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¹ Resigned 21 December 2010

² Elected 24 March 2012

³ Resigned 27 January 2012

⁴ Elected 19 February 2011

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Tuesday, 22 May 2012

Corrections: recidivism models

382. Ms HENNESSY to ask the Minister for Corrections — will the minister provide a copy to the house of the predictive recidivism models that Corrections Victoria has been developing.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The predictive recidivism model is currently being used by Corrections Victoria to inform the development of public policy and, therefore, release at this time would be premature and not in the public interest.

Corrections: grants — not-for-profit organisations

385. Ms HENNESSY to ask the Minister for Corrections — with respect to grants provided through the Corrections portfolio since 1 December 2010:

- (1) How many grants have been provided to not-for-profit organisations in relation to supporting the reintegration of offenders into the community.
- (2) To which organisation have these grants been made.
- (3) What was the amount of each grant.
- (4) What was the purpose of each grant.
- (5) For what period of time did the grants relate.

ANSWER:

I am advised that from 1 December 2010 to 16 August 2011:

- (1) 18.
- (2) (3) (4) and (5)

No. of grants (1)	Name of Organisation (2)	Payments 1/12/10 to 16/8/11 excl GST (3)	Purpose of each grant (4)	Period of grant (5)
1	Women's Housing Ltd	\$26 002.60	Complex tenancy and property management services, support and assistance to facilitate transition into long-term housing for offenders exiting prison at high risk of homelessness.	21 months

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No. of grants (1)	Name of Organisation (2)	Payments 1/12/10 to 16/8/11 excl GST (3)	Purpose of each grant (4)	Period of grant (5)
1	Rural Housing Network Ltd	\$18 000	Complex tenancy and property management services, support and assistance to facilitate transition into long-term housing for offenders exiting prison at high risk of homelessness.	20 months
1	Haven	\$105 580.21	Complex tenancy and property management services, support and assistance to facilitate transition into long-term housing for offenders exiting prison at high risk of homelessness	3 years
1	Yarra Community Housing Ltd	\$88 690.84	Complex tenancy and property management services, support and assistance to facilitate transition into long-term housing for offenders exiting prison at high risk of homelessness	3 years, 1 month & 10 days
2	Youth Projects	\$341 036.04	Support and assistance to facilitate transition into long-term housing for offenders exiting prison at high risk of homelessness	1 years, 9 months and 4 days
3	Australian Community Support Organisation	\$246 000	Provides for pre and post-release support for Indigenous men and women exiting prison	2 years, 10 months
		\$2 295 080.85	Provides for pre and post-release support for men exiting prison	3 years, 10 months
		\$175 683.25	Sex offender support program	3 years, 4 months and 23 days
1	Melbourne City Mission Inc	\$956 665.73	Provides for pre and post-release support for women exiting prison	5 years
1	Islamic Council of Victoria Inc	\$80 000	Provides culturally appropriate transitional case management to Muslim prisoners	3 years
1	The Young Men's Christian Association	\$37 500	Provides life skills and employment skills training to prisoners at the Metropolitan Remand Centre and Marngoneet Correctional Centre, and links to supported employment placements post release	3 years
1	Youth Projects	\$95 000	Provides personal development support programs for men at the Judy Lazarus Transition Centre	1 year, 3 months
1	Salvation Army	\$18 333	Provides transitional support for men with a disability exiting prison	3 years
1	Australian Vietnamese Women's Association	\$95 136.36	INDECOS Program for Indo-Chinese offenders on community-based orders, to provide customised counselling services and assistance to access community support networks	3 years
1	Prison Network Ministries Inc	\$54 999	Provides a suite of services to women pre and post-release	3 years

No. of grants (1)	Name of Organisation (2)	Payments 1/12/10 to 16/8/11 excl GST (3)	Purpose of each grant (4)	Period of grant (5)
1	Jesuit Social Services Ltd	\$80 000	Provides volunteer community mentors to provide pre and post-release support to African prisoners	3 years
1	VACRO	\$560 846.88	Community support program — allows for the provision of supports and services to offenders subject to post-sentence supervision	2 years, 11 months, 11 days

Corrections: contraband seizures

2607. Ms HENNESSY to ask the Minister for Corrections — since December 2010, on how many occasions has the minister been informed with written advice of major contraband seizures or events from:

- (1) The commissioner for corrections.
- (2) The Department of Justice.

