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Tuesday, 12 September 2006

Police and emergency services: Justice — advertising expenditure

5305. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): What was the Department of Justice's advertising expenditure, including public, corporate and media relations, but excluding mandatory or staff recruitment, for 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The amount for my Police and Emergency Services portfolio is \$36 541.30. This amount includes a pro rata share of minor advertising costs met by corporate governance areas within the department.

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

7178. 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 Hotham 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 Hotham Alpine Resort Management Board took stress related leave in the 2004–05 financial year.

Innovation: minister's office — furnishings

7475. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Innovation): What furniture items, including moveable 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 Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development did not purchase any furniture items, including moveable furniture, fixed furniture and electrical goods for my office in 2004–05.

State and regional development: minister's office — furnishings

7478. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for State and Regional Development): What furniture items, including moveable 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 Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development did not purchase any furniture items, including moveable furniture, fixed furniture and electrical goods for my office in 2004–05.

Innovation: Innovation, Industry and Regional Development — entertainment expenses

7518. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Innovation): 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:

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.

State and regional development: Innovation, Industry and Regional Development — entertainment expenses

7521. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for State and Regional Development): 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:

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.

Environment: charter flights

7539. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): 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:

The Victorian Government is committed to governing for all Victorians and ensures that there are regular visits undertaken to regional Victoria.

Travel costs are only incurred as and when the Minister is required to attend functions in regional areas. The use of light planes is sometimes required. Costs are closely monitored to ensure that the mode of transport used is the most efficient and effective.

Water: charter flights

7541. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Water): 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:

The answer to this question is provided in the response to Question No. 7539.

Innovation: charter flights

7560. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Innovation): 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:

The Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development, has not paid any expenses in my capacity as Minister for Innovation in relation to chartered flights in 2004–05.

State and regional development: charter flights

7563. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for State and Regional Development): 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:

According to the financial records of the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development, expenses incurred in my capacity as Minister for State and Regional Development for chartered flights in 2004–05 were \$21 875.00.

Corrections: media research and public opinion polling

7595. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Corrections): 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:

It would be an unreasonable burden on the Department’s resources to answer the question as currently required. However, please specify the agencies and/or authorities for which you would like the details listed.

Police and emergency services: media research and public opinion polling

7598. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): 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:

It would be an unreasonable burden on the Department's resources to answer the question as currently required. However, please specify the agencies and/or authorities for which you would like the details listed.

Innovation: media research and public opinion polling

7602. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Innovation): 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:

The Government cannot justify diversion of the Department's time and resources required to gather this information and answer these questions.

Environment: minister's office — interstate travel

7665. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): 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 the areas of climate change, water use and waste reduction. The Victorian Government works constructively with other states and the Commonwealth in further progressing these issues and Ministers undertake interstate travel as required.

Costs are part of overall Ministerial expenditure.

Water: minister's office — interstate travel

7667. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Water): 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:

The answer to this question is provided in the response to Question No. 7665.

Environment: minister's office — intrastate travel

7707. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): 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 Victorian Government is committed to governing for all Victorians and ensures that there are regular visits undertaken to regional Victoria.

Travel costs are only incurred as and when the Minister is required to attend functions in regional areas. The use of light planes is sometimes required. Costs are closely monitored to ensure that the mode of transport used is the most efficient and effective.

Water: minister's office — intrastate travel

7709. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Water): 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 answer to this question is provided in the response to Question No. 7707.

Sport and recreation: minister's office — entertainment expenses

7760. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation: What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am advised as follows:

The cost of catering, including food and beverages in 2005 in both my Ministerial capacities as Minister for Commonwealth Games and Minister for Sport and Recreation was \$1741 in total.

Commonwealth Games: minister's office — entertainment expenses

7761. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Commonwealth Games: What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am advised as follows:

The cost of catering, including food and beverages in 2005 in both my Ministerial capacities as Minister for Commonwealth Games and Minister for Sport and Recreation was \$1741 in total.

Agriculture: minister’s office — entertainment expenses

7762. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

A history of entertainment expenses by the most recent Ministers for Agriculture is as follows:

Financial Year	Minister Patrick McNamara	Minister Keith Hamilton	Minister Bob Cameron
1998/1999	\$6,813.58		
1999/2000	\$16,994.67	\$3,475.68	
2000/2001		\$7,828.93	
2001/2002		\$15,150.70	
2002/2003		\$4,632.30	\$3,015.41
2003/2004			\$5,543.38
2004/2005			\$4,092.94
2005/2006			\$3,251.33

Sport and recreation: minister’s office — alcohol purchases

7802. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation: What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am advised as follows:

The cost of catering, including food and beverages in 2005 in both my Ministerial capacities as Minister for Commonwealth Games and Minister for Sport and Recreation was \$1,741 in total.

Commonwealth Games: minister’s office — alcohol purchases

7803. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Commonwealth Games: What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am advised as follows:

Please refer to the response to Question 7802.

Agriculture: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7804. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

A history of Alcohol purchases by the most recent Ministers for Agriculture divided by financial year is as follows:

Financial Year	Minister Patrick McNamara	Minister Keith Hamilton	Minister Bob Cameron
1997/1998	\$2,125.67		
1998/1999	\$3,087.41		
1999/2000	\$647.75	\$3,119.50	
2000/2001		\$624.80	
2001/2002		\$1,002.12	
2002/2003			\$778.60
2003/2004			\$0.00
2004/2005			\$648.00
2005/2006			\$1,392.00

Innovation: ministerial staff — cost

7896. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Innovation): What was the total cost associated with the engagement of ministerial staff, including salaries, superannuation and WorkCover in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

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 Department of Premier and Cabinet.

State and regional development: ministerial staff — cost

7899. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for State and Regional Development): What was the total cost associated with the engagement of ministerial staff, including salaries, superannuation and WorkCover in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

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 Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Innovation: ministerial staff — number

7938. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Innovation): How many ministerial staff were employed by the Minister at 1 March 2006.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

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 Department of Premier and Cabinet.

State and regional development: ministerial staff — number

7941. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for State and Regional Development): How many ministerial staff were employed by the Minister at 1 March 2006.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

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 Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Innovation: minister's office — secondments

7980. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Innovation): 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 as follows:

Refer to question number 7983.

State and regional development: minister's office — secondments

7983. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for State and Regional Development): 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 as follows:

In my capacity as Minister for State and Regional Development and Minister for Innovation, one full time and one part time public servant from the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development were seconded to my office at 1 March 2006.

Aboriginal affairs: Shannon's Way Pty Ltd — payments

8041. THE HON. GRAEME STONEY — To ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs: 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.

Financial services: Shannon's Way Pty Ltd — payments

8052. THE HON. GRAEME STONEY — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Financial Services Industry): 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 as follows:

No payments have been made to Shannon's Way within this period.

Innovation: Shannon's Way Pty Ltd — payments

8053. THE HON. GRAEME STONEY — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Innovation): 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 as follows:

No payments have been made to Shannon's Way within this period.

Manufacturing and export: Shannon's Way Pty Ltd — payments

8054. THE HON. GRAEME STONEY — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Manufacturing and Export): 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 as follows:

No payments have been made to Shannon's Way within this period.

Small business: Shannon's Way Pty Ltd — payments

8055. THE HON. GRAEME STONEY — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Small Business): 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 as follows:

No payments have been made to Shannon's Way within this period.

State and regional development: Shannon's Way Pty Ltd — payments

8056. THE HON. GRAEME STONEY — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for State and Regional Development): 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 as follows:

No payments have been made to Shannon's Way within this period.

Tourism: Shannon's Way Pty Ltd — payments

8057. THE HON. GRAEME STONEY — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Tourism): 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 as follows:

No payments have been made to Shannon's Way within this period.

Premier: Shannon's Way Pty Ltd — payments

8065. THE HON. GRAEME STONEY — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Premier): In relation to payments made to Shannon's Way Pty Ltd by the Premier's department or private office or agency or statutory body under the Premier'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 as follows:

Since 1 January 2005 to the date the question was asked there has been one payment made to Shannon's Way, by the Department of Premier and Cabinet. The payment was made on 31 January 2006 for the 'Go for your life' project at a cost of \$10,000.

Community services: disability service funding

8100. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services):

- (1) What funds did Victoria received from the Commonwealth in 2004–05 under the Commonwealth State Territory Disability Agreement.
- (2) What funds did Victoria contribute to meet its responsibilities under the Agreement in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Funding responsibilities of the parties to the Commonwealth State Territory Disability Agreement are set out in Schedule A of the agreement. The Commonwealth made \$129.3 million available for 2004–05
- (2) Victoria contributed \$887.6 million in meeting its responsibilities under the agreement in 2004–05

Community services: disability service needs register

8101. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): Further to the answer given in this House to Question on Notice No. 5340 on 15 November 2005 in relation to the service needs register for the six months ending 30 June 2005, for the six months ending 31 December 2005 for each of shared support accommodation, HomeFirst and Day Programs —

- (1) How many people were registered for the first time.
- (2) How many people were moved off the register because they obtained services.

- (3) How many people were moved off the register because it was ascertained they no longer needed to obtain services.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Service Needs Register is a record for the number of people waiting for services and was not intended to provide this level of detail as readily as specified in this question and others relating to the Service Needs Register.

Community services: disability services — residential accommodation

8102. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to disability services residential accommodation at 31 December 2005:

- (1) What was the total number of clients accessing residential accommodation services.
- (2) What was the total number of clients accessing government managed shared supported accommodation.
- (3) What was the number of clients accessing residential accommodation services in non-government managed shared supported accommodation.
- (4) What was the number of clients accessing government managed congregate care.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

At this point in time I am unable to address this Question on Notice as the data collection system is unable to generate the data as at December 2005.

Community services: disability service needs register

8103. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): Further to the answers given in this House to Question on Notice No. 4675 on 21 April 2005 and Question on Notice No. 5340 on 16 November 2005, which total 5159 individuals on the Service Needs Register at 30 June 2005, how is this reconciled with the answer to Question on Notice No. 5339 given in this House on 16 November 2005 with a total of 4761 individuals registered as at 30 June 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The figures provided in Questions on Notice No. 4675 and 5340 are accurate, however because of the scope of Question on Notice No. 5340 some data was not provided in the answer. The answer to Question on Notice No. 5339 is correct and includes the data not provided in Question on Notice No. 5340.

State and regional development: Innovation, Industry and Regional Development — consultancies

8106. THE HON. DAMIAN DRUM — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for State and Regional Development):

- (1) What consultancies were undertaken by the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development in 2005–06.
- (2) What was the full cost of these consultancies.

- (3) Which companies or organisations undertook these consultancies.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Details of consultancies are included in each Department's annual report of operations and are publicly available in accordance with the Minister for Finance's Financial Reporting Direction 22 issued under the Financial Management Act of 1994.

