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² Elected 24 March 2012

³ Resigned 27 January 2012

⁴ Elected 19 February 2011

⁵ Resigned 7 May 2012

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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.*

Tuesday, 5 June 2012

Higher education and skills: ministerial visits — city of Ballarat

104(m). Ms KNIGHT to ask the Minister for Education for the Minister for Higher Education and Skills — 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 as follows:

I did not visit the city of Ballarat during the relevant period.

Teaching profession: ministerial visits — city of Ballarat

104(n). Ms KNIGHT to ask the Minister for Education for the Minister responsible for the Teaching Profession — 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 as follows:

I did not visit the city of Ballarat during the relevant period.

Higher education and skills: ministerial visits — shire of Golden Plains

124(m). Mr HOWARD to ask the Minister for Education for the Minister for Higher Education and Skills — 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 as follows:

I did not visit the Golden Plains shire during the relevant period.

Teaching profession: ministerial visits — shire of Golden Plains

124(n). Mr HOWARD to ask the Minister for Education for the Minister responsible for the Teaching Profession — 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 as follows:

I did not visit the Golden Plains shire during the relevant period.

Higher education and skills: ministerial visits — shire of Moorabool

125(m). Mr HOWARD to ask the Minister for Education for the Minister for Higher Education and Skills — 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 as follows:

I did not visit the Moorabool shire during the relevant period.

Teaching profession: ministerial visits — shire of Moorabool

125(n). Mr HOWARD to ask the Minister for Education for the Minister responsible for the Teaching Profession — 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 as follows:

I did not visit the Moorabool shire during the relevant period.

Teaching profession: ministerial visits — shire of Hepburn

126(n). Mr HOWARD to ask the Minister for Education for the Minister responsible for the Teaching Profession — 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 as follows:

I did not visit the Hepburn shire during the relevant period.

Higher education and skills: ministerial visits — shire of Macedon Ranges

127(m). Mr HOWARD to ask the Minister for Education for the Minister for Higher Education and Skills — 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 as follows:

I did not visit the Macedon Ranges shire during the relevant period.

Teaching profession: ministerial visits — shire of Macedon Ranges

127(n). Mr HOWARD to ask the Minister for Education for the Minister responsible for the Teaching Profession — 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 as follows:

I did not visit the Macedon Ranges shire during the relevant period.

Education: bushfire education website

1173. Ms ALLAN to ask the Minister for Education — with reference to the bushfire education website:

- (1) When will the website go live.
- (2) When will the interactive digital modules be loaded onto the website.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

- (1) The website went live on 1 July 2011 at: <http://www.bushfireeducation.vic.edu.au>.
- (2) The interactive elements for early childhood and lower primary were loaded and available from September 2011. The interactive elements for secondary years are expected to be loaded in June 2012.

Education: Mansfield Autism Statewide Services — funding

3216. Ms EDWARDS to ask the Minister for Education — with reference to the funding budget for the Mansfield Autism Statewide Services (MASS):

- (1) What was the budget in:
 - (a) 2010–11;
 - (b) 2011–12.
- (2) Will the funding be retained at current levels in 2012–13.
- (3) What is the current budget for the travelling teacher service.
- (4) Will the government retain current funding for the travelling teacher service.
- (5) Will the government be increasing funding for the MASS or the travelling teaching service in the 2012 May budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Mansfield Autism Statewide Services (MASS) is provided with funding from both commonwealth and state governments.

The Victorian government has committed additional support for non-government schools through its fair funding for non-government schools policy, providing over \$550 million per annum in recurrent funding through the non-government schools financial assistance model (FAM). This funding is untied, to enable each non-government school to manage its funds to meet the school's particular educational priorities and student needs.

The FAM funding budget for Mansfield Autism Statewide Services (MASS) is as follows:

- 2010 funding was \$74 901 (based on 26 enrolments);
- 2011 funding was \$79 928 (based on 22.4 enrolments); and
- the 2012 indicative budget for MASS is \$85 679 (based on 22.4 enrolments).