ANSWER:

I am advised that until 7 February 2012:

- (1) Six.
- (2) Nil.

Attorney-General: County Court — Ballarat sittings

2630. Ms KNIGHT to ask the Attorney General — with reference to sittings of the County Court in Ballarat:

- (1) What was the total number of part and full sitting days in:
 - (a) 2007–08;
 - (b) 2008–09;
 - (c) 2009–10;
 - (d) 2010–11.
- (2) What was the total number of judges that undertook a short-term circuit during:
 - (a) 2007–08;
 - (b) 2008–09;
 - (c) 2009–10;
 - (d) 2010–11.
- (3) What was the total number of full and part sitting days in each short-term circuit undertaken by a judge during:
 - (a) 2007–08;
 - (b) 2008–09;
 - (c) 2009–10;
 - (d) 2010–11.
- (4) What was the average time it took for each case that was heard to come to trial in:

- (a) 2007–08;
- (b) 2008–09;
- (c) 2009–10;
- (d) 2010–11.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) (a)(b)(c)(d)

The department is unable to provide an actual total part and full sitting days as only scheduled full sitting days are recorded.

The department can however provide scheduled full sitting days which have been derived from the court’s annual judicial rosters.

2007–08 — CRIMINAL — 225	CIVIL — 65;
2008–09 — CRIMINAL — 242	CIVIL — 70;
2009–10 — CRIMINAL — 226	CIVIL — 85;
2010–11 — CRIMINAL — 233	CIVIL — 60.

- (2) (a)(b)(c)(d)

The department is unable to provide an actual number of judges that undertook a short-term circuit as only scheduled sitting dates are recorded.

However, the department can provide an estimate of the number of judges sitting in Ballarat for the financial years stated above.

2007–08 — CRIMINAL — 10	CIVIL — 3;
2008–09 — CRIMINAL — 10	CIVIL — 3;
2009–10 — CRIMINAL — 10	CIVIL — 4;
2010–11 — CRIMINAL — 11	CIVIL — 3.

- (3) (a)(b)(c)(d)

The department is unable to provide an actual total part and full sitting days per judge as the court does not record this data.

- (4) (a)(b)(c)(d)

Average time to trial for criminal cases for the following financial years:

2007–08 — 9 months;
2008–09 — 6 months;
2009–10 — 9 months;
2010–11 — 5 months.

Environment and climate change: commercial waste collection — shire of Mount Alexander

2642. Ms EDWARDS to ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change — with reference to Mount Alexander Shire Council’s plan to cease collection of commercial waste from 1 April 2012:

- (1) When was the minister informed of the plan.
- (2) Why did the minister allow the change.
- (3) Is the minister aware that the council will also cease recycling at commercial properties.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In October 2010, the Mount Alexander Shire introduced a new five-year ‘Waste Management Strategy’. One of the actions within the strategy is the removal of all commercial and industrial kerbside waste collection services from Mount Alexander Shire Council kerbside collection runs.

The strategy indicates that this was consistent with the then government’s policy.

It is not a policy of the coalition government to require the removal of kerbside bins. Individual councils determine the most appropriate collection services for their municipality.

I have initiated a review of waste policy in Victoria, and this is currently under way (being led by the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE)). I have asked DSE to work closely with all stakeholders, including local government, in order to establish a new waste policy that is both contemporary and relevant for the people of Victoria.