Agriculture: Agriculture Victoria Services Pty Ltd — advertising and credit card expenditure

8168. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to Agriculture Victoria Services Pty Ltd's expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In 2004–05 Agriculture Victoria Services Pty Ltd incurred:

- (a) No advertising expenditure.
- (b) Credit card expenditure of \$37,192.00.

Agriculture: Murray Valley Citrus Marketing Board — advertising and credit card expenditure

8169. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to the Murray Valley Citrus Marketing Board's expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In 2004–05 the Murray Valley Citrus Board incurred:

- (a) Advertising expenditure of \$905.00.
- (b) Credit card expenditure of \$55,701.91.

Agriculture: Murray Valley Wine Grape Industry Development Committee — advertising and credit card expenditure

8170. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to the Murray Valley Wine and Grape Industry Development Committee's expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

- (a) advertising expenditure; and

- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In 2004–05 the Murray Valley Wine Grape Industry Development Committee incurred:

- (a) Advertising expenditure of \$812 net of GST.
- (b) No credit card expenditure.

Agriculture: Northern Victorian Fresh Tomato Industry Development — advertising and credit card expenditure

8171. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to the Northern Victorian Fresh Tomato Industry Development Committee’s expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In 2004–05 the Northern Victorian Fresh Tomato Industry Development Committee incurred:

- (a) No advertising expenditure.
- (b) No credit card expenditure.

Agriculture: Veterinary Practitioners Registration Board of Victoria — advertising and credit card expenditure

8172. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to the Veterinary Practitioners Registration Board of Victoria’s expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In 2004–05 the Veterinary Practitioners Registration Board of Victoria incurred:

- (a) Advertising expenditure of \$2,767; and
- (b) Credit card expenditure of \$12,110.

Agriculture: Victorian Broiler Industry Negotiation Committee — advertising and credit card expenditure

8173. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to the Victorian Broiler Industry Negotiation Committee’s expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In 2004–05 the Victorian Broiler Industry Committee incurred:

- (a) No advertising expenditure.
- (b) No credit card expenditure.

Agriculture: PrimeSafe — advertising and credit card expenditure

8174. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to the Victorian Meat Authority’s expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In 2004–05 PrimeSafe, formerly the Victorian Meat Authority, incurred:

- (a) Advertising expenditure of \$646.
- (b) Credit Card expenditure of \$21,141.

Agriculture: Dairy Food Safety Victoria — advertising and credit card expenditure

8175. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to Dairy Food Safety Victoria’s expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In 2004–05 Dairy Food Safety Victoria incurred:

- (a) Advertising expenditure of \$2760.
- (b) No credit card expenditure.

Agriculture: Australian Food Industry Science Centre — advertising and credit card expenditure

8176. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to the Australian Food Industry Science Centre's expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Food Science Australia is a Joint Venture between the Victorian Government and CSIRO. FSA is 85% owned by CSIRO and as an entity is not subject to the *Financial Management Act 1994* nor required to provide a report to Parliament. It is therefore not appropriate to provide details of this nature without the express permission of CSIRO.

Agriculture: Melbourne Market Authority — advertising and credit card expenditure

8177. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to the Melbourne Market Authority's expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In 2004–05 the Melbourne Market Authority incurred:

- (a) Advertising expenditure of \$85,189.
- (b) No credit card expenditure.

Agriculture: Fisheries Co-Management and Fisheries Committee — advertising and credit card expenditure

8178. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to the Fisheries Co-Management Council and Fisheries Committees' expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In 2004–05 the Fisheries Co-Management Council and Fisheries Committees incurred:

- (a) Advertising expenditure of \$3,753.95.
- (b) Credit card expenditure of \$9,419.28.

Police and emergency services: Police Appeals Board — advertising and credit card expenditure

8193. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to the Police Appeals Board’s expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- a) There was no advertising expenditure in 2004–05;
- b) Credit card expenditure totalled \$6623.23.

The Police Appeals Board adheres to the Department of Treasury and Finance Purchasing Card Rules for Use and Administration (Issued pursuant to the Financial Management Act 1994).

Sport and recreation: Melbourne and Olympic Parks Trust — advertising and credit card expenditure

8212. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation: In relation to the Melbourne and Olympic Parks Trust’s expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- a) The Melbourne and Olympic Parks Trust incurred \$172,052 in advertising expenses between 1 July 2004 and 30 June 2005.
- b) No credit card expenses were incurred by the Melbourne and Olympic Parks Trust for 2004–05.

Sport and recreation: Melbourne Cricket Ground Trust — advertising and credit card expenditure

8213. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation: In relation to the Melbourne Cricket Ground Trust’s expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

No such expenses were incurred by the Melbourne Cricket Ground Trust.

Sport and recreation: State Sports Centre Trust — advertising and credit card expenditure

8214. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation: In relation to the State Sports Centre Trust's expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- a) The State Sport Centres Trust incurred \$162,000 in advertising expenses between 1 July 2004 and 30 June 2005.
- b) No credit card expenses were incurred by the State Sport Centres Trust in 2004–05.

Sport and recreation: State Recreation Camps Committee — advertising and credit card expenditure

8215. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation: In relation to the State Recreation Camps Committee of Management's expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

No such expenses were incurred by the Sport and Recreation Camps Committee of Management Incorporated.

Sport and recreation: Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Pty Ltd — advertising and credit card expenditure

8216. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation: In relation to Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Pty Ltd's expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (a) The Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Corporation's advertising expenditure for 2004–05 was \$4.93 million.
- (b) The Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Corporation's credit card expenditure for 2004–05 was \$0.

Premier: Victoria/New South Wales Border Anomalies Committee — entertainment expenses

8282. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Premier): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Victoria/New South Wales Border Anomalies Committee, 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 as follows:

The Victoria/New South Wales Border Anomalies Committee does not exist.

Premier: Public Service Medal Committee (Victoria) — entertainment expenses

8283. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Premier): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Public Service Medal Committee (Victoria), 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 as follows:

The Public Service Medal Committee (Victoria) did not incur any entertainment expenses in 2005–06.

Premier: Australia Day Committee (Victoria) — entertainment expenses

8284. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Finance (for the Premier): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Australia Day Committee (Victoria) 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 Australia Day Committee (Victoria) does not allocate a budget for entertainment expenses. However, there is a separate budget allocated for the approved activities for the Australia Day Program.

Premier: Office of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel — entertainment expenses

8285. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Premier): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Office of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel, 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 as follows:

The Office of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel did not incur any entertainment expenses for 2005–06.

Premier: Office of Public Employment — entertainment expenses

8286. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Premier): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Office of Public Employment, 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 as follows:

The Office of Public Employment is no longer an entity and has not been in existence since April 2005.

Police and emergency services: Police Appeals Board — entertainment expenses

8288. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Police Appeals 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 advised that:

- (a) Entertainment expenses in 2005–06 totalled \$101.60;
- (b) There were no items of expenditure which exceeded \$500.

**Police and emergency services: Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Appeals
Commission — entertainment expenses**

8289. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Appeals 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 advised that:

There were no entertainment expenses incurred by the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Appeals Commission during 2005–06.

Police and emergency services: Firearms Appeals Committee — entertainment expenses

8290. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Firearms Appeals Committee, 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 advised that:

There were no entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Firearms Appeals Committee.

Police and emergency services: Country Fire Authority Appeals Commission — entertainment expenses

8291. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Country Fire Authority Appeals 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 advised that:

There were no entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Country Fire Authority Appeals Commission.

Police and emergency services: Victorian Community Council Against Violence — entertainment expenses

8301. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Victorian Community Council Against Violence, 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 advised that:

Expenditure on entertainment expenses in 2005–06 totalled \$1133.90. This expenditure related to a celebration on 14 December 2005 of the achievements of the Victorian Community Council Against Violence over its 16 year history. The names of the service providers were Queen Victoria Women’s Centre (venue) and Ajays (catering). The number of guests was 40.

Police and emergency services: Bureau of Emergency Service Telecommunications — entertainment expenses

8304. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Bureau of Emergency Services Telecommunication, 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 advised that:

There were no entertainment expenses incurred by the Bureau of Emergency Services Telecommunications during 2005–06.

Sport and recreation: State Sports Centre Trust — entertainment expenses

8308. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation: In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the State Sports Centre Trust, 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 advised that:

The total cost of entertainment expenses incurred by the State Sport Centres Trust between 1 July 2005 and 30 June 2006 was \$3,654. The State Sport Centres Trust incurred expenses in excess of \$500 for the launches of the Melbourne School of Sport and Recreation and the Sports House.

The launch of the Melbourne School of Sport and Recreation took place on 30 June 2006 and the total catering costs incurred by the State Sport Centres Trust was \$1,638 for 50 guests. The service provider was Delaware North.

The State Sport Centres Trust incurred catering expenses of \$2,016 for 50 guests for the launch of the Sports House on 4 April 2006. The service provider was Delaware North.

Sport and recreation: State Recreation Camps Committee — entertainment expenses

8309. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation: In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the State Recreation Camps Committee, 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 advised that:

No such expenses were incurred by the Sport and Recreation Camps Committee of Management Inc.

Women’s affairs: Queen Victoria Women’s Centre Trust — entertainment expenses

8310. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Women’s Affairs): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Queen Victoria Women’s Centre Trust, 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:

Total expenditure on entertainment by the QVWCT during 2005–06 was \$4,111.

Sport and recreation: Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Board — entertainment expenses

8312. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation: In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Professional Boxing and Combat Sports 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 advised that:

No such expenses were incurred by the Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Board.

Victorian communities: Melbourne Cricket Ground Trust — entertainment expenses

8313. 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 Melbourne Cricket Ground Trust, 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:

I do not have portfolio responsibility for the Melbourne Cricket Ground Trust.

Victorian communities: Melbourne and Olympic Parks Trust — entertainment expenses

8314. 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 Melbourne and Olympic Parks Trust, 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:

I do not have portfolio responsibility for the Melbourne and Olympic Parks Trust.

Small business: Office of the Small Business Commissioner — entertainment expenses

8354. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Small Business): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Office of the Small Business Commissioner, 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 as follows:

- (a) The total costs incurred on entertainment in financial year 2005–06 were \$159.25.
- (b) There were no entertainment expenses in excess of \$500 by the Office of the Small Business Commissioner in 2005–06.

**Police and emergency services: Office of the Emergency Services Commissioner —
communications staff**

8421. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Office of the Emergency Services Commissioner 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 advised that:

- (1) One.
- (2) The classification for this position is VPS 5. The salary band for this position is \$65,589 to \$79,357.
- (3) Senior Media and Communications Adviser.

Police and emergency services: Victoria State Emergency Service — communications staff

8422. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Victorian State Emergency Service 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 advised that:

- (1) One.
- (2) The classification for this position is VPS 5. The salary band for this position is \$65,589 to \$79,357.