As long as MASS remains registered they will be eligible to receive funding. The travelling teacher service is provided by MASS from within its total budget. As MASS is an independent organisation it would be a matter for MASS to detail the current budget for the travelling teacher service.

Education: Mansfield Autism Statewide Services — waiting lists

3217. Ms EDWARDS to ask the Minister for Education — what is the current waiting list for the:

- (1) Mansfield Autism Statewide Services (MASS).
- (2) Travelling teacher service at the Mansfield Autism Statewide Services.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

MASS is an independent organisation. Their administration and business practice, including a waiting list for MASS and the travelling teacher service, is a matter for the organisation.

Education: school enrolments — Williamstown electorate

3218. Mr NOONAN to ask the Minister for Education — what was the total year-end school enrolments in 2010 and 2011 at:

- (1) Williamstown High School.
- (2) Bayside P–12 College.
- (3) Williamstown Primary School.
- (4) Williamstown North Primary School.
- (5) Newport Gardens Primary School.
- (6) Newport Lakes Primary School.
- (7) Spotswood Primary School.
- (8) Yarraville Special Development School.
- (9) Yarraville West Primary School.
- (10) Wembley Primary School.
- (11) Kingsville Primary School.
- (12) Altona North Primary School.
- (13) Seaholme Primary School.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not collect data on total year-end school enrolments.

The department conducts a school census on two occasions in which enrolment and other data are collected from each government school for use in planning, reporting and allocating resources. The first census occurs on the last school day in February, while the second (midyear census) occurs on the first Friday in August.

The full-time equivalent (FTE) enrolments from the 2010 and 2011 February school census for each school are as follows:

- (1) Williamstown High School
 - 2010: 1462.8 FTE
 - 2011: 1436.4 FTE.
- (2) Bayside P–12 College
 - 2010: 1383.0 FTE
 - 2011: 1226.4 FTE.
- (3) Williamstown Primary School
 - 2010: 566.6 FTE
 - 2011: 560.0 FTE.
- (4) Williamstown North Primary School
 - 2010: 608.0 FTE
 - 2011: 613.0 FTE.
- (5) Newport Gardens Primary School
 - 2010: 247.0 FTE
 - 2011: 219.0 FTE.
- (6) Newport Lakes Primary School
 - 2010: 217.0 FTE
 - 2011: 270.0 FTE.
- (7) Spotswood Primary School
 - 2010: 127.0 FTE
 - 2011: 116.0 FTE.
- (8) Yarraville Special Development School
 - 2010: 46.0 FTE
 - 2011: 43.2 FTE.
- (9) Yarraville West Primary School
 - 2010: 504.0 FTE
 - 2011: 531.0 FTE.
- (10) Wembley Primary School
 - 2010: 546.0 FTE
 - 2011: 560.0 FTE.

(11) Kingsville Primary School

- 2010: 468.0 FTE
- 2011: 543.0 FTE.

(12) Altona North Primary School

- 2010: 344.0 FTE
- 2011: 302.0 FTE.

(13) Seaholme Primary School

- 2010: 234.6 FTE
- 2011: 243.0 FTE.

Regional and rural development: gas — Maldon supply

3219. Ms EDWARDS to ask the Minister for Regional and Rural Development — with reference to the extension of natural gas to Maldon:

- (1) Has the minister been advised on what date construction will begin.
- (2) Can the minister advise what stage it is at.
- (3) Has the minister consulted with the Shire of Mount Alexander.
- (4) When did the minister last have a briefing with the Shire of Mount Alexander.
- (5) Has the minister met with residents of Maldon.
- (6) When was the last community information session held in Maldon.
- (7) Has the minister been advised of the specific dollar value under the Energy for the Regions program; if so, what will the cost be.
- (8) Has the minister been advised of the connection cost per household; if so, what will the cost be.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Regional Development Victoria (RDV) is delivering the Energy for the Regions program (the program) for the state and has implemented a staged approach. The first stage of implementation, that is the direct negotiation phase, is now complete with agreement reached on two regional gas projects in Mildura and Huntly. Maldon is not one of the towns to be connected under this first stage of program delivery.

