payments**

**8066. THE HON. GRAEME STONEY** — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): In relation to payments made to Shannon's Way Pty Ltd by the Treasurer's department or private office or agency or statutory body under the Treasurer's administration for each project since 1 January 2005:

- (1) What amount was paid.
- (2) On what dates were the payments made.
- (3) What was the purpose of the project.

**ANSWER:**

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

There were no payments made to Shannon's Way Pty Ltd.

**Finance: public tenders**

**8084. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD** — To ask the Minister for Finance:

- (1) What were the thirty-one requisition approvals in 2004–05 which were exempt from public tender, as shown on page 25 of the Victorian Government Purchasing Board 2004–05 Annual Report.
- (2) Why were each of these requisition approvals exempt from public tender.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1) Contracts that have been awarded without going out to tender are all identified in the relevant departmental reporting processes and appear on the contracts publishing system web site.
- (2) Grounds for an exemption from the Victorian Government Purchasing Board's public tendering requirements include, but are not limited to:
  - matters of extreme urgency including matters of public health, security or safety
  - where the goods and/or services are required to be compatible with existing information technology environments
  - where no reasonable alternative or substitute goods or services exist.

As set out in the annual report.

**Housing: asset sales**

**8090. THE HON. RON BOWDEN** — To ask the Minister for Housing: What asset sales have taken place since 30 June 2004, detailing —

- (a) the sale price;
- (b) the buyer of the asset;
- (c) whether there was a tender process; and
- (d) the valuation of the asset prior to sale.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:



The Office of Housing disposes of assets consistent with Victorian Government Land Monitor guidelines.

The time and resources necessary to obtain and collate detailed information on individual sales that have taken place since 30 June 2004 cannot be justified.

Further, the provision of details of specific sales, including, prices and buyer information, cannot be provided for privacy reasons.

**Housing: property decommissioning**

**8091. THE HON. RON BOWDEN** — To ask the Minister for Housing: How many properties currently owned by the Office of Housing have been decommissioned from 1 July 2005 to present.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Information relating to the Office of Housing’s disposals program can be obtained from the Annual Summary of Housing Assistance Programs via the Office of Housing web site at [www.housing.vic.gov.au](http://www.housing.vic.gov.au).

The 2005-06 information will be available in the Summary of Assistance Programs for 2005-06 which will be published after the end of the financial year.

**Housing: transitional housing managers**

**8094. THE HON. RON BOWDEN** — To ask the Minister for Housing: What is the number of public housing properties now being managed by transitional housing managers.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

As of the end of 2004-2005 there were 3,586 public housing properties managed by transitional housing managers.

**Housing: Office of Housing — staffing levels**

**8097. THE HON. RON BOWDEN** — To ask the Minister for Housing: What are the details relating to staffing levels in the Office of Housing for —

- (a) 2003–04;
- (b) 2004–05; and
- (c) 1 July 2005 to 1 June 2006.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Financial Year	FTE Full Time Equivalent	Date of Count
(a) 2003–04	983.9	30 June 2004
(b) 2004–05	937	30 June 2005
(c) 2005–06 to 31 May 06	919.8	31 May 2006

**Health: HealthSMART — tender**

**8132. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to the HealthSMART tender process:

- (1) How many Departmental Officers have signed a conflict of interest declaration.
- (2) What is the number of identified and recorded instances of conflict of interest, either material or non-material, by the Chair of the Procurement Team.
- (3) On what date did Anthony Bibby sign his conflict of interest declaration.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) All Departmental Officers within the Office of Health Information Systems, the area of the Department responsible for implementing HealthSMART, and those who are members of the Board of Health Information Systems have signed Conflict of Interest Declarations.
- (2) Only one Conflict of Interest was identified or recorded by the Project Coordinating Committee and responsible Steering Committee.
- (3) Mr Bibby signed his initial Conflict of Interest Declaration on 6 April 2004. This document was refreshed on 26 May 2004 and 11 October 2005 as part of an update process to ensure currency of Conflict of Interest documentation.

**Health: HealthSMART — contracts**

**8133. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to the HealthSMART program:

- (1) How many contracts have been allocated since the program was announced on 13 February 2006.
- (2) How many consultants have been engaged since the program was announced on 13 February 2006.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) In relation to the HealthSMART Program 10 contracts in total have been executed since 13 February 2006.
- (2) The HealthSMART Program has not engaged any consultants, as defined by the Procurement Policies of the Victorian Government Purchasing Board created under the Financial Management Act, since 13 February 2006.

**Health: patient and client management system contract**

**8134. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): Does the \$22.5 million allocated to the Provision of Patient and Client Management Systems contract, include total implementation costs and all future training costs for each Victorian Hospital.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The \$ 22.5 million allocated for the provision of Patient and Client Management Systems includes the following items:

- Software Licensing costs
- Victorian Statewide Footprint Development.
- Functional Gap development works
- Annual Support and Maintenance costs (5 years)
- Hospital Implementation Planning Study Costs
- Hospital Implementation costs including related training

Implementation at each agency (hospital or health service) must involve staff from the agency to ensure the system is implemented in a way that best meets their needs. These costs are outside the contract.

**Health: patient and client management system contract**

**8135. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to the HealthSMART project and the Provision of Patient and Client Management Systems contract:

- (1) What are the functional technology specifications included in the existing contract.
- (2) Why was the successful tenderer for the contract, iSOFT, announced in February 2006, when the contract was signed by the Secretary, Department of Human Services on 2 December 2005.
- (3) Why did the Department state in the *Australian Financial Review* in February that the contract had not been signed, when in fact it was signed in December 2005.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The functional technology specifications included in the existing Patient and Client Management System contract are those that were issued in the Department's Request for Tender T 3101, which was publicly advertised on 06 August 2004.
- (2) The Patient and Client Management System Tender T3101 resulted in the awarding of two contracts:
  - one for the provision of the integrated Patient and Client Management System which was awarded to iSOFT and was executed on 2 December 2005; and
  - one for the provision of a stand alone Client Management System for Community use which was awarded to TrakHealth and was executed on 16 February 2006.

DHS chose not to announce the successful vendors of each contract until the whole tender process was complete. This did not occur until the TrakHealth contract was ready for execution in February 2006.

- (3) In October 2005 iSOFT UK made an announcement to the UK Stock Exchange that their Australian subsidiary had secured a contract with the Victorian Department of Human Services for the provision of the integrated Patient and Client Management System.

The AFR sought comment from the Department with the journalist specifically asking if the contract had been signed in October when iSOFT UK made the announcement to the UK Stock Exchange.

The AFR journalist was told the contract had not been executed at the time iSOFT UK made the announcement. The AFR journalist then asked if the contract had since been executed and was told that we were unable to comment because the overall Tender process was still in train.

This information was not represented accurately in the Australian Financial Review article in February 2006.

**Victorian communities: Victoria Grants Commission — entertainment expenses**

**8307. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Victorian Communities): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005-06 by the Victorian Grants Commission, what were the:

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

**ANSWER:**

I do not have portfolio responsibility for the Victoria Grants Commission.

**Treasurer: Victorian Managed Insurance Authority — entertainment expenses**

**8317. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005-06 by the Victorian Managed Insurance Authority, what were the:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The organisation to which you refer does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

**Treasurer: Victorian Government Purchasing Board — entertainment expenses**

**8318. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005-06 by the Victorian Government Purchasing Board, what were the:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The organisation to which you refer does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

**Treasurer: Transport Accident Commission — entertainment expenses**

**8319. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005-06 by the Transport Accident Commission, what were the:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The organisation to which you refer does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

**Treasurer: Parliamentary Trustee — entertainment expenses**

**8321. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005-06 by the Parliamentary Trustee, what were the:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The organisation to which you refer does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

**Treasurer: Government Superannuation Office — entertainment expenses**

**8323. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005-06 by the Government Superannuation Office, what were the:

- (a) total costs; and

- (b) itemised details of all expenditure in excess of \$500, including the —
  - (i) date;
  - (ii) cost;
  - (iii) number of guests;
  - (iv) purpose; and
  - (v) name of service provider.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The organisation to which you refer does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

**Treasurer: Essential Services Commission — entertainment expenses**

**8324. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005-06 by the Essential Services Commission, what were the:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The organisation to which you refer does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

**Treasurer: Emergency Services Superannuation Scheme — entertainment expenses**

**8325. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005-06 by the Emergency Services Superannuation Scheme, what were the:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The organisation to which you refer does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

**Treasurer: Emergency Services Superannuation Scheme — communications staff**

**8620. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Emergency Services Superannuation Scheme are engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.
- (2) What is the salary band for each of these officers.
- (3) What is the job title for each of these officers.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The organisation to which you refer does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

**Treasurer: Essential Services Commission — communications staff**

**8621. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Essential Services Commission are engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.
- (2) What is the salary band for each of these officers.
- (3) What is the job title for each of these officers.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The organisation to which you refer does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

**Treasurer: Government Superannuation Office — communications staff**

**8622. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Government Superannuation Office are engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.
- (2) What is the salary band for each of these officers.
- (3) What is the job title for each of these officers.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The organisation to which you refer does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

**Treasurer: Parliamentary Trustee — communications staff**

**8625. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the The Parliamentary Trustee are engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.