(3) Public Relations Manager.

Police and emergency services: Bureau of Emergency Services Telecommunications — communications staff

8423. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Bureau of Emergency Services Telecommunications 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 advised that:

As at 30 June 2006, there were no Communications Officers employed at the Bureau of Emergency Services Telecommunications.

Police and emergency services: Victorian Community Council Against Violence — communications staff

8426. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Victorian Community Council Against Violence 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 advised that:

The Victorian Community Council Against Violence did not have any officers engaged in communications as at 30 June 2006.

Police and emergency services: Police Appeals Board — communications staff

8439. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Police Appeals 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 advised that:

As at 30 June 2006, there were no officers in the Police Appeals Board engaged in communications related to public, corporate or media relations.

Police and emergency services: Country Fire Authority — communications staff

8440. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Country Fire 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 advised that:

(1) Eight;

(2) and (3)

The job titles and salary bands are:

- Executive Manager, Public Affairs (\$127,343 – \$151,144);
- Manager, Corporate Communications (\$93,975 – \$103,754);
- Senior Public Relations Co-ordinator (\$66,656 – \$75,070);
- Public Relations Co-ordinator (\$55,183 – \$63,389);
- Media Relations Co-ordinator (\$55,183 – \$63,389);
- Marketing Events Co-ordinator (\$44,802 – \$52,495);
- Media Training Manager (\$66,656 – \$75,070);
- Communications Officer (\$55,183 – \$63,389).

Police and emergency services: Country Fire Authority Appeals Commission — communications staff

8460. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Country Fire Authority Appeals 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 advised that:

As at 30 June 2006, there were no officers in the Country Fire Authority Appeals Commission engaged in communications related to public, corporate or media relations.

Police and emergency services: Firearms Appeals Committee — communications staff

8461. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Firearms Appeals Committee 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 advised that:

As at 30 June 2006, there were no officers in the Firearms Appeals Committee engaged in communications related to public, corporate or media relations.

Police and emergency services: Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Appeals Commission — communications staff

8462. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Appeals 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 advised that:

There are no officers in the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Appeals Commission engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.

Police and emergency services: Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board — communications staff

8463. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services 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 advised that:

(1) Five;

(2) and (3)

The job titles and salary bands are:

Public Relations

Public Relations and Events Coordinator (VPS 3.1: \$45,917 – \$50,835).

Corporate and Media Relations

- Manager, Media Production Services (VPS 5.1: \$65,589 – \$72,473);
- Media Producer (VPS 3.2: \$51,818 – \$55,752);
- Executive Manager Corporate Relations (EO 3: \$116,600 – \$161,937);
- Director Corporate Relations (EO 2: \$145,177 – \$231,307).

Premier: Office of Public Employment — communications staff

8465. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Premier): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Office of Public Employment 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 as follows:

The Office of Public Employment is no longer an entity and has not been in existence since April 2005.

Premier: Office of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel — communications staff

8466. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Premier): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Office of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel 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 Office of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel does not have any staff engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.

Premier: Australia Day Committee (Victoria) — communications staff

8467. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Premier): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Australia Day Committee (Victoria) 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 as follows:

- (1) There is one Government officer who is a member of the committee and is directly engaged in communications.
- (2) Government officers are not paid in their capacity as members of this committee.
- (3) Member of the Australia Day Committee.

Premier: Public Service Medal Committee (Victoria) — communications staff

8468. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Premier): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Public Service Medal Committee (Victoria) 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 Public Service Medal Committee (Victoria) does not have any staff engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.

Premier: Victoria/New South Wales Border Anomalies Committee — communications staff

8469. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Premier): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Victoria/New South Wales Border Anomalies Committee 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 as follows:

The Victoria/New South Wales Border Anomalies Committee does not exist.

Premier: Premier and Cabinet, strategic directions group — communications staff

8472. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Premier): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Strategic Directions Group, Department of Premier and Cabinet 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 Strategic Directions Group does not exist.

Environment: Mount Baw Baw Alpine Resort Management Board — communications staff

8520. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Mount Baw Baw Alpine Resort Management 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act* 1994. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Mount Buller Alpine Resort Management Board — communications staff

8521. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Mount Buller Alpine Resort Management 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act* 1994. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Mount Hotham Alpine Resort Management Board — communications staff

8522. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Mount Hotham Alpine Resort Management 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Mount Stirling Alpine Resort Management Board — communications staff

8523. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Mount Stirling Alpine Resort Management 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Caulfield Racecourse Trust — communications staff

8524. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Caulfield Racecourse Trust 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:

As advised previously in the responses to Questions 1979, 2215, 2447, 2679, 3147, 3775, 4574, 5138, 5587, 5814, 6054, 6302, 6530, 6931 and 7180, this question does not fall under my portfolio responsibilities, and should more appropriately be directed to the responsible minister.

Environment: National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust — communications staff

8525. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust 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:

As previously advised in responses to questions 4757, 5139, 5815, 5588, 6055, 6303, 6531, 6932 and 7181, the National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust ceased to exist in 1995.

Environment: Phillip Island Nature Park Board of Management — communications staff

8526. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Phillip Island Nature Park Board of Management 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:

As advised previously in the responses to questions 3777, 4576, 5140, 5816, 5589, 6056, 6304, 6532, 6933 and 7182, this question does not fall under my portfolio responsibilities, and should more appropriately be directed to the responsible minister.

Environment: Shrine of Remembrance Trust — communications staff

8527. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Shrine of Remembrance Trust 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:

As advised previously in the responses to questions 1982, 2218, 2450, 2682, 2916, 3150, 3778, 4577, 5141, 5590, 5817, 6057, 6305, 6533, 6934 and 7183, this question does not fall under my portfolio responsibilities, and should more appropriately be directed to the responsible minister.

Environment: Yarra Bend Park Trust — communications staff

8528. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Yarra Bend Park Trust 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:

As advised previously in the responses to questions 1983, 2219, 2451, 2683, 2917, 3151, 3779, 4578, 5142, 5591, 5818, 6058, 6306, 6354, 6935 and 7184, this question does not fall under my portfolio responsibilities, and should more appropriately be directed to the responsible minister.

Environment: EcoRecycle Victoria — communications staff

8529. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the EcoRecycle Victoria 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:

EcoRecycle Victoria ceased to exist on 30 September 2005.

Environment: Environment Protection Authority — communications staff

8530. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Environment Protection 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Environment Protection Board — communications staff

8531. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Environment Protection 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: National Parks Advisory Council — communications staff

8532. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the National Parks Advisory Council 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Parks Victoria — communications staff

8533. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in Parks Victoria 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Reference Areas Advisory Committee — communications staff

8534. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Reference Areas Advisory Committee 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Royal Botanic Gardens Board — communications staff

8535. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Royal Botanic Gardens 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Scientific Advisory Committee — communications staff

8536. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Scientific Advisory Committee 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Sustainable Energy Authority Victoria — communications staff

8537. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Sustainable Energy Authority Victoria 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 Sustainable Energy Authority of Victoria ceased to exist on 30th September 2005.

Environment: Timber Promotion Council — communications staff

8538. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Timber Promotion Council 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:

As advised previously in the responses to questions 5152, 5601, 5828, 6068, 6316, 6544, 6945 and 7194, this question does not fall under my portfolio responsibilities, and should more appropriately be directed to the responsible minister.

Environment: Trust for Nature — communications staff

8539. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Trust for Nature 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Corangamite Catchment Management Authority — communications staff

8560. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Corangamite Catchment Management 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority — communications staff

8561. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the East Gippsland Catchment Management 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Glenelg-Hopkins Catchment Management Authority — communications staff

8562. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Glenelg-Hopkins Catchment Management 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Police and emergency services: Police Appeals Board — advertising and credit card expenditure

8707. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to the Police Appeals Board's expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (a) There was no advertising expenditure in 2005–06;
- (b) Credit card expenditure totalled \$6806.04.

The Police Appeals Board adheres to the Department of Treasury and Finance Purchasing Card Rules for Use and Administration (Issued pursuant to the Financial Management Act 1994).

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, 13 September 2006

Agriculture: Primary Industries — entertainment expenses

5910. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to the Department of Primary Industries' 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 informed that:

Providing a consolidated response with itemised details of entertainment expenditure for the Department of Primary Industries would place an undue strain on Departmental resources.

Arts: Australian Centre for the Moving Image — freedom of information requests

6009. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Australian Centre for the Moving Image 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:

The information sought will be available in the Attorney General's Freedom of Information annual report for 2004–05. The FOI annual report is generally tabled in Parliament during the Spring Sitting. Agency 2004–05 annual reports were tabled in November 2005, will also contain information about requests received.

The Department of Premier and Cabinet complies with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Arts: Film Victoria — freedom of information requests

6010. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Film Victoria 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:

The information sought will be available in the Attorney General's Freedom of Information annual report for 2004–05. The FOI annual report is generally tabled in Parliament during the Spring Sitting. Agency 2004–05 annual reports were tabled in November 2005, will also contain information about requests received.

The Department of Premier and Cabinet complies with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Arts: Geelong Performing Arts Centre Trust — freedom of information requests

6011. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Geelong Performing Arts Centre Trust 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:

The information sought will be available in the Attorney General's Freedom of Information annual report for 2004–05. The FOI annual report is generally tabled in Parliament during the Spring Sitting. Agency 2004–05 annual reports were tabled in November 2005, will also contain information about requests received.

The Department of Premier and Cabinet complies with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Arts: Council of Trustees of the National Gallery of Victoria — freedom of information requests

6012. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Council of Trustees of the National Gallery of Victoria 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:

Refer to the response made to Question on Notice 6013.

Arts: National Gallery of Victoria — freedom of information requests

6013. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the National Gallery of Victoria 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:

The information sought will be available in the Attorney General’s Freedom of Information annual report for 2004–05. The FOI annual report is generally tabled in Parliament during the Spring Sitting. Agency 2004–05 annual reports were tabled in November 2005, will also contain information about requests received.

The Department of Premier and Cabinet complies with the Attorney General’s Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Arts: Library Board of Victoria — freedom of information requests

6014. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Library Board of Victoria 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:

Refer to the response made to Question on Notice 6015.

Arts: State Library of Victoria — freedom of information requests

6015. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the State Library of Victoria 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:

The information sought will be available in the Attorney General’s Freedom of Information annual report for 2004–05. The FOI annual report is generally tabled in Parliament during the Spring Sitting. Agency 2004–05 annual reports were tabled in November 2005, will also contain information about requests received.

The Department of Premier and Cabinet complies with the Attorney General’s Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Arts: Museums Board of Victoria — freedom of information requests

6016. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Museums Board of Victoria 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:

Refer to response made to Question on Notice 6017.