Due to the commercial-in-confidence nature of the negotiations, the government is not in a position to provide further information on the connection of Maldon under the direct negotiation phase of the program.

On 12 May 2012, I announced the next stage for delivering the program, which involves a broadened strategy to engage natural gas suppliers in both the conventional pipeline and alternative delivery markets.

The next stage, which will commence in the second half of 2012, includes a plan to offer incumbent gas distributors a fixed subsidy 'bounty' amount to supply priority towns.

In addition, bids will be invited from the market for a compressed (CNG) or liquefied (LNG) natural gas delivery system and local town reticulation networks.

As a priority town, Maldon will have the opportunity to be considered for connection to natural gas under the next phase of the program.

I can advise that while Mount Alexander Shire Council was an apology at a council forum conducted by RDV on 1 April 2011 on the delivery of the program, RDV has been in regular communications with the councils of all regional towns identified under this program. These communications include:

- presentations to individual councils and industry and business groups, by RDV's program director, Energy for the Regions as requested;
- working in partnership with council officers to aggregate local demand, capture local intelligence and provide a strategic context to support distributor interest in the subject towns;
- provision of a program status report for internal and external communications, by RDV's program director, Energy for the Regions as requested; and
- a letter from RDV to council CEOs on the status of the program at the close of the direct negotiation stage.

I look forward to the delivery of the program in partnership with Mount Alexander Shire Council and the gas industry to bring natural gas to Maldon. Consultation with all stakeholders will continue as the program enters the next phase of delivery.

Regional and rural development: gas — Marong supply

3220. Ms EDWARDS to ask the Minister for Regional and Rural Development — with reference to the extension of natural gas to Marong:

- (1) Has the minister been advised on what date construction will begin.
- (2) Can the minister advise what stage it is at.
- (3) Has the minister consulted with the City of Greater Bendigo.
- (4) When did the minister last have a briefing with the City of Greater Bendigo.
- (5) Has the minister met with residents of Marong.
- (6) When was the last community information session held in Marong.
- (7) Has the minister been advised of the specific dollar value under the Energy for the Regions program; if so, what will the cost be.
- (8) Has the minister been advised of the connection cost per household; if so, what will the cost be.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Regional Development Victoria (RDV) is delivering the Energy for the Regions program (the program) for the State and has implemented a staged approach. The first stage of implementation, that is the direct negotiation phase, is now complete with agreement reached on two regional gas projects in Mildura and Huntly. Marong is not one of the towns to be connected under this first stage of program delivery.

Due to the commercial-in-confidence nature of the negotiations, the government is not in a position to provide further information on the connection of Marong under the direct negotiation phase of the program.

On 12 May 2012, I announced the next stage for delivering the program, which involves a broadened strategy to engage natural gas suppliers in both the conventional pipeline and alternative delivery markets.

The next stage, which will commence in the second half of 2012, includes a plan to offer incumbent gas distributors a fixed subsidy 'bounty' amount to supply priority towns.

In addition, bids will be invited from the market for a compressed (CNG) or liquefied (LNG) natural gas delivery system and local town reticulation networks.

As a priority town, Marong will have the opportunity to be considered for connection to natural gas under the next phase of the program.

I can advise that RDV met with the City of Greater Bendigo at a council forum conducted on 1 April 2011, and has been in regular communications with the councils of all regional towns identified under this program. These communications include:

- presentations to individual councils and industry and business groups, by RDV's program director, Energy for the Regions as requested;
- working in partnership with council officers to aggregate local demand, capture local intelligence and provide a strategic context to support distributor interest in the subject towns;
- provision of a program status report for internal and external communications, by RDV's program director, Energy for the Regions as requested; and
- a letter from RDV to council CEOs on the status of the program at the close of the direct negotiation stage.

I look forward to the delivery of the program in partnership with the City of Greater Bendigo and the gas industry to bring natural gas to Marong. Consultation with all stakeholders will continue as the program enters the next phase of delivery.