- (2) What is the salary band for each of these officers.
- (3) What is the job title for each of these officers.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The organisation to which you refer does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

**Treasurer: Transport Accident Commission — communications staff**

**8627. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Transport Accident Commission are engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.
- (2) What is the salary band for each of these officers.
- (3) What is the job title for each of these officers.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The organisation to which you refer does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

**Treasurer: Victorian Government Purchasing Board — communications staff**

**8629. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Victorian Government Purchasing Board are engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.
- (2) What is the salary band for each of these officers.
- (3) What is the job title for each of these officers.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The organisation to which you refer does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

**Treasurer: Victorian Managed Insurance Authority — communications staff**

**8630. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Victorian Managed Insurance Authority are engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.
- (2) What is the salary band for each of these officers.
- (3) What is the job title for each of these officers.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:



The organisation to which you refer does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

**Victorian communities: Victoria Grants Commission — communications staff**

**8646. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Victorian Communities): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Victorian Grants Commission are engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.
- (2) What is the salary band for each of these officers.
- (3) What is the job title for each of these officers.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

I do not have portfolio responsibility for the Victoria Grants Commission.



**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.*

**Wednesday, 9 August 2006**

**Attorney-General: Equal Opportunity Commission — external legal advice**

**2829. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): What has been the expenditure by the Equal Opportunity Commission on external legal advice since 1 January 2003 to date.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

The Equal Opportunity Commission's legal advice costs are recorded in its 2002-03 and 2003-04 Annual Reports as a component of professional services costs.

I cannot justify the diversion of public time and resources required to obtain more specific information.

**Attorney-General: Legal Practice Board — external legal advice**

**2831. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): What has been the expenditure by the Legal Practice Board on external legal advice since 1 January 2003 to date.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

The Legal Practice Board's legal advice costs are recorded in its 2002-03 and 2003-04 Annual Reports as a component of consultancy and legal fees. The figures also include the Legal Profession Tribunal's fees.

I cannot justify the diversion of public time and resources required to obtain more specific information.

**Attorney-General: Legal Profession Tribunal — external legal advice**

**2832. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): What has been the expenditure by the Legal Profession Tribunal on external legal advice since 1 January 2003 to date.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

The Legal Profession Tribunal's legal advice costs are recorded in the Legal Practice Board's 2002-03 and 2003-04 Annual Reports as a component of consultancy and legal fees. The figures also include the Legal Practice Board's fees.

I cannot justify the diversion of public time and resources required to obtain more specific information.

**Attorney-General: Office of the Victorian Privacy Commissioner — external legal advice**

**2834. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): What has been the expenditure by the Office of the Victorian Privacy Commissioner on external legal advice since 1 January 2003 to date.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

The Office of the Victorian Privacy Commissioner's legal advice costs are recorded in its 2002-03 and 2003-04 Annual Reports as a component of 'other expenses'.

I cannot justify the diversion of public time and resources required to obtain more specific information.

**Attorney-General: Office of the Public Advocate — external legal advice**

**2835. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): What has been the expenditure by the Office of the Public Advocate on external legal advice since 1 January 2003 to date.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

The Office of the Public Advocate's legal advice costs are recorded in its 2002-03 and 2003-04 Annual Reports as a component of professional services costs.

I cannot justify the diversion of public time and resources required to obtain more specific information.

**Attorney-General: Victoria Legal Aid — external legal advice**

**2837. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): What has been the expenditure by Victorian Legal Aid on external legal advice since 1 January 2003 to date.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

The correct title of the statutory authority you refer to is Victoria Legal Aid.

Victoria Legal Aid's legal advice costs are recorded in its 2002-03 and 2003-04 Annual Reports as legal fees.

I cannot justify the diversion of public time and resources required to obtain more specific information.

**Attorney-General: Victorian Law Reform Commission — external legal advice**

**2838. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): What has been the expenditure by the Victorian Law Reform Commission on external legal advice since 1 January 2003 to date.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

The Victorian Law Reform Commission's legal advice costs are recorded in its 2002-03 and 2003-04 Annual Reports as a component of professional fees.

I cannot justify the diversion of public time and resources required to obtain more specific information.

**Attorney-General: Office of the Public Advocate — external legal advice**

**5509. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): How much has been spent by the Office of the Public Advocate on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

The Office of the Public Advocate's legal advice costs are recorded in its 2003-04 and 2004-05 Annual Reports as a component of professional services costs. The remainder of the period in question will be available in the 2005-06 Annual Report.

I cannot justify the diversion of public time and resources required to obtain more specific information.

**Attorney-General: Victoria Legal Aid — external legal advice**

**5511. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): How much has been spent by Victorian Legal Aid on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

The correct title of the statutory authority you refer to is Victoria Legal Aid.

Victoria Legal Aid's legal advice costs are recorded in its 2003-04 and 2004-05 Annual Reports as legal fees. The remainder of the period in question will be available in the 2005-06 Annual Report.

I cannot justify the diversion of public time and resources required to obtain more specific information.

**Environment: Alpine Resorts Coordinating Council — external legal advice**

**5580. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the Alpine Resorts Coordinating Council on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Falls Creek Alpine Resort Management Board — external legal advice**

**5581. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the Falls Creek Alpine Resort Management Board on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Lake Mountain Alpine Resort Management Board — external legal advice**

**5582. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the Lake Mountain Alpine Resort Management Board on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Mount Baw Baw Alpine Resort Management Board — external legal advice**

**5583. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the Mount Baw Baw Alpine Resort Management Board on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Mount Buller Alpine Resort Management Board — external legal advice**

**5584. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the Mount Buller Alpine Resort Management Board on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Mount Hotham Alpine Resort Management Board — external legal advice**

**5585. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the Mount Hotham Alpine Resort Management Board on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Mount Stirling Alpine Resort Management Board — external legal advice**

**5586. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the Mount Stirling Alpine Resort Management Board on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: EcoRecycle Victoria — external legal advice**

**5592. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by EcoRecycle Victoria on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Environment Protection Authority — external legal advice**

**5593. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the Environment Protection Authority on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Environment Protection Board — external legal advice**

**5594. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the Environment Protection Board on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: National Parks Advisory Council — external legal advice**

**5595. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the National Parks Advisory Council on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Parks Victoria — external legal advice**

**5596. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by Parks Victoria on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Reference Areas Advisory Committee — external legal advice**

**5597. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the Reference Areas Advisory Committee on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Royal Botanic Gardens Board — external legal advice**

**5598. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the Royal Botanic Gardens Board on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Scientific Advisory Committee — external legal advice**

**5599. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the Scientific Advisory Committee on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.



**Environment: Sustainable Energy Authority Victoria — external legal advice**

**5600. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the Sustainable Energy Authority Victoria on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Trust for Nature — external legal advice**

**5602. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the Trust for Nature on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Corangamite Catchment Management Authority — external legal advice**

**5603. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority — external legal advice**

**5604. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Glenelg-Hopkins Catchment Management Authority — external legal advice**

**5609. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the Glenelg-Hopkins Catchment Management Authority on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Goulburn-Broken Catchment Management Authority — external legal advice**

**5610. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the Goulburn-Broken Catchment Management Authority on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Mallee Catchment Management Authority — external legal advice**

**5611. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the Mallee Catchment Management Authority on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: North Central Catchment Management Authority — external legal advice**

**5612. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the North Central Catchment Management Authority on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: North East Catchment Management Authority — external legal advice**

**5613. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the North East Catchment Management Authority on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority — external legal advice**

**5614. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority — external legal advice**

**5615. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Wimmera Catchment Management Authority — external legal advice**

**5616. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the Wimmera Catchment Management Authority on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Victorian Catchment Management Council — external legal advice**

**5617. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the Victorian Catchment Management Council on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Victorian Coastal Council — external legal advice**

**5618. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the Victorian Coastal Council on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Victorian Environment Assessment Council — external legal advice**

**5619. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the Victorian Environment Assessment Council on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Central Coastal Board — external legal advice**

**5620. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the Central Coastal Board on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Gippsland Coastal Board — external legal advice**

**5621. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the Gippsland Coastal Board on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Western Coastal Board — external legal advice**

**5622. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the Western Coastal Board on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Barwon Water — external legal advice**

**5623. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by Barwon Water on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Gippsland Water — external legal advice**

**5624. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by Gippsland Water on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Central Highlands Water — external legal advice**

**5625. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by Central Highlands Water on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Coliban Water — external legal advice**

**5626. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by Coliban Water on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Planning: Building Appeals Board — interstate travel**

**6359. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to interstate travel by the Building Appeals Board for 2004–05:

- (1) How many trips were undertaken.
- (2) What were the destinations.
- (3) What was the purpose of each visit.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel, including —
  - (a) airfares;
  - (b) car rental and hire cars, including the type of cars rented or hired;
  - (c) taxis;
  - (d) accommodation, including the name of the establishment and itemised costs;
  - (e) entertainment, including its nature, the venue and itemised costs; and
  - (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Building Appeals Board did not undertake any interstate travel during the 2004–05 financial year.

