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<sup>1</sup> Resigned 21 December 2010

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

<sup>3</sup> Resigned 18 February 2013

<sup>4</sup> Resigned 27 January 2012

<sup>5</sup> Elected 21 July 2012

<sup>6</sup> Elected 19 February 2011

<sup>7</sup> Elected 27 April 2013

<sup>8</sup> Resigned 7 May 2012

<sup>9</sup> LP until 6 March 2013



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**Tuesday, 4 February 2014**

**Environment and climate change: Caroline Springs air quality**

**4314.** Ms **KAIROUZ** to ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change —

- (1) What investigations are being done regarding the odour complaints from Caroline Springs residents.
- (2) Has the source of the odour been identified.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

As the Victorian Government's independent environmental regulator, the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is responsible for monitoring and responding to pollution reports affecting the environment and community (including odour). EPA has received 37 reports of odour in and around the Caroline Springs area since July 2013.

In response to community reports of odour and litter in the area, EPA has carried out multiple inspections of local sites at which there are activities and processes that can generate odour.

These sites include a landfill in Derrimut, owned by Boral Recycling Pty Ltd, and an adjoining composting facility, owned by PineGro Pty Ltd, that shares the same site.

EPA's most recent inspections of these sites were carried out on 17 October 2013, where they provided advice to site managers on controlling potential odour sources. EPA will continue to closely monitor the performance of these sites, and any other potential odour sources.

EPA recommends that residents report odour through their pollution hotline on 1300 372 842 (1300 EPA VIC). This will help ensure that their officers can respond when odour is occurring in the local area, and can trace the odour back to its source.

The Victorian Government's Getting Full Value: the Victorian Waste and Resource Recovery Policy will also ensure that our waste management and resource recovery system will protect public health and preserve local amenity by continually improving the performance of waste and resource recovery facilities and operations to avoid or minimise the risk of harm to the community.

**Health: Sunshine Hospital**

**4338.** Ms **KAIROUZ** to ask the Minister for Mental Health for the Minister for Health — with reference to Sunshine Hospital:

- (1) How much of the 2013–14 budget was allocated for:
  - (a) capital works;
  - (b) additional beds.
- (2) When will the construction works for additional beds:
  - (a) commence;
  - (b) be completed.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- 1(a) Funding of \$15.1 million was committed in the 2012–13 state budget to provide 13 new intensive care beds and additional labour delivery rooms of which \$14.95 million will be expended in 2013–14.
- 1(b) Budgets are allocated at a health service level not specifically at campus level. Western Health in 2013-14 received an additional \$29.3 million or an additional 6.3 per cent in funding when compared with the previous year.

Health services are responsible for managing the operating capacity of their hospitals. Bed numbers vary month to month as a consequence of supply or demand changes, or in response to model of care changes.

2(a & b)

- Five additional labour delivery rooms were made ready for patient use during 2012–13.
- Construction works on the new intensive care beds commenced in July 2013 and the area will be ready for patient use at the end of 2014.

**Energy and resources: Kangaroo Flat mine**

**4841.** Ms ALLAN to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources — has the Minister or the Department of State Development, Business and Innovation provided advice to Unity Mining that they are able to process ore from other locations at the Kangaroo Flat site.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Department of State Development, Business and Innovation has written to Unity Mining advising that the processing of ore from other locations can only be undertaken at its Kangaroo Flat site, if all necessary consents including planning consent are in place.

Unity Mining has written to the Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure requesting confirmation that the proposed importation and treatment of material at Kangaroo Flat is consistent with the EES and does not require a planning permit.

The Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure is currently considering Unity’s request.

**Corrections: prisoner mental health**

**4846.** Mr NOONAN to ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services for the Minister for Corrections — what percentage of prisoners were assessed as having mental illness when entering prison in:

- (1) 2010.
- (2) 2011.
- (3) 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

On reception, prisoners are given a psychiatric risk rating (P rating) if they have presented as having psychiatric issues.

- (1) 32 per cent

- (2) 36 per cent
- (3) 38 per cent

**Education: private schools**

**4863.** Mr **BROOKS** to ask the Minister for Education — what was the date of the most recent briefing (written or verbal) that the minister received in relation to, or in connection with, private school closures.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The most recent briefing I received in relation to, or in connection with, private school closures was a briefing provided by the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority in October 2013 that proposed changes to the Education and Training Reform Act that could strengthen the regulation of private schools.



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**Wednesday, 5 February 2014**

**Health: pharmacotherapy**

**4848.** Mr NOONAN to ask the Minister for Mental Health — as at 30 June 2013:

- (1) How many pharmacies dispense pharmacotherapy.
- (2) How many pharmacies are approved to dispense pharmacotherapy.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that as at 30 June 2013:

- (1) 454 pharmacies dispense pharmacotherapy in Victoria.
- (2) 498 pharmacies are approved to dispense pharmacotherapy in Victoria.