Arts: Museum Victoria — freedom of information requests

6017. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Museum Victoria 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:

The information sought will be available in the Attorney General’s Freedom of Information annual report for 2004–05. The FOI annual report is generally tabled in Parliament during the Spring Sitting. Agency 2004–05 annual reports were tabled in November 2005, will also contain information about requests received.

The Department of Premier and Cabinet complies with the Attorney General’s Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Arts: Victorian Arts Centre Trust — freedom of information requests

6018. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Victorian Arts Centre Trust 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:

The information sought will be available in the Attorney General’s Freedom of Information annual report for 2004–05. The FOI annual report is generally tabled in Parliament during the Spring Sitting. Agency 2004–05 annual reports were tabled in November 2005, will also contain information about requests received.

The Department of Premier and Cabinet complies with the Attorney General’s Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Arts: Victorian Council of the Arts — freedom of information requests

6019. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Victorian Council of the Arts 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:

The information sought will be available in the Attorney General's Freedom of Information annual report for 2004–05. The FOI annual report is generally tabled in Parliament during the Spring Sitting. Agency 2004–05 annual reports were tabled in November 2005, will also contain information about requests received.

The Department of Premier and Cabinet complies with the Attorney General's Freedom of Information Guidelines of February 2000 and the Improved Accountability Guidelines of October 2002.

Agriculture: Primary Industries — capital works

- 6549. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to the Department of Primary Industries' 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:

In 2004–05, the Department of Primary Industries approved one priority major capital works project, the Upgrade of Victoria's Laboratory Capability. This project has been completed.

Arts: Australian Centre for the Moving Image — overseas travel

- 6886. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to overseas travel by the Australian Centre for the Moving Image 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 number of international trips conducted by the Australian Centre for the Moving Image amounted to 12 trips and involved 13 persons.

All trips were approved by the Board and undertaken to fulfil statutory responsibilities of the Australian Centre for the Moving Image.

Arts: Film Victoria — overseas travel

6887. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to overseas travel by Film Victoria 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 number of international trips conducted by Film Victoria amounted to 14 trips and involved 14 persons.

All trips were approved by the Board and undertaken to fulfil statutory responsibilities of Film Victoria.

Arts: Geelong Performing Arts Centre Trust — overseas travel

6888. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to overseas travel by the Geelong Performing Arts Centre Trust 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:

Nil response

Arts: Council of Trustees of the National Gallery of Victoria — overseas travel

6889. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to overseas travel by the Council of Trustees of the National Gallery of Victoria 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:

See answer 6890

Arts: National Gallery of Victoria — overseas travel

6890. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to overseas travel by the National Gallery of Victoria 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 number of international trips conducted by the National Gallery of Victoria amounted to 11 trips and involved 12 persons.

All trips were approved by the Council of Trustees and undertaken to fulfil statutory responsibilities of the Council of Trustees of the National Gallery of Victoria.

Arts: Library Board of Victoria — overseas travel

6891. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to overseas travel by the Library Board of Victoria 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:

See answer 6892

Arts: State Library of Victoria — overseas travel

6892. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to overseas travel by the State Library of Victoria 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 number of international trips conducted by the State Library of Victoria amounted to 2 trips and involved 2 people.

All trips were approved by the Board and undertaken to fulfil statutory responsibilities of the Library Board of Victoria.

Arts: Museums Board of Victoria — overseas travel

6893. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to overseas travel by the Museums Board of Victoria 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:

See answer 6894

Arts: Museum Victoria — overseas travel

6894. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to overseas travel by Museum Victoria 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 number of international trips conducted by Museum Victoria amounted to 29 trips and involved 29 persons.

All trips were approved by the Board and undertaken to fulfil statutory responsibilities of the Museums Board of Victoria.

Arts: Victorian Arts Centre Trust — overseas travel

6895. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to overseas travel by the Victorian Arts Centre Trust 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 number of international trips conducted by the Victorian Arts Centre Trust amounted to 23 trips and involved 34 persons.

All trips were approved by the Trust and undertaken to fulfil statutory responsibilities of the Victorian Arts Centre Trust.

Arts: Victorian Council of the Arts — overseas travel

6896. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to overseas travel by the Victorian Council of the Arts 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:

Nil response

Employment and youth affairs: minister's office — furnishings

- 7447. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs): What furniture items, including moveable 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 that:

I have responded to this Question in my capacity as Minister for Education Services (refer to response to Question number 7469).

Attorney-General: minister's office — furnishings

- 7461. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): What furniture items, including moveable 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:

According to the financial records of the Department of Justice, the answer is nil.

Employment and youth affairs: Victorian Communities — entertainment expenses

- 7490. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Employment and Youth 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 informed as follows:

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

Employment and youth affairs: charter flights

7532. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Employment and Youth 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:

I have responded to this Question in my capacity as Minister for Education Services (refer to response to Question number 7554).

Employment and youth affairs: minister's office — international travel

7616. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Employment and Youth 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:

I have responded to this Question in my capacity as Minister for Education Services (refer to response to Question number 7638).

Employment and youth affairs: minister's office — interstate travel

7658. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Employment and Youth 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:

I have responded to this Question in my capacity as Minister for Education Services (refer to response to Question number 7680).

Employment and youth affairs: minister's office — intrastate travel

7700. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Employment and Youth 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:

I have responded to this Question in my capacity as Minister for Education Services (refer to response to Question number 7722).

Employment and youth affairs: minister's office — entertainment expenses

7742. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs): What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I have responded to this Question in my capacity as Minister for Education Services (refer to response to Question number 7764). [*Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 24 August 2006, page 3258*]

Employment and youth affairs: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7784. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs): What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I have responded to this Question in my capacity as Minister for Education Services (refer to response to Question number 7806). [*Hansard reference: Legislative Council, 24 August 2006, page 3259*]

Employment and youth affairs: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7826. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs): What expenses were incurred by each Department and Agency for the purchase of alcohol for the Minister and ministerial staff and the Minister's office in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The answer is nil.

Employment and youth affairs: ministerial staff — cost

7868. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs): What was the total cost associated with the engagement of ministerial staff, including salaries, superannuation and WorkCover in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Costs for the engagement of Ministerial staff are managed by the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Energy industries: ministerial staff — cost

7893. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries: What was the total cost associated with the engagement of ministerial staff, including salaries, superannuation and WorkCover in 2005.

ANSWER:

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

The Department of Infrastructure does not hold information regarding Ministerial staff. Ministerial staff are engaged by the Department of Premier and Cabinet and your question should be directed to the Premier.

Employment and youth affairs: ministerial staff — number

7910. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs): How many ministerial staff were employed by the Minister at 1 March 2006.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I do not employ Ministerial staff.

Employment and youth affairs: minister's office — secondments

7952. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs): 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:

The answer is nil.

Planning: Shannon's Way Pty Ltd — payments

8080. THE HON. GRAEME STONEY — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): 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:

No payments were made to Shannon's Way Pty Ltd by my private office or the Department of Sustainability and Environment for activities falling under my portfolio responsibilities as Minister for Planning.

Water: Colbinabbin–Lake Eppalock pipeline

8117. THE HON. DAMIAN DRUM — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Water): In relation to the Government's proposal to meet Bendigo's future water needs by constructing a pipeline from Colbinabbin to Lake Eppalock:

- (1) What is the estimated pumping cost per megalitre of water transferred, including maintenance and depreciation charges.
- (2) Which organisation or organisations will be responsible for this cost.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Preliminary estimates of the pumping costs are \$100 plus per ML.
- (2) Coliban Water will be responsible for this cost.

Water: Colbinabbin–Lake Eppalock pipeline

8118. THE HON. DAMIAN DRUM — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Water): In relation to the Government's proposal to meet Bendigo's future water needs by constructing a pipeline from Colbinabbin to Lake Eppalock:

- (1) What height does the water have to be lifted to enable it to flow into Lake Eppalock.
- (2) What size pumps will be required.
- (3) What is the proposed diameter of the pipeline.
- (4) What is the maximum capacity of the pipeline in megalitres of water transferred per day.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The water needs to be lifted approximately 140 metres to flow into Lake Eppalock.
- (2) It is a matter for Coliban Water to determine the size of the pumps.
- (3) It is a matter for Coliban Water to determine the diameter of the pipeline.
- (4) It is envisaged that at least 100 ML per day can be pumped.

Water: Colbinabbin–Lake Eppalock pipeline

- 8119. THE HON. DAMIAN DRUM** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Water): In relation to the Government’s proposal to meet Bendigo’s future water needs by constructing a pipeline from Colbinabbin to Lake Eppalock, and given that Coliban Water has previously indicated that 8 gigalitres per year in additional water from outside existing resources is required to secure Bendigo’s future water needs, why is the Government proposing to construct a pipeline with capacity to transfer 20 gigalitres per year.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Since the preparation of Coliban Water’s WaterPlan 2055 document the Department of Sustainability and Environment has provided further information in regard to the possible impact of climate change on the yield from our catchments. This information indicated that the allowance for reduced runoff in WaterPlan 2055 may have been too low and consequently a much larger amount of water may be required from additional sources by 2055 — hence the increase from 8 GL to 20GL.

Water: Colbinabbin–Lake Eppalock pipeline

- 8120. THE HON. DAMIAN DRUM** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Water): In relation to the Government’s proposal to meet Bendigo’s future water needs by constructing a pipeline from Colbinabbin to Lake Eppalock:
- (1) Will water entitlement be purchased for the water that will be transferred via the proposed pipeline to Lake Eppalock and if so how much of this will be permanent water entitlement and how much will be sourced through the temporary water market.
 - (2) What is the Government’s estimate of the costs involved in purchasing the water entitlement and how will this be funded.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Water entitlement will be purchased for the water that will be transferred via the proposed pipeline to Lake Eppalock. It is expected that around 8000ML of the water purchased will be permanent entitlement with the balance to be found from temporary market.
- (2) Market price will be paid for purchase of the water and this is estimated to cost approximately \$10 million for the permanent entitlement. All water purchased will be funded by Coliban Water.

Water: Colbinabbin–Lake Eppalock pipeline

- 8121. THE HON. DAMIAN DRUM** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Water): In relation to the Government’s proposal to meet Bendigo’s future water needs by constructing a pipeline from Colbinabbin to Lake Eppalock did the Government discuss this proposal and its intention to seek National Water Initiative funding with the National Water Commission prior to the announcement.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Victorian State Government and Coliban Water have lodged a funding bid for the project under the Round 2 call for submissions of the Water Smart Australia Program. The bid complied with the application guidelines set by the National Water Commission.

Water: Colbinabbin–Lake Eppalock pipeline

8122. THE HON. DAMIAN DRUM — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Water): In relation to the Government’s proposal to meet Bendigo’s future water needs by constructing a pipeline from Colbinabbin to Lake Eppalock will the project result in water savings and if so what is the extent and nature of these savings.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

This project will result in up to an extra 100ML of water a day being made available to Bendigo and the surrounding region to help improve the reliability of supply. Actions to achieve water savings are listed in Coliban Water’s WaterPlan 2055.