Environment and climate change: Caring for Our Country program — contract positions

3120. Ms NEVILLE to ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change — have any contract positions funded by the federal government’s Caring for Our Country program been terminated.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Caring for Our Country funding is provided on a project basis and fixed-term contract positions are often utilised to deliver these projects. To my knowledge no fixed-term contracts associated with Caring for Our Country funding have been terminated early.

Environment and climate change: Department of Sustainability and Environment — federally funded contracts

3121. Ms NEVILLE to ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change — under what authority does the Department of Sustainability and Environment have the power to cancel contracts funded by the federal government.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) is responsible for managing all contracts it enters into.

DSE is not responsible for managing contracts, including cancellation of contracts, entered into by the federal government with other parties.

Environment and climate change: contract positions — federal funding

3122. Ms NEVILLE to ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change — what happens to funding left after a cancellation of federally funded contract positions.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The agreements entered into by the Department of Sustainability and Environment for federal funding provide mechanisms for dealing with any unspent funds remaining at the end of projects.

The funding provider usually makes decisions about the return or reallocation of any unspent funds.

Manufacturing, exports and trade: Williamstown shipyard — future

3144. Mr NOONAN to ask the Minister for Innovation, Services and Small Business for the Minister for Manufacturing, Exports and Trade — with reference to BAE Systems Williamstown shipyards:

- (1) On what date or dates did the minister meet with BAE Systems regarding the future operations of the shipyards in:
 - (a) 2011;
 - (b) 2012.
- (2) Has the minister requested or received any advice from the Department of Business and Innovation regarding the future operations of the shipyards.

ANSWER:

I met with senior executives from BAE Systems on numerous occasions in 2011 and 2012 to discuss the current and future operational issues of the Williamstown shipyard.

I also receive regular updates from senior departmental officers on the Williamstown shipyard and its future operations.

I note your silence on the impact of federal procurement decisions by your Labor colleagues in Canberra — specifically the recent announcement by the Gillard government to award further shipbuilding contracts to Spain over the BAE workforce in Williamstown.

Environment and climate change: Snakebusters — licence revocation

3146. Ms NEVILLE to ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change — with reference to the closure of Snakebusters and the revocation of their licence to handle and put on live wildlife displays:

- (1) What standards or requirements did Snakebusters fail to meet that led to the revocation of their licence.
- (2) What specific improvements or changes are required for Snakebusters to have their licence reinstated.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Commercial Wildlife (Wildlife Demonstrator) Licence concerned was held by Raymond Terrence Hoser (trading as 'Snakebusters'), who was convicted on 4 August 2011 in Melbourne County Court for breaching licence conditions.

On 9 March 2012, the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) noted Mr Hoser's conviction for offences under the Wildlife Act 1975 and found that he was not a fit and proper person to hold the licence.

VCAT affirmed the department's decision to cancel the licence, citing:

- failure or refusal to comply with licence conditions;
- failure or refusal to follow reasonable directions;
- a contemptuous attitude towards licence obligations; and
- conduct of demonstrations in a manner which places the general public, particularly children, at risk of harm and potentially life-threatening consequences.

As VCAT has affirmed the decision to cancel Mr Hoser's licence, this licence cannot be reinstated.

Given VCAT's reasoning, it would not be appropriate grant Mr Hoser another Commercial Wildlife (Wildlife Demonstrator) Licence.

Environment and climate change: live wildlife displays

3147. Ms NEVILLE to ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change —

What standards are required to be met for registration to handle and put on live wildlife displays.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

A Commercial Wildlife (Wildlife Demonstrator) Licence under the Wildlife Act 1975 authorises the holder to demonstrate specified wildlife to the public in temporary or travelling demonstrations at any location within Victoria.

Any person who applies for a demonstrator licence must be at least 18 years of age, must be a fit and proper person to hold the licence and must have relevant expertise.

An application for a wildlife demonstrator licence must be supported by a national police check, and a management plan that includes:

- detailed plans of the proposed facilities;
- proposed arrangements for the handling and treatment of sick or injured wildlife;
- proposed arrangements for managing breeding in captive populations; and
- an exit strategy for placement of captive populations in the event that the commercial activity is not successful.