**Planning: Building Commission — interstate travel**

**6360. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to interstate travel by the Building Commission for 2004–05:

- (1) How many trips were undertaken.
- (2) What were the destinations.
- (3) What was the purpose of each visit.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel, including —
  - (a) airfares;
  - (b) car rental and hire cars, including the type of cars rented or hired;
  - (c) taxis;
  - (d) accommodation, including the name of the establishment and itemised costs;
  - (e) entertainment, including its nature, the venue and itemised costs; and
  - (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Building Commission is a self-funded statutory authority whose income is largely derived from building permit levy and building practitioner registration fees.

- (1) The Building Commission undertook 130 interstate trips during the 2004–05 financial year.
- (2) Destinations included Canberra, Sydney, Perth, Hobart, Darwin and Brisbane.
- (3) In general, the Building Commission represents Victoria’s interests on a number of national building related boards and committees such the Australian Building Codes Board, Green Building Council of Australia, Australian Procurement and Construction Council, Cooperative Research Centre for Construction Innovation, Building Access Policy Committee, just to name a few. Its officers also from time to time attend and deliver keynote addresses at national building conferences.
- (4) The total cost of airfares for the 2004–05 financial year was approximately \$68,000. The Building Commission is not in a position to provide a further breakdown of travel costs because the research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.
- (5) No family members, associates or guests accompanied Building Commission staff on interstate trips.

**Planning: Building Practitioners Board — interstate travel**

**6361. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to interstate travel by the Building Practitioners Board for 2004–05:

- (1) How many trips were undertaken.
- (2) What were the destinations.
- (3) What was the purpose of each visit.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel, including —
  - (a) airfares;
  - (b) car rental and hire cars, including the type of cars rented or hired;
  - (c) taxis;
  - (d) accommodation, including the name of the establishment and itemised costs;
  - (e) entertainment, including its nature, the venue and itemised costs; and
  - (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Building Practitioners Board did not undertake any interstate travel in the 2004–05 financial year.

**Planning: Building Regulations Advisory Committee — interstate travel**

**6362. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to interstate travel by the Building Regulations Advisory Committee for 2004–05:

- (1) How many trips were undertaken.
- (2) What were the destinations.
- (3) What was the purpose of each visit.

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Building Regulations Advisory Committee did not undertake any interstate travel in the 2004–05 financial year.

**Planning: Heritage Council — interstate travel**

**6363. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to interstate travel by the Heritage Council for 2004–05:

- (1) How many trips were undertaken.
- (2) What were the destinations.
- (3) What was the purpose of each visit.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel, including —
  - (a) airfares;
  - (b) car rental and hire cars, including the type of cars rented or hired;
  - (c) taxis;
  - (d) accommodation, including the name of the establishment and itemised costs;
  - (e) entertainment, including its nature, the venue and itemised costs; and
  - (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

For the Heritage Council the following interstate travel was completed:

1. Two trips were undertaken
2. The trips were to Canberra (16.9.04 – 17.9.04) and Alice Springs (29.3.05 – 3.4.05)
3. The purpose of each visit was to attend a meeting of the Heritage Chairs and Officials of Australia and New Zealand (HCOANZ)
4. The costs associated with each trip included:



	CANBERRA - Mr Peter Hiscock, Deputy Chair Heritage Council	ALICE SPRINGS – Ms Chris Gallagher, Chair Heritage Council
a. Airfares	Nil (travel by car)	\$542.85
b. car rental/ hire cars	\$299.20 (Mileage in lieu of airfare)	Nil
c. Taxis	Nil	Return trips between Hawthorn and Tullamarine (approx \$80) Return trips between Alice Springs airport and hotel (approx \$30)
d. Accommodation	\$348.00	\$500
e. Entertainment	Nil	Nil
f. Other expenses	Nil	\$4.75 (telephone, papers)

5. Mr Hiscock was accompanied by one family member on the trip to Canberra at no additional costs to the Heritage Council.

**Planning: Plumbing Industry Advisory Council — interstate travel**

**6364. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to interstate travel by the Plumbing Industry Advisory Council for 2004–05:

- (1) How many trips were undertaken.
- (2) What were the destinations.
- (3) What was the purpose of each visit.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel, including —
  - (a) airfares;
  - (b) car rental and hire cars, including the type of cars rented or hired;
  - (c) taxis;
  - (d) accommodation, including the name of the establishment and itemised costs;
  - (e) entertainment, including its nature, the venue and itemised costs; and
  - (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The Plumbing Industry Advisory Council undertook 6 interstate trips during the 2004–05 financial year.
- (2) Destinations included Sydney, Hobart, Brisbane and Auckland.
- (3) The Plumbing Industry Advisory Council is responsible for providing advice to the Plumbing Industry Commission and to the Minister on plumbing related matters. From time to time the members attend interstate plumbing related meetings.
- (4) The total cost of airfares for the 2004–05 financial year was approximately \$6,000. The Plumbing Industry Advisory Council's accounts are managed by the Plumbing Industry Commission. The Plumbing Industry

Commission is not in a position to provide a further breakdown of travel costs because the research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on time and resources.

- (5) On one occasion a staff member was accompanied by a family member at no cost to the Plumbing Industry Advisory Council.

**Planning: Plumbing Industry Commission — interstate travel**

**6365. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to interstate travel by the Plumbing Industry Commission for 2004–05:

- (1) How many trips were undertaken.
- (2) What were the destinations.
- (3) What was the purpose of each visit.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel, including —
  - (a) airfares;
  - (b) car rental and hire cars, including the type of cars rented or hired;
  - (c) taxis;
  - (d) accommodation, including the name of the establishment and itemised costs;
  - (e) entertainment, including its nature, the venue and itemised costs; and
  - (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The Plumbing Industry Commission undertook 42 interstate trips during the 2004–05 financial year.
- (2) Destinations included Sydney, Perth, Hobart, Brisbane, Adelaide and Auckland.
- (3) In general, the Plumbing Industry Commission represents Victoria’s interests on a number of plumbing related committees such the National Plumbing Regulators Forum, Australia New Zealand Reciprocity Association and the Australian Standards Committees. Its officers also from time to time participate in plumbing related conferences and seminars.
- (4) The total cost of airfares for the 2004–05 financial year was approximately \$40,000. The Plumbing Industry Commission is not in a position to provide a further breakdown of travel costs because the research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on time and resources.
- (5) On five occasions Plumbing Industry Commission officers were accompanied by a family member at no cost to the Plumbing Industry Commission.

**Planning: Surveyors Registration Board of Victoria — interstate travel**

**6366. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to interstate travel by the Surveyors Board for 2004–05:

- (1) How many trips were undertaken.
- (2) What were the destinations.
- (3) What was the purpose of each visit.

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

1. One interstate trip was made by a Surveyors Registration Board of Victoria staff member.
2. The destination was Perth, Western Australia.
3. The purpose of the visit was to participate in the annual conference of the Council of Reciprocating Surveyors Board of Australia and New Zealand, the umbrella body of Australian jurisdictions and New Zealand, responsible for the regulation and mutual recognition of licensed surveyors.
4. The costs associated with the travel were:
  - a. airfares - \$434
  - b. car rental - nil
  - c. taxis - \$80
  - d. accommodation and meals – \$234 (two nights and 1 breakfast)
  - e. entertainment – \$42 (attendance at CRSBANZ annual dinner)
  - f. other expenses – nil
5. No family members accompanied SRBV staff to Perth.

**Planning: Architects Registration Board of Victoria — overseas travel**

**7007. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to overseas travel by the Architects Registration Board for 2004–05:

- (1) How many trips were undertaken.
- (2) What were the destinations.
- (3) What was the purpose of each visit.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel, including —
  - (a) airfares;
  - (b) car rental and hire cars, including the type of cars rented or hired;
  - (c) taxis;
  - (d) accommodation, including the name of the establishment and itemised costs;
  - (e) entertainment, including its nature, the venue and itemised costs; and
  - (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Summary information regarding overseas travel is contained in the additional information collated for (but not included in) the Architects Registration Board Annual Report 2004–05. A copy of this information, which is publicly available, can be requested from the Architects Registration Board subject to the Freedom of Information Act 1982.

