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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, 18 July 2006**

**Treasurer: Office of the Administrator (SECV, VicPower Trading) — media research and public opinion polling**

**2523. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): In relation to the Office of the Administrator's (SECV, VicPower Trading) media research and public opinion polling conducted since 1 January 2002:

- (a) What is the title of each poll or item of research.
- (b) What is the date of approval and duration of the contract.
- (c) What is the cost.
- (d) Who are the personnel conducting the project.
- (e) Was it put to tender.
- (f) What recommendations were made.
- (g) Were any actions taken by the Department or Minister.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

No media research or public polling has taken place since 1 January 2002.

**Corrections: ministerial staff — mobile telephone services**

**3357. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Corrections): What has been the cost of providing mobile telephone services to the Minister's staff since 1999-2000.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

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

**Police and emergency services: Victoria Police — new buildings**

**3746. THE HON. GRAEME STONEY** — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services):

- (a) How many new buildings were constructed for the use of Victoria Police in the past two years.
- (b) Of these, how many were fitted with rainwater tanks and the water used on-site.
- (c) How many existing Victoria Police buildings have been retro-fitted with rainwater tanks and the water used on-site.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (a) The total number of new police stations completed during the period September 2002 and September 2004 was 39.
- (b) Of these, 18 were fitted with rainwater tanks with the intention that the water is used on site.
- (c) No existing Victoria Police buildings have been retro-fitted with rainwater tanks during the period.

**Treasurer: Land Tax Hardship Relief Board — entertainment expenses**

**5376. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): In relation to the Land Tax Hardship Relief Board's entertainment expenses incurred in 2004–05, what are the itemised details of all expenditure in excess of \$500, including —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Land Tax Hardship Relief Board did not incur any entertainment expenses in excess of \$500 in 2004–05.

**Treasurer: government-owned properties — sales**

**5450. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): What Government owned properties, with an individual value of \$5 million or above, were sold in each year from 2000-01 to the expected sales in 2005-06.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The question you ask does not fall within the portfolio of the Treasurer.

**Small business: Office of the Small Business Commissioner — external legal advice**

**5491. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Small Business): How much has been spent by the Office of the Small Business Commissioner on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The expenditure was \$28,802.75

**Police and emergency services: Victoria State Emergency Service — external legal advice**

**5498. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): How much has been spent by the Victoria State Emergency Service on external legal advice since 1 June 2004.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Between 1 June 2004 and 5 October 2005, the date the question was asked, expenditure by the Victoria State Emergency Service on external legal fees was \$67,463.30.

**Consumer affairs: Motor Car Traders Guarantee Fund Claims Committee — freedom of information requests**

**5989. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs: In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by the Motor Car Traders Guarantee Fund Claims Committee 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 advised that:

(1) and (2) (a)–(c)

The Motor Car Traders Guarantee Fund Claims Committee is part of the Department of Justice and not a separate prescribed authority under the Freedom of Information Act 1982. Their statistics are incorporated into the Department of Justice figures. I refer you to the 2004/5 Freedom of Information Annual Report tabled on 17 November 2005.

(2) (d)

Statistics regarding freedom of information requests which are given to the Minister before being given to the applicant are not collected by the Department of Justice.

**Treasurer: State Trustees Ltd — freedom of information requests**

**6158. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): In relation to Freedom of Information requests received by State Trustees Limited 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:

Freedom of Information legislation does not apply to State Trustees Limited as it is not a 'prescribed authority' as defined under section 5 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982. Furthermore, it is not a declared body in relation to Freedom of Information Regulations 1998 as prescribed by Statutory Rule No. 41/1998.

**Employment and youth affairs: minister's office — mobile telephones**

**6642. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs): What was the cost of providing mobile telephone services to the Minister's staff for 2004–05.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

I have responded to this question in my capacity as Minister for Education Services.

**Treasurer: Rural Finance Corporation of Victoria — stress-related leave**

**7255. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): In relation to staff members of the Rural Finance Corporation of Victoria on stress related leave in 2004–05, what was the — (i) number of days taken; (ii) estimated cost; and (iii) total number of staff involved.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

There was no stress related leave taken by staff members in 2004–05 as far as the Rural Finance Corporation is aware.

