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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.

Tuesday, 4 August 2015

Roads and road safety

189. **Mr SMITH** (Warrantdyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — With reference to the West Gate Bridge, for each of 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011, 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012, 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013, 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014, and 1 July 2014 to 30 April 2015:

- (1) For how many hours were inbound lanes operating at less than maximum capacity due to unscheduled incidents.
- (2) For unscheduled incidents closing at least one lane of the inbound lanes how many incidents closed:
 - (a) 1 lane;
 - (b) 2 lanes;
 - (c) 3 lanes;
 - (d) 4 lanes;
 - (e) 5 lanes.
- (3) How many times were inbound lanes closed due to an unscheduled incident between the hours of (if a lane was closed for less than thirty minutes but across two time periods, only the first hour in which lanes were closed, if a lane was closed for more than thirty minutes, all time periods in which lanes were closed):
 - (a) 12.00 am and 1.00 am;
 - (b) 1.00 am and 2.00 am;
 - (c) 2.00 am and 3.00 am;
 - (d) 3.00 am and 4.00 am;
 - (e) 4.00 am and 5.00 am;
 - (f) 5.00 am and 6.00 am;
 - (g) 6.00 am and 7.00 am;
 - (h) 7.00 am and 8.00 am;
 - (i) 8.00 am and 9.00 am;
 - (j) 9.00 am and 10.00 am;
 - (k) 10.00 am and 11.00 am;
 - (l) 11.00 am and 12.00 pm;
 - (m) 12.00 pm and 1.00 pm;
 - (n) 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm;
 - (o) 2.00 pm and 3.00 pm;
 - (p) 3.00 pm and 4.00 pm;
 - (q) 4.00 pm and 5.00 pm;
 - (r) 5.00 pm and 6.00 pm;
 - (s) 6.00 pm and 7.00 pm;
 - (t) 7.00 pm and 8.00 pm;

- (u) 8.00 pm and 9.00 pm;
 - (v) 9.00 pm and 10.00 pm;
 - (w) 10.00 pm and 11.00 pm;
 - (x) 11.00 pm and 12.00 am.
- (4) How long were inbound lanes closed due to an unscheduled incident between the hours of:
- (a) 12.00 am and 1.00 am;
 - (b) 1.00 am and 2.00 am;
 - (c) 2.00 am and 3.00 am;
 - (d) 3.00 am and 4.00 am;
 - (e) 4.00 am and 5.00 am;
 - (f) 5.00 am and 6.00 am;
 - (g) 6.00 am and 7.00 am;
 - (h) 7.00 am and 8.00 am;
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 - (j) 9.00 am and 10.00 am;
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 - (u) 8.00 pm and 9.00 pm;
 - (v) 9.00 pm and 10.00 pm;
 - (w) 10.00 pm and 11.00 pm;
 - (x) 11.00 pm and 12.00 am.
- (5) How many lane hours (number of lanes closed multiplied by length of time the lanes were closed) were inbound lanes closed due to an unscheduled incident between the hours of:
- (a) 12.00 am and 1.00 am;
 - (b) 1.00 am and 2.00 am;
 - (c) 2.00 am and 3.00 am;
 - (d) 3.00 am and 4.00 am;
 - (e) 4.00 am and 5.00 am;
 - (f) 5.00 am and 6.00 am;
 - (g) 6.00 am and 7.00 am;
 - (h) 7.00 am and 8.00 am;
 - (i) 8.00 am and 9.00 am;
 - (j) 9.00 am and 10.00 am;
 - (k) 10.00 am and 11.00 am;
 - (l) 11.00 am and 12.00 pm;
 - (m) 12.00 pm and 1.00 pm;

- (n) 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm;
- (o) 2.00 pm and 3.00 pm;
- (p) 3.00 pm and 4.00 pm;
- (q) 4.00 pm and 5.00 pm;
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- (v) 9.00 pm and 10.00 pm;
- (w) 10.00 pm and 11.00 pm;
- (x) 11.00 pm and 12.00 am.

