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

Tuesday, 3 October 2006

Women's affairs: minister's office — alcohol purchases

4060. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Women's Affairs): In relation to alcohol purchased by the Minister's Office since 1 January 2002, what was the —

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

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Arts Victoria has identified a sum of \$86.90, however, between 1 January 2002 and 7 October 2004 accounts for my office were managed by different departments at different times.

Energy industries: Office of the Chief Electrical Inspector — interstate and overseas travel

4100. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries: In relation to interstate and overseas travel by the members and staff of the Office of the Chief Electrical Inspector in 2003–04:

- (1) How many trips were undertaken.
- (2) What costs were associated with the travel.

ANSWER:

The Office of the Chief Electrical Inspector is funded from an industry levy and there is therefore no cost to tax payers for interstate or overseas travel.

Treasurer: Alfred Hospital car park extension

4597. THE HON. ANDREW BRIDESON — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): In relation to the debt facility provided by Treasury Corporation of Victoria to Bayside Health to finance an extension of the Alfred Hospital's car park, referred to at page 7 of the Corporation's 2003–04 report:

- (1) What is the amount and duration of that facility, and what is the maximum amount that Bayside Health has had drawn down under that facility to date.
- (2) Will the amount drawn down by Bayside Health under that facility be included in reported general government sector debt.

- (3) Will funding to Bayside Health by the Government be increased to provide Bayside Health with the funds needed to pay interest and repay principal under that facility; if not, from what sources of funds will payments of interest and principal be made.
- (4) What are the advantages to the community of funding the car park extension by means of this facility rather than as an asset initiative as part of the State Budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The facility was for \$9.5 million with a term of 21 years for the design and construction of the Multi Deck Extension of the car park. The car park has since been completed in July 2004 and \$9.3 million was drawn down under the facility.
- (2) Yes, Bayside Health is consolidated into the General Government Sector.
- (3) The Government provided no additional funding as repayment of Principal and Interest is sourced from car parking revenues at the Alfred Campus. The June 2002 Business Case confirmed that no additional funding from Bayside Health Operating Revenues was required to service these loan repayments.
- (4) This method of funding the car park extension allows DHS to prioritise its capital budget on core service provision of hospitals and community health services.

Treasurer: Treasury and Finance — external legal advice

4598. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): What has been the expenditure by the Department of Treasury and Finance on external legal advice since 1 January 2003.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

As at the date of your question the total expenditure on external legal services was \$6,998,270 (GST exclusive). This includes expenditure by the State Revenue Office.

Treasurer: Treasury and Finance — interstate trips

4626. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer):

- (1) How many interstate trips were undertaken by executive level staff and base line staff of the Department of Treasury and Finance in 2003–04.
- (2) What were the destinations.
- (3) What was the purpose of visiting each destination.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) There were 354 interstate trips undertaken by Executive and VPS staff at the Department of Treasury and Finance during the 2003–04 financial year.
- (2) All travel to regional and capital cities on the mainland of Australia and Tasmania.
- (3) The purpose of all trips is related to the conduct of the business of the Department of Treasury and Finance

- (4) The costs associated with the travel were \$227,907.92

Treasurer: Treasury and Finance — overseas trips

4635. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer):

- (1) How many overseas trips were undertaken by executive level staff and base line staff of the Department of Treasury and Finance in 2003–04.
- (2) What were the destinations.
- (3) What was the purpose of visiting each destination.
- (4) What costs were associated with the travel.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) There were three overseas trips undertaken by executive level staff and base line staff of the Department of Treasury and Finance during the 2003/–4 financial year.
- (2) Two trips were to Europe and the other to the United States of America
- (3) All three trips related to the conduct of the business of the Department of Treasury and Finance.
- (4) The costs associated with the travel were \$32,147.15.

Treasurer: Treasury and Finance — advertising expenditure

5297. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): What was the Department of Treasury and Finance’s advertising expenditure, including public, corporate and media relations, but excluding mandatory or staff recruitment, for 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The expenditure was \$7230.98.

Treasurer: State Trustees Ltd — external legal advice

5671. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): How much has been spent by the State Trustees Ltd on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The total amount spent on external legal advice by State Trustees Ltd from 1 June 2004 to 30 September 2005 inclusive was \$212,278.

Treasurer: Treasury and Finance — freedom of information requests

6080. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Department of Treasury and Finance 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:

- (1) The Department of Treasury and Finance received 78 requests in the 2004–05 financial year. The Department was only required to make decisions on 71 of those requests.
- (2) Of the 71 decisions made:
 - (a) four decisions were to deny access in full and nine decisions were that there were no documents
 - (b) 11 decisions were for partial access to documents
 - (c) 47 decisions were for full access to documents
 - (d) In accordance with the Attorney-General’s ‘Improved Accountability Guidelines for FoI’ the relevant portfolio Minister’s office was made aware of the Department’s decision prior to the applicant on 42 occasions.

Treasurer: Office of the Administrator (SECV, VicPower Trading) — freedom of information requests

6148. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Office of the Administrator (SECV, VicPower Trading) 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:

- (1) 30
- (2)
 - (a) Five (for the reason that the requested documents did not exist or were not located)
 - (b) Six (exempt in part under the FOI Act)
 - (c) 16
 - (d) None

Arts: Film Victoria — interstate travel

6258. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to interstate travel by Film Victoria:

- (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 interstate trips conducted by Film Victoria amounted to 25 trips and involved 25 persons.

Gathering any further details would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

Arts: Geelong Performing Arts Centre Trust — interstate travel

6259. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to interstate 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:

The total number of interstate trips conducted by the Geelong Performing Arts Centre Trust amounted to 2 trips and involved 5 people.

Gathering any further details would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

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

6260. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to interstate 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 6261

Arts: National Gallery of Victoria — interstate travel

6261. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to interstate 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 interstate trips conducted by National Gallery of Victoria amounted to 65 trips and involved 79 persons.

Gathering any further details would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

Arts: Library Board of Victoria — interstate travel

6262. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to interstate 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 6263

Arts: State Library of Victoria — interstate travel

6263. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to interstate 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 interstate trips conducted by the State Library of Victoria amounted to 68 trips. Sixty-two single trips, three by two staff and three by more than two staff.

Gathering any further details would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

Arts: Museums Board of Victoria — interstate travel

6264. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to interstate 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 6265

Arts: Museum Victoria — interstate travel

6265. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to interstate 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 interstate trips conducted by Museum Victoria amounted to 133 trips and involved 167 persons. Gathering any further details would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

Arts: Victorian Arts Centre Trust — interstate travel

6266. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to interstate 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 interstate trips conducted by the Victorian Arts Centre Trust amounted to 54 trips and involved 70 persons.

Gathering any further details would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

Arts: Victorian Council of the Arts — interstate travel

6267. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to interstate 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

Police and emergency services: Victoria State Emergency Service — capital works

6441. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to the Victorian State Emergency Service's allocation of funds to major capital works, including major maintenance, replacement and upgrades, what were the priority major projects that were approved for the year 2004–05 and were each of these priority projects achieved.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The following major projects were allocated funding in the 2004/05 financial year:

- \$1 million for a Personal Protective Clothing and Equipment initiative;
- \$300,000 for annual provision of equipment; and
- \$250,000 for counter-terrorism equipment.

All of the allocated funds for each of these projects were spent in 2004/05.

Treasurer: Treasury and Finance — capital works

6557. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): In relation to the Department of Treasury and Finance'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 refer the Honourable Member to Budget Information Paper No. 1.

Treasurer: State Trustees Ltd — capital works

6622. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): In relation to the State Trustees Ltd'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:

Project Aquarius, Project Voice Strategy Phase 2, the Project Oracle upgrade, the fleet upgrade, and the lighting upgrade were the major projects approved for the year 2004–05 and have all been successfully completed.

Treasurer: Treasury and Finance — mobile telephones

6797. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): What was the cost of providing mobile telephone services to the Department of Treasury and Finance's staff for 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The cost was \$63,493.46.

Treasurer: Rural Finance Corporation of Victoria — overseas travel

7026. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): In relation to overseas travel by the Rural Finance Corporation 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:

- (1) 3 trips were undertaken.
- (2) 2 to New Zealand, 1 to USA approved by the Board.
- (3) All for study purposes.
- (4) The total cost involved was \$98,132.
- (5) For the USA study trip, the Officer's spouse attended at a cost of \$12,493 which was within the travel guidelines.

Treasurer: State Trustees Ltd — overseas travel

7034. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): In relation to overseas travel by State Trustees Ltd for 2004–05:

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

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) One
- (2) Wellington, New Zealand
- (3) Attending the Public Trustees conference
- (4) \$3157.33
- (5) No

Treasurer: Treasury and Finance — freedom of information requests

- 7283. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): How many Freedom of Information requests received by the Department of Treasury and Finance in 2004–05 were given to the Minister’s advisers or staff before being given to the applicant.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In accordance with the Attorney-General’s ‘Improved Accountability Guidelines for FOI,’ the relevant portfolio Minister’s Office was furnished with a copy of the Department’s decision on Freedom of Information requests it received in the 2004–05 financial year, prior to the applicant, on 42 occasions.

Finance: minister’s office — furnishings

- 7442. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Finance: 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:

All furniture and electrical goods within my office are on loan and are property of the Department of Treasury and Finance, and remain the property of the department.

Major projects: minister’s office — furnishings

- 7443. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: 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:

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

All furniture and electrical goods within my office are on loan and are property of the Department of Treasury and finance, and remain the property of the department.

WorkCover and the TAC: minister's office — furnishings

7444. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for WorkCover: 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:

As at the date the question was raised I am advised that:

All furniture and electrical goods within my office are on loan and are property of the Department of Treasury and Finance, and remain the property of the department.

Women's affairs: minister's office — furnishings

7457. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Women's 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:

According to the finance system of the Department for Victorian Communities, the answer is nil.

Treasurer: Treasury and Finance — entertainment expenses

7484. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): What was the total amount spent by Treasurer'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.

Arts: Premier and Cabinet — entertainment expenses

7503. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): What was the total amount spent by the Minister's department on entertainment expenses including alcohol, food, admission to Commonwealth Games events, admission to other entertainment

events, special gifts, all transport and corporate box leasing for their invited guests and those who were hosting them at the Commonwealth Games.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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

These entertainment expenses form part of the whole-of-games budget.

The accounts will be included in the Government's financial report on the games.

Health: charter flights

7533. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): 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 monitored to ensure the mode of transport used is the most efficient and effective.

Aboriginal affairs: minister's office — international travel

7622. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aboriginal 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:

According to the financial records of the Department for Victorian Communities, the answer is nil.

Women's affairs: minister's office — international travel

7626. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Women's 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:

According to the finance system of the Department for Victorian Communities, the answer is nil.

Finance: minister's office — interstate travel

7653. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Finance: What was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all interstate travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

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

I am advised that the cost of interstate travel could not be separated according to my individual portfolio responsibilities. The total cost of interstate travel across all of my ministerial responsibilities for the time frame specified was \$15 392.

Further, travel costs are only incurred as and when I am required to travel and can bring benefit to Victoria.

Major projects: minister's office — interstate travel

7654. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: What was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all interstate travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

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

I am advised that the cost of interstate travel could not be separated according to my individual portfolio responsibilities. The total cost of interstate travel across all of my ministerial responsibilities for the time frame specified was \$15 392.

Further, travel costs are only incurred as and when I am required to travel and can bring benefit to Victoria.

WorkCover and the TAC: minister's office — interstate travel

7655. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for WorkCover: What was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all interstate travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

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

I am advised that the cost of interstate travel could not be separated according to my individual portfolio responsibilities. The total cost of interstate travel across all of my ministerial responsibilities for the time frame specified was \$15 392.

Further, travel costs are only incurred as and when I am required to travel and can bring benefit to Victoria.

Women's affairs: minister's office — interstate travel

7668. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Women's 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:

According to the finance system of the Department for Victorian Communities, the answer is nil.

Planning: minister's office — interstate travel

7674. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): 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:

Interstate travel expenses are included along with other domestic travels expenses in a generic travel expenses cost centre. The research required to separate these expenses would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources. However, the financial records of the Department of Sustainability and Environment indicate that domestic travel expenses incurred by me in my capacity as Minister for Planning, and my ministerial staff, during the 2004–05 financial year totalled \$876.15.

Health: minister's office — intrastate travel

7701. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): 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 monitored to ensure the mode of transport used is the most efficient and effective.

Women's affairs: minister's office — intrastate travel

7710. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Women's 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:

According to the finance system of the Department for Victorian Communities, the answer is nil.

Attorney-General: minister's office — intrastate travel

7714. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): 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 advised that:

Information on airfare, taxi, personal and accommodation expenses for intrastate travel only is not readily available, as the Department's financial system does not distinguish between different types of travel (e.g. interstate and intrastate travel).

It would place an unreasonable burden on the Department's time and resources to collect this information.

However, if the member wishes to refine his question, further consideration will be given to it.

Planning: minister's office — intrastate travel

7716. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): 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:

Intrastate travel is included with interstate travel within a general domestic travel expenses accounting code. Accordingly, the answer to this question is included in the response provided to Question on Notice 7674.

Finance: minister's office — entertainment expenses

7737. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Finance: What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2005.

ANSWER:

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

The accounting systems in place do not allow individual portfolio responsibilities to be separated, nor is "entertainment expenses" an expense line item.

The total cost incurred for expenses related to "entertainment" across all of my portfolio responsibilities for the time frame specified was \$85.59.

Major projects: minister's office — entertainment expenses

7738. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2005.

ANSWER:

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

The accounting systems in place do not allow individual portfolio responsibilities to be separated, nor is “entertainment expenses” an expense line item.

The total cost incurred for expenses related to “entertainment” across all of my portfolio responsibilities for the time frame specified was \$85.59.

WorkCover and the TAC: minister’s office — entertainment expenses

7739. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for WorkCover: What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2005.

ANSWER:

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

The accounting systems in place do not allow individual portfolio responsibilities to be separated, nor is “entertainment expenses” an expense line item.

The total cost incurred for expenses related to “entertainment” across all of my portfolio responsibilities for the time frame specified was \$85.59.

Women’s affairs: minister’s office — entertainment expenses

7752. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Women’s Affairs): What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

According to the finance system of the Department for Victorian Communities, entertainment expenses to the value of \$180.50 were incurred in 2005.