**Treasurer: State Trustees Ltd — stress-related leave**

**7263. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Treasurer): In relation to staff members of State Trustees Limited on stress related leave in 2004–05, what was the — (i) number of days taken; (ii) estimated cost; and (iii) total number of staff involved.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

There was no stress related leave taken by staff members in 2004–05 as far as State Trustees Limited is aware.

**Multicultural affairs: minister's office — furnishings**

**7450. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Multicultural 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:

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

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

**Victorian communities: minister's office — furnishings**

**7451. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Victorian Communities): 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:

Accounts for the purchase of furniture items, including moveable furniture, fixed furniture and electrical goods for my office are not managed by the Department for Victorian Communities and therefore the answer is nil.

**Victorian communities: Victorian Communities — entertainment expenses**

**7494. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Victorian Communities): What was the total amount spent by the Minister's department on entertainment expenses including alcohol, food, admission to Commonwealth Games events, admission to other entertainment events, special gifts, all transport and corporate box leasing for their invited guests and those who were hosting them at the Commonwealth Games.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Victorian Government and the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Corporation jointly provided hosting opportunities for Ministers and senior Departmental officers during the Commonwealth Games. These entertainment expenses form part of the whole of Games budget. The accounts are still being received and when collated will be included in the Government's financial report on the Games.

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

**7497. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): What was the total amount spent by the Minister's department on entertainment expenses including alcohol, food, admission to Commonwealth Games events, admission to other entertainment events, special gifts, all transport and corporate box leasing for their invited guests and those who were hosting them at the Commonwealth Games.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

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

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

**7499. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Water): What was the total amount spent by the Minister’s department on entertainment expenses including alcohol, food, admission to Commonwealth Games events, admission to other entertainment events, special gifts, all transport and corporate box leasing for their invited guests and those who were hosting them at the Commonwealth Games.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

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

**Women’s affairs: Victorian Communities — entertainment expenses**

**7500. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Women’s Affairs): What was the total amount spent by the Minister’s department on entertainment expenses including alcohol, food, admission to Commonwealth Games events, admission to other entertainment events, special gifts, all transport and corporate box leasing for their invited guests and those who were hosting them at the Commonwealth Games.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Victorian Government and the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Corporation jointly provided hosting opportunities for Ministers and senior Departmental officers during the Commonwealth Games. These entertainment expenses form part of the whole of Games budget. The accounts are still being received and when collated will be included in the Government’s financial report on the Games.

**Local government: Victorian Communities — entertainment expenses**

**7501. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Local Government: What was the total amount spent by the Minister’s department on entertainment expenses including alcohol, food, admission to Commonwealth Games events, admission to other entertainment events, special gifts, all transport and corporate box leasing for their invited guests and those who were hosting them at the Commonwealth Games.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Victorian Government and the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Corporation jointly provided hosting opportunities for Ministers and senior Departmental officers during the Commonwealth Games. These entertainment expenses form part of the whole of Games budget. The accounts are still being received and when collated will be included in the Government’s financial report on the Games.

**Gaming: Justice — entertainment expenses**

**7505. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Gaming): What was the total amount spent by the Minister's department on entertainment expenses including alcohol, food, admission to Commonwealth Games events, admission to other entertainment events, special gifts, all transport and corporate box leasing for their invited guests and those who were hosting them at the Commonwealth Games.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

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

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

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

**Racing: Justice — entertainment expenses**

**7507. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Racing): What was the total amount spent by the Minister's department on entertainment expenses including alcohol, food, admission to Commonwealth Games events, admission to other entertainment events, special gifts, all transport and corporate box leasing for their invited guests and those who were hosting them at the Commonwealth Games.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

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

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

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

**Information and communication technology: Infrastructure — entertainment expenses**

**7524. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Information and Communication Technology: 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:**

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

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

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

**Children: charter flights**

**7530. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Children): 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:

- (a) 6<sup>th</sup> August 2004
- (b) Jet City P/L
- (c) Warrnambool
- (d) \$1,167
- (e) To attend meetings related to the Minister's portfolio responsibilities.
- (a) December 2004
- (b) Jet City P/L
- (c) Mt Beauty, Yarrawonga, Wangaratta
- (d) \$507
- (e) To attend meetings related to the Minister's portfolio responsibilities.
- (a) 17<sup>th</sup> February 2004
- (b) Jet City P/L
- (c) Warrnambool
- (d) \$635
- (e) To attend meetings related to the Minister's portfolio responsibilities.
- (a) 16<sup>th</sup> March 2005
- (b) Jet City P/L
- (c) Sea Lake, Warracknabeal, Stawell
- (d) \$1,675
- (e) To attend meetings related to the Minister's portfolio responsibilities.
- (a) 30<sup>th</sup> March 2005
- (b) Jet City P/L
- (c) Bendigo, Birchip
- (d) \$1,548
- (e) To attend meetings related to the Minister's portfolio responsibilities.
- (a) 5<sup>th</sup> November 2004

- (b) QANTAS
- (c) Mildura
- (d) \$215
- (e) To attend meetings related to the Minister's portfolio responsibilities.

**Sport and recreation: charter flights**

**7550. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation: 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:

There were no flights chartered in 2004–05.

**Commonwealth Games: charter flights**

**7551. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Commonwealth Games: 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:

There were no flights chartered in 2004–05.

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

**7581. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Environment): 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:

Given the broad nature of the question, the research required to provide this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

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

**7583. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Local Government (for the Minister for Water): 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:

Given the broad nature of the question, the research required to provide this information would place an unreasonable burden on public time and resources.

**State and regional development: media research and public opinion polling**

**7605. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for State and Regional Development): For each department, agency and authority within the Minister’s administration, what are the details of all media research and public opinion polling conducted in 2004–05, including —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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

**Information and communication technology: minister's office — international travel**

**7650. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Information and Communication Technology: What was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all international travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05.

**ANSWER:**

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

The cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all international travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05 was \$51,657.66.

This figure is the combined cost of all international travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in both ministerial capacities.

**Information and communication technology: minister's office — interstate travel**

**7692. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Information and Communication Technology: 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:

The cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all interstate travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05 was \$3,484.54.

This figure is the combined cost of all interstate travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in both ministerial capacities.

**Children: minister's office — intrastate travel**

**7698. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Children): What was the cost, including airfares, air charter, accommodation and expenses of all intrastate travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The total cost, including airfares, air charter, accommodation and expenses of all intrastate travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05 was \$10,914.

**Information and communication technology: minister's office — intrastate travel**

**7734. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Information and Communication Technology: 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:**

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

The cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all intrastate travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05 was \$718.19.

This figure is the combined cost of all intrastate travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in both ministerial capacities.

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

**7759. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Racing): 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, no entertainment expenses were incurred in 2005.

**Racing: minister's office — alcohol purchases**

**7801. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Racing): What expenses were incurred by the Minister and ministerial staff for the purchase of alcohol in 2005.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

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

**Aged care: Shannon's Way Pty Ltd — payments**

**8042. THE HON. GRAEME STONEY** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care: In relation to payments made to Shannon's Way Pty Ltd by the Minister's department or private office or agency or statutory body under the Minister's administration for each project since 1 January 2005:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

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

- (2) & (3) Information on all consultancies engaged by the Department of Human Services during this period will be referred to in the relevant Department of Human Services Annual Reports.



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

**8046. THE HON. GRAEME STONEY** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): In relation to payments made to Shannon's Way Pty Ltd by the Minister's department or private office or agency or statutory body under the Minister's administration for each project since 1 January 2005:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

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

- (2) & (3) Information on all consultancies engaged by the Department of Human Services during this period will be referred to in the relevant Department of Human Services Annual Reports.

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

**8067. THE HON. GRAEME STONEY** — To ask the Minister for Housing: In relation to payments made to Shannon's Way Pty Ltd by the Minister's department or private office or agency or statutory body under the Minister's administration for each project since 1 January 2005:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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

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

- (2) & (3) Information on all consultancies engaged by the Department of Human Services during this period will be referred to in the relevant Department of Human Services Annual Reports.