The holder of a wildlife demonstrator licence must comply with the conditions of the licence together with all requirements under the Wildlife Act 1975, Wildlife Regulations 2002, the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986 and relevant codes of practice.

A wildlife demonstrator licence does not obviate the need for the holder to comply with any other laws of Victoria, the commonwealth or any other state or territory where applicable.

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Wednesday, 23 May 2012

Aboriginal affairs: ministerial visits — city of Ballarat

- 104(e).** Ms KNIGHT to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs — on which dates between 2 December 2010 and 2 April 2011 did the minister visit any locality within the city of Ballarat and for each date:
- (1) Who did the minister meet with.
 - (2) Did the minister make any commitment of public funds; if so:
 - (a) what was the dollar value of each commitment made;
 - (b) to which individual or group was the commitment made;
 - (c) for what project or purpose were funds committed.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I did not visit any locality in the city of Ballarat in the period 2 December 2010 and 2 April 2011 in my capacity as the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.

Environment and climate change: ministerial visits — city of Ballarat

- 104(p).** Ms KNIGHT to ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change — on which dates between 2 December 2010 and 2 April 2011 did the minister visit any locality within the city of Ballarat and for each date:
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 - (2) Did the minister make any commitment of public funds; if so:
 - (a) what was the dollar value of each commitment made;
 - (b) to which individual or group was the commitment made;
 - (c) for what project or purpose were funds committed.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The minister did not visit the city of Ballarat between 2 December 2010 and 2 April 2011.

Youth affairs: ministerial visits — city of Ballarat

- 104(ar).** Ms KNIGHT to ask the Minister for Youth Affairs — on which dates between 2 December 2010 and 2 April 2011 did the minister visit any locality within the city of Ballarat and for each date:
- (1) Who did the minister meet with.
 - (2) Did the minister make any commitment of public funds; if so:

- (a) what was the dollar value of each commitment made;
- (b) to which individual or group was the commitment made;
- (c) for what project or purpose were funds committed.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I did not visit any locality within the city of Ballarat between the dates of 2 December 2010 and 14 April 2011.

Aboriginal affairs: ministerial visits — shire of Golden Plains

124(e). **Mr HOWARD** to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs — did the minister visit any locality within the Golden Plains shire between 2 December 2010 and 2 April 2011; if so, for each of the dates the minister visited the shire:

- (1) Who did the minister meet with.
- (2) Did the minister make any commitment of public funds; if so:
 - (a) what was the dollar value of the commitment;
 - (b) to which individual or group was the commitment made;
 - (c) to what project or purpose were the funds committed.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I did not visit any localities in the Shire of Golden Plains during the period 2 December 2010 and 2 April 2011 in my capacity as the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.

Aboriginal affairs: ministerial visits — shire of Moorabool

125(e). **Mr HOWARD** to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs — did the minister visit any locality within the Moorabool shire between 2 December 2010 and 2 April 2011; if so, for each of the dates the minister visited the shire:

- (1) Who did the minister meet with.
- (2) Did the minister make any commitment of public funds; if so:
 - (a) what was the dollar value of the commitment;
 - (b) to which individual or group was the commitment made;
 - (c) to what project or purpose were the funds committed.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I did not visit any localities in the Moorabool shire during the period 2 December 2010 and 2 April 2011 in my capacity as the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.

Environment and climate change: ministerial visits — shire of Moorabool

125(p). **Mr HOWARD** to ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change — did the minister visit any locality within the Moorabool shire between 2 December 2010 and 2 April 2011; if so, for each of the dates the minister visited the shire:

- (1) Who did the minister meet with.
- (2) Did the minister make any commitment of public funds; if so:
 - (a) what was the dollar value of the commitment;
 - (b) to which individual or group was the commitment made;
 - (c) to what project or purpose were the funds committed.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The minister did not visit Moorabool shire between 2 December 2010 and 2 April 2011.