Regional and rural development: gas — Heathcote supply

3221. Ms EDWARDS to ask the Minister for Regional and Rural Development — with reference to the extension of natural gas to Heathcote:

- (1) Has the minister been advised on what date construction will begin.
- (2) Can the minister advise what stage it is at.
- (3) Has the minister consulted with the City of Greater Bendigo.
- (4) When did the minister last have a briefing with the City of Greater Bendigo.
- (5) Has the minister met with residents of Heathcote.
- (6) When was the last community information session held in Heathcote.
- (7) Has the minister been advised of the specific dollar value under the Energy for the Regions program; if so, what will the cost be.
- (8) Has the minister been advised of the connection cost per household; if so, what will the cost be.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Regional Development Victoria (RDV) is delivering the Energy for the Regions program (the program) for the state and has implemented a staged approach. The first stage of implementation, that is the direct negotiation phase, is now complete with agreement reached on two regional gas projects in Mildura and Huntly. Heathcote is not one of the towns to be connected under this first stage of program delivery.

Due to the commercial-in-confidence nature of the negotiations, the government is not in a position to provide further information on the connection of Heathcote under the direct negotiation phase of the program.

On 12 May 2012, I announced the next stage for delivering the program, which involves a broadened strategy to engage natural gas suppliers in both the conventional pipeline and alternative delivery markets.

The next stage, which will commence in the second half of 2012, includes a plan to offer incumbent gas distributors a fixed subsidy 'bounty' amount to supply priority towns.

In addition, bids will be invited from the market for a compressed (CNG) or liquefied (LNG) natural gas delivery system and local town reticulation networks.

As a priority town, Heathcote will have the opportunity to be considered for connection to natural gas under the next phase of the program.

I can advise that RDV met with the City of Greater Bendigo at a council forum conducted on 1 April 2011, and has been in regular communications with the councils of all regional towns identified under this program. These communications include:

- presentations to individual councils and industry and business groups, by RDV's program director, Energy for the Regions as requested;
- working in partnership with council officers to aggregate local demand, capture local intelligence and provide a strategic context to support distributor interest in the subject towns;
- provision of a program status report for internal and external communications, by RDV's program director, Energy for the Regions as requested; and
- a letter from RDV to council CEOs on the status of the program at the close of the direct negotiation stage.

I look forward to the delivery of the program in partnership with City of Greater Bendigo and the gas industry to bring natural gas to Heathcote. Consultation with all stakeholders will continue as the program enters the next phase of delivery.

Regional and rural development: gas — Huntly supply

3222. Ms EDWARDS to ask the Minister for Regional and Rural Development — with reference to the extension of natural gas to Huntly:

- (1) Has the minister been advised on what date construction will begin.
- (2) Can the minister advise what stage it is at.
- (3) Has the minister consulted with the City of Greater Bendigo.
- (4) When did the minister last have a briefing with the City of Greater Bendigo.
- (5) Has the minister met with residents of Huntly.
- (6) When was the last community information session held in Huntly.
- (7) Has the minister been advised of the specific dollar value under the Energy for the Regions program; if so, what will the cost be.
- (8) Has the minister been advised of the connection cost per household; if so, what will the cost be.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Regional Development Victoria (RDV) is delivering the Energy for the Regions program (the program) for the state and has implemented a staged approach. The first stage of implementation, that is the direct negotiation phase, is now complete with agreement reached on two regional gas projects, including Huntly.

I am pleased to advise that on 2 May 2012, SP AusNet accepted an offer for a state contribution from the Regional Growth Fund towards a \$4.5 million project for the supply of natural gas to Huntly. This offer is subject to the execution of a development agreement and approval by the Australian Energy Regulator.

Due to the commercial-in-confidence nature of the Huntly project and negotiation process, the government is not in a position to comment further on the project until all negotiations are concluded.

On 9 March 2011, the Minister for Energy and Resources and I had the pleasure to address a forum consisting of key energy industry representatives who will need to partner with the government to deliver the program.

I can also advise that RDV met with the City of Greater Bendigo at a council forum conducted on 1 April 2011, and has been in regular communications with the councils of all regional towns identifies under this program.