**Information and communication technology: Shannon's Way Pty Ltd — payments**

**8068. THE HON. GRAEME STONEY** — To ask the Minister for Information and Communication Technology: 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:

For the period 1 January 2005 to 31 May 2006 (the date the question was raised), there were no payments made to Shannon's Way Pty Ltd by the Minister's department or private office. There are no agencies or statutory bodies under the Minister's administration.

**Premier: Premier and Cabinet — consultancies**

**8111. THE HON. DAMIAN DRUM** — To ask the Minister for Finance (for the Premier):

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Given the timing of the question an answer cannot be provided as the financial year is not yet complete and any costs relating to this request have not been fully processed within the Department's systems.

However, the member may like to know that the Department publishes information about consultancies in its Annual Report.

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**Wednesday, 19 July 2006**

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

- 5426. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Small Business): In relation to alcohol purchased by the Minister's Office since 30 June 2004, what was the —
- (a) the date of each purchase;
  - (b) the value of each purchase; and
  - (c) the items purchased.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

This is one of a number of questions seeking information with respect of alcohol purchases by Ministers' Offices.

Diversion of the Department's time and resources required to gather this information and answer these questions is not justifiable.

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

- 5430. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Manufacturing and Export): In relation to alcohol purchased by the Minister's Office since 30 June 2004, what was the —
- (a) the date of each purchase;
  - (b) the value of each purchase; and
  - (c) the items purchased.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

This is one of a number of questions seeking information with respect of alcohol purchases for Ministers' Offices.

Diversion of the Department's time and resources required to gather this information and answer these questions is not justifiable.

**Financial services: minister's office — mobile telephones**

- 6663. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Financial Services): What was the cost of providing mobile telephone services to the Minister's staff for 2004–05.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

This is one of a number of questions seeking information with respect of the cost of providing mobile telephone services to the Ministers' Offices.

Diversion of the Department's time and resources required to gather this information and answer these questions is not justified.

**Manufacturing and export: minister's office — mobile telephones**

**6665. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs (for the Minister for Manufacturing and Export): What was the cost of providing mobile telephone services to the Minister's staff for 2004–05.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

This is one of a number of questions seeking information with respect of the cost of providing mobile telephone services to the Ministers' Offices.

Diversion of the Department's time and resources required to gather this information and answer these questions is not justified.

**Racing: Bookmakers and Bookmakers' Clerks Registration Committee — overseas travel**

**6857. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Racing): In relation to overseas travel by the Bookmakers and Bookmakers' Clerks Registration Committee for 2004–05:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

There were no overseas travel expenses incurred by the Bookmakers and Bookmakers' Clerks Registration Committee for 2004–05.

**Racing: Greyhound Racing Victoria — overseas travel**

**6864. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Racing): In relation to overseas travel by Greyhound 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:

- (1) One
- (2) London/Edinburgh/Cork/Dublin
- (3) The trip was part of a PhD. The CEO was to deliver a paper to the 4th International Conference of Knowledge, Culture and Change Management at Greenwich University - “From Cybernetic and VSD to Management and Action”. Meeting with counterparts in England, Scotland and Dublin to discuss both local and international issues.
- (4)
  - (a) \$9,397
  - (b) Nil
  - (c) \$360
  - (d) \$2,764. Royal Overseas League, Park Place, London. Best Western Bruntsfield Hotel, Edinburgh.
  - (e) Nil
  - (f) \$552 - Meals
- (5) No

**Racing: Racing Appeals Tribunal — overseas travel**

**6869. THE HON. RICHARD DALLA-RIVA** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Racing): In relation to overseas travel by the Racing Appeals Tribunal 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:

There were no overseas travel expenses incurred by the Racing Appeals Tribunal for 2004–05.

**Finance: Treasury and Finance — entertainment expenses**

**7485. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Finance: What was the total amount spent by the Minister’s department on entertainment expenses including alcohol, food, admission to Commonwealth Games events, admission to other entertainment events, special gifts, all transport and corporate box leasing for their invited guests and those who were hosting them at the Commonwealth Games.