Finance: minister’s office — alcohol purchases

7779. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Finance: What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol in 2005.

ANSWER:

Nil.

Major projects: minister’s office — alcohol purchases

7780. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: 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:

Nil.

WorkCover and the TAC: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7781. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for WorkCover: What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol in 2005.

ANSWER:

Nil.

Women's affairs: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7794. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Women's Affairs): What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

According to the finance system of the Department for Victorian Communities, the answer is nil.

Finance: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7821. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Finance: 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:

Nil

Major projects: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7822. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: 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:

Nil

Women's affairs: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7836. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Women's Affairs): 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:

According to the finance system of the Department for Victorian Communities, the answer is nil.

Financial services: ministerial staff — number

7937. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Financial Services Industry): How many ministerial staff were employed by the Minister at 1 March 2006.

ANSWER:

Ministerial staff are listed in the Victorian Government Directory which is a readily available public document. I understand MPs are issued with complimentary copies and I suggest the honourable Member do some simple homework rather than tie up departmental and parliamentary resources on his fishing expedition.

Manufacturing and export: ministerial staff — number

7939. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Manufacturing and Export): How many ministerial staff were employed by the Minister at 1 March 2006.

ANSWER:

Ministerial staff are listed in the Victorian Government Directory which is a readily available public document. I understand MPs are issued with complimentary copies and I suggest the honourable Member do some simple homework rather than tie up departmental and parliamentary resources on his fishing expedition.

Small business: ministerial staff — number

7940. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Small Business): How many ministerial staff were employed by the Minister at 1 March 2006.

ANSWER:

Ministerial staff are listed in the Victorian Government Directory which is a readily available public document. I understand MPs are issued with complimentary copies and I suggest the honourable Member do some simple homework rather than tie up departmental and parliamentary resources on his fishing expedition.

Energy industries: ministerial staff

8027. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries:

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

ANSWER:

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

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.

Agriculture: Shannon's Way Pty Ltd — payments

8059. THE HON. GRAEME STONEY — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Agriculture): 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:

DPI has completed one contract with Shannon's Way during the period 1 January 2005 to 2 May 2006. The contract was for the provision of communication support tools to assist DPI staff to build awareness within the community of the purpose of the Department of Primary Industries and the services it offers. This contract is now complete. Payments between 1 January 2006 and 2 May 2006 totalled \$47,970.45.

One other payment of \$550 has been made to Shannon's Way as one of four agencies paid to submit designs for the Department of Primary Industries' Primary Voice publication. Shannon's Way were unsuccessful and no further payments were made.

There were no payments to Shannon's Way from the Minister's Office.

Providing a response for each agency or authority under the Minister's administration would place an undue strain on Departmental resources.

Finance: Shannon's Way Pty Ltd — payments

8064. THE HON. GRAEME STONEY — To ask the Minister for Finance: 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:

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

Nil

Major projects: Shannon's Way Pty Ltd — payments

8074. THE HON. GRAEME STONEY — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: 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:

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

Nil

Major projects: Federation Square Management — communications staff

8380. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Federation Square 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:

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

As the member has been repeatedly advised, the Federation Square Management does not fall within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Major Projects. Continual disregard of this advice demonstrates either laziness or an affront to the institutions of Parliament.

Energy industries: Victorian Energy Networks Corporation — communications staff

8389. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister Energy Industries: As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Victorian Energy Networks 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:

- (1) Victorian Energy Networks Corporation engages one officer for communications, including public, corporate and media relations.
- (2) The salary band for this officer is \$78,600 to \$106,300.
- (3) The job title for the officer is — Manager, Communications.

Transport: Public Transport Access Committee — communications staff

8394. 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 Public Transport Access 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:

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

The Public Transport Access Committee is not engaged in communications, including public or corporate nor is it involved in media relations.

Transport: Public Transport Customer Charter Committee — communications staff

8395. 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 Public Transport Customer Charter 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:

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

- (1) None of the members of the Public Transport Customer Consultative Committee (formerly Public Transport Customer Charter Committee) are engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations for the Department of Infrastructure (DOI).
- (2) DOI does not employ any members of the Public Transport Customer Consultative Committee.
- (3) See response to (2) above.

Transport: Victorian Bicycle Advisory Committee — communications staff

8396. 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 Bicycle 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:

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

The Victorian Bicycle Advisory Council is an advisory council and does not have any officers.

Transport: Victorian Motorcycle Advisory Council — communications staff

8398. 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 Motorcycle 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:

The Victorian Motorcycle Advisory Council is an advisory council and does not have any officers.

Transport: Victorian Road Advisory Council — communications staff

8400. 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 Road 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 :

The Victorian Road Freight Advisory Council is an advisory body to VicRoads and has no officers.

State and regional development: Albury-Wodonga (Victoria) Corporation — communications staff

8405. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for State and Regional Development): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Albury-Wodonga (Victoria) 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 as follows:

The Albury-Wodonga (Victoria) Corporation was dissolved on 1 March 2004.

Agriculture: Fisheries Revenue Allocation Committee — communications staff

8490. 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 Revenue Allocation 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 Fisheries Revenue Allocation Committee had no officers expressly engaged for communications, including public, corporate and media relations.

Agriculture: Food Science Australia — communications staff

8491. 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 Food Science Australia 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:

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: Greater Victoria Wine Grape Industry Development Committee — communications staff

8492. 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 Greater Victoria Wine Grape Industry Development 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, the Greater Victoria Wine Grape Industry Development Committee was wound up on 8 February 2004, so this question is not relevant.

Agriculture: Licensing Appeals Tribunal (Fisheries) — communications staff

8493. 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 Licensing Appeals Tribunal (Fisheries) 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 Licensing Appeals Tribunal (Fisheries) had no officers engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.

Agriculture: Melbourne Market Authority — communications staff

8494. 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 Melbourne Market 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:

As at 30 June 2006, the Melbourne Market Authority, has no officers expressly engaged for communications, including public, corporate, and media relations.

Agriculture: Murray Valley Citrus Marketing Board — communications staff

8495. 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 Murray Valley Citrus Marketing 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 Murray Valley Citrus Board had no officers expressly engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.

Agriculture: Murray Valley Wine Grape Industry Development Committee — communications staff

8496. 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 Murray Valley Wine and Grape Industry Development 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, there were no officers in the Murray Valley Wine Grape Industry Development Committee engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.

Agriculture: Northern Victorian Fresh Tomato Industry Development Committee — communications staff

8497. 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 Northern Victorian Fresh Tomato Industry Development 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 Northern Victorian Fresh Tomato Industry Development Committee has no officers engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.

Agriculture: Veterinary Practitioners Registration Board of Victoria — communications staff

8498. 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 Veterinary Practitioners Registration Board of 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:

As at 30 June 2006, the Veterinary Practitioners Registration Board of Victoria had no officers engaged in communications, including public, corporate, and media relations.

Agriculture: Victorian Broiler Industry Negotiation Committee — communications staff

8499. 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 Victorian Broiler Industry Negotiation 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 Victorian Broiler Industry Negotiation Committee has no officers engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.

Agriculture: Victorian Meat Authority — communications staff

8500. 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 Victorian Meat 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:

As at 30 June 2006, there are no officers in PrimeSafe, formerly the Victorian Meat Authority, engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.

Agriculture: Animal Welfare Advisory Committee — communications staff

8509. 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 Animal Welfare 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 Animal Welfare Advisory Committee had no officers engaged in communications, including public, corporate, and media relations.

Agriculture: Apiculture Industry Advisory Committee — communications staff

8510. 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 Apiculture Industry 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 Apiculture Industry Advisory Committee had no officers engaged in communications, including public, corporate, and media relations.

Agriculture: Cattle Compensation Advisory Committee — communications staff

8511. 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 Cattle Compensation 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 Cattle Compensation Advisory Committee had no officers engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.

Agriculture: Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals — communications staff

8512. 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 Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals 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 Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals 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: Sheep and Goat Compensation Advisory Committee — communications staff

8513. 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 Sheep and Goat Compensation 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 Sheep and Goat Compensation Advisory Committee had no officers engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.

Agriculture: Swine Industry Projects Advisory Committee — communications staff

8514. 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 Swine Industry Projects 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 Swine Industry Projects Advisory Committee had no officers engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.

Agriculture: Victorian Agricultural Chemicals Advisory Committee — communications staff

8515. 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 Victorian Agricultural Chemicals 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 Victorian Agricultural Chemicals Advisory Committee had no officers engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.

Women's affairs: Office of Women's Policy — advertising and credit card expenditure

8680. 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 2005–06, what was the:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that/as follows:

In the year 2005–06 OWP incurred advertising expenditure totalling \$23,314.91, for recruitment of OWP staff and promotion of the Women's Community Leadership Grants.

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

Children: metropolitan health and aged care services — advertising and credit card expenditure

8715. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Children): In relation to the Metropolitan Health and Aged Care Services within the Department of Human Services' 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, the Department of Human Services is required to manage its affairs in accordance with the *Public Administration Act 2004* and the *Financial Management Act 1994*.

Children: children services division — advertising and credit card expenditure

8717. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Children): In relation to the Children Services Division within the Department of Human Services' 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, the Department of Human Services is required to manage its affairs in accordance with the *Public Administration Act 2004* and the *Financial Management Act 1994*.

Community services: Human Services — advertising and credit card expenditure

8718. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister of Community Services): In relation to the Department of Human Services' 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, the Department of Human Services is required to manage its affairs in accordance with the *Public Administration Act 2004* and the *Financial Management Act 1994*.

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

8719. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister of Multicultural Affairs): In relation to the Victorian Multicultural Commissions' expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- a) The total advertising expenditure for the Victorian Multicultural Commission for 2005–06 was \$45,623.81.
- b) There was no credit card expenditure for the Victorian Multicultural Commission for 2005–06.

Treasurer: land tax

8731. THE HON. GORDON RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): How many Special Land Tax Assessment Notices were issued under the Land Tax Act 1958, in each of the following years:

- (a) 1999;
- (b) 2000;
- (c) 2001;
- (d) 2002;
- (e) 2003;
- (f) 2004;
- (g) 2005; and
- (h) 2006 to date.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The information you requested is as follows:

- (a) 30;
- (b) 25;
- (c) 35;
- (d) 90;
- (e) 48;
- (f) 36;
- (g) 19;
- (h) The Land Tax Act 1958 ceased to be operative on 31st December, 2005.

Treasurer: land tax

8732. THE HON. GORDON RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): What is the aggregate amount of Special Land Tax payable under Special Land Tax Assessment Notices issued under the Land Tax Act 1958, in each of the following years:

- (a) 1999;
- (b) 2000;
- (c) 2001;
- (d) 2002;

- (e) 2003;
- (f) 2004;
- (g) 2005; and
- (h) 2006 to date.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The information you requested is as follows:

- (a) \$615,385;
- (b) \$502,865;
- (c) \$838,334;
- (d) \$2,297,404
- (e) \$1,058,796;
- (f) \$1,460,590
- (g) \$1,709,621
- (h) The Land Tax Act 1958 was repealed on December 31st, 2005.

Treasurer: land tax

8733. THE HON. GORDON RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): How many Special Land Tax Assessment Notices were issued under the Land Tax Act 2005, in each of the following years:

- (a) 2005; and
- (b) 2006 to date.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (a) The Act commenced on January 1, 2006, therefore the answer is nil.
- (b) The total number is three.

Treasurer: land tax

8734. THE HON. GORDON RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): What is the aggregate amount of Special Land Tax payable under Special Land Tax Assessment Notices issued under the Land Tax Act 2005, in each of the following years:

- (a) 2005; and
- (b) 2006 to date.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (a) The act was not operative until January 1, 2006. Therefore the answer is nil
- (b) \$294,001

Community services: disability services — needs register

8736. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Disability Services Needs Register at 31 March 2006, how many of the people registered for shared supported accommodation were aged —

- (a) under 18 years;
- (b) 18 to 24 years;
- (c) 25 to 29 years;
- (d) 30 to 44 years; and
- (e) 45 or more years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Service Needs Register was a record of 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 — needs register

8737. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Disability Services Needs Register at 31 March 2006, how many people registered for HomeFirst were aged —

- (a) under 18 years;
- (b) 18 to 24 years;
- (c) 25 to 29 years;
- (d) 30 to 44 years; and
- (e) 45 or more years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Service Needs Register was a record of 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 — supported accommodation

8738. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): At 31 December 2005:

- (1) How many clients in government managed shared supported accommodation were aged —
 - (a) under 25 years;
 - (b) 25 to 44 years
 - (c) 45 to 55 years;
 - (d) 56 to 64 years;

- (e) 65 to 74 years; and
 - (f) 75 or more years.
- (2) How many clients in non-government managed shared supported accommodation were aged —
- (a) under 25 years;
 - (b) 25 to 44 years;
 - (c) 45 to 55 years;
 - (d) 56 to 64 years;
 - (e) 65 to 74 years; and
 - (f) 75 or more years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

2005–06 actual figures cannot be provided due to final data not being available in the reporting period.

Community services: disability services — needs register

8739. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Disability Service Needs Register at 31 March 2006:

- (1) How many individuals had lodged applications on the Disability Service Needs Register.
- (2) How many individuals on the Disability Service Needs Register were waiting for —
 - (a) shared supported accommodation;
 - (b) in-home accommodation support; and
 - (c) day programs.
- (3) For each category, how many were classified as —
 - (a) urgent priority;
 - (b) high priority; and
 - (c) low priority.
- (4) How many individuals for each category have intellectual disabilities.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Service Needs Register was a record of 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 — needs register

8740. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to people on the Disability Service Needs Register at 31 March 2006:

- (1) How many have a carer.
- (2) How many do not have a carer.
- (3) How many have their carer's age recorded.
- (4) How many do not have their carer's age recorded.
- (5) How many of the carers with their age recorded are —

- (a) under 55;
- (b) 55 to 64;
- (c) 65 to 69; and
- (d) 70 or more years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Service Needs Register was a record of 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 — commonwealth funding

8741. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services):

- (1) What funds did Victoria receive from the Commonwealth for 2003–04 for the Bilateral Agreement under the terms of the Commonwealth States/Territories Disability Agreement for respite for ageing parent carers.
- (2) In which financial year were the 2003–04 funds from the Commonwealth received.
- (3) What funds did Victoria contribute in 2003–04 to meet its responsibilities under the Bilateral Agreement under the terms of the Commonwealth States/Territories Disability Agreement for respite for ageing parent carers.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Bilateral Agreement for increased access to respite care for older carers was signed in 2005, with funding inclusive of 2004–05. Victoria did not receive nor contribute funds for the Bilateral Agreement in 2003–04.

