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<sup>2</sup> Elected 24 March 2012

<sup>3</sup> Resigned 27 January 2012

<sup>4</sup> Elected 19 February 2011

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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

**Tuesday, 19 June 2012**

**Health: InsideOut Strategic**

**648(ae).** Ms HENNESSY to ask the Minister for Ports for the Minister for Health — for the period 2 December 2010 to 16 August 2011, did the minister (or the minister’s staff) meet with representatives of the lobbying firm InsideOut Strategic; if so:

- (1) On which date was the meeting held.
- (2) Was the minister (or the minister’s staff) accompanied by departmental representatives.
- (3) Were any notes or records of the meeting kept.
- (4) Was the lobbyist acting on behalf of a client; if so, what was the name of the client.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Government ministers and ministerial staff members continue to adhere to the Victorian government professional lobbyist code of conduct introduced in August 2009.

The government has released a new fundraising code of conduct.

I note that InsideOut Strategic is represented by Philip Staindl. Mr Staindl has a long association as a board member and chairman of the Labor Party’s fundraising body Progressive Business.

The Victorian government lobbyist register also lists several clients of InsideOut Strategic, amongst them Pacific Hydro, which has donated tens of thousands of dollars to the Labor Party in recent years.

**Ageing: InsideOut Strategic**

**648(y).** Ms HENNESSY to ask the Minister for Mental Health for the Minister for Ageing — for the period 2 December 2010 to 16 August 2011, did the minister (or the minister’s staff) meet with representatives of the lobbying firm InsideOut Strategic; if so:

- (1) On which date was the meeting held.
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**Corrections: Corrections Victoria — drug treatment orders**

**2611.** Ms HENNESSY to ask the Minister for Corrections — with reference to drug treatment orders that Corrections Victoria is responsible for managing, how many were breached between:

- (1) 1 January 2011 and 1 January 2012.
- (2) 1 January and 1 July 2011.

**ANSWER:**

This matter falls within the responsibility of the Attorney-General. However, I am advised that:

Corrections Victoria is not responsible for managing drug treatment orders. This is the jurisdiction of the court.

**Corrections: prisoners — mental health**

**2640.** Ms HENNESSY to ask the Minister for Corrections — with reference to prisoners who have a mental illness:

- (1) How are they identified in each prison.
- (2) When and by whom are they identified in each prison.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) & (2) Identification of mental illness in prisoners can occur either upon reception into the custodial system or during a prisoner's term of custody.

Within 24 hours of reception, all prison entrants receive a general health assessment performed by a doctor, and a mental health screening assessment by a mental health nurse.

During incarceration, prisoners have access to various health professionals who can make assessments of mental illness including: general practitioners, general nurses, psychiatric nurses, psychiatric registrars, consultant psychiatrists.

**Police and emergency services: Port Phillip Bay — personal watercraft**

**3124.** Mr FOLEY to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — with reference to warnings issued to personal watercraft or jet ski riders in Port Phillip Bay:

- (1) How many were issued for infringements to speed limits:
  - (a) in 2010;
  - (b) in 2011;
  - (c) between 1 January and 1 March 2012.
- (2) How many were issued for infringements relating to operating the vessel within a swimming-only zone:
  - (a) in 2010;

- (b) in 2011;
  - (c) between 1 January and 1 March 2012.
- (3) How many were issued for infringements relating to operating the vessel over 5 knots within 50 metres of a swimmer:
- (a) in 2010;
  - (b) in 2011;
  - (c) between 1 January and 1 March 2012.
- (4) How many were issued for infringements relating to unregistered vessels:
- (a) in 2010;
  - (b) in 2011;
  - (c) between 1 January and 1 March 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Victoria Police does not currently record the specific offences for which warnings are given. To identify such data would require a manual search, which would be voluminous and require a diversion of police from front-line services. Victoria Police further advises the water police squad is currently researching initiatives to collate this information for the future.

**Police and emergency services: Victoria Police — personal watercraft**

**3125.** Mr FOLEY to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — how many personal watercraft or jet skis did Victoria Police use for patrol purposes as part of its marine safety fleet on Port Phillip Bay:

- (1) In 2010.
- (2) In 2011.
- (3) Between 1 January and 1 March 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Victoria Police utilised four personal watercrafts for patrolling Port Phillip Bay as at the dates indicated.

