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¹ Resigned 21 December 2010

² Elected 24 March 2012

³ Resigned 27 January 2012

⁴ Elected 21 July 2012

⁵ Elected 19 February 2011

⁶ 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, 28 August 2012

Health: Ambulance Victoria emergency response times — Gordon

2447. Mr FOLEY to ask the Minister for Ports for the Minister for Health — with reference to Ambulance Victoria's emergency response time figures for code 1 incidents for the Gordon locality between 2 December 2010 and 30 June 2011:

- (1) What was the number of incidents.
- (2) What was the average response time, in minutes.
- (3) What was the 50th percentile response time, in minutes.
- (4) What was the 90th percentile response time, in minutes.
- (5) What was the percentage of responses within the 15-minute target set by Ambulance Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Ambulance Victoria's emergency response time figures for code 1 incidents for the Gordon locality between 2 December 2010 and 30 June 2011 were:

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|--|-------|
| (1) The number of incidents | 26. |
| (2) The average response time in minutes | 25.2. |
| (3) The 50th percentile response time in minutes | 24. |
| (4) The 90th percentile response time in minutes | 35. |
| (5) Targets are not set at locality level. | |

Please note rural localities with 10 or less code 1 first responses have not had measures calculated due to the limited data.

Corrections: prisoners — suicide attempts

2608. Ms HENNESSY to ask the Minister for Corrections — with reference to each correctional facility between 1 December 2010 and 31 December 2011:

- (1) How many suicide attempts were made by prisoners.
- (2) How many suicide attempts resulted in the death of the prisoner.

ANSWER:

I am advised that until 7 February 2012:

- | | |
|---------------------------|---|
| (1) Ararat Prison | 1 |
| Barwon Prison | 2 |
| Beechworth Prison | 0 |
| Dame Phyllis Frost Centre | 7 |

Dhurringile Prison	0
Fulham Prison	0
Judy Lazarus Transition Centre	0
Langi Kal Kal Prison	0
Loddon Prison	1
Marmgoneet Correctional Centre	0
Melbourne Assessment Prison	7
Metropolitan Remand Centre	1
Port Phillip Prison	1.

(2) Nil.

Corrections: prisoners — drug overdoses

2609. Ms HENNESSY to ask the Minister for Corrections — with reference to each correctional facility between 1 December 2010 and 31 December 2011:

- (1) How many drug overdose events occurred.
- (2) How many drug overdose events resulted in the death of the prisoner.

ANSWER:

I am advised that until 7 February 2012:

(1) Ararat Prison	0
Barwon Prison	1
Beechworth Prison	0
Dame Phyllis Frost Centre	1
Dhurringile Prison	0
Fulham Prison	0
Judy Lazarus Transition Centre	0
Langi Kal Kal Prison	0
Loddon Prison	0
Marmgoneet Correctional Centre	0
Melbourne Assessment Prison	0
Metropolitan Remand Centre	0
Port Phillip Prison	3.

(2) Nil.

Health: Ballarat mobile intensive care ambulance unit — availability

3253. Ms KNIGHT to ask the Minister for Ports for the Minister for Health — with reference to the Ballarat mobile intensive care ambulance (MICA) single response unit in March 2012:

- (1) How many times was the unit unavailable.
- (2) What was the length of time the unit was unavailable each time it was unavailable.
- (3) What was the cause of each instance of unavailability.

ANSWER:

I am informed that the Ballarat mobile intensive care ambulance (MICA) single response unit (SRU) had the following periods of unavailability:

March	(1) No. of shifts unavailable	(2) Length of shift unavailable	
		10 hours	14 hours

2012	1	1	
2011	4	3	1
2010	2	1	1

- (3) The cause of the unavailability of the MICA SRU was unplanned leave of the paramedic for the shift which was unable to be filled at short notice.

Health: Ballarat mobile intensive care ambulance unit — availability

3278. Ms KNIGHT to ask the Minister for Ports for the Minister for Health — with reference to the Ballarat Mobile Intensive Care Ambulance (MICA) single response unit in February 2012:

- (1) How many times was the unit unavailable.
- (2) What was the length of time the unit was unavailable each time it was unavailable.
- (3) What was the cause of each instance of unavailability.