Aboriginal affairs: ministerial visits — shire of Hepburn

126(e). **Mr HOWARD** to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs — did the minister visit any locality within the Hepburn shire between 2 December 2010 and 2 April 2011; if so, for each of the dates the minister visited the shire:

- (1) Who did the minister meet with.
- (2) Did the minister make any commitment of public funds; if so:
 - (a) what was the dollar value of the commitment;
 - (b) to which individual or group was the commitment made;
 - (c) to what project or purpose were the funds committed.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I did not visit any localities in the Hepburn shire during the period 2 December 2010 and 2 April 2011 in my capacity as the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.

Environment and climate change: ministerial visits — shire of Hepburn

126(p). **Mr HOWARD** to ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change — did the minister visit any locality within the Hepburn shire between 2 December 2010 and 2 April 2011; if so, for each of the dates the minister visited the shire:

- (1) Who did the minister meet with.
- (2) Did the minister make any commitment of public funds; if so:
 - (a) what was the dollar value of the commitment;
 - (b) to which individual or group was the commitment made;
 - (c) to what project or purpose were the funds committed.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The minister did not visit Hepburn shire between 2 December 2010 and 2 April 2011.

Aboriginal affairs: ministerial visits — shire of Macedon Ranges

127(e). **Mr HOWARD** to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs — did the minister visit any locality within the Macedon Ranges shire between 2 December 2010 and 2 April 2011; if so, for each of the dates the minister visited the shire:

- (1) Who did the minister meet with.
- (2) Did the minister make any commitment of public funds; if so:
 - (a) what was the dollar value of the commitment;
 - (b) to which individual or group was the commitment made;
 - (c) to what project or purpose were the funds committed.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I did not visit any localities in the Macedon Ranges shire during the period 2 December 2010 and 2 April 2011 in my capacity as the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.

Environment and climate change: ministerial visits — shire of Macedon Ranges

127(p). **Mr HOWARD** to ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change — did the minister visit any locality within the Macedon Ranges shire between 2 December 2010 and 2 April 2011; if so, for each of the dates the minister visited the shire:

- (1) Who did the minister meet with.
- (2) Did the minister make any commitment of public funds; if so:
 - (a) what was the dollar value of the commitment;
 - (b) to which individual or group was the commitment made;
 - (c) to what project or purpose were the funds committed.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The minister did not visit Macedon Ranges shire between 2 December 2010 and 2 April 2011.

Roads: high productivity freight vehicles — route review

141. **Mr PALLAS** to ask the Minister for Roads — with reference to the review of freight routes upon which high performance freight vehicles can travel:

- (1) When will the review be completed.
- (2) What community input will be included in the review.
- (3) What roads are being considered for inclusion in the extension of the project.

ANSWER:

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

The review will be completed before the end of this year.

A number of options to enhance the trial of high productivity freight vehicles (HPFVs) are currently being considered by VicRoads in consultation with industry. VicRoads is also working with peak community bodies such as the MAV and the RACV to ensure that issues of last mile access, amenity and road safety are dealt with.

The routes being considered for use by HPFVs are still under consideration and assessment by VicRoads, with no decisions being made as yet.

Consumer affairs: women on boards, councils and committees

148(r). Ms HENNESSY to ask the Minister for Consumer Affairs — with reference to each department, agency and authority within the minister’s administration:

- (1) How many women hold positions on those boards, councils or committees, including their name and qualification.
- (2) What is the total number of members on each board, council or committee.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Information regarding board, council and committee appointments can be found on the State Services Authority public entities website. This website enables every Victorian wishing to obtain information about public entities, including memberships of each board, to do so. This information can be found by accessing www.publicboards.vic.gov.au.

Note that data found on the above website does not include a number of board members whose names remain unpublished due to privacy reasons, for example some judicial appointments.