**Police and emergency services: hoon boating — personal watercraft**

**3126.** Mr FOLEY to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services — how many personal watercraft have been confiscated and impounded under the recreational boating hoon provisions in the Marine Safety Act 2010:

- (1) In 2010.
- (2) In 2011.
- (3) Between 1 January to 1 March 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) There were no personal watercraft impounded in 2010 as the legislative provisions that grant the power to Victoria Police to impound, immobilise or seize a vessel or have a vessel forfeited did not come into effect until 1 September 2011.
- (2) The legislative provisions that grant the power to Victoria Police to impound, immobilise or seize a vessel or have a vessel forfeited did not come into effect until 1 September 2011. Therefore, for 2011 police were only empowered to impound vessels for a four month period. During this period, no personal watercraft were impounded. However, police did embargo one personal watercraft due to excessive speeding. (Note that an embargo notice when placed on the vessel, bans its use for 48 hours, with the owner responsible for keeping the vessel off the water.)
- (3) No personal watercraft were impounded during the period 1 January to 1 March 2012.

**Public transport: trams — Brunswick electorate**

**3129.** Ms GARRETT to ask the Minister for Public Transport — with reference to tram services in the electorate of Brunswick:

- (1) What were the number and percentage of services on routes 1 and 8, peak, non-peak and total, that prematurely terminated at:
  - (a) the intersection of Holmes Street and Moreland Road, in:
    - (i) July 2011;
    - (ii) August 2011;
    - (iii) September 2011;
    - (iv) October 2011;
    - (v) November 2011;
    - (vi) December 2011;
  - (b) the intersection of Park Street and Lygon Street, or Brunswick Road and Lygon Street, in:
    - (i) July 2011;
    - (ii) August 2011;
    - (iii) September 2011;
    - (iv) October 2011;
    - (v) November 2011;
    - (vi) December 2011;
  - (c) Melbourne University, in:
    - (i) July 2011;
    - (ii) August 2011;
    - (iii) September 2011;
    - (iv) October 2011;
    - (v) November 2011;
    - (vi) December 2011.
- (2) What were the number and percentage of services on route 96, peak, non-peak and total, that prematurely terminated at:
  - (a) Scotchmer and Nicholson Streets, in:
    - (i) July 2011;
    - (ii) August 2011;
    - (iii) September 2011;

- (iv) October 2011;
  - (v) November 2011;
  - (vi) December 2011;
- (b) Gertrude and Nicholson Streets, in:
- (i) July 2011;
  - (ii) August 2011;
  - (iii) September 2011;
  - (iv) October 2011;
  - (v) November 2011;
  - (vi) December 2011.
- (3) What were the number and percentage of services on route 55, peak, non-peak and total, that prematurely terminated at any point between Flemington Road and Reynard Street, in:
- (a) July 2011;
  - (b) August 2011;
  - (c) September 2011;
  - (d) October 2011;
  - (e) November 2011;
  - (f) December 2011.

**ANSWER:**

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

The monthly Track Record report, published on Public Transport Victoria's website, provides a measure of service reliability known as the percentage of timetable not delivered. This measure includes the effect of disruptions similar in nature to those described in the member for Brunswick's request. Collation of information in the form requested by the member for Brunswick represents an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

**Corrections: pre-sentence reports**

**3131.** Ms HENNESSY to ask the Minister for Corrections — how many pre-sentence reports were provided to the courts for the period 1 July to 31 December 2011.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- 194 full pre-sentence reports (PSRs) were provided to the courts.
- A further 3851 'on the spot' assessments were also provided by Community Correctional Services on the day of sentencing but these are not formally recorded by Corrections Victoria as PSRs.

**Public transport: V/Line — Southern Cross–Ballarat services**

**3255.** Ms KNIGHT to ask the Minister for Public Transport — with reference to V/Line train services from Southern Cross to Ballarat stations in March 2012:

- (1) Which services operated at a reduced capacity.
- (2) What was the originally planned capacity of each service.
- (3) What was the actually delivered capacity of each service.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1) The following service operated at a reduced capacity in March 2012:
  - 4.04 p.m. to Wendouree.
- (2) The original planned capacity of the service was:
  - 4.04 p.m. to Wendouree: 6 carriages.
- (3) Actual delivered capacity was the same as scheduled capacity except in the following instances:
  - 13 March 2012: 4.04 p.m. ran as 5 carriages
  - 19 March 2012: 4.04 p.m. ran as 3 carriages.