These communications include:

- presentations to individual councils and industry and business groups, by RDV's program director, Energy for the Regions as requested;
- working in partnership with council officers to aggregate local demand, capture local intelligence and provide a strategic context to support distributor interest in the subject towns;
- provision of a program status report for internal and external communications, by RDV's program director, Energy for the Regions as requested; and
- a letter from RDV to council CEOs on the status of the program at the close of the direct negotiation stage.

I look forward to the delivery of the program in partnership with the City of Greater Bendigo and SP AusNet to bring natural gas to Huntly.

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, 7 June 2012

Higher education and skills: ministerial visits — shire of Hepburn

126(m). Mr HOWARD to ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills — 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 as follows:

I did not visit the Hepburn shire during the relevant period.

Public transport: rail — Balaclava station

132(c). Mr FOLEY to ask the Minister for Public Transport with reference to the planned Balaclava railway station upgrade:

- (1) What is the total budget for the upgrade.
- (2) What are the estimates for the total cost of the:
 - (a) planning and design stage;
 - (b) capital expenditure.
- (3) Does the government's funding of \$11.9 million over the forward estimates period include all planning and design, capital expenditure, and contingency measures for the delivery of the project.
- (4) What are the time lines for the project, including planning and design, commencement of construction, and completion.
- (5) Does the project include incorporation of community or social housing projects in and over the adjoining car park as proposed by the City of Port Phillip in partnership with the Port Phillip Housing Association in the:
 - (a) planning and design stage;
 - (b) capital investment stage.
- (6) Does the project include the opportunity to incorporate related tram and commercial/retail redevelopment opportunities in the Carlisle Street area immediately around the station in the:
 - (a) planning and design stage;
 - (b) capital investment stage.

- (7) Will the staffing of the station be upgraded to include customer service facilities to cover the full hours of operation.
- (8) What will the staffing hours be once the station is upgraded.
- (9) What will the levels of staffing be once the station is upgraded.
- (10) Will the station be included in the government's protective services officer on railway stations program; if so:
 - (a) what hours will protective services officers be on the station;
 - (b) when will protective services officers commence at the station.
- (11) Will requirements for staffing of the station until the last train include facilities for protective services officers for the execution of their duties and for their breaks, rests, and other needs; if so, what is the additional cost to the project of these measures.

ANSWER:

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

The coalition government has committed \$13.3 million in the 2011–12 state budget to upgrade Balaclava railway station. Further information about this initiative will be available after planning and development work is completed.

Health: Northern Health academic and research precinct

- 1621.** Mr McGUIRE to ask the Minister for Ports for the Minister for Health — has the minister received any advice from the Department of Health on the Northern Health academic and research precinct.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- The minister seeks and receives feedback on health service capital planning issues on a routine basis. This applies to Northern Health.

Health: Northern Health academic and research precinct

- 1622.** Mr McGUIRE to ask the Minister for Ports for the Minister for Health — has the minister met with representatives of Northern Health to discuss the proposed academic and research precinct.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- The minister meets with representatives of health services to discuss service and capital planning issues on a routine basis. This applies to Northern Health.

Health: northern suburbs

- 1628.** Mr McGUIRE to ask the Minister for Ports for the Minister for Health — has the minister sought any input from the Northern Health representatives regarding future government investments in the health needs of Melbourne's northern suburbs.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- The minister seeks and receives feedback on health service capital planning issues on a routine basis. This applies to Northern Health.

Health: Ballarat Health Services — master plan

1843. Ms **KNIGHT** to ask the Minister for Ports (for the Minister for Health) — with reference to the revised Ballarat Health Services master plan:

- (1) On what date will it be completed.
- (2) On what date will it be publicly released.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The revised Ballarat Health Services master plan report will be completed in the appropriate time frame.
- (2) The master plan is a technical report to inform the health service's asset development strategy. It will be considered by the relevant concerned agencies.