Gaming: women on boards, councils and committees

148(r). Ms HENNESSY to ask the Minister for Gaming — with reference to each department, agency and authority within the minister’s administration:

- (1) How many women hold positions on those boards, councils or committees, including their name and qualification.
- (2) What is the total number of members on each board, council or committee.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Information regarding board, council and committee appointments can be found on the State Services Authority public entities website. This website enables every Victorian wishing to obtain information about public entities, including memberships of each board, to do so. This information can be found by accessing www.publicboards.vic.gov.au.

Note that data found on the above website does not include a number of board members whose names remain unpublished due to privacy reasons, for example some judicial appointments.

Tourism and major events: Australian Formula One Grand Prix

269. Mr FOLEY to ask the Minister for Tourism and Major Events —

- (1) Has the government engaged Ernst & Young, or any other organisation, to conduct a report on the economic performance and impact of the 2011 Australian Formula One Grand Prix; if so:

- (a) when will the report be complete;
 - (b) will the report be made public; if so, when; if not, why not;
 - (c) how much will the report, and contract with the provider, cost;
 - (d) what are the terms of reference;
 - (e) what advice been given to the provider regarding the scope and breadth of the report;
 - (f) is the economic assessment based on the Monash multiregional forecasting model; if not, what model is it based on.
- (2) Has the government considered undertaking a full cost-benefit analysis of the Australian Formula One Grand Prix; if so:
- (a) did it proceed; if not, why not;
 - (b) did it consider any particular modelling method, and for what reasons did the government resolve on the method used.
- (3) Does the government and the Australian Grand Prix Corporation have a role in contributing to the development and maintenance of the community sporting assets that are unable to be used during the grand prix.
- (4) Will the Australian Grand Prix Corporation contribute to the renewal of the community and sporting assets located within the Albert Park Reserve.
- (5) What contribution is the Australian Grand Prix Corporation making to the South Melbourne District Sports Club Clarke Shields Pavilion redevelopment project.
- (6) What is the amount and nature of any contribution the Australian Grand Prix Corporation makes to the maintenance and development of the Albert Park Reserve each year:
- (a) in kind;
 - (b) in direct assistance to Parks Victoria;
 - (c) in total.

ANSWER:

Response to question 1:

I released an economic impact assessment of this year's Australian Formula One Grand Prix on 22 July 2011.

The computable general equilibrium study was undertaken by Ernst & Young utilising the Monash multiregional forecasting model.

The scope of the study was to provide an assessment of the net economic benefit of the event to Victoria.

In contrast, similar studies of the economic impact of the grand prix undertaken by the previous government were not publicly released.

The fee paid to Ernst & Young is considered to be commercial in confidence and is therefore not available for public release.

Response to question 2:

The government did not consider undertaking a full cost-benefit analysis (CBA) of the grand prix. In this respect, the approach taken is consistent with the approach taken by the previous government.

Response to question 3:

The Australian Grand Prix Corporation (AGPC) does have a role in contributing to the development and maintenance of community sporting assets in Albert Park. Through the AGPC the park's sports fields have been provided with automatic controls for flood lighting and had drainage modification works undertaken; gates to the

children's playground have been improved to offer better access and safety, and new asphalt pathways and concrete trench drains have been constructed at various park locations.

Response to question 4 and question 6:

The AGPC is in regular discussion with Parks Victoria regarding proposed and potential park improvement works that could be of benefit to the grand prix, Albert Park, sporting clubs and the community. During the lead-up to each grand prix, AGPC typically undertakes miscellaneous works to present the park and facilities to the standard required for the staging of this international event.

The amount of direct and in-kind assistance provided by the AGPC to Parks Victoria has been determined to be commercially sensitive. The release of this information could undermine the AGPC's commercial activities, its ability to effectively compete in the event market place and its operational processes.

Contracts relating to the AGPC that were not deemed to be commercially sensitive were recently tabled in the upper house.