ANSWER:

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

QUESTION 1:

“For how many hours were inbound lanes operating at less than the maximum capacity due to unscheduled incidents.”

Answer:

Year	Total Number of Hours
2010–11	362
2011–12	256
2012–13	308
2013–14	204
2014–15 (to 30 April 2015)	191

The number of hours is the total combined duration of incidents each year as logged by VicRoads.

QUESTION 2:

“For unscheduled incidents closing at least one lane of the inbound lanes how many incident closed:

- (a) 1 lanes;
- (b) 2 lanes;
- (c) 3 lanes;
- (d) 4 lanes;
- (e) 5 lanes.”

Answer:

VicRoads’ records do not include the number of lanes closed and, as such, VicRoads is unable to provide a response to this question. The number of lanes closed during an unscheduled incident varies throughout the incident.

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QUESTION 3:

“How many times were inbound lanes closed due to an unscheduled incident between the hours of (if a lane was closed for less than thirty minutes but across two time periods, only the first hour in which the lanes were closed, if a lane was closed for more than thirty minutes, all time periods in which lanes were closed)....” [the question is for each of the 24 hours per day]

Answer:

Hour	Total Number of Times				
	2010–11	2011–12	2012–13	2013–14	2014–15*
0.00-1.00	4	7	8	2	9
1.00-2.00	5	9	6	5	4
2.00-3.00	2	6	3	3	7
3.00-4.00	5	4	3	2	5
4.00-5.00	5	4	3	3	6
5.00-6.00	13	7	6	8	8
6.00-7.00	31	25	25	13	22
7.00-8.00	46	31	30	31	19
8.00-9.00	45	40	43	31	18
9.00-10.00	47	34	46	24	23
10.00-11.00	47	35	43	20	23
11.00-12.00	31	53	36	29	17
12.00-13.00	46	36	35	29	21
13.00-14.00	36	37	37	29	17
14.00-15.00	39	26	32	24	26
15.00-16.00	29	29	21	19	27
16.00-17.00	43	31	23	24	21
17.00-18.00	34	19	25	30	14
18.00-19.00	25	26	25	18	14
19.00-20.00	11	21	14	14	11
20.00-21.00	8	15	9	20	9
21.00-22.00	17	12	10	15	11
22.00-23.00	9	7	7	9	10
23.00-24.00	4	9	4	8	9

* To 30 April 2015

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QUESTION 4:

“How long were inbound lanes closed due to an unscheduled incident between the hours of :..” [the question is for each of the 24 hours per day]

Answer:

Hour	Total Number of Hours (hours: minutes)				
	2010–11	2011–12	2012–13	2013–14	2014–15*
0.00-1.00	2:15	2:21	18:28	1:29	4:51
1.00-2.00	5:09	2:22	8:58	0:14	0:45
2.00-3.00	0:53	3:38	14:54	0:43	7:24
3.00-4.00	3:26	7:41	0:39	0:11	0:39
4.00-5.00	9:15	1:03	1:01	1:05	0:53
5.00-6.00	7:55	2:26	4:07	11:39	2:28
6.00-7.00	10:52	10:48	15:15	4:10	27:33
7.00-8.00	21:55	19:23	10:55	11:05	13:29
8.00-9.00	14:34	15:52	17:20	17:52	7:25
9.00-10.00	40:14	19:25	21:59	7:07	12:29
10.00-11.00	21:26	17:38	35:05	6:55	7:52
11.00-12.00	9:03	42:08	18:19	32:55	8:12
12.00-13.00	21:27	12:50	16:38	19:18	12:41
13.00-14.00	14:18	11:20	32:31	7:09	7:43
14.00-15.00	26:53	10:59	34:16	11:04	10:57
15.00-16.00	9:44	10:19	7:06	6:15	8:03
16.00-17.00	14:22	12:33	9:04	11:00	11:28
17.00-18.00	66:33	6:43	7:32	10:45	9:18
18.00-19.00	15:29	7:19	8:48	8:52	5:32
19.00-20.00	4:46	20:45	7:10	6:27	4:32
20.00-21.00	4:53	2:51	6:38	15:10	16:25
21.00-22.00	21:39	2:57	2:57	8:38	5:46
22.00-23.00	12:48	1:18	4:59	2:01	3:21
23.00-24.00	2:25	11:00	3:28	2:42	1:35

* To 30 April 2015

QUESTION 5:

“How many lane hours (number of lanes closed multiplied by the length of time the lanes were closed) were inbound lanes closed due to an unscheduled incident between the hours of: ...” [the question is for each of the 24 hours per day]

Answer:

VicRoads' records do not include the number of lanes closed and, as such, VicRoads is unable to provide a response to this question.

