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¹ Resigned 21 December 2010

² Elected 24 March 2012

³ Resigned 27 January 2012

⁴ Elected 19 February 2011

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Answers have been incorporated in the form supplied by the departments on behalf of the appropriate ministers.
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Tuesday, 27 March 2012

Employment and industrial relations: General Mills Australia — East Bendigo factory

2595(a). Ms ALLAN to ask the Attorney-General for the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations on what date did the government first become aware that General Mills Australia was planning to close its East Bendigo factory and move the operations to Mount Waverley.

ANSWER:

The Victorian government first became aware on 24 November 2011.

Innovation, services and small business: General Mills Australia — East Bendigo factory

2597(b). Ms ALLAN to ask the Minister for Innovation, Services and Small Business on what date did the Department of Business and Innovation first become aware that General Mills Australia was planning to close its East Bendigo factory and move the operations to Mount Waverley.

ANSWER:

The Department of Business and Innovation first became aware of General Mills' plans to consolidate its pasta manufacturing operations in Bendigo to its Mount Waverley facility when the company released a public statement on 24 November 2011.

Officers of the Victorian government are working closely with General Mills to provide employees affected by the consolidation of its pasta manufacturing operations with access to a range of services including access to the Victorian training guarantee and employment services.

Establishment of an anti-corruption commission: Acting Attorney-General

2616. Ms HENNESSY to ask the Minister responsible for the establishment of an anti-corruption commission what dates, inclusive of commencement and conclusion date, has the Minister performed the duties of Acting Attorney-General.

ANSWER:

I am advised:

From 23 December 2011 to 15 January 2012 inclusive.

Establishment of an anti-corruption commission: Independent Broad-based Anti-Corruption Commission — law firms

2618. Ms HENNESSY to ask the Minister responsible for the establishment of an anti-corruption commission which law firms were engaged by the Department of Justice for the purposes of providing advice and/or drafting assistance on the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission bills and legislation.

ANSWER:

I am advised, nil.

Police and emergency services: police — Ballarat office accommodation

2625. Ms **KNIGHT** to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services: Has any review of the office accommodation required by Victoria Police in Ballarat been undertaken; if so, did the review find that office accommodation infrastructure was required.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

In the 2011–12 state budget, the coalition government allocated \$30 million for new and upgraded police stations. Infrastructure upgrades to police stations are a crucial component of the government’s commitment to deliver 1700 extra front-line police members by November 2014.

Victoria Police is currently undertaking a review of office accommodation in Ballarat.

Police and emergency services: police — Ballarat vehicles

2626. Ms **KNIGHT** to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services with reference to police vehicles available for use by Victoria Police members in the Ballarat police service area:

- (1) What was the number of marked police cars as at:
 - (a) 4 December 2010;
 - (b) 30 June 2011;
 - (c) 30 November 2011.

- (2) What was the number of divisional vans as at:
 - (a) 4 December 2010;
 - (b) 30 June 2011;
 - (c) 30 November 2011.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) (a) 20;
- (b) 20;
- (c) 22.

- (2) The Ballarat police service area had two divisional vans as at the dates indicated.

Attorney-General: Ballarat court complex — security incidents

2631. Ms **KNIGHT** to ask the Attorney-General what was the number of recorded security incidents at the Ballarat court complex in:

- (1) 2007–08.
- (2) 2008–09.
- (3) 2009–10.
- (4) 2010–11.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Recorded security incidents at the Ballarat Court complex are as follows:

- (1) 2007–08: 10 incidents.
- (2) 2008–09: 8 incidents.
- (3) 2009–10: 24 incidents.
- (4) 2010–11: 24 incidents.