Water: Colbinabbin–Lake Eppalock pipeline

8125. THE HON. DAMIAN DRUM — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Water): In relation to the Government’s proposal to meet Bendigo’s future water needs by constructing a pipeline from Colbinabbin to Lake Eppalock, does the Bracks Government believe the Eppalock catchment region has been adversely affected by land subdivision, farming practices, vegetation initiatives, global warming or any other reason so as to significantly affect the performance of the Eppalock catchment system and if so, to what extent can we expect to have the inflows into Eppalock diminished when compared to historical inflow data.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

There has been a reduced flow into water storages in recent years and any one of the issues mentioned may have some influence on the reduction of inflow. However the principal fact still remains that rainfall patterns and volumes have not been conducive to high volume runoff events. This situation is not unique to the Eppalock catchment—the Wimmera Mallee water supply system is at extremely low levels and other parts of Victoria also have low storage volumes. Unless the current rainfall patterns change there will not be significant inflows to Eppalock, this is why it is necessary to adopt water saving practices as well as investigate system augmentations such as the pipeline from Colbinabbin to Lake Eppalock.

Water: Colbinabbin–Lake Eppalock pipeline

8128. THE HON. DAMIAN DRUM — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Water): In relation to the Government’s proposal to meet Bendigo’s future water needs by constructing a pipeline from Colbinabbin to Lake Eppalock, was the City of Greater Bendigo consulted by the GHD consultancy group regarding their views of the benefits to Bendigo and Heathcote of having additional recreational water being stored in Lake Eppalock.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The City of Greater Bendigo was not consulted by the GHD consultancy group regarding their views of the benefits to Bendigo and Heathcote of having additional recreational water being stored in Lake Eppalock.

Water: Colbinabbin–Lake Eppalock pipeline

8129. THE HON. DAMIAN DRUM — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Water): In relation to the Government’s proposal to meet Bendigo’s future water needs by constructing a pipeline from Colbinabbin to Lake Eppalock, how will this project secure the supply of water to Heathcote residents and businesses.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Heathcote draws its water supply from Lake Eppalock. Therefore any additional water in Lake Eppalock will also benefit Heathcote residents and businesses.

Water: Colbinabbin–Lake Eppalock pipeline

8130. THE HON. DAMIAN DRUM — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Water): In relation to the Government’s proposal to meet Bendigo’s future water needs by constructing a pipeline from Colbinabbin to Lake Eppalock, what rate of growth has been assumed when calculating Heathcote’s future water needs.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In calculating Heathcote’s future water use a population growth of 1.4% per annum has been assumed. This has been based on the DSE population growth projections.

Environment: South East Water Ltd — advertising and credit card expenditure

8162. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to South East Water Ltd’s expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Victorian Government has put in place appropriate procedures and checks to ensure that credit card use and advertising expenditure is managed in accordance with the Financial Management Compliance Framework. This framework has been introduced in Victoria to provide a more stringent and detailed financial governance regime.

Further, South East Water Ltd is required to manage its financial affairs in accordance with the *Corporation Act* 2001 and the *Financial Management Act* 1994.

Victorian Communities: Office of Women’s Policy — advertising and credit card expenditure

8163. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Women’s Affairs): In relation to the Office of Women’s Policy within the Department of Victorian Communities’ expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

- (a) advertising expenditure; and

- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In the year 2004–05 OWP incurred advertising expenses totalling \$11,562.44, for the promotion of Women’s Community Leadership Grants, the Victorian Honour Roll of Women and advertising relating to recruitment of Office of Women’s Policy Staff.

The Office of Women’s Policy does not have a credit card.

Environment: Yarra Valley Water Ltd — advertising and credit card expenditure

8209. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to Yarra Valley Water Ltd’s expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
 (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Victorian Government has put in place appropriate procedures and checks to ensure that credit card use and advertising expenditure is managed in accordance with the Financial Management Compliance Framework. This framework has been introduced in Victoria to provide a more stringent and detailed financial governance regime.

Further, Yarra Valley Water Ltd is required to manage its financial affairs in accordance with the *Corporation Act* 2001 and the *Financial Management Act* 1994.

Agriculture: Primary Industries, business and corporate services division — communications staff

8502. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Business and Corporate Services Division, Department of Primary Industries 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 Department of Primary Industries (DPI) has a centralised communications function which falls within the Business and Corporate Services Division. No other division within DPI employs communications staff. Therefore this response encompasses all officers engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations within DPI.

As at 30 June 2006, there were 16.4 full-time employees (18 individual officers) engaged in communications in DPI. The details are as follows:

- three Team Coordinators (Grade 4);

- seven Communication Officers (Grade 3);
- two Communication Strategists (Grade 5);
- five Communication Advisers (Grade 4); and
- one Director (EO3).

These positions cover public, corporate and media relations and management of these functions and staff are involved in delivering valuable services to private land-holders, farmers, fishermen, miners and others involved in Primary Industries.

For example, you may be aware of the many DPI activities and regular information columns appearing in country media.

The VPS salary bands are set out in publicly available public sector rates of pay and annual Departmental Reports.

Agriculture: Primary Industries, Fisheries Victoria — communications staff

8503. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Fisheries Victoria, Department of Primary Industries 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 Department of Primary Industries (DPI) has a centralised communications function which falls within the Business and Corporate Services Division. All officers engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations within DPI are employed within the BCS Division. No officers in the Fisheries Victoria Division are engaged in these functions.

Agriculture: Primary Industries, regional services and agricultural division — communications staff

8504. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Regional Services and Agricultural Division, Department of Primary Industries 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 Department of Primary Industries (DPI) has a centralised communications function which falls within the Business and Corporate Services (BCS) Division. All officers engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations within DPI are employed within the BCS Division. No officers from the Agriculture Development Division, Catchment and Agriculture Services Division or Biosecurity Victoria, which make up the former Regional Services and Agriculture Division, are engaged in these functions.

Agriculture: Primary Industries, strategic policy division — communications staff

8505. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Strategic Policy Division, Department of Primary Industries 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 Department of Primary Industries (DPI) has a centralised communications function which falls within the Business and Corporate Services (BCS) Division. All officers engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations within DPI are employed within the BCS Division. No officers in the Policy Groups, which make up the former Strategic Policy Division, are engaged in these functions.

Environment: Alpine Resorts Coordinating Council — communications staff

8517. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Alpine Resorts Coordinating Council 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Falls Creek Alpine Resort Management Board — communications staff

8518. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Falls Creek Alpine Resort Management 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the

Financial Management Act 1994. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Lake Mountain Alpine Resort Management Board — communications staff

8519. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Lake Mountain Alpine Resort Management 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Goulburn-Broken Catchment Management Authority — communications staff

8563. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Goulburn-Broken Catchment Management 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Mallee Catchment Management Authority — communications staff

8564. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Mallee Catchment Management 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: North Central Catchment Management Authority — communications staff

8565. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the North Central Catchment Management 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: North East Catchment Management Authority — communications staff

8566. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the North East Catchment Management 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority — communications staff

8567. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority — communications staff

8568. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the West Gippsland Catchment Management 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Wimmera Catchment Management Authority — communications staff

8569. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Wimmera Catchment Management 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Victorian Coastal Council — communications staff

8570. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Victorian Coastal Council 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Victorian Environment Assessment Council — communications staff

8571. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Victorian Environment Assessment Council 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Central Coastal Board — communications staff

8572. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Central Coastal 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Gippsland Coastal Board — communications staff

8573. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Gippsland Coastal 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Western Coastal Board — communications staff

8574. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Western Coastal 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Barwon Region Water Authority — communications staff

8575. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Barwon Region Water 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Central Gippsland Region Water Authority — communications staff

8576. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Central Gippsland Region Water 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Central Highlands Region Water Authority — communications staff

8577. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Central Highlands Region Water 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Coliban Region Water Authority — communications staff

8578. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Coliban Region Water 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the

Financial Management Act 1994. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: East Gippsland Region Water Authority — communications staff

8579. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the East Gippsland Region Water 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Glenelg Region Water Authority — communications staff

8580. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Glenelg Region Water 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 Glenelg Region Water Authority ceased to exist on 30 June 2005.

Environment: Goulburn Valley Region Water Authority — communications staff

8581. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Goulburn Valley Region Water 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the

Financial Management Act 1994. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Grampians Region Water Authority — communications staff

8582. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Grampians Region Water 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: South Gippsland Region Water Authority — communications staff

8586. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the South Gippsland Region Water 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: South West Water Authority — communications staff

8587. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the South West Water 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 South West Water Authority ceased to exist on 30 June 2005.

Environment: Western Region Water Authority — communications staff

8588. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Western Region Water 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Werribee Open Range Zoo — communications staff

8601. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Victoria's Open Range Zoo at Werribee 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Alpine Advisory Committee — communications staff

8612. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Alpine Advisory Committee 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Historic Buildings Management Committee — communications staff

8613. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Historic Buildings Management Committee 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:

As previously advised in the responses to questions 2049, 2285, 2517, 2749, 2983, 3217, 3872, 4323, 5207, 5371, 5655, 5882, 6142, 6368, 6606, 7018 and 7247, the Historic Buildings Management Committee ceased to exist in 1999.

Sport and recreation: Melbourne and Olympic Parks Trust — communications staff

8640. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation: As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Melbourne and Olympic Parks Trust 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 advised that:

The Melbourne and Olympic Parks Trust (MOPT) employs one officer in communications, including public, corporate and media relations. The salary band of the General Manager, Marketing and Commercial Services is \$110,000 - \$150,000.

Sport and recreation: Melbourne Cricket Ground Trust — communications staff

8641. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation: As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Melbourne Cricket Ground Trust 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 advised that:

The Melbourne Cricket Ground Trust has no officers engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.

Sport and recreation: Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Board — communications staff

8642. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation: As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Professional Boxing and Combat Sports 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 advised that:

The Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Board has no officers engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.

Women's affairs: Queen Victoria Women's Centre Trust — communications staff

8644. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Women's Affairs): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Queen Victoria Women's Centre Trust 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:

As at 30 June 2006:

The QVWCT does not employ or contract any individuals for the purpose of managing communications (including public, corporate or media relations).

Sport and recreation: State Recreation Camps Committee of Management — communications staff

8645. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation: As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the State Recreation Camps Committee of Management 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 advised that:

The Sport and Recreation Camps Committee of Management Incorporated has no officers engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.

Agriculture: Primary Industries — communications staff

8654. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Department of Primary Industries 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 Department of Primary Industries (DPI) has a centralised communications function which falls within the Business and Corporate Services Division. No other division within DPI employs communications staff. Therefore this response encompasses all officers engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations within DPI.