Roads and road safety

191. **Mr SMITH** (Warrandyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — With reference to the West Gate Bridge, for each of 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011, 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012, 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013, 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014, and 1 July 2014 to 30 April 2015:

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 - (d) 4 lanes;
 - (e) 5 lanes.
- (3) How many times were outbound lanes closed due to an unscheduled incident between the hours of (if a lane was closed for less than thirty minutes but across two time periods, only the first hour in which lanes were closed, if a lane was closed for more than thirty minutes, all time periods in which lanes were closed):
 - (a) 12.00 am and 1.00 am;
 - (b) 1.00 am and 2.00 am;
 - (c) 2.00 am and 3.00 am;
 - (d) 3.00 am and 4.00 am;
 - (e) 4.00 am and 5.00 am;
 - (f) 5.00 am and 6.00 am;
 - (g) 6.00 am and 7.00 am;
 - (h) 7.00 am and 8.00 am;
 - (i) 8.00 am and 9.00 am;
 - (j) 9.00 am and 10.00 am;
 - (k) 10.00 am and 11.00 am;
 - (l) 11.00 am and 12.00 pm;
 - (m) 12.00 pm and 1.00 pm;
 - (n) 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm;
 - (o) 2.00 pm and 3.00 pm;
 - (p) 3.00 pm and 4.00 pm;
 - (q) 4.00 pm and 5.00 pm;
 - (r) 5.00 pm and 6.00 pm;
 - (s) 6.00 pm and 7.00 pm;
 - (t) 7.00 pm and 8.00 pm;
 - (u) 8.00 pm and 9.00 pm;
 - (v) 9.00 pm and 10.00 pm;
 - (w) 10.00 pm and 11.00 pm;
 - (x) 11.00 pm and 12.00 am.

- (4) How long were outbound lanes closed due to an unscheduled incident between the hours of:
- (a) 12.00 am and 1.00 am;
 - (b) 1.00 am and 2.00 am;
 - (c) 2.00 am and 3.00 am;
 - (d) 3.00 am and 4.00 am;
 - (e) 4.00 am and 5.00 am;
 - (f) 5.00 am and 6.00 am;
 - (g) 6.00 am and 7.00 am;
 - (h) 7.00 am and 8.00 am;
 - (i) 8.00 am and 9.00 am;
 - (j) 9.00 am and 10.00 am;
 - (k) 10.00 am and 11.00 am;
 - (l) 11.00 am and 12.00 pm;
 - (m) 12.00 pm and 1.00 pm;
 - (n) 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm;
 - (o) 2.00 pm and 3.00 pm;
 - (p) 3.00 pm and 4.00 pm;
 - (q) 4.00 pm and 5.00 pm;
 - (r) 5.00 pm and 6.00 pm;
 - (s) 6.00 pm and 7.00 pm;
 - (t) 7.00 pm and 8.00 pm;
 - (u) 8.00 pm and 9.00 pm;
 - (v) 9.00 pm and 10.00 pm;
 - (w) 10.00 pm and 11.00 pm;
 - (x) 11.00 pm and 12.00 am.
- (5) How many lane hours (number of lanes closed multiplied by length of time the lanes were closed) were outbound lanes closed due to an unscheduled incident between the hours of:
- (a) 12.00 am and 1.00 am;
 - (b) 1.00 am and 2.00 am;
 - (c) 2.00 am and 3.00 am;
 - (d) 3.00 am and 4.00 am;
 - (e) 4.00 am and 5.00 am;
 - (f) 5.00 am and 6.00 am;
 - (g) 6.00 am and 7.00 am;
 - (h) 7.00 am and 8.00 am;
 - (i) 8.00 am and 9.00 am;
 - (j) 9.00 am and 10.00 am;
 - (k) 10.00 am and 11.00 am;
 - (l) 11.00 am and 12.00 pm;
 - (m) 12.00 pm and 1.00 pm;
 - (n) 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm;
 - (o) 2.00 pm and 3.00 pm;
 - (p) 3.00 pm and 4.00 pm;
 - (q) 4.00 pm and 5.00 pm;