Please note this information is for Monday to Friday p.m. peak services only. Obtaining the data required to provide information in relation to off-peak and counter-peak services would require significant time and resources. The resources required to obtain the data cannot be justified at this time.

**Public transport: V/Line — Southern Cross–Ballarat services**

**3256.** Ms **KNIGHT** to ask the Minister for Public Transport — with reference to V/Line train services from Southern Cross to Ballarat stations in January 2012:

- (1) Which services operated at a reduced capacity.
- (2) What was the originally planned capacity of each service.
- (3) What was the actually delivered capacity of each service.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1) The following services operated at a reduced capacity in January 2012:
  - 4.04 p.m. to Wendouree
  - 4.36 p.m. to Wendouree
  - 5.03 p.m. to Wendouree
  - 5.44 p.m. to Wendouree.
- (2) The original planned capacity of those services was as follows:
  - 4.04 p.m. to Wendouree: 6 carriages
  - 4.36 p.m. to Wendouree: 4 carriages
  - 5.03 p.m. to Wendouree: 4 carriages
  - 5.44 p.m. to Wendouree: 6 carriages.
- (3) Actual delivered capacity was the same as scheduled capacity except in the following instances:
  - 3 January 2012: 4.36 p.m. ran as 2 carriages
  - 24 January 2012: 4.04 p.m. ran as 3 carriages, 5.44 p.m. ran as 4 carriages
  - 25 January 2012: 5.03 p.m. ran as 2 carriages
  - 30 January 2012: 5.44 p.m. ran as 4 carriages
  - 31 January 2012: 5.44 p.m. ran as 5 carriages.

Please note this information relates to Monday to Friday p.m. peak services only. Obtaining the data required to provide information in relation to off-peak and counter-peak services would require significant time and resources. The resources required to obtain the data cannot be justified at this time.

**Public transport: V/Line — Southern Cross–Ballarat services**

**3257.** Ms KNIGHT to ask the Minister for Public Transport — with reference to V/Line train services from Southern Cross to Ballarat stations in February 2012:

- (1) Which services operated at a reduced capacity.
- (2) What was the originally planned capacity of each service.
- (3) What was the actually delivered capacity of each service.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1) The following services operated at a reduced capacity in February 2012:
  - 4.36 p.m. to Wendouree
  - 5.44 p.m. to Wendouree.
- (2) The original planned capacity of these services was as follows:
  - 4.36 p.m. to Wendouree: 4 carriages
  - 5.44 p.m. to Wendouree: 6 carriages.
- (3) Actual delivered capacity was the same as scheduled capacity except in the following instances:
  - 1 February 2012: 5.44 p.m. ran as 5 carriages
  - 6 February 2012: 5.44 p.m. ran as 4 carriages
  - 8 February 2012: 5.44 p.m. ran as 4 carriages
  - 9 February 2012: 5.44 p.m. ran as 4 carriages
  - 13 February 2012: 5.44 p.m. ran as 4 carriages
  - 16 February 2012: 4.36 p.m. ran as 3 carriages
  - 29 February 2012: 4.36 p.m. ran as 3 carriages.

Please note this information relates to Monday to Friday p.m. peak services only. Obtaining the data required to provide information in relation to off-peak and counter-peak services would require significant time and resources. The resources required to obtain the data cannot be justified at this time.

**Public transport: V/Line — Ballarat–Southern Cross services**

**3258.** Ms KNIGHT to ask the Minister for Public Transport — with reference to V/Line train services from Ballarat to Southern Cross stations in March 2012:

- (1) Which services operated at a reduced capacity.
- (2) What was the originally planned capacity of each service.
- (3) What was the actually delivered capacity of each service.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1) The following services ran at a reduced capacity in March 2012:
  - 6.54 a.m. to Southern Cross.
- (2) The original planned capacity of the service was:
  - 6.54 a.m. to Southern Cross: 6 carriages. The service was originally intended to operate with six carriages.
- (3) Actual delivered capacity was the same as scheduled capacity except in the following instances:
  - 1 March 2012: 6.54 a.m. ran as 5 carriages.

Please note this information relates to Monday to Friday a.m. peak services only. Obtaining the data required to provide information in relation to off-peak and counter-peak services would require significant time and resources. The resources required to obtain the data cannot be justified at this time.