ANSWER:

I am informed that the Ballarat mobile intensive care ambulance (MICA) single response unit (SRU) had the following periods of unavailability:

February	(1) No. of shifts unavailable	(2) Length of shift unavailable	
		<i>10 hours</i>	<i>14 hours</i>
2012	0		
2011	0		
2010	2	2	

- (3) The cause of the unavailability of the MICA SRU was unplanned leave of the paramedic for the shift which was unable to be filled at short notice.

Health: Ballarat mobile intensive care ambulance unit — availability

3281. Ms KNIGHT to ask the Minister for Ports for the Minister for Health — with reference to the Ballarat mobile intensive care ambulance (MICA) single response unit in November 2011:

- (1) How many times was the unit unavailable.
- (2) What was the length of time the unit was unavailable each time it was unavailable.
- (3) What was the cause of each instance of unavailability.

ANSWER:

I am informed that the Ballarat mobile intensive care ambulance (MICA) single response unit (SRU) had the following periods of unavailability:

November	(1) No. of shifts unavailable	(2) Length of shift unavailable	
		<i>10 hours</i>	<i>14 hours</i>
2011	5	2	3
2010	6	3	3

- (3) The cause of the unavailability of the MICA SRU was unplanned leave of paramedics for shifts which were unable to be filled at short notice.

Health: Ballarat mobile intensive care ambulance unit — availability

3282. Ms KNIGHT to ask the Minister for Ports for the Minister for Health — with reference to the Ballarat mobile intensive care ambulance (MICA) single response unit in October 2011:

- (1) How many times was the unit unavailable.
- (2) What was the length of time the unit was unavailable each time it was unavailable.
- (3) What was the cause of each instance of unavailability.

ANSWER:

I am informed that the Ballarat mobile intensive care ambulance (MICA) single response unit (SRU) had the following periods of unavailability:

October	(1) No. of shifts unavailable	(2) Length of shift unavailable	
		<i>10 hours</i>	<i>14 hours</i>
2011	3	1	2
2010	4	2	2

- (3) The cause of the unavailability of the MICA SRU was unplanned leave of paramedics for shifts which were unable to be filled at short notice.

Health: Ballarat mobile intensive care ambulance unit — availability

3289. Ms KNIGHT to ask the Minister for Ports for the Minister for Health — with reference to the Ballarat mobile intensive care ambulance (MICA) single response unit in March 2011:

- (1) How many times was the unit unavailable.
- (2) What was the length of time the unit was unavailable each time it was unavailable.
- (3) What was the cause of each instance of unavailability.

ANSWER:

I am informed that the Ballarat mobile intensive care ambulance (MICA) single response unit (SRU) had the following periods of unavailability:

March	(1) No. of shifts unavailable	(2) Length of shift unavailable	
		<i>10 hours</i>	<i>14 hours</i>
2012	1	1	
2011	4	3	1
2010	2	1	1

- (3) The cause of the unavailability of the MICA SRU was unplanned leave of paramedics for shifts which were unable to be filled at short notice.

Education: entertainment expenses

3455. Mr BROOKS to ask the Minister for Education — what entertainment expenses, including restaurant and catering, were incurred by the minister and ministerial staff in 2011–12.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The total amount spent on hospitality and entertainment for the financial year 2011–12 is \$3533.00 of which 98 per cent related to hosting duties for visiting interstate ministers incurred by the minister in his role as chair of the Ministerial Council for Education, Early Childhood Development and Youth Affairs.

Education: minister's office — furniture

3456. Mr **BROOKS** to ask the Minister for Education — between December 2010 and June 2012:

- (1) What furniture items, including electrical goods, were purchased for use in the Minister's private office.
- (2) What was the total cost of all furniture items purchased for the minister's private office.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

- (1) The following furniture and electrical goods were purchased by the office between December 2010 and June 2012;
 - 1 x desk
 - 1 x desktop computer
 - 1 x printer
 - 2 x televisions
 - 1 x camera
 - 1 x ergonomic chair
 - 1 x whiteboard.
- (2) The total cost of furniture items (including electrical goods) is \$4070.55.

Public transport: rail — South Morang

3466. Ms **RICHARDSON** to ask the Minister for Public Transport — what was the total amount of money saved in relation to the amount originally allocated by the early completion of the South Morang rail extension project.

ANSWER:

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

As the total outturn costs for the South Morang rail extension have not been finalised, further information on savings is not yet available.