**Planning: building advisory committee — overseas travel**

**7008. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to overseas travel by the Building Advisory Committee for 2004–05:

- (1) How many trips were undertaken.
- (2) What were the destinations.
- (3) What was the purpose of each visit.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel, including —
  - (a) airfares;
  - (b) car rental and hire cars, including the type of cars rented or hired;
  - (c) taxis;
  - (d) accommodation, including the name of the establishment and itemised costs;
  - (e) entertainment, including its nature, the venue and itemised costs; and
  - (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Summary information regarding overseas travel by the Building Advisory Committee and other bodies administered by the Building Commission is contained in the additional information collated for (but not included in) the Building Commission Annual Report 2004–05. A copy of this information, which is publicly available, can be requested from the Building Commission subject to the Freedom of Information Act 1982.

**Planning: Building Appeals Board — overseas travel**

**7009. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to overseas travel by the Building Appeals Board for 2004–05:

- (1) How many trips were undertaken.
- (2) What were the destinations.
- (3) What was the purpose of each visit.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel, including —
  - (a) airfares;
  - (b) car rental and hire cars, including the type of cars rented or hired;
  - (c) taxis;
  - (d) accommodation, including the name of the establishment and itemised costs;
  - (e) entertainment, including its nature, the venue and itemised costs; and

- (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Summary information regarding overseas travel by the Building Appeals Board and other bodies administered by the Building Commission is contained in the additional information collated for (but not included in) the Building Commission Annual Report 2004–05. A copy of this information, which is publicly available, can be requested from the Building Commission subject to the Freedom of Information Act 1982.

**Planning: Building Commission — overseas travel**

**7010. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to overseas travel by the Building Commission for 2004–05:

- (1) How many trips were undertaken.
- (2) What were the destinations.
- (3) What was the purpose of each visit.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel, including —
  - (a) airfares;
  - (b) car rental and hire cars, including the type of cars rented or hired;
  - (c) taxis;
  - (d) accommodation, including the name of the establishment and itemised costs;
  - (e) entertainment, including its nature, the venue and itemised costs; and
  - (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Summary information regarding overseas travel is contained in the additional information collated for (but not included in) the Building Commission Annual Report 2004–05. A copy of this information, which is publicly available, can be requested from the Building Commission subject to the Freedom of Information Act 1982.

**Environment: Mallee Catchment Management Authority — stress-related leave**

**7200. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of the Mallee Catchment Management Authority on stress-related leave in 2004–05, what was the — (i) number of days taken; (ii) estimated cost; and (iii) total number of staff involved.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

No staff members of the Mallee Catchment Management Authority took stress-related leave during the 2004–05 financial year.

**Environment: Western Coastal Board — stress-related leave**

**7211. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of the Western Coastal Board on stress-related leave in 2004–05, what was the — (i) number of days taken; (ii) estimated cost; and (iii) total number of staff involved.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

No staff members of the Western Coastal Board took stress-related leave during the 2004–05 financial year.

**Environment: Central Gippsland Water — stress-related leave**

**7213. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of Central Gippsland Water on stress-related leave in 2004–05, what was the — (i) number of days taken; (ii) estimated cost; and (iii) total number of staff involved.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

No staff members of Central Gippsland Water took stress-related leave in the 2004–05 financial year.

**Environment: Westernport Water — stress-related leave**

**7216. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of Westernport Water on stress-related leave in 2004–05, what was the — (i) number of days taken; (ii) estimated cost; and (iii) total number of staff involved.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

Some stress-related leave was taken by staff of Westernport Water in 2004–05, however disclosing further details of this leave could lead to the identification of an individual. I have, therefore, declined to publicly release this information.

**Environment: Glenelg Water — stress-related leave**

**7217. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of Glenelg Water on stress-related leave in 2004–05, what was the — (i) number of days taken; (ii) estimated cost; and (iii) total number of staff involved.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

No staff members of Glenelg Water took stress-related leave during the 2004–05 financial year.

**Environment: Goulburn Valley Water — stress-related leave**

**7218. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of Goulburn Valley Water on stress-related leave in 2004–05, what was the — (i) number of days taken; (ii) estimated cost; and (iii) total number of staff involved.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

No staff members of Goulburn Valley Water took stress-related leave during the 2004–05 financial year.

**Environment: Portland Coast Water — stress-related leave**

**7222. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of Portland Coast Water on stress-related leave in 2004–05, what was the — (i) number of days taken; (ii) estimated cost; and (iii) total number of staff involved.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

No staff members of Portland Coast Water took stress-related leave during the 2004–05 financial year.

**Environment: South West Water Authority — stress-related leave**

**7223. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of the South West Water Authority on stress-related leave in 2004–05, what was the — (i) number of days taken; (ii) estimated cost; and (iii) total number of staff involved.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

No staff members of South West Water took stress-related leave during the 2004–05 financial year.

**Environment: Western Region Water Authority — stress-related leave**

**7224. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of the Western Region Water Authority on stress-related leave in 2004–05, what was the — (i) number of days taken; (ii) estimated cost; and (iii) total number of staff involved.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

No staff members of Western Region Water Authority took stress-related leave in the 2004–05 financial year.

**Attorney-General: Justice — entertainment expenses**

**7504. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): What was the total amount spent by the Minister’s department on entertainment expenses including alcohol, food, admission to Commonwealth Games events, admission to other entertainment events, special gifts, all transport and corporate box leasing for their invited guests and those who were hosting them at the Commonwealth Games.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

The Victorian Government and the M2006 corporation jointly provided hosting opportunities for ministers and senior departmental officers during the Commonwealth Games.

The entertainment expenses form part of the whole of Games budget.

The accounts are still being received and when collated will be included in the government’s financial report on the Games.

**Planning: Sustainability and Environment — entertainment expenses**

**7506. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): What was the total amount spent by the Minister’s department on entertainment expenses including alcohol, food, admission to Commonwealth Games events, admission to other entertainment events, special gifts, all transport and corporate box leasing for their invited guests and those who were hosting them at the Commonwealth Games.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Victorian Government and the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Corporation provided hosting opportunities for Ministers and senior departmental officers during the Commonwealth Games.

The entertainment expenses form part of the whole-of-Games budget.

These accounts are still being received and, when collated, will be included in the Government’s financial report on the Games.



**Finance: media research and public opinion polling**

**7569. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Finance: For each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration, what are the details of all media research and public opinion polling conducted in 2004–05, including —

- (a) the title of each poll or item of research;
- (b) the date approved and duration of contract;
- (c) the cost;
- (d) the personnel conducting the project;
- (e) whether it was put to tender;
- (f) recommendations made; and
- (g) any actions taken by the department or Minister.

**ANSWER:**

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

The broad nature of the question and given that identical questions have been asked across government indicates that this is not a genuine inquiry but a speculative question and as such a response would require an unreasonable diversion of time and resources.

**Major projects: media research and public opinion polling**

**7570. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: For each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration, what are the details of all media research and public opinion polling conducted in 2004–05, including —

- (a) the title of each poll or item of research;
- (b) the date approved and duration of contract;
- (c) the cost;
- (d) the personnel conducting the project;
- (e) whether it was put to tender;
- (f) recommendations made; and
- (g) any actions taken by the department or Minister.

**ANSWER:**

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

The broad nature of the question and given that identical questions have been asked across government indicates that this is not a genuine inquiry but a speculative question and as such a response would require an unreasonable diversion of time and resources.

**WorkCover and the TAC: media research and public opinion polling**

**7571. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for WorkCover: For each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration, what are the details of all media research and public opinion polling conducted in 2004–05, including —

- (a) the title of each poll or item of research;
- (b) the date approved and duration of contract;
- (c) the cost;

- (d) the personnel conducting the project;
- (e) whether it was put to tender;
- (f) recommendations made; and
- (g) any actions taken by the department or Minister.

**ANSWER:**

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

The broad nature of the question and given that identical questions have been asked across government indicates that this is not a genuine inquiry but a speculative question and as such a response would require an unreasonable diversion of time and resources.

**Victorian communities: minister's office — international travel**

- 7620. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Victorian Communities): What was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all international travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Minister did not travel overseas during that financial year.

**Victorian communities: minister's office — interstate travel**

- 7662. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Victorian Communities): What was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all interstate travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Victoria is leading Australia in strengthening communities and addressing climate change, water use and waste reduction issues. Victoria works constantly with other States and the Commonwealth on further progressing these issues. The costs for this commitment are part of overall Ministerial expenditure.