Community services: disability services —state plan

8742. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): Further to the answer to Question on Notice No 1720 given in this House on 3 June 2004 about the development of a second Victorian State Disability Plan Implementation Plan, being for the three years 2006–2008, noting that the first Implementation Plan was for the three financial years 2002–2005, has the second Implementation Plan for 2006–2008 been completed; if so on what date was it completed and will the Minister make a copy available.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Work on the development of a second Implementation Plan for 2006–2008 is nearing completion. The second Implementation Plan for 2006–2008 will be released shortly.

Treasurer: Treasury and Finance — Horton International

8744. THE HON. GORDON RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): In relation to the Department of Treasury and Finance:

- (1) How many positions were recruitment agency Horton International engaged to fill.

- (2) How much was paid to Horton International, in each of the following periods —
 - (a) 2000 to 2002 inclusive; and
 - (b) 2003 to present.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- 1) Horton's International have been engaged 3 times during these periods.
- 2) (a) \$20,765.80
 - (b) \$44,288.20

State and regional development: Innovation, Industry and Regional Development — Horton International

8745. THE HON. GORDON RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for State and Regional Development): In relation to the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development:

- (1) How many positions were recruitment agency Horton International engaged to fill.
- (2) how much was paid to Horton International, in each of the following periods —
 - (a) 2000 to 2002 inclusive; and
 - (b) 2003 to present.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

- (1) This information is commercial in confidence.
- (2)
 - (a) For the period 2000 to 2002 payments to Horton International were \$65,921; and
 - (b) For the period 2003 payments to Horton International were \$32,296.

Major projects: Southern Cross station — redevelopment

8747. THE HON. GRAEME STONEY — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: In relation to Southern Cross Station (formerly Spencer Street Station) redevelopment:

- (1) What payments have been made by the Government to Civic Nexus in addition to the amount specified in the original contract for the Spencer Street Station (now Southern Cross Station) redevelopment.
- (2) On what date did the Government approve the change to the extent of ABN Amro's participation in Civic Nexus and the consequent involvement of Union Superannuation Funds.

ANSWER:

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

Questions in relation to Southern Cross Station should be directed to the Minister for Transport.

Police and emergency services: Brighton police

8751. THE HON. GRAEME STONEY — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): With reference to the Brighton Police Station and Brighton CIU —

- (1) Why has the position of Officer in Charge of the Brighton CIU not been advertised/ filled when the Detective Senior Sergeant who previously filled this position left the force in early July 2006.
- (2) Why have police resources in Bayside been rostered so as to produce the result that only one police van is available between Brighton and Sandringham during Monday morning shifts.
- (3) When will the rosters be changed to rectify this and to allow one van each for the Brighton area and the Sandringham area.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) With regard to the Brighton Crime Investigation Unit and the Detective Senior Sergeant's position:

The vacant position of Detective Senior Sergeant—Officer in Charge of the Brighton CIU, is in the process of being gazetted. Following the resignation of the former Detective Senior Sergeant on 8 July 2006, the advertisement of the vacancy was held over for operational reasons pending the appointment of the Divisional Inspector, who will have responsibility for the Brighton CIU.

The Assistant Commissioner, Region 1, Central, recently authorised the gazetting of the Detective Senior Sergeant's position at Brighton CIU. The vacancy will now be filled subject to the relevant Victoria Police processes.

- (2) and (3)

With regard to Bayside's rostering of a van for Brighton and Sandringham:

The allocation of police resources is prioritised to focus on areas of greatest need. Crime hot spots and public order issues require a specialist response and District Tasking Committees are acutely aware of these priorities. Any urgent request for police attendance will receive an immediate response allocated through police communications, and be prioritised and attended by a van or crew closest to the scene.

Recently, morning shift vans at Brighton and Sandringham have only been attending 3-4 calls per shift on average. In busier areas van crews can respond to anything upward of 12-16 calls per shift. Following an evaluation of the data available, it was determined that only one van was required for Brighton and Sandringham on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Data collected by Victoria Police indicates there is a greater need for more police patrols on afternoons and weekends. With the reallocation of resources, Victoria Police is now able to provide a better service during peak times.

The targeted provision of policing resources including flexible rostering is constantly being reviewed by District Tasking and Coordination Committees and any changes are made in response to current evidence and intelligence.

The Bracks Government is determined to provide safe streets and homes for all Victorians by providing a highly professional and well-resourced police force. The decision on placement of resources to police facilities throughout the State is one for police command, on the basis of assessed operational needs. It is vital that this process is not subject to political interference. I am assured by the Chief Commissioner of Police that police resources are continuously monitored by the respective Regional Command Officers, with the view to maintaining optimum policing effectiveness.

Community services: disability services — support register

8753. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Disability Support Register at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many individuals had lodged applications on the Disability Support Register.
- (2) How many individuals who had lodged applications have intellectual disabilities.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In relation to the Disability Support Register at 30 June 2006, the actual figures are not available due to delays in data reporting for the reporting period.

Community services: disability services — support register

8754. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Disability Support Register at 30 June 2006:

- (1) What types of support have individuals registered for.
- (2) For each type of support, how many individuals were classified as —
 - (a) urgent priority;
 - (b) high priority; and
 - (c) low priority.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In relation to the Disability Support Register at 30 June 2006:

- (1) The types of support for which individuals registered were:
 - Support to move from DS supported accommodation
 - Support to move to non-DS supported accommodation
 - Support to continue to live in non-DS supported accommodation
 - Family support options
 - Support to achieve personal goals (non-housing)
 - Part time activities
 - Part time activities with flexible support
 - Full time activities
 - Full time activities with flexible support
 - DS supported accommodation
 - DS supported accommodation with part time activities
 - DS supported accommodation with full time activities
 - DS supported accommodation with ISP
- (2) The Disability Support Register includes all people with a current and ongoing need and this replaces the categories recorded on the outdated service needs register.

Community services: disability services — support register

8755. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Disability Support Register at 30 June 2006, how many of the people registered were aged —

- (a) under 18 years;
- (b) 18 to 24 years;
- (c) 25 to 29 years;
- (d) 30 to 44 years; and
- (e) 45 or more years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In relation to the Disability Support Register at 30 June 2006, the actual figures are not available due to delays in data reporting for the reporting period.

Community services: disability services — support register

8756. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to people on the Disability Support Register at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many have a carer.
- (2) How many do not have a carer.
- (3) How many have their carer's age recorded.
- (4) How many do not have their carer's age recorded.
- (5) How many of the carers with their age recorded are —
 - (a) under 55;
 - (b) 55 to 64;
 - (c) 65 to 69; and
 - (d) 70 or more years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In relation to the Disability Support Register at 30 June 2006, the actual figures are not available due to delays in data reporting for the reporting period.

Community services: disability services — accommodation

8757. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): For the 6 months ending 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many people with disabilities obtained a place in a community residential unit.
- (2) On average, for how many days had those people been waiting for a place.
- (3) How many of those persons were relocated from congregate care to a community residential unit.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In relation to the Disability Support Register at 30 June 2006, the actual figures are not available due to delays in data reporting for the reporting period.

Community services: disability services — accommodation

8758. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): For the year ending 30 June 2006 how many people in each region have moved from Shared Supported Accommodation through the Support and Choice/Individualised Planning and Support Initiative.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

During 2005–06, 29 people across the State moved from Shared Supported Accommodation through the Support and Choice/Individualised Planning and Support Initiative. The regional breakdown is:

BSW	EMR	Gippsland	Grampians	Hume	LMR	NWMR	SMR
2	2	4	1	1	1	9	9

Community services: disability services — expenditure

8762. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to disability services expenditure in 2005–06:

- (1) What were the costs related to output infrastructure, state-wide program management and capital asset charge for —
 - (a) intake assessment;
 - (b) planning and co-ordination;
 - (c) primary support;
 - (d) community participation and inclusion;
 - (e) individual support;
 - (f) shared supported accommodation;
 - (g) specialist services;
 - (h) congregate care;
 - (i) quality; and
 - (j) information and advocacy services.

- (2) For each above activity, what were the costs related to —
 - (a) intake and response;
 - (b) case management;
 - (c) aids and equipment
 - (d) independent living training;
 - (e) respite;
 - (f) therapy;
 - (g) building inclusive communities;
 - (h) community options;
 - (i) day programs;
 - (j) futures for young adults;
 - (k) moving ahead;

- (l) recreation;
- (m) accommodation outreach support;
- (n) family options;
- (o) flexible support packages;
- (p) home first;
- (q) individualised support packages;
- (r) shared supported accommodation;
- (s) transitional accommodation support;
- (t) behaviour intervention support;
- (u) criminal justice services;
- (v) congregate care;
- (w) services quality;
- (x) system support and innovation;
- (y) training and development;
- (z) advocacy services;
- (aa) information services; and
- (bb) peak organisations.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The costs related to output infrastructure, state-wide program management and capital asset charge for the 2005–06 Disability Services Output structure were:
- (a) Individual support \$6.3 million
 - (b) Community participation and inclusion \$12.3 million
 - (c) Primary support \$5.7 million
 - (d) Residential Accommodation Support \$62.5 million and
 - (e) Information, Assessment and Planning \$10.7 million

Allow for rounding as in millions.

- (2) For each activity costs for 2005–06 were —
- (a) intake and response \$10.8 million
 - (b) case management \$23.4 million
 - (c) aids and equipment \$24.7 million
 - (d) independent living training \$2.6 million
 - (e) respite \$56.4 million
 - (f) therapy \$15.6 million
 - (g) building inclusive communities \$8.3 million
 - (h) community options N/A
 - (i) day programs \$89.2 million
 - (j) futures for young adults \$68.7 million
 - (k) moving ahead N/A
 - (l) recreation \$5.1 million
 - (m) accommodation outreach support \$11 million
 - (n) family options N/A

- (o) flexible support packages \$33.7 million
- (p) home first \$45.8 million
- (q) individualised support packages \$27.7 million
- (r) shared supported accommodation \$376.7 million
- (s) transitional accommodation support \$0.5 million
- (t) behaviour intervention support \$10.9 million
- (u) criminal justice services \$6.1 million
- (v) congregate care \$60 million
- (w) services quality \$1.3 million
- (x) system support and innovation \$8.6 million
- (y) training and development \$6.9 million
- (z) advocacy services \$2.4 million
- (aa) information services \$5 million and
- (bb) peak organisations \$0.1 million

Allow for rounding as in millions.

Community services: disability services — funding

8763. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to disabilities advocacy organisations for 2005–06:

- (1) Which organisations were funded as advocacy organisations.
- (2) What was the funding for each organisation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Human Services, Disability Services, funded 24 organisations for the year to June 2006 for the provision of disability advocacy support. The total funding allocation to these organisations was \$2.173 million, which includes recurrent and non-recurrent funding. The details of this funding are provided below.

Organisation	Total \$
Action for Community Living Inc (Consortium)	\$ 225,000
Action on Disability within Ethnic Communities	\$ 109,000
Annecto Inc	\$ 30,000
Association for Children with a Disability Inc	\$ 109,000
Barwon Disability Resource Council Inc	\$ 44,000
Blind Citizens Australia	\$ 44,000
Collective of Self Help Groups Inc	\$ 11,000
Communication Aid User Society Inc	\$ 87,000
Cystic Fibrosis Victoria Inc	\$ 44,000
Disability Advocacy and Information Service Inc	\$ 44,000
Disability Advocacy Resource Unit (VCOSS/VDAN)	\$ 120,000
Eastern Access Community Health Inc	\$ 10,000
Grampians disAbility Advocacy Association Inc	\$ 87,000
LaTrobe City Council	\$ 2,000
Melbourne Citymission Inc	\$ 20,000

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Migrant Resource Centre North West Region Inc	\$ 96,000
Office of the Public Advocate	\$ 395,000
Regional Information & Advocacy Council Inc	\$ 87,000
Reinforce Inc	\$ 6,000
STAR Victoria Inc	\$ 46,000
VALID Inc	\$ 244,000
Organisation	Total \$
Victorian Council of Deaf People Inc	\$ 49,000
Women's Health Victoria and Victorian Women with Disabilities Network	\$ 131,000
Youth Affairs Council of Victoria (Consortium)	\$ 131,000

(Figures rounded to nearest \$1,000)

Community services: disability services — funding

8764. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to disabilities organisations for 2005–06:

- (1) Which organisations were funded to provide information services.
- (2) What was the funding for each organisation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Human Services, Disability Services Division funded 32 agencies for the year to June 2006 for the provision of Information Services. The total funding allocation to these agencies was \$4.196 million; the details of this funding are provided below.