**Public transport: V/Line — Ballarat–Southern Cross services**

**3259.** Ms **KNIGHT** to ask the Minister for Public Transport — with reference to V/Line train services from Ballarat to Southern Cross stations in January 2012:

- (1) Which services operated at a reduced capacity.
- (2) What was the originally planned capacity of each service.
- (3) What was the actually delivered capacity of each service.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1) The following service operated at a reduced capacity in January 2012:
  - 6.54 a.m. to Southern Cross.
- (2) The original planned capacity of the service was:
  - 6.54 a.m. to Southern Cross: 6 carriages.
- (3) Actual delivered capacity was the same as scheduled capacity except in the following instances:
  - 16 January 2012: 6.54 a.m. ran as 5 carriages
  - 25 January 2012: 6.54 a.m. ran as 5 carriages.

Please note this information relates to Monday to Friday a.m. peak services only. Obtaining the data required to provide information in relation to off-peak and counter-peak services would require significant time and resources. The resources required to obtain the data cannot be justified at this time.

**Public transport: V/Line — Ballarat–Southern Cross services**

**3260.** Ms **KNIGHT** to ask the Minister for Public Transport — with reference to V/Line train services from Ballarat to Southern Cross stations in February 2012:

- (1) Which services operated at a reduced capacity.
- (2) What was the originally planned capacity of each service.
- (3) What was the actually delivered capacity of each service.



**ANSWER:**

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

- (1) The following services operated at a reduced capacity in February 2012:
  - 6.54 a.m. to Southern Cross
  - 7.33 a.m. to Southern Cross.
- (2) The original planned capacity of these services was as follows:
  - 6.54 a.m. to Southern Cross: 6 carriages
  - 7.33 a.m. to Southern Cross: 5 carriages.
- (3) Actual delivered capacity was the same as scheduled capacity except in the following instances:
  - 7 February 2012: 6.54 a.m. ran as 5 carriages
  - 9 February 2012: 6.54 a.m. ran as 5 carriages
  - 10 February 2012: 6.54 a.m. ran as 5 carriages
  - 14 February 2012: 7.33 a.m. ran as 4 carriages.

Please note this information relates to Monday to Friday a.m. peak services only. Obtaining the data required to provide information in relation to off-peak and counter-peak services would require significant time and resources. The resources required to obtain the data cannot be justified at this time.

**Treasurer: Department of Treasury and Finance and State Revenue Office — sustainable government initiative**

**3262.** Ms KNIGHT to ask the Treasurer —

- (1) How many fewer staff will be employed in Ballarat by the Department of Treasury and Finance as a result of the sustainable government initiative.
- (2) How many fewer staff will be employed in Ballarat by the State Revenue Office as a result of the sustainable government initiative.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The FTE reductions associated with the sustainable government initiative (SGI) are currently being finalised. A key component of the finalisation is receiving Australian Taxation Office (ATO) approval for concessional tax treatment of the voluntary departure packages.

As such, the impact on the Department of Treasury and Finance and the State Revenue Office from the SGI will be finalised following the outcomes of the ATO's decision.

**Public transport: buses — Bellarine Peninsula**

**3290.** Ms NEVILLE to ask the Minister for Public Transport — with reference to any review of the Bellarine Peninsula public bus services in 2011–12:

- (1) Did the Department of Transport undertake a review.
- (2) What is the status.
- (3) Will the results and recommendations be:
  - (a) released to the public;

- (b) provided to the Parliament.
- (4) What are the details of users who were consulted.
- (5) What are the proposed time lines for the implementation of recommendations made.

**ANSWER:**

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

The Department of Transport has not undertaken a formal review of Bellarine Peninsula public bus services in 2011–12.

**Public transport: Westgate Punt**

**3291.** Mr NOONAN to ask the Minister for Public Transport —

- (1) What was the total cost to the government or its agencies for the operation of the Westgate Punt for:
  - (a) October 2011;
  - (b) November 2011;
  - (c) December 2011;
  - (d) January 2012;
  - (e) February 2012;
  - (f) March 2012.
- (2) What was the total patronage for the Westgate Punt ferry service, including morning and afternoon crossings, in:
  - (a) October 2011;
  - (b) November 2011;
  - (c) December 2011;
  - (d) January 2012;
  - (e) February 2012;
  - (f) March 2012.

**ANSWER:**

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

The Victorian coalition government provided \$1.4 million over four years in the 2011–12 state budget for a weekday West Gate punt service. For the months in question, the total cost to the government or its agencies for the operation of the West Gate punt was \$118 539 and patronage was 9160.