**Victorian communities: minister's office — intrastate travel**

- 7704. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Victorian Communities): What was the cost, including airfares, air charter, accommodation and expenses of all intrastate travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Bracks Government is committed to governing for all Victorians and ensures that there are regular visits undertaken to regional Victoria. The cost of these visits is part of overall Ministerial expenditure.

**Finance: minister's office — secondments**

**7947. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Finance: How many public servants were on secondment to the Minister's private office at 1 March 2006 and were not counted within the ministerial staffing budget.

**ANSWER:**

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

I am advised that there were no public servants on secondment to my office at 1 March 2006 that were not counted within the ministerial staffing budget.

**Major projects: minister's office — secondments**

**7948. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: How many public servants were on secondment to the Minister's private office at 1 March 2006 and were not counted within the ministerial staffing budget.

**ANSWER:**

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

I am advised that there were no public servants on secondment to my office at 1 March 2006 that were not counted within the ministerial staffing budget.

**WorkCover and the TAC: minister's office — secondments**

**7949. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for WorkCover: How many public servants were on secondment to the Minister's private office at 1 March 2006 and were not counted within the ministerial staffing budget.

**ANSWER:**

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

I am advised that there were no public servants on secondment to my office at 1 March 2006 that were not counted within the ministerial staffing budget.

**Environment: minister's office — secondments**

**7959. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How many public servants were on secondment to the Minister's private office at 1 March 2006 and were not counted within the ministerial staffing budget.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Departments allocate a Department Liaison Officer to Ministers for their portfolios and any additional administrative assistance as required.

**Water: minister's office — secondments**

**7961. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Water): How many public servants were on secondment to the Minister's private office at 1 March 2006 and were not counted within the ministerial staffing budget.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Departments provide Ministers with a Department Liaison Officer for their portfolio areas, and any additional administrative assistance as required.

**Planning: minister's office — secondments**

**7968. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): How many public servants were on secondment to the Minister's private office at 1 March 2006 and were not counted within the ministerial staffing budget.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Departments provide a Department Liaison Officer to Ministers for their portfolio areas, and any additional administrative assistance as required.

**Environment: ministerial staff**

**8011. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for the Environment):

- (1) How many ministerial staff (in full-time equivalent terms) did the Minister have in relation to all of his Ministerial capacities as at 30 June 2005.
- (2) How many ministerial staff (in full-time equivalent terms) did the Minister have in relation to all of his Ministerial capacities as at 2 May 2006.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Consumer affairs: ministerial staff**

**8028. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs:

- (1) How many ministerial staff (in full-time equivalent terms) did the Minister have in relation to all of her Ministerial capacities as at 30 June 2005.
- (2) How many ministerial staff (in full-time equivalent terms) did the Minister have in relation to all of her Ministerial capacities as at 2 May 2006.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

All Ministerial staff are employed by the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

**Gaming: Shannon's Way Pty Ltd — payments**

**8079. THE HON. GRAEME STONEY** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Gaming): In relation to payments made to Shannon's Way Pty Ltd by the Minister's department or private office or agency or statutory body under the Minister's administration for each project since 1 January 2005:

- (1) What amount was paid.
- (2) On what dates were the payments made.
- (3) What was the purpose of the project.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

There were no payments made to Shannon's Way Pty Ltd by the Office of Gaming and Racing, my private office, or any statutory bodies under my administration between 1 January 2005 and 30 May 2006.\*

\*The date that the question was asked.

**Racing: Shannon's Way Pty Ltd — payments**

**8081. THE HON. GRAEME STONEY** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Racing): In relation to payments made to Shannon's Way Pty Ltd by the Minister's department or private office or agency or statutory body under the Minister's administration for each project since 1 January 2005:

- (1) What amount was paid.
- (2) On what dates were the payments made.
- (3) What was the purpose of the project.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

There were no payments made to Shannon's Way Pty Ltd by the Office of Gaming and Racing, my private office, or any statutory bodies under my administration between 1 January 2005 and 30 May 2006\*.

\*The date that the question was asked.

**Housing: capital works**

**8089. THE HON. RON BOWDEN** — To ask the Minister for Housing: What are the details of the capital works budget for the Office of Housing for 2004–05.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Information regarding the Office of Housing capital works program is available from the summary of Housing Assistance document available on the Office of Housing web site [www.housing.vic.gov.au](http://www.housing.vic.gov.au)

**Victorian communities: Victorian Communities — consultancies**

**8114. THE HON. DAMIAN DRUM** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Victorian Communities):

- (1) What consultancies were undertaken by the Department of Victorian Communities in 2005-06.
- (2) What was the full cost of these consultancies.
- (3) Which companies or organisations undertook these consultancies.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The Department for Victorian Communities engaged six (6) consultancies in 2005-06.
- (2) The consultancies were valued at \$336,717.00 in total.
- (3) The companies engaged were:
  - (a) Bracher Marketing
  - (b) The Nucleus Group
  - (c) @Leisure
  - (d) Social Compass

**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.*

**Thursday, 10 August 2006**

**Community services: protection orders**

**3800. THE HON. WENDY LOVELL** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): What is the current provision of secure welfare services for males and females as defined in Section 3 of the *Children and Young Persons Act 1989*.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

There are two secure welfare services in Victoria, one for young men and one for young women. Each facility has a capacity of 10.

**Community services: protection orders**

**3801. THE HON. WENDY LOVELL** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): How many children subject to protection orders as defined in Division 6 of the *Children and Young Persons Act 1989* are currently on remand.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

There are currently 6 children subject to protection orders, on remand.

**Community services: protection orders**

**3802. THE HON. WENDY LOVELL** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): How many children have been placed in secure welfare services as defined in Section 3 of the *Children and Young Persons Act 1989* for each year since 1999.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The numbers of children placed in secure welfare services for 1999 to mid 2001 are not available. From 2001/2002, the numbers for each year are:

Year	Number	As a percentage of the total number of children on child protection orders
2001/2002	159	2.96%
2002/2003	182	3.41%
2003/2004	186	3.42%
2004/2005	202	3.57%

**Attorney-General: minister's office — alcohol purchases**

**4064. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): In relation to alcohol purchased by the Attorney-General's Office since 1 January 2002, what was the —

- (a) date of each purchase;
- (b) value of each purchase; and
- (c) items purchased.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

**Attorney-General: Municipal Electoral Tribunal — entertainment expenses**

**4217. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): In relation to the Municipal Electoral Tribunal's entertainment expenses incurred in 2003-04, what are the details, in relation to expenses in excess of \$500, including the —

- (a) date incurred;
- (b) cost;
- (c) number of guests;
- (d) purpose; and
- (e) name of service provider.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

No entertainment expenses in excess of \$500 were incurred in relation to the Municipal Electoral Tribunal in 2003-04.

**Attorney-General: Office of the Public Advocate — entertainment expenses**

**4219. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): In relation to the Office of the Public Advocate's entertainment expenses incurred in 2003-04, what are the details, in relation to expenses in excess of \$500, including the —

- (a) date incurred;
- (b) cost;
- (c) number of guests;
- (d) purpose; and
- (e) name of service provider.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

No entertainment expenses in excess of \$500 were incurred in relation to Office of the Public Advocate in 2003-04.



**Attorney-General: Victoria Legal Aid — entertainment expenses**

**4221. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): In relation to the Victorian Legal Aid’s entertainment expenses incurred in 2003-04, what are the details, in relation to expenses in excess of \$500, including the —

- (a) date incurred;
- (b) cost;
- (c) number of guests;
- (d) purpose; and
- (e) name of service provider.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

No entertainment expenses in excess of \$500 were incurred in relation to Victoria Legal Aid in 2003-04.

**Attorney-General: Victorian Law Reform Commission — entertainment expenses**

**4222. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): In relation to the Victorian Law Reform Commission’s entertainment expenses incurred in 2003-04, what are the details, in relation to expenses in excess of \$500, including the —

- (a) date incurred;
- (b) cost;
- (c) number of guests;
- (d) purpose; and
- (e) name of service provider.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

No entertainment expenses in excess of \$500 were incurred in relation to the Victorian Law Reform Commission in 2003-04.

**Attorney-General: Equal Opportunity Commission — entertainment expenses**

**4490. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): In relation to the Equal Opportunity Commission’s entertainment expenses incurred in 2002-03, what are the details, in relation to expenses in excess of \$500, including the —

- (a) date incurred;
- (b) cost;
- (c) number of guests;
- (d) purpose; and
- (e) name of service provider.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

No entertainment expenses in excess of \$500 were incurred in relation to the Equal Opportunity Commission in 2002-03.