	Agency	Total \$
1	Action On Disability Within Ethnic Communities Inc	\$109,254.75
2	ARBIAS Ltd.	\$55,326.86
3	Arts Access Society Inc	\$180,584.73
4	Association for Children With A Disability Inc	\$172,593.56
5	Australian Huntington's Disease Association (Vic) Inc	\$98,640.29
6	Autism Victoria Inc	\$45911.95
7	Autistic Citizens Residential & Resources Society of Vic Inc	\$87,403.70
8	Better Hearing Australia (Victoria Branch) Inc	\$92,079.20
9	Blind Citizens Australia	\$43,701.90
10	Brain Foundation Victoria Limited	\$91,437.47
11	Carers Association Victoria Inc	\$15,000.00
12	CAUS Inc.	\$87,403.74
13	Cystic Fibrosis Victoria Inc	\$87,403.80
14	Deaf Children Australia	\$252,372.43
15	Down Syndrome Association of Victoria Inc	\$100,514.82
16	Epilepsy Foundation of Victoria Inc	\$352,175.09
17	Headway Victoria-Acquired Brain Injury Association Inc	\$91,824.20
18	Infoxchange Australia	\$40,000.00
19	Laryngectomee Association of Victoria Inc	\$9,047.65
20	Motor Neurone Disease Association of Victoria Inc	\$87,403.69

	Agency	Total \$
21	Multiple Sclerosis Limited	\$87,404.20
22	Muscular Dystrophy Association Inc	\$87,403.80
23	ParaQuad Victoria	\$183,087.56
24	Parkinson's Victoria Inc	\$171,087.68
25	Scope (Vic) Ltd	\$43,702.09
26	VALID-The Victorian Advocacy League For Individuals With Disability Inc	\$18,000.00
27	Victorian Council of Deaf People Inc	\$43,701.84
28	Victorian Deaf Society	\$359,284.54
29	Vision Australia	\$1,027,382.98
30	Wimmera Hearing Society Inc	\$1,617.76
31	Yooralla Society of Victoria	\$73,419.52
	Total	\$4,196,171.80

Community services: disability services — respite services

8766. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): For 2005–06:

- (1) How many individuals received respite services.
- (2) What was Disability Services' total expenditure for respite services.
- (3) What was Disability Services' expenditure for facility-based respite.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) 2005–06 actual figures are not available due to delays in data reporting for the reporting period.
- (2) The total expenditure for respite was \$56.4 million
- (3) The total expenditure for Department managed facility-based respite services was \$15.6 million.

Community services: disability services — aids and equipment

8767. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to people with disabilities at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many clients were accessing aids and equipment.
- (2) How many clients accessing aids and equipment were aged 65 years or more.
- (3) What was Disability Services' total expenditure for aids and equipment.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In relation to people with disabilities at 30 June 2006:

- (1) The number of clients accessing aids and equipment was 26,619.
- (2) Data indicates that approximately 55% of clients accessing aids and equipment are aged 65 years or more.

- (3) The total expenditure for this activity was \$24.7 million.

Community services: disability services — flexible care packages

8769. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to flexible care packages for people with disabilities at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many people were in receipt of —
 - (a) short-term assistance packages; and
 - (b) on-going assistance packages.
- (2) What was the Disability Services total expenditure for:
 - (a) short-term assistance packages; and
 - (b) on-going assistance packages.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In relation to flexible care packages for people with disabilities at 30 June 2006:

- (1) 2005–06 actual figures are not available due to delays in data reporting for the reporting period.
- (2) Disability Services expenditure for flexible care packages as at 30 June 2006 was \$33.7M. The financial management system does not record expenditure specifically for a short-term assistance package or for an on-going package.

Community services: Kew Residential Services

8770. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the redevelopment of Kew Residential Services, at 30 June 2006:

- (1) What is the total recurrent expenditure incurred.
- (2) What is the total capital expenditure incurred.
- (3) What is the total redevelopment expenditure to date which is to be offset against the proceeds of the sale of the site.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The total recurrent expenditure incurred as at 30 June 2006 was \$28 million (rounded).
- (2) The total capital expenditure incurred as at 30 June 2006 is \$66.7 million
- (3) The total redevelopment expenditure as at 30 June 2006, which is to be offset against the proceeds of the sale of the site, is \$66.7 million, and this includes only capital expenditure.

Community services: disability services — support services

8771. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): For people with disabilities at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many people were in receipt of —

- (a) accommodation outreach support;
 - (b) family options support;
 - (c) flexible support packages;
 - (d) home first;
 - (e) individualised support packages;
 - (f) shared supported accommodation; and
 - (g) transitional accommodation support.
- (2) What was the total expenditure for —
- (a) accommodation outreach support;
 - (b) family options support;
 - (c) flexible support packages;
 - (d) home first;
 - (e) individualised support packages;
 - (f) shared supported accommodation; and
 - (g) transitional accommodation support.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) 2005–06 actual figures are not available due to delays in data reporting for the reporting period.
- (2) The total expenditure for these activities were:
 - (a) accommodation outreach support \$11 million
 - (b) family options support activity has been transferred to flexible support activity.
 - (c) flexible support packages \$33.7 million
 - (d) home first \$45.8 million
 - (e) individualized support packages \$27.7 million
 - (f) shared supported accommodation \$376.7 million
 - (g) transitional accommodation support \$0.5 million

Community services: Disability Advisory Council of Victoria

8772. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): On which dates in 2005–06 did the Minister meet with members of the Disability Advisory Council of Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Minister for Community Services met with members of the Disability Advisory Council of Victoria on the following occasions:

31 March 2005

12 July 2005

8 September 2005

7 November 2005

22 March 2006

21 July 2006

2 August 2006.

Community services: disability services — community participation

8773. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to community participation and inclusion for people with disabilities at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many people were —
 - (a) clients with day activities; and
 - (b) futures for young adults clients.
- (2) What was the total Disability Services expenditure for —
 - (a) clients with day activities; and
 - (b) futures for young adults clients.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) 2005–06 actual figures are not available due to delays in data reporting for the reporting period.
- (2) The total Disability Services expenditure for —
 - (a) day program activity was \$89.2 million
 - (b) futures for young adults activity \$68.7 million.

Community services: disability services — day activities

8774. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to clients with day activities at 30 June 2006, how many of these people are also Disability Services residential accommodation clients.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

2005–06 actual figures are not available due to delays in data reporting for the reporting period.

Community services: disability services — young adults

8775. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to futures for young adults clients at 30 June 2006, how many of these people are also Disability Services residential accommodation clients.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

2005–06 actual figures are not available due to delays in data reporting for the reporting period.

Community services: disability services — carers

8776. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services):

- (1) What funds did Victoria receive from the Commonwealth for 2005–06 for the Bilateral Agreement under the terms of the Commonwealth States/Territories Disability Agreement for respite for ageing parent carers.
- (2) What funds did Victoria contribute in 2005–06 to meet its responsibilities under the Bilateral Agreement under the terms of the Commonwealth States/Territories Disability Agreement for respite for ageing parent carers.
- (3) What funds does Victoria expect to receive from the Commonwealth for 2006–07 for the Bilateral Agreement under the terms of the Commonwealth States/Territories Disability Agreement for respite for ageing parent carers.
- (4) What funds does Victoria expect to contribute for 2006–07 for the Bilateral Agreement under the terms of the Commonwealth States/Territories Disability Agreement for respite for ageing parent carers.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Victoria received a recurrent allocation of \$5.025 million from the Commonwealth for the Bilateral Agreement for respite for ageing parent carers in 2005–06.
- (2) Victoria contributed a recurrent allocation of \$5.025 million toward the Bilateral Agreement for respite for ageing parent carers in 2005–06.
- (3) Victoria expects to receive a recurrent allocation of \$5.141 million from the Commonwealth for the Bilateral Agreement for respite for ageing parent carers in 2006–07.
- (4) Victoria expects to contribute a recurrent allocation of \$5.141 million toward the Bilateral Agreement for respite for ageing parent carers in 2006–07.

Community services: disability services — carers

8777. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): From the Disability Services Quarterly Data Collection data for 2004–05, what is the level of services provided to the ageing parent carers who are the target group for the growth funding for respite services and services which have respite effects for carers in their age group, agreed to by the Victorian and Commonwealth governments in a Bilateral Agreement under the terms of the Commonwealth States/Territories Disability Agreement.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Given the timing of the finalisation of the bilateral agreement in June 2005, the funding made available by the Commonwealth for 2004–05 was not expended in the same financial year and was carried forward to 2005–06. As a result the only additional funding made available for respite in 2004–05 was the \$2.0 million included in the State budget, which at the time of release was not targeted specifically to older carers.

Environment: Grampians National Park — fire-reduction works

8779. THE HON. DAVID KOCH — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): What program of preventative fire reduction works does the Government have planned for the Grampians National Park in the lead up to the summer of 2006–07.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Weather dependent, the Department of Sustainability & Environment (DSE) and Parks Victoria (PV) intend to undertake a number of strategic fuel reduction burns this spring leading into Summer. One successful burn in partnership with volunteers has already been undertaken at Mount Sturgeon on 13 September and included both private and public land.

DSE and PV are actively monitoring water supplies for firefighting and several on ground meetings with members of local communities have already occurred, with maintenance works scheduled.

DSE and PV are also actively maintaining fire access tracks throughout the Grampians National Park.

Environment: Grampians National Park — fuel-reduction burning

8780. THE HON. DAVID KOCH — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In what areas does the Government propose to undertake fuel reduction burning at the southern end (also known as the ‘Dunkeld end’) of the Grampians National Park.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Following considerable public input, the finalisation of the Fire Operations Plan for the Grampians is occurring now.

A successful burn in partnership with volunteers was undertaken at Mount Sturgeon on 13 September and included both private and public land.

Weather dependent, the Department of Sustainability & Environment (DSE) and Parks Victoria (PV) intend to undertake a number of strategic fuel reduction burns this spring leading into summer.

Environment: Grampians National Park — fuel-reduction burning

8781. THE HON. DAVID KOCH — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): In what areas does the Government propose to undertake fuel reduction burning at the northern end (also known as the areas north and west of Halls Gap) in the Grampians National Park.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Weather dependent, the Department of Sustainability & Environment (DSE) and Parks Victoria (PV) intend to undertake a number of strategic fuel reduction burns this spring leading into Summer.

Environment: Grampians National Park — fuel-reduction burning

8782. THE HON. DAVID KOCH — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): How many hectares have been identified on the proposed Grampians National Park fuel reduction burning program for 2006–07.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The 2006-2007 fuel reduction program for the Grampians is being finalised now, following considerable public input into the Fire Operations Plan. Additional burns are being considered.

Weather dependent, the Department of Sustainability & Environment (DSE) and Parks Victoria (PV) intend to undertake a number of strategic fuel reduction burns this spring leading into Summer.

Environment: Dunkeld — fuel-reduction burning

8783. THE HON. DAVID KOCH — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): Given the Government has scheduled an eighty hectare fuel reduction burn north of the Dunkeld township for April 2006, signed off by all necessary parties, and that this program to date has not been undertaken, what plans does the Government now have to complete this scheduled fuel reduction burn and by what date will this burn be completed.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The burn scheduled for north of Dunkeld at Mt Sturgeon, covering both public and private land, has been successfully undertaken by DSE, PV and the local CFA volunteers.

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, 4 October 2006

Arts: ministerial staff — mobile telephone services

3343. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): What has been the cost of providing mobile telephone services to the Minister's staff since 1999-2000.

ANSWER:

During 1999-2000 my staff were located in a different department.

Energy industries: Chief Electrical Inspector — freedom of information requests

4000. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries: In relation to the Freedom of Information requests received by the Office of the Chief Electrical Inspector between 1 July 2003 and 30 June 2004:

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

ANSWER:

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

- (1) Information relating to the number of FOI requests is available in the OCEI's Annual Report. The relevant Annual Report shows that 41 requests were received.
- (2) Of the requests received:
 - (a) None were denied in full. However, 8 applicants were advised the OCEI had no relevant information, 2 requests were withdrawn and 1 did not proceed;
 - (b) 19 responses were released in part; and
 - (c) 11 responses were released in full.
- (3) The OCEI has also confirmed that none of the responses to the FOI requests referred to above were provided to me before being given to the applicants.

Resources: minister's office — furnishings

7473. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Resources: 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:

Please refer to the response for LC7472 in the Legislative Council Hansard of 22 August 2006.

Resources: charter flights

7558. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Resources: 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:

Please refer to the response for LC7557 in the Legislative Council Hansard of 24 August 2006.

Health: media research and public opinion polling

7575. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): 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:

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

Aged care: media research and public opinion polling

7579. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care: 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:

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

Housing: media research and public opinion polling

7586. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Housing: 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:

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

Resources: minister’s office — intrastate travel

7726. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Resources: 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:

Please refer to the response for LC7725 in the Legislative Council Hansard of 22 August 2006.

Resources: minister's office — entertainment expenses

7768. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Resources: What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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

WorkCover and the TAC: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7823. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for WorkCover: 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:

Nil

Resources: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7852. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Resources: 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:

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

Major projects: Infrastructure — consultancies

8110. THE HON. DAMIAN DRUM — To ask the Minister for Major Projects:

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

ANSWER:

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

Questions in relation to Department of Infrastructure should be directed to the Minister for Transport.

State and regional development: new investments facilitated

8136. THE HON. GORDON RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for State and Regional Development): In relation to the “new investments facilitated” expected

outcome of \$1,600 million for 2005–06 as recorded on page 147 of Budget Paper No. 3, how much was foreign direct investment.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Of the investment facilitated and confirmed in the 2005–06 financial year, \$931.6 million was from foreign companies.

State and regional development: Victorian Government Business Office, Shanghai — executive director

8141. THE HON. GORDON RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for State and Regional Development): In relation to the Executive Director of the Shanghai Victorian Government Business Office:

- (1) When did Ms Wendy Simpson resign as Executive Director.
- (2) When did Ms Wendy Simpson cease duties in Shanghai.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

- (1) Ms Wendy Simpson ceased duty with the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development as Executive Director, North Asia, effective 13 April 2006.
- (2) Ms Wendy Simpson left Shanghai on (or about) 10 March 2006 for consultation at Invest Victoria’s office in Melbourne. She remained Executive Director North Asia until she ceased duty on 13 April 2006.

State and regional development: Victorian Government Business Office, Shanghai — operating cost

8142. THE HON. GORDON RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for State and Regional Development): In relation to the Shanghai Victorian Government Business Office for 2005–06, what was the total actual operating cost, including all staff wages, allowances and benefits, marketing and capital costs and ancillary expenses.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The total cost of operating the Victorian Government Business Office in Shanghai in 2005/06 was \$642,372. The cost of operating the Tourism Victoria office, which is co-located with the VGBO in Shanghai, was \$877,085.

There was no capital expenditure on the Shanghai office during 2005/06.

State and regional development: Victorian Government Business Office, Shanghai — executive director

8143. THE HON. GORDON RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for State and Regional Development): How much has been budgeted to pay Horton International Executive Search and Recruitment by the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development to undertake the selection process to replace Ms Wendy Simpson as Executive Director North Asia (Shanghai Victorian Government Business Office).

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Horton International has not charged the Department fees for the search for Ms Simpson's replacement. As Ms Simpson's departure fell within the guarantee period for replacement, Horton International re-ran the search for no additional fee except out-of-pocket expenses.