- (r) 5.00 pm and 6.00 pm;
- (s) 6.00 pm and 7.00 pm;
- (t) 7.00 pm and 8.00 pm;
- (u) 8.00 pm and 9.00 pm;
- (v) 9.00 pm and 10.00 pm;
- (w) 10.00 pm and 11.00 pm;
- (x) 11.00 pm and 12.00 am.

ANSWER:

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

QUESTION 1:

“For how many hours were outbound lanes operating at less than the maximum capacity due to unscheduled incidents.”

Answer:

Year	Total Number of Hours
2010–11	335
2011–12	253
2012–13	287
2013–14	320
2014–15 (to 30 April 2015)	184

The number of hours is the total combined duration of incidents each year as logged by VicRoads.

QUESTION 2:

“For unscheduled incidents closing at least one lane of the outbound lanes how many incident closed:

- (a) 1 lanes;
- (b) 2 lanes;
- (c) 3 lanes;
- (d) 4 lanes;
- (e) 5 lanes.”

Answer:

VicRoads’ records do not include the number of lanes closed and, as such, VicRoads is unable to provide a response to this question. The number of lanes closed during an unscheduled incident varies throughout the incident.

QUESTION 3:

“How many times were outbound lanes closed due to an unscheduled incident between the hours of (if a lane was closed for less than thirty minutes but across two time periods, only the first hour in which the lanes were closed, if a lane was closed for more than thirty minutes, all time periods in which lanes were closed)....” [the question is for each of the 24 hours per day]

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Answer:

Hour	Total Number of Times				
	2010–11	2011–12	2012–13	2013–14	2014–15*
0.00-1.00	10	12	17	13	7
1:00-2.00	4	3	6	11	9
2.00-3.00	4	7	5	7	6
3.00-4.00	5	9	7	5	2
4.00-5.00	9	5	5	7	4
5.00-6.00	9	8	8	11	5
6.00-7.00	30	22	27	25	13
7.00-8.00	24	17	24	22	13
8.00-9.00	23	29	28	26	19
9.00-10.00	30	30	26	30	23
10.00-11.00	45	26	38	33	24
11.00-12.00	48	38	34	46	27
12.00-13.00	48	25	34	37	32
13.00-14.00	44	32	41	24	33
14.00-15.00	50	45	40	23	29
15.00-16.00	48	51	45	41	29
16.00-17.00	52	56	62	38	35
17.00-18.00	52	42	54	54	28
18.00-19.00	49	40	58	48	38
19.00-20.00	20	29	33	27	23
20.00-21.00	22	19	17	28	8
21.00-22.00	20	17	16	14	11
22.00-23.00	13	18	16	17	9
23.00-24.00	10	18	11	14	10

* To 30 April 2015

QUESTION 4:

“How long were outbound lanes closed due to an unscheduled incident between the hours of:.” [the question is for each of the 24 hours per day]

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Answer:

Hour	Total Number of Hours (hours: minutes)				
	2010–11	2011–12	2012–13	2013–14	2014–15*
0.00-1.00	10:12	6:41	8:01	15:40	1:34
1.00-2.00	2:53	0:24	1:50	5:49	3:54
2.00-3.00	5:39	5:40	0:59	1:06	1:05
3.00-4.00	4:51	4:02	2:11	0:30	0:04
4.00-5.00	6:15	0:48	0:50	1:27	0:42
5.00-6.00	4:56	2:53	5:23	2:59	0:53
6.00-7.00	37:18	5:04	7:39	10:10	2:47
7.00-8.00	14:16	4:56	6:29	6:22	5:59
8.00-9.00	8:42	11:13	14:15	13:15	7:51
9.00-10.00	12:37	6:52	8:57	11:01	8:23
10.00-11.00	18:18	14:42	15:51	8:51	12:21
11.00-12.00	16:14	15:58	17:51	39:04	12:13
12.00-13.00	17:56	7:04	16:49	33:25	14:20
13.00-14.00	16:03	13:34	11:41	3:54	28:29
14.00-15.00	17:35	16:50	17:35	22:23	6:31
15.00-16.00	21:08	13:50	10:40	38:47	12:15
16.00-17.00	23:07	19:52	48:13	16:15	11:42
17.00-18.00	20:42	18:06	16:36	15:26	9:03
18.00-19.00	18:03	25:04	30:13	25:55	18:51
19.00-20.00	12:48	24:41	23:18	8:18	9:16
20.00-21.00	17:08	11:28	6:52	11:17	2:27
21.00-22.00	7:24	5:01	6:05	5:22	3:45
22.00-23.00	8:09	6:02	5:26	16:51	7:35
23.00-24.00	12:39	12:38	3:15	5:29	1:34

* To 30 April 2015

QUESTION 5:

“How many lane hours (number of lanes closed multiplied by the length of time the lanes were closed) were outbound lanes closed due to an unscheduled incident between the hours of: ...” [the question is for each of the 24 hours per day]

Answer:

VicRoads’ records do not include the number of lanes closed and, as such, VicRoads is unable to provide a response to this question.

Energy and resources

202. **Mr CRISP** to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources— with reference to the augmentation of Mildura’s gas supply, when will the Berri compressor come on line.

ANSWER:

The project to increase gas capacity at Mildura includes the installation of a new compressor at Angaston, the installation of a new water bath heater at Berri and associated electrical, mechanical and civil works at both Angaston and Berri. Australian Gas Networks is well advanced in delivering this Project and expects to commission the Project by 31 July 2015.

Roads and road safety

206. **Ms RYALL** to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety— with reference to the answer provided for Constituency Question 154, regarding number of cars per day that cross the Heatherdale Road level crossing in Mitcham:

- (1) When was that vehicle count of 12 000 undertaken.
- (2) Since 1 January 2009:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidences that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;
 - (b) what is the number of accidental pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The traffic count of 12 000 on Heatherdale Road was recorded in 2011 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics require significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Housing, disability and ageing

276. **Mr HIBBINS** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — What is the status of the proposed masterplan for Prahran’s public housing estates.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- Work is progressing on finalisation of a preferred masterplan for the Prahran public housing estates.
- In developing the final plan, my department is considering the feedback from the 2014 community consultation together with other project and design priorities.
- The community will have an opportunity to review the final plan before it is submitted to the Minister for Planning for approval. The planning submission is expected to be lodged later this year.

Education

277. **Mr WAKELING** to ask the Minister for Education — Do all relocatable buildings currently in use on school premises meet the requirements of the:

- (1) Building Act 1993.

- (2) Disability (Access to Premises-Building) Standards 2010.
- (3) Building Code of Australia.
- (4) Australian Standards.
- (5) Occupational Health and Safety Regulations.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Relocatable buildings are a state-wide asset, and the Department of Education and Training works to provide schools with safe and secure learning environments.

All new relocatable buildings provided to schools meet all building and occupational health and safety standards at the time of their installation.

Older relocatable buildings transferred between schools have all asbestos removed, and they are fully refurbished to meet the requirements of modern teaching and learning.

Transferred relocatable buildings meet all the applicable requirements of the above-mentioned standards-however, as relocatable buildings are exempt from building permits, some regulations may not apply.

With regard to Disability Standards (and based on student demand), the Department operates a dedicated program tailored to ensure that school buildings are accessible to students with disabilities. One size does not fit all, and the Department works with schools to achieve solutions that meet individual access needs. This program applies to both permanent and relocatable buildings.