Health: Ballarat Health Services — dental services

2627. Ms **KNIGHT** to ask the Minister for Ports (for the Minister for Health) — with reference to dental services provided by Ballarat Health Services:

- (1) What is the number of vouchers for private dental treatment available for:
 - (a) 2010–11;
 - (b) 2011–12.
- (2) What is the financial allocation made by Ballarat Health Services for the provision of vouchers for private dental treatment in:
 - (a) 2010–11;
 - (b) 2011–12.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The state budget allocation for dental services:

- (a) \$164.3 million in 2010–11;
- (b) \$167.1 million in 2011–12.

Agencies receive a global allocation for dental service delivery including vouchers.

Health: Ballarat helipad — implementation group meetings

2629. Ms **KNIGHT** to ask the Minister for Ports for the Minister for Health — with reference to meetings of the Ballarat helipad implementation group:

- (1) How many meetings did Mr Nathan Robinson, adviser to the Minister for Health, attend.
- (2) Was the Minister for Health present at each meeting.

- (3) Did Mr Nathan Robinson provide the minister with any information or briefings on the work of the group prior to the minister officially receiving the group's report.
- (4) Did Mr Nathan Robinson provide any assistance to Mr Koch in the drafting of the group's report.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Members of ministerial private office staff attend portfolio meetings on a daily basis to assist ministers in their ministerial duties and, consistent with the practice under successive governments including the previous government, provide advice on those meetings, particularly when the minister has been unable to be personally present.

Members of ministerial private office staff also assist other members of Parliament on portfolio matters, regardless of the political party the member of Parliament represents.

Health: Ballarat — personnel

2633. Ms **KNIGHT** to ask the Minister for Ports for the Minister for Health — with reference to the \$73.4 million provided in the 2011–12 budget for health services in Ballarat: what is the dollar amount allocated within the \$73.4 million for the:

- (1) Recruitment of 10 general practitioners from interstate.
- (2) Employment of 20 additional doctors at Ballarat Base Hospital.
- (3) Employment of 80 additional nurses at Ballarat Health Services.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

(1), (2) and (3)

The government made a clear election commitment to the Ballarat community and it is delivering on this commitment.

Under Victoria's system of devolved governance health services allocate their budgets according to their needs.

Health: Ballarat — general practitioners

2634. Ms **KNIGHT** to ask the Minister for Ports for the Minister for Health — with reference to the government commitment to the recruitment of 10 additional general practitioners from interstate to fill Ballarat area vacancies:

- (1) How many additional general practitioners have been recruited since 1 July 2011.
- (2) How many general practitioners are planned to be recruited in:
 - (a) 2011–12;
 - (b) 2012–13;
 - (c) 2013–14.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

(1) and (2) (a), (b) and (c)

The government is meeting its commitments in line with the needs of the Ballarat community.

Health: Ballarat base hospital — nurses

2636. Ms **KNIGHT** to ask the Minister for Ports for the Minister for Health — with reference to the government commitment to employ an additional 80 nurses at Ballarat base hospital:

- (1) How many additional nurses have been employed since 1 July 2011.
- (2) How many additional nurses are planned to be employed in:
 - (a) 2011–12;
 - (b) 2012–13;
 - (c) 2013–14.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

(1) and (2) (a), (b), and (c)

The government is meeting its commitments in line with the needs of Ballarat health service.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of Alpine

3033. Mr **EREN** to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Alpine Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Mental health: advice line

3034. Mr **NOONAN** to ask the Minister for Mental Health — with reference to the mental health advice line:

- (1) What were the total number of calls received for:
 - (a) January 2011;
 - (b) February 2011;
 - (c) March 2011;
 - (d) April 2011;
 - (e) May 2011;
 - (f) June 2011;
 - (g) July 2011;
 - (h) August 2011;
 - (i) September 2011;