State and regional development: Invest Victoria — international travel

8144. THE HON. GORDON RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for State and Regional Development): In 2005–06, how many times did Mr Ben Foscett, Chief Executive, Invest Victoria travel to each of the following places at government expense:

- (a) China;
- (b) Hong Kong;
- (c) Singapore;
- (d) Japan;
- (e) South East Asia (excluding Singapore);
- (f) India;
- (g) the European Union (excluding the United Kingdom);
- (h) the United Kingdom;
- (i) Canada;
- (j) the United States of America;
- (k) New Zealand;
- (l) United Arab Emirates; and
- (m) other countries.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

During 2005–06 Ben Foscett travelled to the following locations —

China (1)

India (2)

USA (1)

Children: Human Services, children services division — advertising and credit card expenditure

8204. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Children): In relation to the Children Services Division within the Department of Human Services' 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, the Department of Human Services is required to manage its affairs in accordance with the *Public Administration Act 2004* and the *Financial Management Act 1994*.

Community services: Human Services — advertising and credit card expenditure

8205. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Department of Human Services' 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, the Department of Human Services is required to manage its affairs in accordance with the *Public Administration Act 2004* and the *Financial Management Act 1994*.

Resources: Quarry Managers Advisory Panel — entertainment expenses

8243. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Resources: In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Quarry Managers Advisory 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 Quarry Manager's Advisory Panel (QMAP) was disbanded on 31 December 2005.

(a) Total entertainment expense incurred by the QMAP in the 2005–06 period were \$1323.80.

(b) Itemised details of entertainment in excess of \$500 are as follows:

Date	Cost	No. of Guests	Purpose	Service Provider
14/12/02	\$1069.80	15	Final meeting for QMAP and key stakeholders	Young & Jackson

Resources: Office of the Mining Warden — entertainment expenses

8253. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Resources: In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Office of the Mining Warden, 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 Office of the Mining Warden did not incur any entertainment expenses during the 2005–06.

Resources: Mining and Environment Advisory Committee — entertainment expenses

8254. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Resources: In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Mining and Environment 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 Mining and Environment Advisory Committee did not incur any entertainment expenses during 2005–06.

Agriculture: Dairy Food Safety — entertainment expenses

8268. 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 Dairy Food Safety 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:

- (a) The total cost incurred by Dairy Food Safety Victoria in relation to entertainment expenses for 2005–06 was \$7,205.
- (b) The itemised details for all expenditures in excess of \$500.00 are as follows:

Date	Cost	No. of Guests	Purpose	Name of Service Provider
27/07/2005	\$1,032	17	Off-site Board meeting	Hotel
12/08/2005	\$1,240	6	Delegation to Industry Association dinner	Australian Specialist Cheese Makers Association
26/10/2005	\$523	11	DFSV's Fifth Birthday celebration	Restaurant
20/12/2005	\$2,211	16	Board Function	Restaurant
Total	\$5,006			

Arts: Victorian Council of the Arts — entertainment expenses

8271. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Victorian Council of the Arts, 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:

Nil response

Transport: Victorian Road Freight Advisory Council — entertainment expenses

8355. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Transport): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Victorian Road Freight Advisory Council, 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:

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

The Victorian Road Freight Advisory Council is an advisory body to VicRoads and it did not incur any entertainment expenses in 2005–06.

Transport: Victorian Motorcycle Advisory Council — entertainment expenses

8356. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Transport): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Victorian Motorcycle Advisory Council, 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:

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

The Victorian Motorcycle Advisory Council did not incur any entertainment expenses during 2005–06.

Transport: Victorian Bicycle Advisory Committee — entertainment expenses

8358. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Transport): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Victorian Bicycle 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:

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

The Victorian Bicycle Advisory Council did not incur any entertainment expenses in 2005/2006.

Transport: Public Transport Customer Charter Committee — entertainment expenses

8359. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Transport): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Public Transport Customer Charter 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:

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

There were no entertainment expenses incurred by any of the Public Transport Customer Consultative Committee (formerly Public Transport Customer Charter Committee) members during 2005–06.

Transport: Public Transport Customer Access Committee — entertainment expenses

8360. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Transport): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Public Transport Customer Access 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:

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

There were no entertainment expenses incurred by any of the Public Transport Access Committee members during 2005–06.

Major projects: Docklands Authority — communications staff

8378. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Docklands 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:

As the member has been repeatedly advised, the Docklands Authority ceased to exist as at August 2003. Continual disregard of this advice demonstrates either laziness or an affront to the institutions of parliament.

State and regional development: Overseas Projects Corporation of Victoria — communications staff

8410. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for State and Regional Development): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Overseas Projects Corporation of 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:

Most of the assets of the Overseas Project Corporation were sold to Sinclair Knight Merz in July 2004 and the remainder of the company was placed in voluntary liquidation in February 2005.

Attorney-General: Judicial College of Victoria — communications staff

8428. 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 Judicial College of 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 advised that:

As at 30 June 2006, there were no officers in the Judicial College of Victoria engaged in communications related to public, corporate or media relations.

Attorney-General: Legal Practice Board — communications staff

8429. 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 Legal Practice 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 Legal Practice Board was disbanded on 12 December 2005 as per the provisions of the Legal Profession Act 2004.

Attorney-General: Legal Profession Tribunal — communications staff

8431. 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 Legal Profession 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:

The Legal Profession Tribunal was disbanded on 12 December 2005 as per the provisions of the Legal Profession Act 2004.

Attorney-General: Office of the Victorian Privacy Commissioner — communications staff

8432. 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 Office of the Victorian Privacy 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:

As at 30 June 2006, there were no officers in the Office of the Victorian Privacy Commissioner engaged in communications related to public, corporate or media relations.

Attorney-General: Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal — communications staff

8434. 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 Victims of Crime Assistance 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 Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal engaged in communications related to public, corporate or media relations.

Arts: Australian Centre for the Moving Image — communications staff

8475. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Australian Centre for the Moving Image 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 Australian Centre for the Moving Image employs its own staff, and there is no centralised portfolio database of employee details. In this context, it would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to obtain the details sought in this question. The Member may wish to contact ACMI directly.

Arts: Film Victoria — communications staff

8476. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Film 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:

Film Victoria employs its own staff, and there is no centralised portfolio database of employee details. In this context, it would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to obtain the details sought in this question. The Member may wish to contact Film Victoria directly.

Arts: Geelong Performing Arts Centre Trust — communications staff

8477. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Geelong Performing Arts 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:

I am informed that:

The Geelong Performing Arts Centre Trust is comprised only of Governor-in-Council appointees and none are staff, officers or employees within the meaning of the *Public Administration Act 2004*.

Arts: Council of Trustees of the National Gallery of Victoria — communications staff

8478. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Council of Trustees of the National Gallery of 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 Council of Trustees of the National Gallery of Victoria is comprised only of Governor-in-Council appointees and none are staff, officers or employees within the meaning of the *Public Administration Act 2004*.

Arts: National Gallery of Victoria — communications staff

8479. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the National Gallery of 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 National Gallery of Victoria employs its own staff, and there is no centralised portfolio database of employee details. In this context, it would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to obtain the details sought in this question. The Member may wish to contact the NGV directly.

Arts: Library Board of Victoria — communications staff

8480. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Library Board of 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 Library Board of Victoria is comprised only of Governor-in-Council appointees and none are staff, officers or employees within the meaning of the *Public Administration Act 2004*.

Arts: State Library of Victoria — communications staff

8481. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the State Library of 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 State Library of Victoria employs its own staff, and there is no centralised portfolio database of employee details. In this context, it would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to obtain the details sought in this question. The Member may wish to contact the SLV directly.

Arts: Museums Board of Victoria — communications staff

8482. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Museums Board of 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 Museums Board of Victoria is comprised only of Governor-in-Council appointees and none are staff, officers or employees within the meaning of the *Public Administration Act 2004*.

Arts: Museums Victoria — communications staff

8483. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Museums 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:

Museum Victoria employs its own staff, and there is no centralised portfolio database of employee details. In this context, it would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to obtain the details sought in this question. The Member may wish to contact the Museum directly.

Arts: Victorian Arts Centre Trust — communications staff

8484. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): As at 30 June 2006:

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

I am informed that:

The Victorian Arts Centre Trust is comprised only of Governor-in-Council appointees and none are staff, officers or employees within the meaning of the *Public Administration Act 2004*.

Arts: Victorian Council of the Arts — communications staff

8485. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Victorian Council of the Arts 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 Victorian Council of the Arts does not employ any staff.

Agriculture: Compensation Appeals Panel — communications staff

8486. 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 Compensation Appeals 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 informed that:

As at 30 June 2006, the Compensation Appeals Panel had no officers engaged in communications, including public, corporate, and media relations.

Agriculture: Compensation Appeals Tribunal — communications staff

8487. 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 Compensation Appeals 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 informed that:

As at 30 June 2006, the Compensation Appeals Tribunal had no officers engaged in communications, including public, corporate, and media relations.

Agriculture: Dairy Food Safety Victoria — communications staff

8488. 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 Dairy Food Safety 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:

As at 30 June 2006, Dairy Food Safety Victoria had one officer engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.

The salary band for this officer was \$50,000 to \$60,000 per annum.

The job title for this officer was Communications Manager.

Agriculture: Fisheries Co-Management Council and fisheries committees — communications staff

8489. 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 Co-Management Council and Fisheries Committees 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:

- (1) The Fisheries Co-Management Council and Fisheries Committee have one officer engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.
- (2) The salary band for this officer is VPS Grade 4 (\$55,189 - \$62,618).
- (3) The job title of this officer is Senior Projects Officer, Fisheries Co-Management Council.

Agriculture: Agriculture Victoria Services Pty Ltd — communications staff

8508. 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 Agriculture Victoria Services Pty 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:

As at 30 June 2006, the Agriculture Victoria Services Pty Ltd had no officers engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.

Resources: Quarry Managers Advisory Panel — communications staff

8516. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Resources: As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Quarry Managers Advisory 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 informed that:

The Quarry Manager's Advisory Panel (QMAP) was disbanded on 31 December 2005. Therefore, as at 30 June 2006, QMAP had no officers engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.

Community services: disability services — supported accommodation

8759. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many clients in government managed Shared Supported Accommodation were aged —
 - (a) under 25 years;
 - (b) 25 to 44 years;
 - (c) 45 to 55 years;
 - (d) 56 to 64 years;
 - (e) 65 to 74 years; and
 - (f) 75 or more years.
- (2) How many clients in non-government managed Shared Supported Accommodation were aged —
 - (a) under 25 years;
 - (b) 25 to 44 years;
 - (c) 45 to 55 years;
 - (d) 56 to 64 years;
 - (e) 65 to 74 years; and

- (f) 75 or more years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

2005–06 actual figures are not available due to delays in data reporting for the reporting period.

Community services: Kew Residential Services

8760. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to people with disabilities at Kew Residential Services at 30 June 2006, how many were —

- (a) under 45 years;
- (b) 45 to 55 years;
- (c) 56 to 65 years;
- (d) 66 to 75 years; and
- (e) over 75 years of age.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

2005–06 actual figures are not available due to delays in data reporting for the reporting period.

Community services: disability services — expenditure

8761. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): What was Disability Services' total operating expenses and total capital expenses for 2005–06.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Disability Services total operating expenses were \$999 million and total capital expenses were \$46.7 million for 2005–06.

Allow for rounding as in millions.

Community services: disability services — funding

8765. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to peak disabilities organisations for 2005–06:

- (1) Which organisations were funded as peak organisations
- (2) What was the funding for each organisation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The following disability organisations were funded as peak organisations in 2005/06:

ACROD Limited — Victorian Division
 Council of Intellectual Disability Agencies (Vic) Inc
 VICRAID Inc

(2) The funding for each organisation was:

ACROD Limited — Victorian Division	\$59,858.02
Council of Intellectual Disability Agencies (Vic) Inc	\$57,518.73
VICRAID Inc	\$21,570.10

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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

Thursday, 5 October 2006

Treasurer: minister's office — alcohol purchases

5401. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): In relation to alcohol purchased by the Treasurer'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 that:

The research required to provide a response to the question would be an unreasonable burden on the time and resources of my department.

Police and emergency services: Justice — entertainment expenses

5914. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to the Department of Justice's entertainment expenses for 2004–05:

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

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The total cost incurred by the Department of Justice on entertainment for the 2004–05 financial year was \$130,962.48. However, to provide the details of individual expense items as specified by the question would place an unreasonable burden on the Department's time and resources.

Racing: Harness Racing Victoria — overseas travel

6865. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Racing): In relation to overseas travel by Harness Racing 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 advised that:

			4(d) Accommodation				
(1) Trips	(2) Destination	(3) Purpose	Name	Room	Meals	Phone	Other
1	New Zealand	NZ Cup Meeting - Promotion of Industry & Networking	Rydges Christchurch	\$2,503	\$870	\$86	\$25
1	New Zealand	NZ Interdominion Meeting - Promotion of Industry & Networking	Carlton Crest	\$11,042	\$1,556	\$273	\$233
				\$13,545	\$2,426	\$359	\$258

- (4)
 - (a) \$25,263.
 - (b) Nil.
 - (c) \$1,399
 - (e) Nil.
 - (f) Nil.
- (5) Two HRV Board Members were accompanied by their respective partners on the first trip and four HRV Board Members were accompanied by their respective partners on the second trip. The costs for the partners were:
 - Airfares: \$8,861;
 - Meals: \$615;
 - Phone: \$55.

Treasurer: minister’s office — furnishings

7441. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): What furniture items, including moveable furniture, fixed furniture and electrical goods were purchased for the Treasurer’s private office in 2004–05 and what was the total cost of the items purchased.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

All furniture and electrical goods within my office are on loan and are property of the Department of Treasury and Finance and remain the property of the department.

Treasurer: charter flights

7526. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): In relation to all chartered flights, including helicopters and light planes used by the Treasurer in 2004–05 what was the —

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

No flights were chartered in my ministerial capacity as Treasurer in 2004–05.

Consumer affairs: charter flights

7565. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Consumer 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 advised 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 the mode of transport used is the efficient and effective.

Education and training: charter flights

7555. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Education and Training): 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:

In the course of my portfolio duties I regularly travelled to regional Victoria, visiting various educational facilities including schools, TAFE Institutes, Adult Community and Further Education providers, and Universities

I was accompanied by one or two staff members on each occasion.