**ANSWER:**

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

The Victorian Government and the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Corporation jointly provided hosting opportunities for Ministers and senior Department officers during the Commonwealth Games. These entertainment expenses form part of the whole of Games budget. The accounts are still being received and when collated will be included in the Government’s financial report on the Games.

**Major projects: Infrastructure — entertainment expenses**

**7486. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: What was the total amount spent by the Minister’s department on entertainment expenses including alcohol, food, admission to Commonwealth Games events, admission to other entertainment events, special gifts, all transport and corporate box leasing for their invited guests and those who were hosting them at the Commonwealth Games.

**ANSWER:**

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

The Victorian Government and the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Corporation jointly provided hosting opportunities for Ministers and senior Department officers during the Commonwealth Games. These entertainment expenses form part of the whole of Games budget. The accounts are still being received and when collated will be included in the Government’s financial report on the Games.

**WorkCover and the TAC: Treasury and Finance — entertainment expenses**

**7487. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for WorkCover: What was the total amount spent by the Minister’s department on entertainment expenses including alcohol, food, admission to Commonwealth Games events, admission to other entertainment events, special gifts, all transport and

corporate box leasing for their invited guests and those who were hosting them at the Commonwealth Games.

**ANSWER:**

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

The Victorian Government and the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games Corporation jointly provided hosting opportunities for Ministers and senior Departmental officers during the Commonwealth Games. These entertainment expenses form part of the whole of Games budget. The accounts are still being received and when collated will be included in the Government's financial report on the Games.

**Corrections: Justice — entertainment expenses**

**7511. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Corrections): What was the total amount spent by the Minister's department on entertainment expenses including alcohol, food, admission to Commonwealth Games events, admission to other entertainment events, special gifts, all transport and corporate box leasing for their invited guests and those who were hosting them at the Commonwealth Games.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

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

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

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

**Police and emergency services: Justice — entertainment expenses**

**7514. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): What was the total amount spent by the Minister's department on entertainment expenses including alcohol, food, admission to Commonwealth Games events, admission to other entertainment events, special gifts, all transport and corporate box leasing for their invited guests and those who were hosting them at the Commonwealth Games.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

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

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

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

**Finance: charter flights**

**7527. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Finance: 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:**

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

No flights were chartered as Minister for Finance during that time period.

**Major projects: charter flights**

**7528. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: 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:**

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

I did not charter any flights as Minister for Major Projects during that time period.

**WorkCover and the TAC: charter flights**

**7529. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for WorkCover: 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:**

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

I did not charter any flights as Minister for WorkCover during that time period.

**Victorian communities: charter flights**

**7536. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Victorian Communities): In relation to all chartered flights, including helicopters and light planes used by the Minister in 2004–05 what was the —

- (a) date;



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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Accounts for my office are managed by the Department of Sustainability and Environment.

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

**Corrections: charter flights**

**7553. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Corrections): In relation to all chartered flights, including helicopters and light planes used by the Minister in 2004–05 what was the —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

The financial records of the Department of Justice do not identify any chartered flights in the name of the Minister for Corrections in 2004–05.

**Finance: minister's office — international travel**

**7611. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Finance: What was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all international travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05.

**ANSWER:**

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

No international travel was undertaken by the Minister or ministerial staff during that time period.

**Major projects: minister's office — international travel**

**7612. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: What was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all international travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05.

**ANSWER:**

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

As Minister for Major Projects, I or my ministerial staff did not undertake any international travel during that time period.

**WorkCover and the TAC: minister's office — international travel**

**7613. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for WorkCover: What was the cost, including airfares, accommodation and expenses, of all international travel undertaken by the Minister and ministerial staff in 2004–05.

**ANSWER:**

As Minister for WorkCover, I or my ministerial staff did not undertake any international travel during that time period.

**Racing: minister's office — international travel**

**7633. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Racing): 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 advised that:

According to the financial records of the Department of Justice, expenses incurred in relation to international travel by the Minister for Racing and his ministerial staff in 2004–05 were \$2,427.18 for airfares and \$1,959.01 for accommodation.

**Racing: minister's office — interstate travel**

**7675. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Racing): 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:

According to the financial records of the Department of Justice, there were no expenses incurred in relation to interstate travel by the Minister for Racing or his ministerial staff in 2004–05.