As at 30 June 2006, there were 16.4 full-time employees (18 individual officers) engaged in communications in DPI. The details are as follows:

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Environment: South East Water Ltd — advertising and credit card expenditure

8679. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to the South East Water Ltd's expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Victorian Government has put in place appropriate procedures and checks to ensure that credit card use and advertising expenditure is managed in accordance with the Financial Management Compliance Framework. This framework has been introduced in Victoria to provide a more stringent and detailed financial governance regime.

Further, South East Water Ltd is required to manage its financial affairs in accordance with the *Corporation Act 2001* and the *Financial Management Act 1994*.

Environment: Yarra Valley Water Ltd — advertising and credit card expenditure

- 8722. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister of Environment): In relation to the Yarra Valley Water Ltd’s expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:
- (a) advertising expenditure; and
 - (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Victorian Government has put in place appropriate procedures and checks to ensure that credit card use and advertising expenditure is managed in accordance with the Financial Management Compliance Framework. This framework has been introduced in Victoria to provide a more stringent and detailed financial governance regime.

Further, Yarra Valley Water Ltd is required to manage its financial affairs in accordance with the *Corporation Act 2001* and the *Financial Management Act 1994*.

Sport and recreation: Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Pty Ltd — advertising and credit card expenditure

- 8728. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation: In relation to the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Pty Ltd’s expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:
- (a) advertising expenditure; and
 - (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

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

I am advised that for 2005–06:

- (a) advertising expenditure for Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Corporation was \$5.9 million, and
- (b) credit card expenditure for Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Corporation was NIL

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.*

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Attorney-General: ministerial staff — mobile telephone services

3344. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney General): What has been the cost of providing mobile telephone services to the Minister's staff since 1999–2000.

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.

Treasurer: Better Roads Victoria Trust Fund

4936. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer):

- (1) What was the balance of the Better Roads Victoria Trust Fund as at 1 January 2004, 30 June 2004, 1 January 2005 and 1 May 2005.
- (2) What appropriations were made out of this fund after 1 January 2004, for what project was each appropriation made and under what authority were these appropriations made.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Better Roads Victoria Trust Fund is not administered by my Department.

Industrial relations: minister's office — alcohol purchases

5409. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Industrial Relations): 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:

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.

Energy industries: Mining and Environment Advisory Committee — capital works

6512. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries: In relation to the Mining and Environment Advisory 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:

No appropriation of funds for major capital works, including major maintenance, replacement and upgrades was provided to the Mining and Environment Advisory Committee during this period.

Environment: City West Water— stress-related leave

7229. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of City West 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:

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

Environment: South East Water— stress-related leave

7231. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of South East 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:

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

Environment: Yarra Valley Water— stress-related leave

7232. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In relation to staff members of Yarra 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:

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

Health: minister's office — furnishings

7448. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): What furniture items, including moveable 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 that:

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

Industrial relations: minister's office — furnishings

7449. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Industrial Relations): What furniture items, including moveable 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:

According to the financial records of the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development, the answer is nil.

Aged care: minister's office — furnishings

7452. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care: What furniture items, including moveable 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 that:

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

Housing: minister's office — furnishings

7459. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Housing: What furniture items, including moveable 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 that:

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

Health: Human Services — entertainment expenses

7491. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): 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 jointly provided hosting opportunities for Ministers and senior Departmental officers during the Commonwealth Games. These 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.

Aged care: Human Services — entertainment expenses

7495. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care: 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 jointly provided hosting opportunities for Ministers and senior Departmental officers during the Commonwealth Games. These 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.

Transport: Infrastructure — entertainment expenses

7498. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Transport): 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:

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

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

Housing: Human Services — entertainment expenses

7502. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Housing: 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 jointly provided hosting opportunities for Ministers and senior Departmental officers during the Commonwealth Games. These 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.

Housing: charter flights

7544. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Housing: 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:

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

Arts: charter flights

7545. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): 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:

Nil response

Transport: media research and public opinion polling

7582. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Transport): 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 enquiry but a speculative question and as such a response would require an unreasonable diversion of time and resources.

Arts: media research and public opinion polling

7587. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): 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 that:

Arts Victoria evaluated Open House in 2004 at a cost of \$4289.

Industrial relations: minister's office — interstate travel

7660. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Industrial Relations): 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 Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development, have not paid any expenses incurred in my capacity as Minister for Industrial Relations or by my ministerial staff in relation to interstate travel in 2004–05.

Arts: minister's office — interstate travel

7671. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): 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:

The total expenditure for interstate travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05 was \$3,914.25.

Industrial relations: minister's office — intrastate travel

7702. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Industrial Relations): 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 Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development, have not paid any expenses incurred in my capacity as Minister for Industrial Relations or by my ministerial staff in relation to intrastate travel in 2004–05.

Arts: minister's office — intrastate travel

7713. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): 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 total expenditure for intrastate travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05 was \$698.89.

Housing: minister's office — entertainment expenses

7754. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Housing: What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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

Health: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7785. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

To provide details of payment made would be an unreasonable diversion of my department's resources.

Industrial relations: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7786. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Industrial Relations): What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Any alcohol costs incurred in 2005 would be included within a general hospitality accounting code. To isolate such expenses from other hospitality expenses would involve an examination of individual invoices and would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Aged care: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7789. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care: What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

To provide details of payment made would be an unreasonable diversion of my department's resources.

Environment: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7791. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The records of the Department of Sustainability and Environment do not identify any purchases of alcohol for my office during 2005. Some limited alcohol costs may have been included within general catering invoices.

Transport: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7792. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Transport): What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol in 2005.

ANSWER:

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

There were no purchases of alcohol by the Minister or his staff in 2005.

Water: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7793. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Water): What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The records of the Department of Sustainability and Environment do not identify any purchases of alcohol for my office during 2005. Some limited alcohol costs may have been included within general catering invoices.

Housing: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7796. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Housing: What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

To provide details of payment made would be an unreasonable diversion of my department's resources.

Health: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7827. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): 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 that:

To provide details of payment made would be an unreasonable diversion of my department's resources.

Industrial relations: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7828. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Industrial Relations): 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:

Any alcohol costs incurred in 2004–05 would be included within a general hospitality accounting code. To isolate such expenses from other hospitality expenses would involve an examination of individual invoices and would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

Aged care: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7831. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care: 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 that:

To provide details of payment made would be an unreasonable diversion of my department's resources.

Environment: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7833. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): 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 that:

The records of the Department of Sustainability and Environment do not identify any purchases of alcohol for my office during the 2004–05 financial year. Some limited alcohol costs may have been included within general catering invoices.

Transport: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7834. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Transport): 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:

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

There were no purchases of alcohol by the Department and any Agency for the Minister, his staff or office for 2005.

Water: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7835. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Water): 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 that:

The records of the Department of Sustainability and Environment do not identify any purchases of alcohol for my office during the 2004–05 financial year. Some limited alcohol costs may have been included within general catering invoices.

Housing: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7838. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Housing: 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 that:

To provide details of payment made would be an unreasonable diversion of my department's resources.

Transport: ministerial staff — cost

7876. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Transport): What was the total cost associated with the engagement of ministerial staff, including salaries, superannuation and WorkCover in 2005.

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 and Cabinet.

Arts: ministerial staff — cost

7881. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): What was the total cost associated with the engagement of ministerial staff, including salaries, superannuation and WorkCover in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Ministerial staff are employed by the Premier.

Arts: minister's office — secondments

7965. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): 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:

Nil response

Agriculture: minister's office — secondments

7972. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): 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:

Staff working within the office of the Minister for Agriculture are employed by the Department of Premier and Cabinet. I would refer you to the Annual Reports of that department which detail the arrangements relating to staff working within ministerial offices.

Employment and youth affairs: Shannon's Way Pty Ltd — payments

8045. THE HON. GRAEME STONEY — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs): 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:

I have responded to this Question in my capacity as Minister for Education Services (refer to response to Question number 8061).

Industrial relations: Shannon's Way Pty Ltd — payments

8047. THE HON. GRAEME STONEY — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Industrial Relations): 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 as follows:

No payments have been made to Shannon's Way within this period.

Victorian communities: Shannon's Way Pty Ltd — payments

8049. THE HON. GRAEME STONEY — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Victorian Communities): 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.

Agriculture: Primary Industries — consultancies

8112. THE HON. DAMIAN DRUM — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture):

- (1) What consultancies were undertaken by the Department of Primary Industries 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:

DPI engaged the following consultancies during 2005–06.

Consultancies greater than \$100,000:

- There was one consultancy entered into by DPI with a value exceeding \$100,000 during 2005–06. With \$130,030 provided to Intellectual Capital Services in 2005–06.

Consultancies less than \$100,000:

- There were five consultancies with expenditure less than \$100,000 engaged by DPI during 2005–06. These totalled \$167,035.62

The table below lists all the consultancies engaged by DPI during 2005–06.

Company	Expenditure 2005–06
Bellair Pastoral Consultants	\$28,797.71
AMC Consultants Pty Ltd	\$79,999.54
Bowman Richards and Associates	\$11,550.00
Bowman Richards and Associates	\$15,188.37
Wylde Group Pty Ltd	\$31,500.00
Intellectual Capital Services Pty Ltd	\$130,030.00
Total	\$297,065.62

Attorney-General: Justice — consultancies

8115. THE HON. DAMIAN DRUM — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General):

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

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

You should refer to the 2005–06 Department of Justice Annual Report when it is tabled.

Transport: Wallan service centre

8131. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Transport): In relation to the proposed development of a service centre on the Hume Highway at Wallan:

- (1) Which entity will own the site.
- (2) Which entity will develop the site.

- (3) Which entity will operate the site.
- (4) What other service centre sites on Victorian highways operate under the same business structure as that proposed at Wallan.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) VicRoads.
- (2) Hume Freeway Service Centre Consortium Pty Ltd.
- (3) Michem P/L (Subsidiary of A/A Holding P/L).
- (4) Two (2) Service Centres on Calder Freeway at Keilor, one (1) Service Centre on Western Highway at Deer Park.

Energy industries and resources: Quarry Managers Advisory Panel — advertising and credit card expenditure

8165. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries: In relation to the Quarry Managers Advisory Panel's expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Quarry Managers Advisory Panel did not incur any advertising or credit card expenditure for 2004–05 period.

Energy industries and resources: Mining and Environment Advisory Committee — advertising and credit card expenditure

8166. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries: In relation to the Mining and Environment Advisory Committee's expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Mining and Environment Advisory Committee did not incur any advertising or credit card expenditure in the 2004–05 period.

Multicultural affairs: Victorian Multicultural Commission — advertising and credit card expenditure

8206. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): In relation to the Victorian Multicultural Commission's expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The total advertising expenditure for the Victorian Multicultural Commission for 2004–05 was \$22,057.10.

There was no credit card expenditure for the Victorian Multicultural Commission for 2004–05.