The use of charter flights was sometimes required. The costs are closely monitored.

Treasurer: media research and public opinion polling

7568. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): For each department, agency and authority within the Treasurer'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 Treasurer.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Given the broad nature of this question, providing an answer would result in an unreasonable diversion of the resources of my Department.

Attorney-General: media research and public opinion polling

7588. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): 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:

Government departments and agencies seek to gauge the view of the community in a variety of ways, most of which form part of every day processes. To disaggregate these costs would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

Education and training: minister's office — international travel

7639. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Education and Training): What was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all international travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The total was \$20,859.06 for the following trips:

- 18-27 October 2004 – Vietnam
- 12-21 February 2005 – Jordan and the United Arab Emirates.

Corrections: minister's office — interstate travel

7679. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Corrections): 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 advised that:

Costs for interstate and intrastate travel are not kept separately. Airfare expenses incurred in relation to interstate and intrastate in 2004–05 were \$15,664.09. Taxi hire expenses incurred in relation to interstate and intrastate travel were \$6,815.72. Personal expenses incurred from interstate and intrastate travel totalled \$371.17.

Interstate accommodation expenses cannot be separated out from all other accommodation expenses, (including international travel) without a significant diversion of the Department's resources.

Education and training: minister's office — interstate travel

7681. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Education and Training): 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 Victorian Government works with the Commonwealth Government and other state governments to improve the education and training available to all Victorians.

From time to time this has required travelling interstate.

The costs are reasonable and closely monitored.

Police and emergency services: minister's office — interstate travel

7682. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): 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 advised that:

Airfare expenses incurred in relation to interstate and intrastate travel in 2004–05 were \$15,664.09. Taxi hire expenses incurred in relation to interstate and intrastate travel were \$6,815.72. Personal expenses incurred from interstate and intrastate travel totalled \$371.17. Interstate accommodation expenses cannot be separated out from other accommodation expenses without a significant diversion of the Department's resources.

Corrections: minister's office — intrastate travel

7721. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Corrections): 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 advised that:

Airfare expenses incurred in relation to interstate and intrastate travel in 2004–05 were \$15,664.09. Taxi hire expenses incurred in relation to interstate and intrastate travel were \$6,815.72. Personal expenses incurred from interstate and intrastate travel totalled \$371.17. Intrastate accommodation expenses cannot be separated out from other accommodation expenses without a significant diversion of the Department's resources.

Education and training: minister's office — intrastate travel

7723. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Education and Training): 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 total cost was \$24,454.00.

Police and emergency services: minister's office — intrastate travel

7724. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): 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 advised that:

Airfare expenses incurred in relation to interstate and intrastate travel in 2004–05 were \$15,664.09. Taxi hire expenses incurred in relation to interstate and intrastate travel were \$6,815.72. Personal expenses incurred from interstate and intrastate travel totalled \$371.17. Intrastate accommodation expenses cannot be separated out from other accommodation expenses without a significant diversion of the Department's resources.

Consumer affairs: minister's office — intrastate travel

7733. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Consumer 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 advised 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 the mode of transport used is the efficient and effective.

Multicultural affairs: minister's office — entertainment expenses

7745. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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

Innovation: minister's office — entertainment expenses

7770. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Innovation): What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

During 2005, no entertainment expenses for the Minister and ministerial staff were paid by the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development.

State and regional development: minister's office — entertainment expenses

7773. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for State and Regional Development): What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

During 2005, no entertainment expenses for the Minister and ministerial staff were paid by the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development.

Consumer affairs: minister's office — entertainment expenses

7775. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs: What entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

According to the financial records of the Department of Justice, there was no expenditure on entertainment, including restaurant and catering, by the Minister and Ministerial staff in 2005.

Premier: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7777. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Premier): What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department's records indicate that expenses incurred by the Premier's office for the purchase of alcohol from their budget in 2005 was nil.

Multicultural affairs: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7787. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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

Innovation: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7812. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Innovation): What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

During 2005, no alcohol expenses for the Minister and ministerial staff were paid by the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development.

State and regional development: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7815. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for State and Regional Development): What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

During 2005, no alcohol expenses for the Minister and ministerial staff were paid by the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development.

Consumer affairs: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7817. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs: What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

According to the financial records of the Department of Justice, there was no expenditure by the Minister and ministerial staff for alcohol in 2005.

Premier: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7819. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Premier): What expenses were incurred by each Department and Agency for the purchase of alcohol for the Premier, ministerial staff and the Minister's office in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department's records indicate that expenses incurred by the Department of Premier and Cabinet for the purchase of alcohol for functions hosted by the Premier, or functions with the Premier's representative as host in 2004–05 were \$2779 (excluding GST).

Information regarding the purchase of alcohol by other Departments should be directed to the appropriate Ministers.

Treasurer: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7820. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): What expenses were incurred by each Department and Agency for the purchase of alcohol for the Treasurer, ministerial staff and the Minister's office in 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Given the broad nature of this question, providing an answer would result in an unreasonable diversion of the resources of my Department.

Multicultural affairs: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7829. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): 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:

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

Innovation: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7854. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Innovation): 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:

According to the financial records of the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development, no alcohol expenses were purchased for the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05.

Consumer affairs: minister's office — alcohol purchases

7859. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs: 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 advised that:

According to the financial records of the Department of Justice, there was no expenditure on alcohol by the Department or its agencies for the Minister, Ministerial staff or the Minister's office in 2004–05.

Treasurer: ministerial staff — cost

7862. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): What was the total cost associated with the engagement of ministerial staff, including salaries, superannuation and WorkCover in 2005.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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.

Information and communication technology: ministerial staff — cost

7902. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Information and Communication Technology: 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 :

Ministerial staff are engaged by the Department of Premier and Cabinet and your question should be directed to the Premier.

Premier: ministerial staff — number

7903. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Premier): How many ministerial staff were employed by the Premier at 1 March 2006.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

All ministerial staff are employed by the Premier and salaries are paid by the Department of Premier and Cabinet. As at 1 March 2006 there were 206 ministerial staff employed across all ministerial portfolios.

Treasurer: ministerial staff — number

7904. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): How many ministerial staff were employed by the Treasurer at 1 March 2006.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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 — number

7923. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts): How many ministerial staff were employed by the Minister at 1 March 2006.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I do not employ Ministerial staff.

Information and communication technology: ministerial staff — number

7944. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Information and Communication Technology: How many ministerial staff were employed by the Minister at 1 March 2006.

ANSWER:

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

Ministerial staffing budgets and Ministerial staffing arrangements are held by the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Premier: minister's office — secondments

7945. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Premier): How many public servants were on secondment to the Premier's private office at 1 March 2006 and were not counted within the ministerial staffing budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

No staff were on secondment to the Premier's Private Office at 1 March 2006 who were not counted within the Ministerial staffing budget.

Treasurer: minister's office — secondments

7946. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): How many public servants were on secondment to the Treasurer's private office at 1 March 2006 and were not counted within the ministerial staffing budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

There were no public servants on secondment who were not included in my ministerial staffing budget.

Information and communication technology: minister's office — secondments

7986. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS — To ask the Minister for Information and Communication Technology: How many public servants were on secondment to the Minister's private office at 1 March 2006 and were not counted within the ministerial staffing budget.

ANSWER:

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

Ministerial staffing budgets and Ministerial staffing arrangements are held by the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Premier: public service — staff numbers

8008. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Premier): What were the numbers of Victorian Public Service full-time equivalent staff employed as at 30 June 2005 in each of the 10 Departments and each of the 14 Authorities and Offices referred to on page 1:2 of the 2004–05 Annual Report of the State Services Authority.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Departments *

	Full Time Equivalent
Education and Training	1953
Human Services	11089
Infrastructure	915

	Full Time Equivalent
Innovation, Industry and Regional Development	678
Justice	4750
Premier and Cabinet	316
Primary Industries	2639
Sustainability and Environment	2752
Treasury and Finance	978
Victorian Communities	752
Total	26822

Authorities and Offices *

	Full Time Equivalent
Environment Protection Authority	373
Essential Services Commission	61
Office of the Chief Commissioner of Police	2257
Office of Chief Parliamentary Counsel	30
Office of the Governor	25
Office of the Legal Ombudsman	10
Office of the Ombudsman	51
Office of Police Integrity	60
Office of the Privacy Commissioner	11
Office of Public Prosecutions	229
Office of Victorian Electoral Commission	70
State Services Authority	33
Victorian Auditor-General's Office	145
Victorian Government Solicitor's Office	83
Total	3438

* Figures provided represent a count of all staff paid in the pay period immediately prior to 30 June 2005, converted to full time equivalent, as reported in staffing data provided by agencies to the State Services Authority. Therefore these figures may not match EFTs reported separately by individual Departments within their Annual Reports.

Premier: public service — staff movements

8009. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Premier): What were the numbers of Victorian Public Service full-time equivalent staff moved as a result of machinery of government changes in 2004–05 from each Department and each Authority or Office as existing prior to each such change to each Department and each Authority or Office as existing subsequent to such change.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

There were five Machinery of Government changes in 2004-2005, as reported on page 98 of the Annual Report of the Department of Premier and Cabinet. Details of numbers of staff are:

- In January 2005 **two** secretariat staff attached to the Patriotic Funds Council were transferred from the Department of Justice to the Department for Victorian Communities.
- In April 2005 **sixteen** staff members of the Office of Public Employment were transferred to the State Services Authority.
- In April 2005 the Office of the Child Safety Commissioner was established as an administrative office. **13.4** staff members were moved from the Department of Human Services to the Office of the Child Safety Commissioner — 6.8 from the Child Death Inquiry Unit (CDIU) and 6.6 from the Advocate for Children in Care.
- **Seven** staff members of the Problem Gambling Unit and **one** staff member from the Financial Counselling Unit were transferred from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Justice.
- The Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centre Policy Officer was transferred from the Department of Human Services to the Department for Victorian Communities.

Premier: ministerial staff

8010. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Premier):

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The number of ministerial staff employed by the Premier in full-time equivalent terms as at 30 June 2005 was 192.7. These staff supported the Premier and Ministers across all portfolios.
- (2) The number of ministerial staff employed by the Premier in full-time equivalent terms as at 2 May 2006 was 197.1. These staff supported the Premier and Ministers across all portfolios.

Arts: ministerial staff

8018. THE HON. BILL FORWOOD — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Arts):

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I refer the Honourable Member to the Victorian Government Directory 2005/2006.

Police and emergency services: Bluff Road, Hampton — motor vehicle accident injuries

8039. THE HON. CHRIS STRONG — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): What are the number of reported injuries resulting from motor vehicle accidents in Bluff Road, Hampton for the following years —

- (a) 1999-2000;
- (b) 2000-01;
- (c) 2001-02;
- (d) 2002-03;
- (e) 2003-04; and
- (f) 1 July 2004 – present.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The number of reported injuries resulting from motor vehicle accidents in Bluff Road, Hampton for the period between July 1999 and November 2005 are as follows —

- (a) 1999–2000: 72
- (b) 2000–01: 64
- (c) 2001–02: 65
- (d) 2002–03: 40
- (e) 2003–04: 73
- (f) 1 July 2004 – present:* 83

Notes:

¹ The above data includes all recorded motor vehicle accidents resulting in injury that occurred on Bluff Road in the 3188 postcode area which includes both Hampton and Hampton East.

² There can be multiple injuries arising from a single accident.

*The date the question was asked, 30 May 2006.

Police and emergency services: Shannon’s Way Pty Ltd — payments

8063. THE HON. GRAEME STONEY — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to payments made to Shannon’s Way Pty Ltd by the Minister’s department or private office or agency or statutory body under the Minister’s administration for each project since 1 January 2005:

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

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

There were no payments made to Shannon’s Way Pty Ltd by my private office or any statutory agencies under my administration between 1 January 2005 and 30 May 2006.*

*The date that the question was asked.

Police and emergency services: Beach Road, Beaumaris — motor vehicle accident injuries

8086. THE HON. ANDREA COOTE — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): What has been the number of reported injuries resulting from motor vehicle accidents in Beach Road, Beaumaris for the following years —

- (a) 1999-2000;
- (b) 2000-2001;
- (c) 2001-2002;
- (d) 2002-2003;
- (e) 2003-2004; and
- (f) 1 July 2004–present.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The number of reported injuries resulting from motor vehicle accidents in Beach Road, Beaumaris for the following financial years:

- (a) 1999-2000: 13
- (b) 2000-2001: 27
- (c) 2001-2002: 43
- (d) 2002-2003: 20
- (e) 2003-2004: 29 and
- (f) 1 July 2004-present:* 27

Notes:

¹ In addition to the injuries listed above there was also one fatality reported in the 1999-2000 period.

² There can be multiple injuries arising from a single accident.

*The date the question was asked, 6 June 2006.

Education and training: Education and Training — consultancies

8104. THE HON. DAMIAN DRUM — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Education and Training):

- (1) What consultancies were undertaken by the Department of Education and Training 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:

Consultants are used when specific expertise is not available within the Department and can not be provided other than by engaging a consultant.

The Department endeavours to minimise expenditure on consultants wherever possible and regularly reviews its consultancy approval arrangements to ensure that they comply with Victorian Government policy.

State and regional development: investment projects under development

8138. THE HON. GORDON RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for State and Regional Development): In relation to the “investment projects under development” expected outcome of 250 for 2005–06 as recorded on page 147 of Budget Paper No. 3, how many projects were initiated in 2005–06 and how many have been carried over from 2004–05.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Of the 260 investment projects under development in 2005–06; 106 were initiated in 2005–06 and 154 were carried over from 2004–05.

Consumer affairs: Business Licensing Authority — advertising and credit card expenditure

8145. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs: In relation to the Business Licensing Authority’s expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

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

ANSWER:

I am advised 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 details financial governance regime.

Further, the Business Licensing Authority is required to manage its affairs in accordance with the *Corporation Act 2001* and the *Financial Management Act 1994*.

Consumer affairs: Coordinating Council on Control of Liquor Abuse — advertising and credit card expenditure

8146. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs: In relation to the Coordinating Council on Control of Liquor Abuse’s expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

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

ANSWER:

I am advised 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 details financial governance regime.