Education

278. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Education —

- (1) Is the Government committed to retaining Primary Welfare Officer funding.
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that the figures for 2015 and 2016 in Budget Paper 2015–2016 No 3, page 190, will not change.
- (3) Will Primary Welfare Officer funding be allocated for the years 2017 and 2018.
- (4) How many Primary Welfare Officers are currently employed.
- (5) Will all schools that currently employ one or more Primary Welfare Officers retain their officers and current level of funding.
- (6) Will funding be increased to allow for more Primary Welfare Officers; if so, when can schools expect to receive this new funding.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Andrews Labor Government is committed to supporting health and wellbeing initiatives to cater for the needs of all students in Victorian government schools, including through the provision of funding for the Primary Welfare Officer (PWO) initiative.

I can confirm the information appearing on page 190 in Budget Paper 3, 2015-16 is correct.

The current PWO funding criteria takes into account a school's enrolment and its relative level of need using the 2011 Student Family Occupation (SFO) index. To continue to use 2011 SFO data to determine future allocations will not achieve fairness and equity in funding. The Government will consider options for resource allocation for 2016 and beyond.

Schools make local decisions about the number of staff they employ from PWO funds. As outlined in the PWO guidelines, schools may elect to:

- provide time release for an existing staff member with health and wellbeing experience to undertake the PWO role,
- employ a new staff member with appropriate skills and experience to be a PWO, or
- establish a partnership with a community service agency to provide PWO services.

Schools will be notified of funding allocations and any transition arrangements through the indicative Student Resource Package budget in September.

Environment, climate change and water

279. Ms SANDELL to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water — With reference to the estimated \$403 million expected to be in the Sustainability Fund by the end of 2014–15, is the Minister seeking to amend the rules for allocation of these funds to ensure they can be distributed in a timely fashion, rather than accruing over several years.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Investment in the environment over the past four years diminished considerably—less than \$10 million in new investment was made from the Sustainability Fund, leading to substantial growth in the fund’s balance. All other funding announced was reallocations of previous Labor Government initiatives, totalling approximately \$118 million.

For 2015-16, the Andrews Government is investing \$32.2 million in funding for immediate action in priority areas: climate change, waste reduction, contaminated land and assisting our native species to adapt to a changing climate. \$22.4 million of this is new monies from the Sustainability Fund.

This builds on existing allocations from the Sustainability Fund, resulting in the largest ever single year of expenditure from the fund to date (\$41.3 million).

In *Our Environment, Our Future* the Andrews Government committed to considering more efficient ways to use the revenue on waste going to landfill. We will consider the efficiency and transparency in administration as well as prioritisation of initiatives to ensure this Government delivers on the significant amount of work ahead.

The Government is in the process of drafting a new Priority Statement for the Sustainability Fund which will consider the funding priorities of this Government. The community will be consulted in developing the statement.

Important strategic work currently being undertaken by the Government that may inform future allocations includes reviewing the Climate Change Act, developing an Adaptation Plan and completing the Statewide Waste and Resource Recovery Infrastructure Plan (SWRRIP).

Together, this program of work will ensure the Government can make timely investments in line with the Sustainability Fund’s legislated purposes to deliver on the Government’s priorities in 2016-17 and the years ahead.

Education

280. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Education — Can the Minister confirm that the Victorian Government’s Vision for Languages Education 2013–2025 remains a vision of the Andrews Government; if so:

- (1) Has any funding been allocated for the continuation of the program; if so, how much and in what years.

- (2) Is the program still on target for the goal of 100 per cent of government schools to provide a foundation (Prep) level languages program by 2015.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Andrews Government is committed to ensuring that all Victorian students benefit from a broad, world class curriculum that equips them with the skills to excel in an increasingly multicultural and multilingual world.

The Andrews Government will ensure that languages education is a core part of the curriculum, and that schools are supported to provide high quality languages programs for all students.