**Attorney-General: Municipal Electoral Tribunal — entertainment expenses**

**4494. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): In relation to the Municipal Electoral Tribunal’s entertainment expenses incurred in 2002-03, what are the details, in relation to expenses in excess of \$500, including the —

- (a) date incurred;
- (b) cost;
- (c) number of guests;
- (d) purpose; and
- (e) name of service provider.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

No entertainment expenses in excess of \$500 were incurred in relation to the Municipal Electoral Tribunal in 2002-03.

**Attorney-General: Office of the Public Advocate — entertainment expenses**

**4496. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): In relation to the Office of the Public Advocate’s entertainment expenses incurred in 2002-03, what are the details, in relation to expenses in excess of \$500, including the —

- (a) date incurred;
- (b) cost;
- (c) number of guests;
- (d) purpose; and
- (e) name of service provider.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

No entertainment expenses in excess of \$500 were incurred in relation to the Office of the Public Advocate in 2002-03.

**Attorney-General: Victorian Law Reform Commission — entertainment expenses**

**4499. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): In relation to the Victorian Law Reform Commission’s entertainment expenses incurred in 2002-03, what are the details, in relation to expenses in excess of \$500, including the —

- (a) date incurred;
- (b) cost;
- (c) number of guests;
- (d) purpose; and
- (e) name of service provider.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

No entertainment expenses in excess of \$500 were incurred in relation to the Victorian Law Reform Commission in 2002-03.

**Attorney-General: minister's office — alcohol purchases**

**5422. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): In relation to alcohol purchased by the Attorney-General's Office since 30 June 2004, what was the —

- (a) the date of each purchase;
- (b) the value of each purchase; and
- (c) the items purchased.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

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

**Attorney-General: Judicial College of Victoria — external legal advice**

**5504. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): How much has been spent by the Judicial College of Victoria on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Between 1 June 2004 and 5 October 2005, expenditure by the Judicial College of Victoria on external legal advice was nil.

**Attorney-General: Municipal Electoral Tribunal — external legal advice**

**5507. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): How much has been spent by the Municipal Electoral Tribunal on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Between 1 June 2004 and 5 October 2005, expenditure by the Municipal Electoral Tribunal on external legal advice was nil.

**Environment: Westernport Water — external legal advice**

**5627. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by Westernport Water on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Glenelg Water — external legal advice**

**5628. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by Glenelg Water on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Goulburn-Murray Water — external legal advice**

**5629. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by Goulburn Murray Water on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water — external legal advice**

**5630. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Lower Murray Water — external legal advice**

**5631. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by Lower Murray Water on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: North East Region Water Authority — external legal advice**

**5632. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the North East Region Water Authority on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Portland Coast Water — external legal advice**

**5633. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by Portland Coast Water on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: South West Water — external legal advice**

**5634. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by South West Water on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Western Water — external legal advice**

**5635. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by Western Water on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: First Mildura Irrigation Trust — external legal advice**

**5636. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the First Mildura Irrigation Trust on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Southern Rural Water — external legal advice**

**5637. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by Southern Rural Water on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: City West Water — external legal advice**

**5639. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by City West Water on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Melbourne Water — external legal advice**

**5640. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by Melbourne Water on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: South East Water — external legal advice**

**5641. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by South East Water on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Yarra Valley Water Ltd — external legal advice**

**5642. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by Yarra Valley Water Limited on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Zoos Victoria — external legal advice**

**5643. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by Zoos Victoria on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Alpine Advisory Committee — external legal advice**

**5654. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the Alpine Advisory Committee on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Environment: Victorian Mineral Water Committee — external legal advice**

**5656. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How much has been spent by the Victorian Mineral Water Committee on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This question should more appropriately have been asked of me as Minister for Water and I answer it in that capacity.

The research required to collect this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**Attorney-General: Judicial College of Victoria — entertainment expenses**

**5732. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): In relation to the Judicial College of Victoria's entertainment expenses for 2004–05:

- (1) What was the total cost incurred.
- (2) What are the itemised details of all expenditure in excess of \$500, including —
  - (a) date incurred;
  - (b) cost;
  - (c) number of guests;
  - (d) purpose; and
  - (e) name of service provider.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:



- (1) Entertainment expenses incurred by the Judicial College of Victoria for 2004–05 totalled \$45.80.
- (2) Not applicable.

**Attorney-General: Municipal Electoral Tribunal — entertainment expenses**

**5735. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): In relation to the Municipal Electoral Tribunal’s entertainment expenses for 2004–05:

- (1) What was the total cost incurred.
- (2) What are the itemised details of all expenditure in excess of \$500, including —
  - (a) date incurred;
  - (b) cost;
  - (c) number of guests;
  - (d) purpose; and
  - (e) name of service provider.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) There were no entertainment expenses incurred by the Municipal Electoral Tribunal in 2004–05.
- (2) Not applicable.

**Attorney-General: Victoria Legal Aid — entertainment expenses**

**5739. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): In relation to Victorian Legal Aid’s entertainment expenses for 2004–05:

- (1) What was the total cost incurred.
- (2) What are the itemised details of all expenditure in excess of \$500, including —
  - (a) date incurred;
  - (b) cost;
  - (c) number of guests;
  - (d) purpose; and
  - (e) name of service provider.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

The correct title of the statutory authority you refer to is Victoria Legal Aid.

- (1) Entertainment expenses incurred by Victoria Legal Aid for 2004–05 totalled \$850.
- (2) Not applicable.

**Attorney-General: Victorian Law Reform Commission — entertainment expenses**

**5740. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): In relation to the Victorian Law Reform Commission’s entertainment expenses for 2004–05:

- (1) What was the total cost incurred.
- (2) What are the itemised details of all expenditure in excess of \$500, including —
  - (a) date incurred;
  - (b) cost;
  - (c) number of guests;
  - (d) purpose; and
  - (e) name of service provider.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) There were no entertainment expenses incurred by the Victorian Law Reform Commission in 2004–05.
- (2) Not applicable.

**Planning: Architects Registration Board of Victoria — interstate travel**

**6357. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to interstate travel by the Architects Registration Board for 2004–05:

- (1) How many trips were undertaken.
- (2) What were the destinations.
- (3) What was the purpose of each visit.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel, including —
  - (a) airfares;
  - (b) car rental and hire cars, including the type of cars rented or hired;
  - (c) taxis;
  - (d) accommodation, including the name of the establishment and itemised costs;
  - (e) entertainment, including its nature, the venue and itemised costs; and
  - (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Architects Registration Board of Victoria (ARBV) is a professional organisation which is funded from registration and examination fees.

- (1) In 2004–05 the Registrar and Board Chair of the Architects Registration Board of Victoria both undertook one interstate trip.
- (2) The destination was Perth.

- (3) Each year the Registrar and Board Chair of ARBV attend the National Council of Architects Boards meeting (duration: 2 days) which is rotated around the States.
- (4) The costs associated with this travel included -
  - (a) Airfares: \$4,340
  - (b) No hire or rental cars
  - (c) Taxis: \$123
  - (d) Accommodation and meals \$450.26
  - (e) Council Dinner \$245.92: No other entertainment expenses
  - (f) No other expenses
- (5) No family members or guests accompanied the travellers

**Planning: Building Advisory Council — interstate travel**

**6358. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to interstate travel by the Building Advisory Committee for 2004–05:

- (1) How many trips were undertaken.
- (2) What were the destinations.
- (3) What was the purpose of each visit.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel, including —
  - (a) airfares;
  - (b) car rental and hire cars, including the type of cars rented or hired;
  - (c) taxis;
  - (d) accommodation, including the name of the establishment and itemised costs;
  - (e) entertainment, including its nature, the venue and itemised costs; and
  - (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Building Advisory Council did not undertake any interstate travel in the 2004–05 financial year.

**Police and emergency services: Justice — capital works**

**6553. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to the Department of Justice's allocation of funds to major capital works, including major maintenance, replacement and upgrades, what were the priority major projects that were approved for the year 2004–05 and were each of these priority projects achieved.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

The following major capital works (that is, costing in excess of \$5 million), were approved in 2004–05:

- Mildura Police Station
- Cranbourne Police Station
- Carlton/North Melbourne Police Station
- Rural Police Station Replacement Program Stage 7
- Torquay Police Station
- Springvale Police Station

Given the size of the projects, they are currently at various stages of development, ranging from site acquisition to construction.

**Industrial relations: minister's office — mobile telephones**

**6644. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA**— To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Industrial Relations): What was the cost of providing mobile telephone services to the Minister's staff for 2004–05.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

It would be an unreasonable diversion of the Department's time and resources to provide a response to this question.