- (j) October 2011;
 - (k) November 2011;
 - (l) December 2011;
 - (m) January 2012;
 - (n) February 2012.
- (2) What proportion of calls between January 2011 and February 2012 came from regional and rural areas.
 - (3) What was the total funding provided by the Victorian government between 1 January 2011 and December 2011 for promotional use.
 - (4) What consultations were made prior to the government's decision to terminate the advice line in March 2012.
 - (5) Will the government or its agencies incur any additional payments as a result of breaking the service agreement between the advice line and Medibank Health Solutions.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The average number of calls received by the mental health advice line was 856 calls per month.
- (2) Data show that the proportion of calls to the mental health advice line between January 2011 and February 2012 that came from regional and rural areas is 12.7 per cent.
- (3) The Victorian government provided total funding of approximately \$220 000 between 1 January 2011 and December 2011 for promotional use.
- (4) The contract to provide the advice line, which was put in place by the previous government, concluded on 19 March 2012. The ending of a contract at the conclusion of the contracted service period is part of normal contract management.
- (5) The service agreement between the Department of Health and Medibank Health Solutions was not broken.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — rural city of Ararat

3035. **Mr EREN** to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Ararat Rural City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — city of Ballarat

3036. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Ballarat City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — city of Banyule

3037. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Banyule City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of Bass Coast

3038. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Bass Coast Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of Baw Baw

3039. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Baw Baw Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — city of Bayside

3040. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Bayside City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — rural city of Benalla

3041. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Benalla Rural City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — city of Boroondara

3042. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Boroondara City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — borough of Queenscliffe

3043. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Borough of Queenscliffe; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — city of Brimbank

3044. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Brimbank City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of Buloke

3045. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Buloke Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of Campaspe

3046. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Campaspe Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of Cardinia

3047. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Cardinia Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — city of Casey

3048. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Casey City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of Central Goldfields

3049. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Central Goldfields Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — city of Greater Geelong

3050. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the City of Greater Geelong; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of Colac Otway

3051. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Colac Otway Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of Corangamite

3052. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Corangamite Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — city of Darebin

3053. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Darebin City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of East Gippsland

3054. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the East Gippsland Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — city of Frankston

3055. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Frankston City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of Gannawarra

3056. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Gannawarra Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — city of Glen Eira

3057. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Glen Eira City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of Glenelg

3058. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Glenelg Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of Golden Plains

3059. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Golden Plains Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — city of Greater Bendigo

3060. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Greater Bendigo City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — city of Greater Dandenong

3061. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Greater Dandenong City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — city of Greater Shepparton

3062. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Greater Shepparton City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of Hepburn

3063. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Hepburn Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of Hindmarsh

3064. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Hindmarsh Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — city of Hobsons Bay

3065. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Hobsons Bay City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — rural city of Horsham

3066. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Horsham Rural City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — city of Hume

3067. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Hume City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of Indigo

3068. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Indigo Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — city of Kingston

3069. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Kingston City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — city of Knox

3070. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Knox City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — city of Latrobe

3071. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Latrobe City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of Loddon

3072. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Loddon Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of Macedon Ranges

3073. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Macedon Ranges Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — city of Manningham

3074. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Manningham City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of Mansfield

3075. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Mansfield Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — city of Maribyrnong

3076. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Maribyrnong City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — city of Maroondah

3077. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Maroondah City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — city of Melbourne

3078. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Melbourne City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of Melton

3079. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Melton Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — rural city of Mildura

3080. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Mildura Rural City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of Mitchell

3081. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Mitchell Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of Moira

3082. **Mr EREN** to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Moira Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — city of Monash

3083. **Mr EREN** to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Monash City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — city of Moonee Valley

3084. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Moonee Valley City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of Moorabool

3085. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Moorabool Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — city of Moreland

3086. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Moreland City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of Mornington Peninsula

3087. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of Mount Alexander

3088. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Mount Alexander Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of Moyne

3089. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Moyne Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of Murrindindi

3090. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Murrindindi Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of Nillumbik

3091. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Nillumbik Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of Northern Grampians

3092. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Northern Grampians Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — city of Port Phillip

3093. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Port Phillip City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of Pyrenees

3094. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Pyrenees Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of South Gippsland

3095. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the South Gippsland Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of Southern Grampians

3096. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Southern Grampians Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — city of Stonnington

3097. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Stonnington City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of Strathbogie

3098. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Strathbogie Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of Surf Coast

3099. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Surf Coast Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — rural city of Swan Hill

3100. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Swan Hill Rural City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of Towong

3101. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Towong Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — rural city of Wangaratta