**Finance: minister's office — intrastate travel**

**7695. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Finance: 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:**

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

**Major projects: minister's office — intrastate travel**

**7696. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: 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:**

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

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

**WorkCover and the TAC: minister's office — intrastate travel**

**7697. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for WorkCover: 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:**

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

**Racing: minister's office — intrastate travel**

**7717. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Racing): 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:

According to the financial records of the Department of Justice, there were no expenses incurred in relation to intrastate travel by the Minister for Racing or his ministerial staff in 2004–05.

**Racing: minister's office — alcohol purchases**

**7843. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation (for the Minister for Racing): 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 and each Racing statutory authority, no alcohol expenses were incurred in 2004–05.

**Police and emergency services: minister's office — alcohol purchases**

**7850. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Energy Industries (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): 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:

No alcohol was purchased for the Minister, Ministerial Staff or Minister's Office by the Department of Justice or the following statutory agencies in 2004–05:

- Victoria Police;
- Firearms Appeals Committee;
- Police Appeals Board;
- Victoria State Emergency Service;
- Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board;
- Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Appeals Commission;
- Country Fire Authority;
- Country Fire Authority Appeals Commission;
- Victoria Emergency Management Council; and
- Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority.

**Finance: ministerial staff — cost**

**7863. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Finance: What was the total cost associated with the engagement of ministerial staff, including salaries, superannuation and WorkCover in 2005.

**ANSWER:**

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

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

**Major projects: ministerial staff — cost**

**7864. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: What was the total cost associated with the engagement of ministerial staff, including salaries, superannuation and WorkCover in 2005.

**ANSWER:**

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

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

**WorkCover and the TAC: ministerial staff — cost**

**7865. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for WorkCover: What was the total cost associated with the engagement of ministerial staff, including salaries, superannuation and WorkCover in 2005.

**ANSWER:**

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

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

**Health: ministerial staff — cost**

**7869. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Health): What was the total cost associated with the engagement of ministerial staff, including salaries, superannuation and WorkCover in 2005.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Department does not have this responsibility.

**Aged care: ministerial staff — cost**

**7873. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care: What was the total cost associated with the engagement of ministerial staff, including salaries, superannuation and WorkCover in 2005.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Department does not have this responsibility.

**Housing: ministerial staff — cost**

**7880. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Housing: What was the total cost associated with the engagement of ministerial staff, including salaries, superannuation and WorkCover in 2005.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Department does not have this responsibility.

**Finance: ministerial staff — number**

**7905. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Finance: 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:

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.

**Major projects: ministerial staff — number**

**7906. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Major Projects: 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:

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.

**WorkCover and the TAC: ministerial staff — number**

**7907. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for WorkCover: 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:

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.

**Aged care: minister's office — secondments**

**7957. THE HON. PHILIP DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care: How many public servants were on secondment to the Minister's private office at 1 March 2006 and were not counted within the ministerial staffing budget.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

As at 1 March 2006, the office engaged three public servants on secondment in office support roles that were not counted within the ministerial staffing budget. The roles undertaken are-

- Departmental Liaison
- Correspondence and Briefings and,
- Driver

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**Thursday, 20 July 2006**

**Victorian communities: Victorian Communities — output costs**

**7990. THE HON. JOHN VOGELS** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Victorian Communities): In relation to the Department of Victorian Communities Output Summary 2005-06 (Budget Paper No. 3), of the total output cost of \$39.0 million supporting Local Government and Strengthening Communities, what is the breakdown in —

- (a) grants;
- (b) administration costs; and
- (c) other costs.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

I am not the Minister with responsibility for delivery of the output for Local Government.

**Victorian communities: Victorian Communities — output costs**

**7991. THE HON. JOHN VOGELS** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Victorian Communities): In relation to the Department of Victorian Communities Output Summary 2005-06 (Budget Paper No. 3), of the total output cost of \$10.2 million supporting Community Strengthening, what is the breakdown in —

- (a) grants;
- (b) administration costs; and
- (c) other costs.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Community strengthening is delivered through the grants program and through policy and program development, advice and implementation of the Department's community strengthening initiatives.