**Planning: Building Practitioners Board — overseas travel**

**7011. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to overseas travel by the Building Practitioners Board for 2004–05:

- (1) How many trips were undertaken.
- (2) What were the destinations.
- (3) What was the purpose of each visit.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel, including —
  - (a) airfares;
  - (b) car rental and hire cars, including the type of cars rented or hired;
  - (c) taxis;
  - (d) accommodation, including the name of the establishment and itemised costs;
  - (e) entertainment, including its nature, the venue and itemised costs; and
  - (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Summary information regarding overseas travel by the Building Practitioners Board and other bodies administered by the Building Commission is contained in the additional information collated for (but not included in) the Building Commission Annual Report 2004–05. A copy of this information, which is publicly available, can be requested from the Building Commission subject to the Freedom of Information Act 1982.

**Planning: Building Regulations Advisory Committee — overseas travel**

**7012. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to overseas travel by the Building Regulations Advisory Committee for 2004–05:

- (1) How many trips were undertaken.
- (2) What were the destinations.
- (3) What was the purpose of each visit.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel, including —
  - (a) airfares;
  - (b) car rental and hire cars, including the type of cars rented or hired;
  - (c) taxis;
  - (d) accommodation, including the name of the establishment and itemised costs;
  - (e) entertainment, including its nature, the venue and itemised costs; and
  - (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Summary information regarding overseas travel by the Building Regulations Advisory Committee and other bodies administered by the Building Commission is contained in the additional information collated for (but not included in) the Building Commission Annual Report 2004–05. A copy of this information, which is publicly available, can be requested from the Building Commission subject to the Freedom of Information Act 1982.

**Planning: Heritage Council — overseas travel**

**7013. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to overseas travel by the Heritage Council for 2004–05:

- (1) How many trips were undertaken.
- (2) What were the destinations.
- (3) What was the purpose of each visit.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel, including —
  - (a) airfares;
  - (b) car rental and hire cars, including the type of cars rented or hired;
  - (c) taxis;
  - (d) accommodation, including the name of the establishment and itemised costs;
  - (e) entertainment, including its nature, the venue and itemised costs; and
  - (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Summary information regarding overseas travel is contained in the additional information collated for (but not included in) the Heritage Council Annual Report 2004–05. A copy of this information, which is publicly available, can be requested from the Heritage Council subject to the Freedom of Information Act 1982.

**Planning: Plumbing Industry Advisory Council — overseas travel**

**7014. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to overseas travel by the Plumbing Industry Advisory Council for 2004–05:

- (1) How many trips were undertaken.
- (2) What were the destinations.
- (3) What was the purpose of each visit.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel, including —
  - (a) airfares;
  - (b) car rental and hire cars, including the type of cars rented or hired;
  - (c) taxis;
  - (d) accommodation, including the name of the establishment and itemised costs;
  - (e) entertainment, including its nature, the venue and itemised costs; and
  - (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Summary information regarding overseas travel by the Plumbing Industry Advisory Council is contained in the additional information collated for (but not included in) the Plumbing Industry Commission Annual Report 2004–05. A copy of this information, which is publicly available, can be requested from the Plumbing Industry Commission subject to the Freedom of Information Act 1982.

**Planning: Plumbing Industry Commission — overseas travel**

**7015. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to overseas travel by the Plumbing Industry Commission for 2004–05:

- (1) How many trips were undertaken.
- (2) What were the destinations.
- (3) What was the purpose of each visit.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel, including —
  - (a) airfares;
  - (b) car rental and hire cars, including the type of cars rented or hired;
  - (c) taxis;
  - (d) accommodation, including the name of the establishment and itemised costs;
  - (e) entertainment, including its nature, the venue and itemised costs; and
  - (f) other expenses.

- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Summary information regarding overseas travel is contained in the additional information collated for (but not included in) the Plumbing Industry Commission Annual Report 2004–05. A copy of this information, which is publicly available, can be requested from the Plumbing Industry Commission subject to the Freedom of Information Act 1982.

**Planning: Surveyors Registration Board of Victoria — overseas travel**

**7016. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to overseas travel by the Surveyors Board for 2004–05:

- (1) How many trips were undertaken.
- (2) What were the destinations.
- (3) What was the purpose of each visit.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel, including —
  - (a) airfares;
  - (b) car rental and hire cars, including the type of cars rented or hired;
  - (c) taxis;
  - (d) accommodation, including the name of the establishment and itemised costs;
  - (e) entertainment, including its nature, the venue and itemised costs; and
  - (f) other expenses.
- (5) Did family members, associates, or guests accompany the traveller(s) on each trip; if so, at what cost.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Summary information regarding overseas travel is contained in the additional information collated for (but not included in) the Surveyors Board Annual Report 2004–05. A copy of this information, which is publicly available, can be requested from the Surveyors Board subject to the Freedom of Information Act 1982.

**Environment: Mount Baw Baw Alpine Resort Management Board — stress-related leave**

**7176. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of the Mount Baw Baw Alpine Resort Management Board on stress-related leave in 2004–05, what was the — (i) number of days taken; (ii) estimated cost; and (iii) total number of staff involved.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

No staff members of the Mount Baw Baw Alpine Resort Management Board took stress-related leave during the 2004–05 financial year.

**Environment: Mount Stirling Alpine Resort Management Board — stress-related leave**

- 7179. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of the Mount Stirling Alpine Resort Management Board on stress-related leave in 2004–05, what was the — (i) number of days taken; (ii) estimated cost; and (iii) total number of staff involved.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

No staff members of the Mount Stirling Alpine Resort Management Board took stress-related leave during the 2004–05 financial year.

**Environment: Environment Protection Authority — stress-related leave**

- 7186. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of the Environment Protection Authority on stress-related leave in 2004–05, what was the — (i) number of days taken; (ii) estimated cost; and (iii) total number of staff involved.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

No staff members of the Environment Protection Authority took stress-related leave during the 2004–05 financial year.

**Environment: Environment Protection Board — stress-related leave**

- 7187. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of the Environment Protection Board on stress-related leave in 2004–05, what was the — (i) number of days taken; (ii) estimated cost; and (iii) total number of staff involved.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

No staff members of the Environment Protection Board took stress-related leave during the 2004–05 financial year.

**Agriculture: Primary Industries — freedom of information requests**

- 7275. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): How many Freedom of Information requests received by the Department of Primary Industries in 2004–05 were given to the Minister’s advisers or staff before being given to the applicant.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Freedom of Information requests are routinely noted by the Office of the Minister as part of normal procedure within the Department.



**Sport and recreation: minister's office — furnishings**

**7465. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation: What furniture items, including movable furniture, fixed furniture and electrical goods were purchased for the Minister's private office in 2004–05 and what was the total cost of the items purchased.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

For my private office, in both my Ministerial portfolio responsibilities, the total cost of items purchased in 2004–05 was \$23,500 and that includes the purchase of workstations and office equipment.

**Commonwealth Games: minister's office — furnishings**

**7466. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Commonwealth Games: What furniture items, including movable furniture, fixed furniture and electrical goods were purchased for the Minister's private office in 2004–05 and what was the total cost of the items purchased.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

For my private office, in both my Ministerial portfolio responsibilities, the total cost of items purchased in 2004–05 was \$23,500 and that includes the purchase of workstations and office equipment.

**Police and emergency services: minister's office — furnishings**

**7471. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): What furniture items, including movable furniture, fixed furniture and electrical goods were purchased for the Minister's private office in 2004–05 and what was the total cost of the items purchased.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Please refer to the answer given in Question 7468.

[*Hansard reference: Legislative Council, Vol. 470, 8 June 2006, page 2281.*]

**Multicultural affairs: charter flights**

**7535. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): In relation to all chartered flights, including helicopters and light planes used by the Minister in 2004–05 what was the —

- (a) date;
- (b) carrier;
- (c) destination;
- (d) cost; and
- (e) purpose.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Accounts for my office are managed by the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Accounts are not managed in such a way as to separate expenditure across my Ministerial portfolios and to do so would place an unreasonable burden on the time and resources of the Department.

**Multicultural affairs: minister's office — international travel**

**7619. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): What was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all international travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

As Premier and Minister for Multicultural Affairs, my costs are managed by the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Accounts for my office are not managed in such a way as to separate expenditure as Premier and as Minister for Multicultural Affairs and to do so would place an unreasonable burden on the time and resources of the Department.

**Multicultural affairs: minister's office — interstate travel**

**7661. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): What was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all interstate travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

As Premier and Minister for Multicultural Affairs, my costs are managed by the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Accounts for my office are not managed in such a way as to separate expenditure as Premier and as Minister for Multicultural Affairs and to do so would place an unreasonable burden on the time and resources of the Department.

**Multicultural affairs: minister's office — intrastate travel**

**7703. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): What was the cost, including airfares, air charter, accommodation and expenses of all intrastate travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

As Premier and Minister for Multicultural Affairs, my costs are managed by the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Accounts for my office are not managed in such a way as to separate expenditure as Premier and Minister for Multicultural Affairs and to do so would place an unreasonable burden on the time and resources of the Department.