3102. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Wangaratta Rural City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — city of Warrnambool

3103. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Warrnambool City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of Wellington

3104. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Wellington Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of West Wimmera

3105. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the West Wimmera Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — city of Whitehorse

3106. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Whitehorse City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — city of Whittlesea

3107. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Whittlesea City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — city of Wodonga

3108. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Wodonga City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — city of Wyndham

3109. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Wyndham City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — city of Yarra

3110. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Yarra City Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of Yarra Ranges

3111. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Yarra Ranges Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Sport and recreation: ministerial visits — shire of Yarriambiack

3112. Mr EREN to ask the Minister for Sport and Recreation — with reference to each date between 1 January 2011 and 29 February 2012 inclusive: did the minister visit any locality within the Yarriambiack Shire Council; if so:

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

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In my capacity as the Minister for Sport and Recreation I visited a number of local government areas across the state during the period of 1 January 2011 to 29 February 2012 and undertook duties in relation to my portfolio responsibilities.

Health: ambulance services — Bendigo

3223. Ms EDWARDS to ask the Minister for Ports for the Minister for Health — in Bendigo:

- (1) How many full-time, part-time and casual ambulance officers and paramedics were employed as at:
 - (a) December 2009;

- (b) December 2010;
 - (c) December 2011.
- (2) How many ambulance vehicles were available as at:
- (a) December 2009;
 - (b) December 2010;
 - (c) December 2011.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The number of full-time, part-time and casual ambulance officers and paramedics employed in Bendigo as at:
- (a) December 2009

Type of staff	Number
Full-time	47
Part-time	1
Casual	0

- (b) December 2010

Type of staff	Number
Full-time	57
Part-time	0
Casual	1

- (d) December 2011

Type of staff	Number
Full-time	61
Part-time	2
Casual	2

- (2) The number of ambulance vehicles available at Bendigo as at:
- (a) December 2009 was 13 ambulances;
 - (b) December 2010 was 13 ambulances;
 - (d) December 2011 was 13 ambulances.

Health: ambulance services — Castlemaine

3224. Ms EDWARDS to ask the Minister for Ports for the Minister for Health — in Castlemaine:

- (1) What is the current total number of ambulance vehicles available.
- (2) How many full-time, part-time and casual ambulance officers and paramedics were employed as at:
 - (a) December 2010;
 - (b) December 2011.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The current total number of ambulance vehicles available in Castlemaine is two ambulances.
- (2) The number of full-time, part-time and casual ambulance officers and paramedics employed at Castlemaine as at:
 - (a) December 2010

Type of staff	Number
Full-time	5
Part-time	2
Casual	1

- (b) December 2011

Type of staff	Number
Full-time	9
Part-time	2
Casual	1

Health: ambulance services — Maryborough

3225. Ms EDWARDS to ask the Minister for Ports for the Minister for Health — in Maryborough:

- (1) What is the current total number of ambulance vehicles available.
- (2) How many full-time, part-time and casual ambulance officers and paramedics were employed as at:
 - (a) December 2010;
 - (b) December 2011.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In Maryborough:

- (1) The current total number of ambulance vehicles available in Maryborough is three ambulances.
- (2) The number of full-time, part-time and casual ambulance officers and paramedics that were employed at Maryborough as at:
 - (b) December 2010

Type of staff	Number
Full-time	11
Part-time	0
Casual	0

- (b) December 2011

Type of staff	Number
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Full-time	16
Part-time	0
Casual	0

Attorney-General: Department of Justice — sustainable government initiative

3244. Ms **KNIGHT** to ask the Attorney-General — how many fewer staff will be employed in Ballarat by the Department of Justice as a result of the sustainable government initiative.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The contribution of the Department of Justice towards the government’s sustainable government initiative will be achieved by departmental managers consistent with the objectives of the policy, which includes that no front-line service delivery roles will be affected. Departments are developing their business plans to implement administrative savings and reductions of non-front-line personnel through attrition, non-renewal of contract roles and voluntary departure packages over the next two years. The number or location of staff affected will not be determined until business plans are finalised.