Response to question 5:

The AGPC is making no in-kind or direct assistance to the South Melbourne District Sports Club Clarke Shields Pavilion redevelopment project. As previously stated the AGPC does have a role in contributing to the development and maintenance of community sporting assets in Albert Park. Through the AGPC the park's sports fields have been provided with automatic controls for flood lighting and had drainage modification works undertaken; gates to the children's playground have been improved to offer better access and safety, and new asphalt pathways and concrete trench drains have been constructed at various park locations.

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 Assembly.
 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, 24 May 2012

Community services: Department of Human Services — sustainable government initiative

3246. Ms KNIGHT to ask the Minister for Community Services — how many fewer staff will be employed in Ballarat by the Department of Human Services as a result of the sustainable government initiative.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- the contribution of the Department of Human Services towards sustainable government initiative objectives will be achieved by the implementation of a restructure of the department which is being undertaken on the basis of the recommendations of a comprehensive review conducted between June 2011 and January 2012.
- no front-line service delivery roles will be lost as part of this initiative.
- implementation of the new departmental structure is subject to consultation with affected staff. The number of staff ultimately working at each of the department's locations will not be determined until this has occurred.

Education: class sizes — Alfredton Primary School

3252. Ms KNIGHT to ask the Minister for Education — at Alfredton Primary School at the time of the February 2012 school census:

- (1) What was the average prep to year 2 class size.
- (2) What was the average prep to year 6 class size.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As reported in the 2012 February school census, the average class sizes at Alfredton Primary School were:

- (1) 20.2 for prep to year 2 classes; and
- (2) 23.0 for prep to year 6 classes.

Education: class sizes — Ballarat North Primary School

3264. Ms KNIGHT to ask the Minister for Education — at Ballarat North Primary School at the time of the February 2012 school census:

- (1) What was the average prep to year 2 class size.
- (2) What was the average prep to year 6 class size.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As reported in the 2012 February school census, the average class sizes at Ballarat North Primary School were:

- (1) 21.2 for prep to year 2 classes; and
- (2) 22.3 for prep to year 6 classes.

Education: class sizes — Black Hill Primary School

3265. Ms **KNIGHT** to ask the Minister for Education — at Black Hill Primary School at the time of the February 2012 school census:

- (1) What was the average prep to year 2 class size.
- (2) What was the average prep to year 6 class size.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As reported in the 2012 February school census, the average class sizes at Black Hill Primary School were:

- (1) 23.2 for prep to year 2 classes; and
- (2) 22.6 for prep to year 6 classes.

Education: class sizes — Caledonian Primary School

3266. Ms **KNIGHT** to ask the Minister for Education — at Caledonian Primary School at the time of the February 2012 school census:

- (1) What was the average prep to year 2 class size.
- (2) What was the average prep to year 6 class size.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As reported in the 2012 February school census, the average class sizes at Caledonian Primary School were:

- (1) 22.0 for prep to year 2 classes; and
- (2) 23.6 for prep to year 6 classes.

Education: class sizes — Delacombe Primary School

3267. Ms **KNIGHT** to ask the Minister for Education — at Delacombe Primary School at the time of the February 2012 school census:

- (1) What was the average prep to year 2 class size.
- (2) What was the average prep to year 6 class size.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As reported in the 2012 February school census, the average class sizes at Delacombe Primary School were:

- (1) 19.2 for prep to year 2 classes; and
- (2) 20.8 for prep to year 6 classes.

Education: class sizes — Forest Street Primary School

3268. Ms **KNIGHT** to ask the Minister for Education — at Forest Street Primary School at the time of the February 2012 school census:

- (1) What was the average prep to year 2 class size.
- (2) What was the average prep to year 6 class size.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As reported in the 2012 February school census, the average class sizes at Forest Street Primary School were:

- (1) 21.7 for prep to year 2 classes; and
- (2) 22.1 for prep to year 6 classes.

Education: class sizes — Invermay Primary School

3269. Ms **KNIGHT** to ask the Minister for Education — at Invermay Primary School at the time of the February 2012 school census:

- (1) What was the average prep to year 2 class size.
- (2) What was the average prep to year 6 class size.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As reported in the 2012 February school census, the average class sizes at Invermay Primary School were:

- (1) 14.0 for prep to year 2 classes; and
- (2) 13.0 for prep to year 6 classes.