Attorney-General: Municipal Electoral Tribunal — advertising and credit card expenditure

8224. 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 expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

There was no advertising or credit card expenditure incurred by members or staff of the Municipal Electoral Tribunal during 2004–05.

Planning: Architects Registration Board — advertising and credit card expenditure

8231. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to the Architects Registration Board’s expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (a) \$8,840
- (b) Nil

Planning: Building Advisory Committee — advertising and credit card expenditure

8232. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to the Building Advisory Committee’s expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (a) Nil
- (b) Nil

Planning: Building Appeals Board — advertising and credit card expenditure

8233. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to the Building Appeals Board’s expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (a) Nil
- (b) Nil

Planning: Building Practitioners Board — advertising and credit card expenditure

8235. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to the Building Practitioners Board’s expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (a) Nil
- (b) Nil

Planning: Building Regulations Advisory Committee — advertising and credit card expenditure

8236. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to the Building Regulations Advisory Committee’s expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (a) Nil
- (b) Nil

Planning: Surveyors Board — advertising and credit card expenditure

8239. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to the Surveyors Board's expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (a) Nil
- (b) Nil

Planning: National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust — advertising and credit card expenditure

8241. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to the National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust's expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

As previously advised in responses to questions 4757, 5139, 5815, 5588, 6055, 6303, 6531, 6932 and 7181, the National Tennis Centre (Melbourne Park) Trust ceased to exist in 1995.

Agriculture: Victorian Agricultural Chemicals Advisory Committee — entertainment expenses

8244. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Victorian Agricultural Chemicals Advisory Committee, 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 Victorian Agricultural Chemicals Advisory Committee did not incur any entertainment expenses during 2005–06.

Agriculture: Melbourne Licensing Appeals Tribunals — entertainment expenses

8245. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Melbourne Licensing Appeals Tribunal’s (Fisheries), 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 Fisheries Licensing Appeals Tribunal did not incur any entertainment expenses during 2005–06.

Agriculture: Swine Industry Projects Advisory Committee (Victoria) — entertainment expenditure

8246. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Swine Industry Projects Advisory Committee (Victoria), 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 Swine Industry Projects Advisory Committee did not incur any entertainment expenses in 2005–06.

Agriculture: Sheep and Goat Compensation Advisory Committee — entertainment expenditure

8247. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Sheep and Goat Compensation Advisory Committee, 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 Sheep and Goat Compensation Advisory Committee did not incur any entertainment expenses in 2005–06.

Agriculture: Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals — entertainment expenditure

8248. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 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 RSPCA is a private registered charity. It is run independently of government. Any requests for information regarding the operations of the RSPCA should be directed to the RSPCA.

Agriculture: Cattle Compensation Advisory Committee — entertainment expenses

8249. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Cattle Compensation Advisory Committee, 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 Cattle Compensation Advisory Committee did not incur any entertainment expenses for the period 2005–06.

Agriculture: Apiculture Industry Advisory Committee — entertainment expenses

8250. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Apiculture Industry Advisory Committee, 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 Apiculture Industry Advisory Committee did not incur any entertainment expenses for the period 2005–06.

Agriculture: Animal Welfare Advisory Committee — entertainment expenses

8251. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, 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 Animal Welfare Advisory Committee did not incur any entertainment expenses during 2005–06.

Agriculture: Agriculture Services Pty Ltd — entertainment expenses

8252. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by Agriculture Victoria Services Pty Ltd, 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:

Answers to questions in relation to entertainment expenses are as follows:

- (a) The total cost incurred by the Agriculture Victoria Services Pty Ltd in relation to entertainment expenses for 2005–06 was \$1,552.00.
- (b) The itemised details for all expenditures in excess of \$500.00 are as follows:

Date	Cost	No. of Guests	Purpose	Service Provider
8/11/2006	\$543.00	11	Function with major client–mid-project review to promote the commercialisation of Victorian Government Science and Development into the Market for Primary Producers.	Restaurant

Agriculture: Victorian Strawberry Industry Development Committee — entertainment expenses

8255. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Victorian Strawberry Industry Development Committee, 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 Victorian Strawberry Industry Development Committee did not incur any entertainment expenses in 2005–06.

Agriculture: Victorian Meat Authority — entertainment expenses

8256. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Victorian Meat 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:

- (a) Total entertainment expenses incurred by PrimeSafe, formerly the Victorian Meat Authority, in the 2005–06 period were \$20,961.
- (b) Itemised details of entertainment expenses in excess of \$500 are as follows:

Date	Cost	No. of Guests	Purpose	Service Provider
05/11/2005	\$873.00	12	PrimeSafe delegates attendance at the Australian Meat Industry Council annual dinner	Restaurant
09/12/2005	\$8,632.00	81	Annual PrimeSafe industry function	Hotel
02/06/2006	\$646.00	11	Meeting of PrimeSafe Directors	Hotel
24/06/2006	\$2,200	22	PrimeSafe attendance at the Poultry Industry function	Hotel

Agriculture: Victorian Broiler Industry Negotiation Committee — entertainment expenses

8257. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Victorian Broiler Industry Negotiation Committee, 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 Victorian Broiler Industry Negotiation Committee did not incur any entertainment expenses for the 2005–2006 period.

Agriculture: Veterinary Practitioners Registration Board of Victoria — entertainment expenses

8258. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Veterinary Practitioners Registration Board of Victoria, 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 Veterinary Practitioners Registration Board of Victoria did not incur any entertainment expenses for the 2005–06 period.

Agriculture: Northern Victorian Fresh Tomato Industry Development Committee — entertainment expenses

8259. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Northern Victorian Fresh Tomato Industry Development Committee, 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 Northern Victorian Fresh Tomato Industry Development Committee did not incur any entertainment expenses in 2005–06.

Agriculture: Murray Valley Wine Grape Industry Development Committee — entertainment expenses

8260. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Murray Valley Wine and Grape Industry Development Committee, 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 Murray Valley Wine Grape Industry Development Committee did not incur any entertainment expenses in 2005–06.

Agriculture: Murray Valley Citrus Board — entertainment expenses

8261. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Murray Valley Citrus Marketing 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 Murray Valley Citrus Board incurred the following entertainment expenses in 2005–06:

Date	Cost	No. of Guests	Purpose	Service Provider
30/11/2005	\$1326.36	26	Christmas function for growers, board members and citrus industry stakeholders	Hotel

Agriculture: Melbourne Market Authority — entertainment expenses

8262. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Melbourne Market 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:

- (a) The total cost of entertainment expenses incurred by the Melbourne Market Authority in 2005–06 was \$9,098.
- (b) Itemised entertainment expenses in excess of \$500.00 for 2005–06 are as follows:

Date	Cost	No. of Guests	Purpose	Service Provider
16/6/2005	\$1,150	10	Table at VGA Ball	Vegetable Growers Association
5/8/2005	\$1,280	8	Awards Night (Chefs function)	Restaurant
14/10/2005	\$530	10	Ministerial Breakfast Address	Hotel
21/12/2005	\$6,138	62	Staff/Board function	RACV Club

Agriculture: Murray Greater Victoria Wine Grape Industry Development Committee — entertainment expenses

8264. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Murray Greater Victoria Wine Grape Industry Development Committee, 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:

As previously advised, the Greater Victoria Wine Grape Industry Development Committee was wound up on 8 February 2004, so this question is not relevant.

Agriculture: Food Science Australia — entertainment expenses

8265. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by Food Science Australia, 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:

Food Science Australia is a joint venture between CSIRO and the Victorian Government. It is owned 85 per cent by CSIRO with all staff employed by CSIRO and subject to Commonwealth Government financial requirements. It is therefore not appropriate, nor the responsibility of the Victorian Government to disclose this information.

Agriculture: Fisheries Revenue Allocation Committee — entertainment expenses

8266. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Fisheries Revenue Allocation Committee, 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 Fisheries Revenue Allocation Committee did not incur any entertainment expenses in 2005–06.

Agriculture: Fisheries Co-Management Council and Fisheries Committee — entertainment expenses

8267. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Fisheries Co-Management Council and Fisheries Committee, 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:

- (a) The total cost incurred by the Fisheries Co-Management Council and Fisheries Committee in relation to entertainment expenses for 2005–06 was \$1,531.11.
- (b) The itemised details for all expenditure in excess of \$500.00 are as follows:

Date	Total Cost	No. of Guests	Purpose	Service Provider
18/4/06	\$932.73 (net of GST)	10	Function to recognise completion of the term of appointment of Chair, Fisheries Co-Management Council	Restaurant

Agriculture: Compensation Appeals Tribunal — entertainment expenses

8269. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Compensation Appeals Tribunal, 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 Compensation Appeals Tribunal did not incur any entertainment expenses during 2005–06.

Agriculture: Compensation Appeals Panel — entertainment expenses

8270. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Compensation Appeals Panel, 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 Compensation Appeals Tribunal (Marine Parks and Sanctuaries) did not incur any entertainment expenses during 2005–06.

Gaming: Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation — entertainment expenses

8293. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Gaming): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation, 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 advised that:

The Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation did not have any entertainment expenses in 2005–06.

Gaming: Gambling Research Panel — entertainment expenses

8297. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Gaming): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Gambling Research Panel, 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 advised that:

The Gambling Research Panel was abolished in December 2004.

Gaming: Director of Gaming and Betting and Director of Casino Surveillance — entertainment expenses

8298. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Gaming): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Director of Gaming and Betting and Director of Casino Surveillance, 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 advised that:

The Director of Gaming and Betting and the Director of Casino Surveillance were abolished on 30 June 2004.

Police and emergency services: emergency services commissioner — entertainment expenses

8305. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Emergency Services Commissioner’s 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 advised that:

- (a) The total cost of entertainment expenses incurred by the Office of the Emergency Services Commissioner in 2005–06 was \$375 (inclusive of GST).
- (b) There were no entertainment expenses in excess of \$500 incurred by the Office of the Emergency Services Commissioner in 2005–06.

Transport: Hastings Port (Holding) Corp — communications staff

8381. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Transport): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Hastings Port (Holding) Corp 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:

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

I refer to my answers to Questions on Notice Numbers 5466, 5696, 5933, 6183, 6410, 6811 and 7059 which all stated:

I have previously answered Questions on Notice advising the Member for East Yarra of the fact that the Hastings Port (Holding) Corporation does not exist.

The fact that the Member for East Yarra has yet again asked a question relating to the Hastings Port (Holding) Corporation demonstrates that either he is not bothering to consider the answers to the questions he himself is asking, or he is being vexatious.

Transport: Melbourne Port Corporation — communications staff

8383. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Transport): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Melbourne Port Corporation 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:

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

I refer to my answers to Questions on Notice numbers 5468, 5698, 5935, 6185, 6412, 6813 and 7061 which all stated:

I have previously answered Questions on Notice advising the Member for East Yarra of the fact that the Melbourne Port Corporation does not exist.