A range of initiatives are provided to support schools introduce and improve languages programs, including:

- scholarships to train new languages teachers
- a languages teacher register
- language-specific support for teachers, including in-country study
- online resources in a range of languages
- support for cluster approaches to languages education, including sharing language teachers across schools; and
- use of technology to provide language programs to rural schools which experience difficulty in accessing a specialist language teacher.

The VRQA recently granted an exemption till 31 December 2015 to a number of schools not providing a foundation languages program as at the end of 2014. The Department is working with these schools to assist them establish a quality language program.

The Andrews Labor Government will build on Victoria’s reputation to ensure that Victoria remains a leader in languages education, with a focus on quality education programs not targets.

Education

281. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Education —

- (1) With reference to the Minister’s reply to Question on Notice 36, when will the funding for the purchase of land for Armstrong Creek West Primary School be allocated.
- (2) When will the funding for the purchase of land for Point Cook Senior School (Point Cook) be allocated.
- (3) With reference to Budget Paper 2015–16 No 4, page 27, c, Land acquisitions, what is included in the term ‘various’.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

- (1) The Victorian Government is committed to investing in education and school infrastructure, and this has been demonstrated through the allocation of \$730 million to school facilities in the 2015-16 State Budget.

The funding provided through the 2015-16 State Budget represents a crucial first step in creating the Education State and we will continue to invest in school infrastructure throughout this term of government.

The Government is committed to funding Armstrong Creek West Primary School within this term of government. A potential site has been identified by the Department and the City of Greater Geelong. The

timing and allocation of funding for Armstrong Creek West Primary School will be considered as part of the annual state budget process alongside other state wide infrastructure projects.

- (2) The Government is committed to funding a Senior Secondary College in Point Cook within this term of government. The Department is currently working with Wyndham City Council to find a suitable site for the school. The timing and allocation of funding for the school will be considered as part of the annual state budget process alongside other state wide infrastructure projects.
- (3) In Budget Paper 2015-16 No.4, page 27, c the term ‘various’ refers to land acquisition funding for future school sites in multiple locations.

The \$40 million will purchase land for new schools in some of Melbourne’s fastest growing suburbs including Taylor’s Hill West, Edgar’s Creek, Davis Creek and Gum Scrub Creek.

Housing, disability and ageing

- 282.** Ms SANDELL to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — What concrete measures are the Government undertaking to address the risks caused by heatwaves to residents of public housing.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Air conditioning is provided by the Department of Health and Human Services in public housing where a tenant or household member demonstrates a need for stable room temperature control due to a medical condition or disability.

Public housing tenants can install air conditioning at their own expense after getting permission from their local housing offices. As part of the upgrades to high rise estates, apertures have been provided to enable installation of air conditioners to high rise flats if required.

In addition, the Department of Health & Human Services operates a Cooler Places Program on days where a Heat Health Alert has been declared. Under this program, there are 107 (as at 2 December 2014) public housing community facilities across Victoria that are air conditioned ‘drop in’ centres open to all public housing tenants and residents seeking relief from extreme temperatures.

The Department of Health & Human Services also operates the Keeping in Touch Program for public housing tenants aged 75 years and over living alone who have registered for the service. As part of this program, tenants who have registered are telephoned once a week to check on their welfare. Registered tenants receive additional calls during heat wave periods and are provided with details of the Cooler Places across the state.

Housing, disability and ageing

- 295.** Ms SANDELL to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Is the Government considering implementing penalties for businesses that turn away trainee Seeing Eye Dogs being escorted by a volunteer carer.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- Under the Domestic Animals Act 1994, a visually impaired person, or a person training a guide dog, may at all times and in all places be accompanied by a dog kept and used, or trained by him or her as a guide dog.
- Whilst this issue does not fall directly under my portfolio, the Victorian Government has been working collaboratively with Guide Dogs Victoria and Vision Australia to develop a joint campaign to educate businesses on the access rights for guide dogs and trainee guide dogs.