Education: class sizes — Little Bendigo Primary School

3270. Ms **KNIGHT** to ask the Minister for Education — at Little Bendigo Primary School at the time of the February 2012 school census:

- (1) What was the average prep to year 2 class size.
- (2) What was the average prep to year 6 class size.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As reported in the 2012 February school census, the average class sizes at Little Bendigo Primary School were:

- (1) 17.0 for prep to year 2 classes; and
- (2) 19.0 for prep to year 6 classes.

Education: class sizes — Macarthur Street Primary School

3271. Ms **KNIGHT** to ask the Minister for Education — at Macarthur Street Primary School at the time of the February 2012 school census:

- (1) What was the average prep to year 2 class size.
- (2) What was the average prep to year 6 class size.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As reported in the 2012 February school census, the average class sizes at Macarthur Street Primary School were:

- (1) 13.5 for prep to year 2 classes; and
- (2) 15.8 for prep to year 6 classes.

Education: class sizes — Pleasant Street Primary School

3272. Ms **KNIGHT** to ask the Minister for Education — at Pleasant Street Primary School at the time of the February 2012 school census:

- (1) What was the average prep to year 2 class size.
- (2) What was the average prep to year 6 class size.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As reported in the 2012 February school census, the average class sizes at Pleasant Street Primary School (Ballarat) were:

- (1) 22.2 for prep to year 2 classes; and
- (2) 24.1 for prep to year 6 classes.

Education: class sizes — Phoenix P-12 Community College

3273. Ms **KNIGHT** to ask the Minister for Education — at Phoenix P-12 Community College at the time of the February 2012 school census:

- (1) What was the average prep to year 2 class size.
- (2) What was the average prep to year 6 class size.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As reported in the 2012 February school census, the average class sizes at Phoenix P–12 Community College were:

- (1) 17.7 for prep to year 2 classes; and
- (2) 20.7 for prep to year 6 classes.

Education: class sizes — Sebastopol Primary School

3274. Ms **KNIGHT** to ask the Minister for Education — at Sebastopol Primary School at the time of the February 2012 school census:

- (1) What was the average prep to year 2 class size.
- (2) What was the average prep to year 6 class size.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As reported in the 2012 February school census, the average class sizes at Sebastopol Primary School were:

- (1) 20.7 for prep to year 2 classes; and
- (2) 21.0 for prep to year 6 classes.

Education: class sizes — Urquhart Park Primary School

3275. Ms **KNIGHT** to ask the Minister for Education — at Urquhart Park Primary School at the time of the February 2012 school census:

- (1) What was the average prep to year 2 class size.
- (2) What was the average prep to year 6 class size.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As reported in the 2012 February school census, the average class sizes at Urquhart Park Primary School were:

- (1) 20.8 for prep to year 2 classes; and
- (2) 22.0 for prep to year 6 classes.

Education: class sizes — Wendouree Primary School

3276. Ms **KNIGHT** to ask the Minister for Education — at Wendouree Primary School at the time of the February 2012 school census:

- (1) What was the average prep to year 2 class size.
- (2) What was the average prep to year 6 class size.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As reported in the 2012 February school census, the average class sizes at Wendouree Primary School were:

- (1) 21.3 for prep to year 2 classes; and
- (2) 23.2 for prep to year 6 classes.

Education: class sizes — Yuille Park P–8 Community College

3277. Ms **KNIGHT** to ask the Minister for Education — at Yuille Park P–8 Community College at the time of the February 2012 school census:

- (1) What was the average prep to year 2 class size.
- (2) What was the average prep to year 6 class size.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As reported in the 2012 February school census, the average class sizes at Yuille Park P–8 Community College were:

- (1) 14.8 for prep to year 2 classes; and
- (2) 14.1 for prep to year 6 classes.