The cost attributed to the grants program (\$3.6 million) represents the difference between revenue and expenditure from the Community Support Fund.

The community can access the Community Support Fund through the Victorian Community Support Grants program. Since July 2005, more than 100 grants totalling more than \$22 million have been approved within this program.

These grants provide support for community strengthening projects identified by the community. An example of this is the Mordialloc Community and Youth Centre. This was supported with a \$289,787 community infrastructure grant towards a \$900,000 upgrade of a community centre to provide a modern and accessible

multi-purpose facility for school and community groups to engage in a broad range of activities in a growing community.

Of the remaining cost, \$6.6 million is estimated to be expended on policy and program development, advice and implementation for the Department's community strengthening initiatives.

The Department's financial system does not distinguish between administration and other costs.

**Victorian communities: Victorian Communities — output costs**

**7992. THE HON. JOHN VOGELS** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Victorian Communities): In relation to the Department of Victorian Communities Output Summary 2005-06 (Budget Paper No. 3), of the total output cost of \$55.4 million supporting Sport, Recreation and the Commonwealth Games, what is the breakdown in —

- (a) grants;
- (b) administration costs; and
- (c) other costs.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

I am not the Minister with responsibility for delivery of the output for Sport, Recreation and the Commonwealth Games.

**Victorian communities: Victorian Communities — output costs**

**7993. THE HON. JOHN VOGELS** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Victorian Communities): In relation to the Department of Victorian Communities Output Summary 2005-06 (Budget Paper No. 3), of the total output cost of \$31.7 million for Employment programs, what is the breakdown in —

- (a) grants;
- (b) administration costs; and
- (c) other costs.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

I am not the Minister with responsibility for delivery of the output for Employment Programs.

**Victorian communities: Victorian Communities — output costs**

**7994. THE HON. JOHN VOGELS** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Victorian Communities): In relation to the Department of Victorian Communities Output Summary 2005-06 (Budget Paper No. 3), of the total output cost of \$19.3 million for Indigenous Community and Cultural Development, what is the breakdown in —

- (a) grants;
- (b) administration costs; and
- (c) other costs.



**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

I am not the Minister with responsibility for delivery of the output for Indigenous Community and Cultural Development.

**Victorian communities: Victorian Communities — output costs**

**7995. THE HON. JOHN VOGELS** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Victorian Communities): In relation to the Department of Victorian Communities Output Summary 2005-06 (Budget Paper No. 3), of the total output cost of \$12.9 million for Youth Affairs, what is the breakdown in —

- (a) grants;
- (b) administration costs; and
- (c) other costs.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

I am not the Minister with responsibility for delivery of the output for Youth Affairs.

**Victorian communities: Victorian Communities — output costs**

**7996. THE HON. JOHN VOGELS** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Victorian Communities): In relation to the Department of Victorian Communities Output Summary 2005-06 (Budget Paper No. 3), of the total output cost of \$9.1 million for Multicultural Affairs, what is the breakdown in —

- (a) grants;
- (b) administration costs; and
- (c) other costs.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

I am not the Minister with responsibility for delivery of the output for Multicultural Affairs.

**Victorian communities: Victorian Communities — output costs**

**7997. THE HON. JOHN VOGELS** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Victorian Communities): In relation to the Department of Victorian Communities Output Summary 2005-06 (Budget Paper No. 3), of the total output cost of \$3.1 million for Women's Policy, what is the breakdown in —

- (a) grants;
- (b) administration costs; and
- (c) other costs.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

I am not the Minister with responsibility for delivery of the output for Women's Policy.

**Victorian communities: Victorian Communities — output costs**

**7998. THE HON. JOHN VOGELS** — To ask the Minister for Aged Care (for the Minister for Victorian Communities): In relation to the Department of Victorian Communities Output Summary 2005-06 (Budget Paper No. 3), of the total output cost of \$7.8 million for Seniors and Veterans, what is the breakdown in —

- (a) grants;
- (b) administration costs; and
- (c) other costs.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

I am not the Minister with responsibility for delivery of the output for Seniors and Veterans.