Further, the Co-Ordinating Council on the Control of Liquor Abuses is required to manage its affairs in accordance with the *Corporation Act 2001* and the *Financial Management Act 1994*.

Consumer affairs: Defence Reserves Re-Employment Board — advertising and credit card expenditure

- 8147. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs: In relation to the Defence Reserves Re-Employment Board's expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —
- (a) advertising expenditure; and
 - (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am advised 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 details financial governance regime.

Further, the Defence Reserves Re-employment Board is required to manage its affairs in accordance with the *Corporation Act 2001* and the *Financial Management Act 1994*.

Consumer affairs: Estate Agents Council — advertising and credit card expenditure

- 8148. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs: In relation to the Estate Agents Council's expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —
- (a) advertising expenditure; and
 - (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am advised 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 details financial governance regime.

Further, the Estate Agents Council is required to manage its affairs in accordance with the *Corporation Act 2001* and the *Financial Management Act 1994*.

Consumer affairs: Motor Car Traders Guarantee Fund Claims Committee — advertising and credit card expenditure

- 8149. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs: In relation to the Motor Car Traders Guarantee Fund Claims Committee's expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —
- (a) advertising expenditure; and
 - (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am advised 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 details financial governance regime.

Further, Motor Car Traders Guarantee Fund Claims Committee is required to manage its affairs in accordance with the *Corporation Act 2001* and the *Financial Management Act 1994*.

Consumer affairs: Patriotic Funds Council — advertising and credit card expenditure

- 8150. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs: In relation to the Patriotic Funds Council’s expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —
- (a) advertising expenditure; and
 - (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am advised 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 details financial governance regime.

Further, the Patriotic Funds Council is required to manage its affairs in accordance with the *Corporation Act 2001* and the *Financial Management Act 1994*.

Consumer affairs: Prostitution Control Act Advisory Committee — advertising and credit card expenditure

- 8151. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs: In relation to the Prostitution Control Act Advisory Committee’s expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —
- (a) advertising expenditure; and
 - (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am advised 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 details financial governance regime.

Further, the Prostitution Control Act Advisory Committee is required to manage its affairs in accordance with the *Corporation Act 2001* and the *Financial Management Act 1994*.

Consumer affairs: Residential Tenancies Bond Authority — advertising and credit card expenditure

- 8152. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs: In relation to the Residential Tenancies Bond Authority’s expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —
- (a) advertising expenditure; and
 - (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am advised 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 details financial governance regime.

Further, the Residential Tenancies Bond Authority is required to manage its affairs in accordance with the *Corporation Act 2001* and the *Financial Management Act 1994*.

Consumer affairs: Consumer Affairs Victoria — advertising and credit card expenditure

8153. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs: In relation to the Department of Consumer Affairs Victoria’s expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

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

ANSWER:

I am advised 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 details financial governance regime.

Further, Consumer Affairs Victoria is required to manage its affairs in accordance with the *Corporation Act 2001* and the *Financial Management Act 1994*.

Tourism: Australian Grand Prix Corporation — advertising and credit card expenditure

8157. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Tourism): In relation to the Australian Grand Prix Corporation’s expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

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

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

- (a) In the 2004-2005 financial year, the Australian Grand Prix Corporation’s advertising expenditure in relation to print, radio, television, magazine and outdoor advertising production and media buy as well as agency fees for both the Australian Formula One Grand Prix and the Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix was \$2,530,449 (excluding GST); and
- (b) The Corporation does not issue corporate credit cards to any of its employees. All payments made by the Corporation are made by cheque, bank transfer or small petty cash payments.

Energy industries: Office of Gas Safety — advertising and credit card expenditure

8164. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries: In relation to the Office of Gas Safety’s expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

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

ANSWER:

The Minister for Energy Industries – The answer is:

- (a) \$356,136
- (b) Nil

Note: The OGS did not have credit cards.

Energy industries: Office of the Chief Electrical Inspector — advertising and credit card expenditure

8167. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries: In relation to the Office of the Chief Electrical Inspector’s (OCEI) expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

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

ANSWER:

The answer is:

- (a) \$863,000
- (b) Nil

Note: The OCEI did not have credit cards.

Victorian communities: Victorian Communities — advertising and credit card expenditure

8207. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Victorian Communities): In relation to 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:

- (a) As per response to Legislative Council Question on Notice 5300 (attached).
- (b) Total credit card expenditure for DVC in 2004–05 was \$290,185.

[*Hansard reference: Legislative Council, Vol. 469, 8 February 2006, page 341.*]

Attorney-General: Victoria Legal Aid — advertising and credit card expenditure

8223. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): In relation to Victoria Legal Aid’s expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

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

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Advertising costs, if any, are included in the annual report. Use of purchasing cards or credit cards form part of the cost of administration and I further refer the Member to the detailed financial statements contained in the annual report.

Attorney-General: Legal Profession Tribunal — advertising and credit card expenditure

8225. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): In relation to the Legal Profession Tribunal's expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

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

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Advertising costs, if any, are included in the annual report. I have been advised that credit cards are not used.

Attorney-General: Office of the Victorian Privacy Commissioner — advertising and credit card expenditure

8226. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Attorney-General): In relation to the Office of the Victorian Privacy Commissioner's expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

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

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Advertising costs, if any, are included in the annual report. I have been advised that credit cards are not used.

Gaming: Director of Gaming and Betting and Director of Casino Surveillance — advertising and credit card expenditure

8227. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Gaming): In relation to the Director of Gaming and Betting and Director of Casino Surveillance's expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —

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

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

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

Gaming: Gambling Research Panel — advertising and credit card expenditure

- 8228. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Gaming): In relation to the Gambling Research Panel’s expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —
- (a) advertising expenditure; and
 - (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The Gambling Research Panel was abolished in December 2004. No advertising or credit card expenditure was incurred by the Gambling Research Panel in July-December 2004.

Gaming: Victorian Casino and Gaming Authority — advertising and credit card expenditure

- 8229. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Gaming): In relation to the Victorian Casino and Gaming Authority’s expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —
- (a) advertising expenditure; and
 - (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The Victorian Casino and Gaming Authority was abolished on 30 June 2004.

Gaming: Advocate for Responsible Gambling — advertising and credit card expenditure

- 8230. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Gaming): In relation to the Advocate for Responsible Gambling’s expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —
- (a) advertising expenditure; and
 - (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

No advertising or credit card expenditure was incurred by the Advocate for Responsible Gambling in 2004–05.

Planning: Building Commission — advertising and credit card expenditure

- 8234. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to the Building Commission’s expenditure for 2004–05, what was the —
- (a) advertising expenditure; and
 - (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Advertising costs are included in annual reports where applicable. Use of purchasing cards or credit cards form part of the cost of administration and I further refer the Member to the detailed financial statements contained in the annual report.

Planning: Heritage Council — advertising and credit card expenditure

8237. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to the Heritage Council’s expenditure for 2004–05, what was the advertising expenditure and credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Advertising costs are included in annual reports where applicable. Use of purchasing cards or credit cards form part of the cost of administration and I further refer the Member to the detailed financial statements contained in the annual report.

Planning: Plumbing Industry Advisory Council — advertising and credit card expenditure

8238. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to the Plumbing Industry Advisory Council’s expenditure for 2004–05, what was the advertising expenditure and credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Advertising costs are included in annual reports where applicable. Use of purchasing cards or credit cards form part of the cost of administration and I further refer the Member to the detailed financial statements contained in the annual report.

Police and emergency services: Private Agents Registry — entertainment expenses

8287. 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 Private Agents Registry, 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:

Following the making of the Private Security Act 2004, amendments to the Private Agents Act 1966 resulted in the Private Agents Registry ceasing to exist on 1 July 2005.

Racing: Racing Appeals Tribunal Victoria — entertainment expenses

8294. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Racing): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Racing Appeals Tribunal 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 advised that:

The Victorian Racing Appeals Tribunal did not incur any entertainment expenses in 2005–06.

Gaming: Bookmakers and Bookmakers' Clerks Registration Committee — entertainment expenses

8299. 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 Bookmakers and Bookmakers' Clerks Registration 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:

This question should have been asked of me as Minister for Racing.

(a) \$1206.80.

(b)

- (i) 13 December 2005;
- (ii) \$1206.80, including GST;
- (iii) 13 guests;
- (iv) End of year luncheon for Bookmakers and Bookmakers' Clerks Registration Committee members;

- (v) Victorian Club.

Treasurer: Gascor Pty Ltd — entertainment expenses

- 8315. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by Gascor 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:

Gascor Pty Ltd (Gascor) is no longer a State owned entity. In September 2003 the ownership of Gascor was transferred to Victoria's gas retailers Origin Energy (Vic) Pty Ltd, AGL Victoria Pty Ltd and TXU Pty Ltd pursuant to put options exercised by the State in December 2002.

Treasurer: Young Farmers Finance Council — entertainment expenses

- 8316. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Young Farmers Finance Council, 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 administrative services for the Young Farmers' Finance Council (YFFC) are provided by the Rural Finance Corporation.

There were no entertainment expenses in 2005/06 attributable to the YFFC.

Treasurer: Land Tax Hardship Relief Board — entertainment expenses

- 8322. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Land Tax Hardship Relief 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:

There were no entertainment expenses incurred in 2005/06 by the Land Tax Hardship Relief Board.

Police and emergency services: Victoria State Emergency Service — entertainment expenses

8352. 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 Victoria State Emergency Service, 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) Victoria State Emergency Service's (VICSES) entertainment expenses for 2005–06 totalled \$5,153.
- (b) There was one function in excess of \$500, of which the details are:
 - (i) Date: 03 September 2005;
 - (ii) Cost: Approximately \$5,011.55;
 - (iii) Number of guests: 133;
 - (iv) Purpose: The Dinner is advertised and conducted as The NW Region Annual Awards Dinner. The Aim is to conduct a formal dinner for the purpose of presenting awards recognising the long service of VICSES volunteers and Staff members; and
 - (v) Service Provider: The Foundry Hotel Complex.

Energy industries: Victorian Electrolysis Committee — entertainment expenses

8357. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries: In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Victorian Electrolysis 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:

The answer is:

For each part of this question, Nil.

Energy industries: Equipment Advisory Committee — entertainment expenses

8361. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries: In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Equipment 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:

The answer is:

For all parts of this question, Nil.

Energy industries: Electric Line Clearance Committee — entertainment expenses

8362. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries: In relation to entertainment expenses incurred in 2005–06 by the Electric Line Clearance 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:

The answer is:

For all parts of this question, Nil.

Energy industries: Office of Gas Safety — communications staff

8384. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries: As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Office of Gas Safety 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:

The answer is:

Nil. The Office of Gas Safety ceased to exist prior to that date.

Energy industries: Office of the Chief Electrical Inspector — communications staff

8385. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries: As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Office of Chief Electrical Inspector 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:

The answer is:

Nil. The Office of the Chief Electrical Inspector ceased to exist prior to that date.

Energy industries: Electric Line Clearance Committee — communications staff

8392. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries: As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Electric Line Clearance 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:

The answer is:

Nil.

Energy industries: Equipment Advisory Committee — communications staff

8393. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries: As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Equipment 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:

The answer is:

Nil, to all parts of the question.

Energy industries: Victorian Electrolysis Committee — communications staff

8397. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries: As at 30 June 2006:

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

The answer is:

Nil, to all parts of the question.

Tourism: Australian Grand Prix Corporation — communications staff

8407. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Tourism): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Australian Grand Prix 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 as follows:

- (1) Two staff members are engaged in by the Australian Grand Prix Corporation in communications;
- (2) Details of staff member's salary information cannot be released as it would be a breach of the Information Privacy Act 2000; and
- (3) The job titles for these positions are:
 - Public Relations Executive; and
 - Media and Public Relations Manager.

Tourism: Emerald Tourist Railway Board — communications staff

8408. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Tourism): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Emerald Tourist Railway 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 as follows:

- (1) One staff member is engaged by the Emerald Tourist Railway Board;
- (2) Details of staff member's salary information cannot be released as it would be a breach of the Information Privacy Act 2000; and
- (3) The job title for this position is 'Marketing Manager'.

Tourism: Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Trust — communications staff

8409. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Tourism): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition 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 as follows:

- (1) One staff member is engaged by the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Trust in communications;
- (2) Details of staff member's salary information cannot be released as it would be a breach of the Information Privacy Act 2000; and
- (3) The job title for this position is 'Communication Manager'.

State and regional development: Office of Manufacturing — communications staff

8411. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for State and Regional Development): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Office of Manufacturing 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:

Please refer to question number 8658.

State and regional development: Office of Science and Technology — communications staff

8412. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for State and Regional Development): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Office of Science and Technology 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:

Please refer to question number 8658.

State and regional development: Office of Service Industries — communications staff

8413. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for State and Regional Development): As at 30 June 2006:

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

Please refer to question number 8658.

State and regional development: Office of Regional Industries — communications staff

8414. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for State and Regional Development): As at 30 June 2006:

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

Please refer to question number 8658.

State and regional development: Office of Investment Facilitation — communications staff

8415. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for State and Regional Development): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Office of Investment Facilitation 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:

Please refer to question number 8658.

State and regional development: Office of International Business Affairs and Export — communications staff

8416. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for State and Regional Development): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Office of International Business Affairs and Export 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:

Please refer to question number 8658.

State and regional development: Invest Victoria — communications staff

8417. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for State and Regional Development): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Invest 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:

Please refer to question number 8658.

State and regional development: Industrial Relations Victoria — communications staff

8418. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for State and Regional Development): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Industrial Relations 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:

Please refer to question number 8658.

State and regional development: Regional Development Victoria — communications staff

8419. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for State and Regional Development): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Regional Development 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:

Please refer to question number 8658.

Tourism: Tourism Victoria — communications staff

8420. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Tourism): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Tourism 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) As at 30 June 2006, there were four equivalent full time communications staff (including public, corporate and media relations) in Tourism Victoria. These positions have been included in question number 8658;
- (2) Details of staff member's salary information cannot be released as it would be a breach of the Information Privacy Act 2000; and
- (3) The job titles for these positions are:
 - Manager, Government and Corporate Communications;
 - Senior Corporate Communications Officer;
 - Senior Speechwriter; and
 - Government Relations Coordinator.