The fact that the Member for East Yarra has yet again asked a question relating to the Melbourne Port Corporation demonstrates that either he is not bothering to consider the answers to the questions he himself is asking, or he is being vexatious.

Transport: Victorian Channels Authority — communications staff

8388. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Transport): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Victorian Channels 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:

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

I refer to my answers to Questions on Notice Numbers 5474, 5704, 5941, 6191, 6418, 6819 and 7067 which all stated:

I have previously answered Questions on Notice advising the Member for East Yarra of the fact that the Victorian Channels Authority does not exist.

The fact that the Member for East Yarra has yet again asked a question relating to the Victorian Channels Authority demonstrates that either he is not bothering to consider the answers to the questions he himself is asking, or he is being vexatious.

Transport: Victorian Rail Freight Advisory Council — communications staff

8399. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Transport): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Victorian Rail Freight Advisory Council 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:

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

I refer to my answers to Questions on Notice Numbers 5485, 5715, 5952, 6202, 6429, 6830 and 7078 which all stated:

I have previously answered Questions on Notice advising the Member for East Yarra of the fact that the Victorian Rail Freight Advisory Council does not exist.

The fact that the Member for East Yarra has yet again asked a question relating to the Victorian Rail Freight Advisory Council demonstrates that either he is not bothering to consider the answers to the questions he himself is asking, or he is being vexatious.

Attorney-General: Municipal Electoral Tribunal — communications staff

8430. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Municipal Electoral Tribunal 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 advised that:

As at 30 June 2006, there were no officers in the Municipal Electoral Tribunal engaged in communications related to public, corporate or media relations.

Corrections: Adult Parole Board — communications staff

8441. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Corrections): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Adult Parole 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 advised that:

- (1) The Adult Parole Board of Victoria does not employ a Communications Officer. However, the Secretary/General Manager to the Adult Parole Board attends to communications related matters.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Not applicable.

Gaming: Victorian Commission for Gaming Regulation — communications staff

8443. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Gaming): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Victorian Commission for Gaming Regulation 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 advised that:

As at 30 June 2006, the Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation did not have any officers solely engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.

Gaming: Office of Gambling Regulation — communications staff

8444. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Gaming): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Office of Gambling Regulation 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 advised that:

The Office of Gambling Regulation was abolished on 30 June 2004.

Gaming: Advocate for Responsible Gambling — communications staff

8445. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Gaming): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Advocate for Responsible Gambling 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 advised that:

The Advocate for Responsible Gambling ceased operations in July 2005.

Racing: gaming research panel — communications staff

8448. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Racing): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Gaming Research Panel 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 advised that:

This question should have been asked of me as Minister for Gaming. You should also note that the correct title of the statutory authority you refer to is the Gambling Research Panel. The Gambling Research Panel was abolished in December 2004.

Gaming: Director of Gaming and Betting and Director of Casino Surveillance — communications staff

8454. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Gaming): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Director of Gaming and Betting and Director of Casino Surveillance 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 advised that:

The Director of Gaming and Betting and Director of Casino Surveillance were abolished on 30 June 2004.

Environment: Lower Murray Region Water Authority — communications staff

8583. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Lower Murray Region Water 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: North East Region Water Authority — communications staff

8584. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the North East Region Water 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Portland Coast Region Water Authority — communications staff

8585. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Portland Coast Region Water 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 Portland Coast Region Water Authority ceased to exist on 30 June 2005.

Environment: Westernport Region Water Authority — communications staff

8589. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Westernport Region Water 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: First Mildura Irrigation Trust — communications staff

8590. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the First Mildura Irrigation Trust 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Gippsland and Southern Rural Water Authority — communications staff

8591. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Gippsland and Southern Rural Water 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Goulburn-Murray Rural Water Authority — communications staff

8592. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Goulburn-Murray Rural Water 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Sunraysia Rural Water Authority — communications staff

8593. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Sunraysia Rural Water 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Wimmera-Mallee Rural Water Authority — communications staff

8594. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Wimmera-Mallee Rural Water 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: City West Water — communications staff

8595. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the City West Water 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the

Financial Management Act 1994. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Melbourne Water Corporation — communications staff

8596. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Melbourne Water Corporation 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: South East Water Ltd — communications staff

8597. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the South East Water Ltd 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Yarra Valley Water Ltd — communications staff

8598. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Yarra Valley Water Ltd 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Royal Melbourne Zoological Parks and Gardens — communications staff

8599. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Royal Melbourne Zoological Parks and Gardens 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Environment: Healesville Sanctuary — communications staff

8600. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Healesville Sanctuary 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:

This is one of 68 questions which the member has asked of me seeking these details from various agencies and authorities. The Boards and senior executives of these agencies manage expenditure in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 1994*. I assure the member that staffing levels and expenditure on communications are managed so that citizens are made aware of the services provided by agencies in an appropriate manner.

Planning: Architects Registration Board — communications staff

8602. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Architects Registration 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:

As at 30 June 2006, the Architects Registration Board of Victoria had no dedicated communications officers.

Planning: Building Advisory Committee — communications staff

8603. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Building Advisory Committee 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:

As at 30 June 2006, the Building Advisory Committee had no dedicated communications officers.

Planning: Building Appeals Board — communications staff

8604. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Building Appeals 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:

As at 30 June 2006, the Building Appeals Board had no dedicated communications officers.

Planning: Building Practitioners Board — communications staff

8606. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Building Practitioners 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:

As at 30 June 2006, the Building Practitioners Board had no dedicated communications officers.

Planning: Building Regulations Advisory Committee — communications staff

8607. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Building Regulations Advisory Committee 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:

As at 30 June 2006, the Building Regulations Advisory Committee had no dedicated communications officers.

Planning: Plumbing Industry Advisory Council — communications staff

8609. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Plumbing Industry Advisory Council 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:

As at 30 June 2006, the Plumbing Industry Advisory Council had no dedicated communications officers.

Planning: Surveyors Board — communications staff

8611. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Surveyors 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:

As at 30 June 2006, there were no dedicated communications officers employed by the Surveyors Registration Board of Victoria.

Environment: Victorian Mineral Water Committee — communications staff

8614. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Victorian Mineral Water Committee 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:

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Energy industries and resources: Quarry Managers Advisory Panel — expenditure

8682. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries: In relation to the Quarry Managers Advisory Panel's expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Quarry Managers Advisory Panel was disbanded on 31 December 2005 when the Extractive Industries Development Act was amended to remove the certification requirements for quarry managers.

No advertising or credit card expenditure was incurred for the period 2005–06.

Energy industries and resources: Mining and Environment Advisory Committee — expenditure

8683. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries: In relation to the Mining and Environment Advisory Committee's expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Mining and Environment Advisory Committee did not incur any advertising or credit card expenditure during the 2005–06 period.

Agriculture: Agriculture Victoria Services Pty Ltd — expenditure

8685. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to the Agriculture Victoria Services Pty Ltd's expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In 2005–06 Agriculture Victoria Services Pty Ltd incurred:

- (a) Advertising expenditure of \$525.
- (b) Credit card expenditure of \$24,101.

Agriculture: Murray Valley Citrus Board — expenditure

8686. **THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to the Murray Valley Citrus Marketing Board’s expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In 2005–06 the Murray Valley Citrus Board incurred:

- (a) Advertising expenditure of \$7,030.
- (b) Credit card expenditure of \$54,266.

Agriculture: Murray Valley Wine Grape Industry Development Committee — expenditure

8687. **THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to the Murray Valley Wine and Grape Industry Development Committee’s expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In 2005–06 the Murray Valley Wine Grape Industry Development Committee incurred:

- (a) Advertising expenditure of \$1,156 net.
- (b) No credit card expenditure.

Agriculture: Northern Victorian Fresh Tomato Industry Development Committee — expenditure

8688. **THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to the Northern Victorian Fresh Tomato Industry Development Committee’s expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In 2005–06 the Northern Victorian Fresh Tomato Industry Development Committee incurred:

- (a) No advertising expenditure.
- (b) No credit card expenditure.

Agriculture: Veterinary Practitioners Registration Board of Victoria — expenditure

8689. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to the Veterinary Practitioners Registration Board of Victoria’s expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In 2005–06 the Veterinary Practitioners Registration Board of Victoria incurred:

- (a) Advertising expenditure of \$3,300.
- (b) Credit card expenditure of \$7,474.

Agriculture: PrimeSafe — expenditure

8690. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to the Victorian Meat Authority’s expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The 2005–06 PrimeSafe, formerly the Victorian Meat Authority incurred:

- (a) Advertising expenditure of \$2,865.
- (b) Credit Card expenditure of \$22,606

Agriculture: Dairy Food Safety Victoria — expenditure

8691. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to Dairy Food Safety Victoria’s expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In 2005–06 Dairy Food Safety Victoria incurred:

- (a) Advertising expenditure of \$2,760.
- (b) No credit card expenditure.

Agriculture: Food Science Australia — expenditure

8692. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to Food Science Australia’s expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Food Science Australia is a joint venture between CSIRO and the Victorian Government. It is owned 85% by CSIRO with all staff employed by CSIRO and subject to Commonwealth Government financial requirements. It is therefore not appropriate, nor the responsibility of the Victorian Government to disclose this information.

Agriculture: Fisheries Co-Management Council and Committee — expenditure

8693. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): In relation to the Fisheries Co-Management Council and Committee’s expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In 2005–06 the Fisheries Co-Management Council and Committee incurred:

- (a) Advertising expenditure of \$7,603.36.
- (b) Credit card expenditure of \$16,187.31.

Sport and recreation: Melbourne and Olympic Parks Trust — expenditure

8724. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation: In relation to the Melbourne and Olympic Parks Trust’s expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The Melbourne and Olympic Parks Trust incurred \$160,135 in advertising expenses between 1 July 2005 and 30 June 2006.

No credit card expenses were incurred by the Melbourne and Olympic Parks Trust for 2005–06.

Sport and recreation: Melbourne Cricket Ground Trust — expenditure

8725. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation: In relation to the Melbourne Cricket Ground Trust’s expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

No such expenses were incurred by the Melbourne Cricket Ground Trust in 2005–06.

Sport and recreation: State Sports Centres Trust — expenditure

8726. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation: In relation to the State Sports Centre Trust’s expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The State Sport Centres Trust incurred \$189,000 in advertising expenses between 1 July 2005 and 30 June 2006.

No credit card expenses were incurred by the State Sport Centres Trust in 2005–06.

Sport and recreation: Sport and Recreation Camps Committee of Management — expenditure

8727. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation: In relation to the State Recreation Camps Committee of Management’s expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:

- (a) advertising expenditure; and
- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

No such expenses were incurred by the Sport and Recreation Camps Committee of Management Inc.