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

**7763. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Corrections): What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2005.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

According to the financial records of the Department of Justice, entertainment expenses incurred in 2005 totalled \$290.

**Police and emergency services: minister's office — entertainment expenses**

**7766. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2005.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

According to the financial records of the Department of Justice, entertainment expenses incurred in 2005 totalled \$290.

**Corrections: minister's office — alcohol purchases**

**7805. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Corrections): What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol in 2005.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

According to the financial records of the Department of Justice, no alcohol expenses were incurred in 2005.

**Police and emergency services: ministerial staff**

**8021. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD** — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services):

- (1) How many ministerial staff (in full-time equivalent terms) did the Minister have in relation to all of his Ministerial capacities as at 30 June 2005.
- (2) How many ministerial staff (in full-time equivalent terms) did the Minister have in relation to all of his Ministerial capacities as at 2 May 2006.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

As at 30 June 2005 there were 7 Ministerial staff, which consisted of a Chief of Staff, 4 Advisers, 1 Executive Assistant and 1 Administrative Assistant.

As at 2 May 2006 there were 7 Ministerial staff, which consisted of a Chief of Staff, 4 Advisers, 1 Executive Assistant and 1 Administrative Assistant.

**Finance: ministerial staff**

**8023. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD** — To ask the Minister for Finance:

- (1) How many ministerial staff (in full-time equivalent terms) did the Minister have in relation to all of his Ministerial capacities as at 30 June 2005.
- (2) How many ministerial staff (in full-time equivalent terms) did the Minister have in relation to all of his Ministerial capacities as at 2 May 2006.

**ANSWER:**

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

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

**Commonwealth Games: Shannon's Way Pty Ltd — payments**

**8050. THE HON. GRAEME STONEY** — To ask the Minister for Commonwealth Games: In relation to payments made to Shannon's Way Pty Ltd by the Minister's department or private office or agency or statutory body under the Minister's administration for each project since 1 January 2005:

- (1) What amount was paid.
- (2) On what dates were the payments made.
- (3) What was the purpose of the project.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that no payments have been made to Shannon's Way Pty Ltd by my Department, private office or the statutory body under my administration.

**Local government: Shannon's Way Pty Ltd — payments**

**8069. THE HON. GRAEME STONEY** — To ask the Minister for Local Government: In relation to payments made to Shannon's Way Pty Ltd by the Minister's department or private office or agency or statutory body under the Minister's administration for each project since 1 January 2005:

- (1) What amount was paid.
- (2) On what dates were the payments made.
- (3) What was the purpose of the project.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The answer is nil.

**Sport and recreation: Shannon's Way Pty Ltd — payments**

**8076. THE HON. GRAEME STONEY** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation: In relation to payments made to Shannon's Way Pty Ltd by the Minister's department or private office or agency or statutory body under the Minister's administration for each project since 1 January 2005:

- (1) What amount was paid.
- (2) On what dates were the payments made.
- (3) What was the purpose of the project.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that no payments have been made to Shannon's Way Pty Ltd by my Department, my private office or any statutory bodies under my administration.

**Corrections: prisoners — medical treatment**

**8083. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Corrections): In relation to HM Ararat Prison, HM Prison Barwon, Beechworth Correctional Centre, Dame Phyllis Frost Centre, HM Prison Dhurringile, Fulham Correctional Centre, HM Prison Langi Kal Kal, HM Prison Loddon, Marngoneet Correctional Centre, Melbourne Assessment Prison, Metropolitan Remand Centre, HM Prison Tarrengower, and Port Phillip Prison, for 2004–05:

- (1) What are the total costs across all prisons for medical treatment of prison patients.
- (2) What are the total costs across all prisons for prescribed and non prescribed medication given to prison patients.
- (3) What types of drugs were prescribed to prison patients across all prisons.
- (4) What was the number of medical transfers of prison patients by ambulance or other means of transport across all prisons and what was the total cost of this type of transport.
- (5) How many doctors were contracted to provide services across all prisons.
- (6) How many patients were treated for a medical condition by doctors across all prisons.
- (7) How many patients were treated for a medical condition by medical staff, without the supervision of doctors, across all prisons.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) All health services provided to prisoners (primary, secondary, tertiary and mental health) are funded by the State as prisoners are ineligible for Medicare and the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS). The total cost for 2004–05, for public and private prisons, was \$25.05M.
- (2) The cost of prescribed and non-prescribed medications for public prisons in 2004–05 was approximately \$1.9 – 2.0M.\* This cost reflects the ineligibility of prisoners to access the PBS.
- (3) Information on pharmaceuticals is provided to Corrections Victoria by category of drug. The most common categories of pharmaceuticals provided to prisoners in the public prison system\* (prescribed and non-prescribed) were:
  - Anti depressants
  - Prescribed analgesics (including aspirin, Panadol, etc)
  - Anti Inflammatory
  - Anti Psychotics
  - Antibiotics

– Anti convulsants.

(4) The number of medical transfers by ambulance or other means for public prisons\* were:

- Ambulance – 117
- Secondary transfers – 54
- Tertiary transfers – 23.

Health service costs are not broken down to this level of service delivery.

- (5) In the public prison system\*, twelve doctors provided a total of 95 hours per week of service at eleven prisons.
- (6) Data on the number of patients treated for a medical condition is not available, as data on health service provision is mainly reported on an “occasions of care” basis. That is, the number of times a prisoner has attended a medical appointment or received medical services, rather than the number of prisoners that have presented for medical treatment.
- (7) This information is not collected.

\* Due to commercial in confidence restrictions some data is unable to be provided for Port Phillip Prison and Fulham Correctional Centre.

Please note that although the question requests data on the Marnong Correctional Centre and the Metropolitan Remand Centre, these prisons were not operational in the period specified. Therefore data on these prisons has not been included. Furthermore, the question does not request information on the Won Wron and Bendigo prisons, even though these prisons were in operation during the 2004/05 financial period. The relevant data on these prisons has been included in the response, as it would be an unreasonable burden on the Department’s resources to exclude this information.

**Housing: vacancies**

**8092. THE HON. RON BOWDEN** — To ask the Minister for Housing: What was the total number of houses unoccupied and the average length of vacancy, for 2004–05, including the details for each region.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that there were 749 direct tenure public rental properties vacant as at 30 June 2005. The average turnaround time for direct tenure public rental properties that became vacant in 2004–05 was 38 days.

The following table provides a regional breakdown of the number of vacant tenantable properties as at 30 June 2005.

<b>Region</b>	<b>Vacancies as at 30 June 2005</b>	<b>Average Turnaround Time 2004–05 (days)</b>
Eastern Metropolitan	46	33
North and West Metropolitan	206	43
Southern Metropolitan	152	38
Barwon South Western	60	36
Gippsland	110	39
Grampians	58	36
Hume	40	32
Loddon Mallee	77	34
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>38</b>

**Housing: waiting list**

**8093. THE HON. RON BOWDEN** — To ask the Minister for Housing: What was the number of applicants on the waiting list for access to public housing for the —

- (a) September 2005 quarter;
- (b) December 2005 quarter;
- (c) March 2006 quarter; and
- (d) June 2006 quarter;

for —

- (a) each region;
- (b) the whole of Victoria; and
- (c) each segment within the waiting list.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that information about public housing waiting lists is available on the Office of Housing web site ([www.housing.vic.gov.au](http://www.housing.vic.gov.au)).

**Housing: property purchases**

**8096. THE HON. RON BOWDEN** — To ask the Minister for Housing: In relation to the purchase of public housing stock by the Office of Housing —

- (1) How many houses were purchased in 2003-04, 2004-05 and 1 July 2005 to present.
- (2) What is the address of each property purchased.
- (3) What is the size of each property purchased by number of bedrooms.
- (4) What was the purchase price of each property purchased.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The time and resources necessary to obtain and collate detailed information on individual purchases cannot be justified

Further, the provision of details of specific purchases and prices, cannot be provided for privacy reasons.

**Housing: Office of Housing — stock acquisition**

**8098. THE HON. RON BOWDEN** — To ask the Minister for Housing: What were the Office of Housing's stock acquisition targets and actual stock acquisition total for —

- (a) 2003-04;
- (b) 2004-05; and
- (c) 1 July 2005 to present.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Details of Office of Housing's stock acquisition targets are published in the annual State Government Budget Paper Number 3.

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With respect to actual stock acquisition totals for 2003-04 and 2004-05, this information can be obtained from the Annual Summary of Housing Assistance Programs via the Office of Housing web site at [www.housing.vic.gov.au](http://www.housing.vic.gov.au).

The 2005-06 information will be available in the Summary of Assistance Programs for 2005-06 which will be published in that document.