You will appreciate Tourism Victoria is a Government authority with a specific charter to develop and market Victoria as a tourist destination. Accordingly, there is also a number of marketing staff employed to liaise with international and national journalists, and provide media assistance to Victorian tourism operators.

Racing: Bookmakers and Bookmakers' Clerks Registration Committee — communications staff

8442. 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 Bookmakers and Bookmakers' Clerks Registration 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, the Bookmakers and Bookmakers' Clerks Registration Committee did not have any officers solely engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.

Gaming: gaming policy unit — communications staff

8446. 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 Gaming Policy Unit 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:

Following an internal restructure in early 2005, the functions of the Gaming Policy Unit were taken over by the Gambling Policy & Strategy unit. As at 30 June 2006, Gambling Policy & Strategy had no communications officers.

Racing: Office of Racing — communications staff

8447. 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 Office of Racing 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 Office of Racing did not have any officers solely engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.

Racing: Greyhound Racing Victoria — communications staff

8449. 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 Greyhound Racing 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 advised that:

- (1) There is one officer in Greyhound Racing Victoria engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.
- (2) The salary band for this position is \$75,000 to \$80,000.
- (3) The job title for this position is Media and Communications Manager.

Racing: Harness Racing Victoria — communications staff

8450. 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 Harness Racing 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 advised that:

- (1) One officer in Harness Racing Victoria is engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.
- (2) The salary range is \$70,000 to \$80,000.
- (3) The job title for the officer is Communications Manager.

Racing: Racing Appeals Tribunal — communications staff

8451. 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 Racing Appeals 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, the Racing Appeals Tribunal did not have any officers solely engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.

Consumer affairs: Patriotic Funds Council — communications staff

8457. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs: As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Patriotic Funds 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 advised that:

The Department of Premier and Cabinet assumed responsibility for the Patriotic Funds Council on 10 January 2005. The Department of Justice therefore holds no data on the number of officers in the Council engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.

Police and emergency services: Private Agents Registry — communications staff

8464. 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 Private Agents Registry 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:

Following the making of the Private Security Act 2004, amendments to the Private Agents Act 1966 resulted in the Private Agents Registry ceasing to exist on 1 July 2005.

Agriculture: Victorian Strawberry Industry Development Committee — communications staff

8501. 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 Victorian Strawberry Industry Development 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, there were no officers in the Victorian Strawberry Industry Development Committee engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.

Resources: Mining and Environment Advisory Committee — communications staff

8506. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Resources: As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Mining and Environment 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 Mining and Environment Advisory Committee had no officers engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.

Resources: Office of the Mining Warden — communications staff

8507. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Resources: As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Office of the Mining Warden 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 Office of the Mining Warden had no officers specifically engaged in communications, including public, corporate and media relations.

Treasurer: Land Tax Hardship Relief Board — communications staff

8623. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Land Tax Hardship Relief 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, no communications officers were engaged by this organisation.

Treasurer: Office of the Administrator (SECV, VicPower Trading) — communications staff

8624. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Office of the Administrator (SECV, Vic Power Trading) 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 June 30 2006, no communications officers were engaged by this organisation.

Treasurer: Young Farmers Finance Council — communications staff

8632. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Young Farmers Finance 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:

The Young Farmers' Finance Council has no staff. The administrative services for the Council are provided by the Rural Finance Corporation.

Treasurer: Gascor Pty Ltd — communications staff

8633. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Gascor Pty 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:

Gascor Pty Ltd (Gascor) is no longer a State owned entity. In September 2003 the ownership of Gascor was transferred to Victoria's gas retailers Origin Energy (Vic) Pty Ltd, AGL Victoria Pty Ltd and TXU Pty Ltd pursuant to put options exercised by the State in December 2002.

Treasurer: Treasury and Finance, commercial division — communications staff

8635. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Commercial Division, Department of Treasury and Finance 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:

- (1) Nil
- (2) Not applicable
- (3) Not applicable

Treasurer: Treasury and Finance, economic and financial policy division — communications staff

8636. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Economic and Financial Policy Division, Department of Treasury and Finance 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:

- (1) Nil
- (2) Not Applicable
- (3) Not Applicable

Treasurer: Treasury and Finance, strategic management division — communications staff

8637. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Strategic Management Division, Department of Treasury and Finance 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:

- (1) 8.6 FTE
- (2) EO3: 1
VPS6: 2.6 FTE
VPS5: 2
VPS4: 1
VPS3: 2

- (3) The titles for the officers are:
 Director — Communication Group, Managers Strategic Communications, Senior Communication Advisers,
 Communication Advisers

Treasurer: Treasury and Finance, information and technology services — communications staff

8638. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Information and Technology Services, Department of Treasury and Finance 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:

- (1) Nil
- (2) Not applicable
- (3) Not applicable

Police and emergency services: Justice — communications staff

8656. 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 Department of Justice 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:

Number of Staff	Salary Band	Job Title
2	VPS Grade 3 \$45,917 - \$55,752	Officer
3	VPS Grade 4 \$56,845 - \$64,496	Adviser
3	VPS Grade 5 \$65,589 - \$79,357	Strategic Adviser
2	VPS Grade 6 \$80,450 - \$107,659	Manager
1	EO	Director

Treasurer: Treasury and Finance — communications staff

8657. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Department of Treasury and Finance 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:

- (1) 8.6 FTE
- (2) EO3: 1
VPS6: 2.6 FTE
VPS5: 2
VPS4: 1
VPS3: 2
- (3) The titles for the officers are:
Director – Communication Group ; Managers Strategic Communications; Senior Communications Advisers and Communications Advisers.

State and regional development: Innovation, Industry and Regional Development — communications staff

8658. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for State and Regional Development): As at 30 June 2006:

- (1) How many officers in the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development 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:

- As at 30 June 2006, there were 20.9 equivalent full time communications staff (including public, corporate and media relations), in the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development.
- The 20.9 equivalent full time staff comprise:
 - 1 at Executive Officer Level 3
 - 8 at VPS grade 6
 - 4.1 at VPS grade 5
 - 4.8 at VPS grade 4
 - 2 at VPS grade 3
 - 1 at VPS grade 2
- To provide further detailed information has the potential to breach privacy provisions.

Consumer affairs: Business Licensing Authority — advertising and credit card expenditure

8662. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs: In relation to the Business Licensing Authority's expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:

- (a) advertising expenditure; and

- (b) credit card expenditure.

ANSWER:

I am advised 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 details financial governance regime.

Further, the Business Licensing Authority is required to manage its affairs in accordance with the *Corporation Act 2001* and the *Financial Management Act 1994*.

Consumer affairs: Council on Control of Liquor Abuse — advertising and credit card expenditure

8663. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs: In relation to the Coordinating Council on Control of Liquor Abuse’s expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:

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

ANSWER:

I am advised 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 details financial governance regime.

Further, the Co-ordinating Council on the Control of Liquor Abuse is required to manage its affairs in accordance with the *Corporation Act 2001* and the *Financial Management Act 1994*.

Consumer affairs: Defence Reserves Re-Employment Board — advertising and credit card expenditure

8664. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs: In relation to the Defence Reserves Re-Employment Board’s expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:

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

ANSWER:

I am advised 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 details financial governance regime.

Further, the Defence Reserves Re-Employment Board is required to manage its affairs in accordance with the *Corporation Act 2001* and the *Financial Management Act 1994*.

Consumer affairs: Estate Agents Council — advertising and credit card expenditure

8665. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs: In relation to the Estate Agents Council expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:

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

ANSWER:

I am advised 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 details financial governance regime.

Further, the Estate Agents Council is required to manage its affairs in accordance with the *Corporation Act 2001* and the *Financial Management Act 1994*.

Consumer affairs: Motor Car Traders Guarantee Fund Claims Committee — advertising and credit card expenditure

8666. **THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs: In relation to the Motor Car Traders Guarantee Fund Claims Committee expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:

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

ANSWER:

I am advised 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 details financial governance regime.

Further, the Motor Car Traders Guarantee Fund Claims Committee is required to manage its affairs in accordance with the *Corporation Act 2001* and the *Financial Management Act 1994*.

Consumer affairs: Patriotic Funds Council — advertising and credit card expenditure

8667. **THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs: In relation to the Patriotic Funds Council expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:

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

ANSWER:

I am advised 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 details financial governance regime.

Further, the Patriotic Funds Council is required to manage its affairs in accordance with the *Corporation Act 2001* and the *Financial Management Act 1994*.

Consumer affairs: Prostitution Control Act Advisory Committee — advertising and credit card expenditure

8668. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs: In relation to the Prostitution Control Act Advisory Committee's expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:

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

ANSWER:

I am advised 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 details financial governance regime.

Further, the Prostitution Control Act Advisory Council is required to manage its affairs in accordance with the *Corporation Act 2001* and the *Financial Management Act 1994*.

Consumer affairs: Residential Tenancies Bond Authority — advertising and credit card expenditure

8669. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs: In relation to the Residential Tenancies Bond Authority's expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:

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

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

In relation to the Residential Tenancies Bond Authority's expenditure in 2005–06,

- (a) advertising expenditure totalled \$4,348; and
- (b) credit card expenditure totalled \$2,861.77. Credit card purchases are made in accordance with the Department of Treasury and Finance's *Purchasing Card Rules for Use and Administration*.

Consumer affairs: Consumer Affairs Victoria — advertising and credit card expenditure

8670. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs: In relation to the Department of Consumer Affairs Victoria's expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:

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

ANSWER:

I am advised 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 details financial governance regime.

Further, Consumer Affairs Victoria is required to manage its affairs in accordance with the *Corporation Act 2001* and the *Financial Management Act 1994*.

Innovation: Howard Florey Institute of Experimental Physiology and Medicine — advertising and credit card expenditure

8671. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Innovation): In relation to the Howard Florey Institute of Experimental Physiology and Medicine’s expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Howard Florey Institute of Experimental Physiology and Medicine is an independent statutory authority. The Minister for Innovation has no responsibility for the financial management role of the Institute.

The powers conferred on the Institute pursuant to the *Howard Florey Institute of Experimental Physiology and Medicine Act 1971* are vested in and are only exercised by its Board of Management. The Board has independent responsibility for the direction, expenditure and conduct of the Institute and its research programs.

Details of financial management and all relevant reporting can be found in records of the Annual Reports and Annual Research Reports of the Institute.

Innovation: Prince Henry’s Institute of Medical Research — advertising and credit card expenditure

8672. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Innovation): In relation to the Prince Henry’s Institute of Medical Research expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Prince Henry’s Institute of Medical Research is an independent statutory authority. The Minister for Innovation has no responsibility for the financial management role of the Institute, other than ensuring the tabling in Parliament of its Annual Financial Report and an audited statement of its accounts.

The powers conferred on the Institute pursuant to the *Prince Henry’s Institute of Medical Research Act 1988* are vested in and are only exercised by its Board of Management. The Board has independent responsibility for the direction, expenditure and conduct of the Institute and its research programs.

Details of financial management and all relevant reporting can be found in records of the Annual Reports and Annual Research Reports of the Institute.

Innovation: Baker Medical Research Institute — advertising and credit card expenditure

8673. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Innovation): In relation to the Baker Medical Research Institute’s expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Baker Medical Research Institute is an independent statutory authority. The Minister for Innovation has no responsibility for the financial management role of the Institute.

The powers conferred on the Institute pursuant to the *Baker Medical Research Institute Act 1980* are vested in and are only exercised by its Board of Management. The Board has independent responsibility for the direction, expenditure and conduct of the Institute and its research programs.

Details of financial management and all relevant reporting can be found in records of the Annual Reports and Annual Research Reports of the Institute.

Tourism: Australian Grand Prix Corporation — advertising and credit card expenditure

8674. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Tourism): In relation to the Australian Grand Prix Corporation’s expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

- (a) In the 2005-2006 financial year, the Australian Grand Prix Corporation’s advertising expenditure in relation to print, radio, television, magazine and outdoor advertising production and media buy as well as agency fees for both the Australian Formula One Grand Prix and the Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix was \$2,761,706 (excluding GST); and
- (b) The Corporation does not issue corporate credit cards to any of its employees. All payments made by the Corporation are made by cheque, bank transfer or small petty cash payments.

State and regional development: Albury-Wodonga (Victoria) Corporation — advertising and credit card expenditure

8675. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for State and Regional Development): In relation to the Albury-Wodonga (Victoria) Corporation’s expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Albury-Wodonga (Victoria) Corporation was dissolved on 1 March 2004.

Energy industries: Office of Gas Safety — advertising and credit card expenditure

8681. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries: In relation to the Office of Gas Safety's expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:

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

ANSWER:

- (a) \$13,485
- (b) Nil

Note: The Office of Gas Safety ceased to exist after 9 August 2005. It did not have any credit cards.

Energy industries: Office of the Chief Electrical Inspector — advertising and credit card expenditure

8684. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries: In relation to the Office of the Chief Electrical Inspector's (OCEI) expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:

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

ANSWER:

- (a) \$44,860
- (b) Nil

Note: The former OCEI ceased to exist after 9 August 2005. It did not have credit cards.

Police and emergency services: Victoria Police — advertising and credit card expenditure

8709. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to the Victoria Police Department's expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:

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

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The Victoria Police advertising and credit card expenditure for the period 2005–06 was:

- (a) \$1,476,425 in advertising.
Victoria Police advertising expenditure is conducted in accordance with the Victorian Government Advertising Master Agency Media Service (MAMS).
- (b) \$870,291 in corporate card (credit card) expenditure.
Victoria Police Corporate Card expenditure is conducted in accordance with the Department of Treasury and Finance Purchasing Card Rules for Use and Administration (Issued pursuant to the *Financial Management Act 1994*).

Victorian communities: Victorian Communities — advertising and credit card expenditure

8720. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister of Victorian Communities): In relation to the Department for Victorian Communities' expenditure for 2005–06, what was the:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

- (a) The total expenditure on advertising was \$3,684,338 of which \$2,550,117 was expenditure related to the Commonwealth Games.
- (b) Total credit card expenditure for DVC in 2005–06 was \$245,109.