- A number of complaints mechanisms are also available, including:
 - The Australian Human Rights Commission,
 - Public Education Officers from Guide Dogs Victoria,
 - The Taxi Services Commission for those turned away from taxis and
 - Disability advocacy services such as Blind Citizens Australia.
- Guide dogs play an important role in supporting people who are visually impaired to be included in the community. I am fully committed to ensuring that people who are visually impaired or people who are training a guide dog have equal rights to access businesses and taxis in the same way as other members of the community.
- There are currently no plans to introduce legislative penalties for businesses that turn away trainee guide dogs. However, I would like to make it clear that businesses, like the rest of the community, are on notice that any form of discriminatory treatment, or indeed a lack of understanding toward people with vision impairment, is never acceptable.

Energy and resources

297. Ms SANDELL to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources — How will the \$20 million for the wind industry in the 2015–16 Budget be allocated.

ANSWER:

The Victorian Government is developing the New Energy Technology Sector Strategy and the Future Industries Fund, which informs the design of the \$20 million New Energy Jobs Fund (The Fund).

The Fund will support Victorian-based projects via grants that: provide long-term sustainable jobs; increase community participation; increase the uptake of renewable energy generation; reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and drive innovation of renewable energy technologies.

The actual allocation of grant funding of the various new energy technologies (including wind) for the Fund will depend on the quality of the proposals against the merit-based criteria currently being developed.

Energy and resources

298. Ms SANDELL to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources — What are the dates and specific requirements of the key energy technology innovation milestones in the 2015–16 budget papers.

ANSWER:

The various energy technology innovation programs referenced in the 2015–16 budget papers cover the:

- Sustainable Energy Research & Development (SERD2) program
- Sustainable Energy Pilot Demonstration (SEPD) program
- Low Emission Energy Technology (LEET) program
- Advanced Lignite Demonstration Program (ALDP)

The SEPD, SERD2 and LEET projects that are currently progressing include:

- Port Fairy Pilot Wave Energy project (\$5 million grant);
- Direct Geothermal Heating and Cooling Pilot Demonstration (\$1.6 million grant);
- Development of low cost roofing material integrated with photovoltaic (\$1.4 million grant); and
- Stage 2C Otway storage trial (\$5 million grant)

Three projects were awarded a total of \$37.5 million Victorian Government funding under the ALDP by the previous government and will need to secure private funding as a precondition for the grant funding.

The deliverable 'Facilitate the delivery of key energy technology innovation milestones in line with grant agreements' referenced in the 2015–16 budget papers is expected to be met 100 per cent.

The projects are managed under specific grant funding agreements that include the project milestone dates and specific requirements, which are commercial in confidence.

Energy and resources

299. Ms SANDELL to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources — With reference to the New Energy Jobs Fund:

- (1) What is the specific definition of New Energy.
- (2) Does New Energy include any energy derived from coal.

ANSWER:

The \$20 million New Energy Jobs Fund will support Victorian-based projects that provide long-term sustainable jobs, increase the uptake of renewable energy generation, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and drive innovation in new energy technologies.

The Fund will not support fossil-fuel projects using coal, petroleum or natural gas. However, projects that substitute fossil-fuels with renewable alternatives will be eligible to apply.

Energy and resources

300. Ms SANDELL to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources — How many exploration licence applications, mining industry work plans and mining licence applications waiting to be processed relate to coal seam gas or unconventional gas.

ANSWER:

There is currently (as at 16 June 2015) seven applications for exploration licences that have not been determined, as the applications contain coal seam gas or unconventional gas, and due to the moratorium on such commodities the applications remain in abeyance.

There is a Coal Seam Gas work plan and two Oil Shale work plans submitted to the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport & Resources that will not be determined until the moratorium is lifted.

Energy and resources

301. Ms SANDELL to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources — Does the Government plan to allocate any or all of the 13 billion tonnes of unallocated, potentially economic brown coal in the Latrobe Valley (as identified by the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources) to prospective developers; if so, when and under what conditions.

ANSWER:

The Victorian Government is focused on supporting the development of new energy technologies, including renewables and energy efficiency. Any new coal proposals would need to be assessed against economic, social and environmental considerations through a robust, transparent and inclusive process so that both communities and industry can have confidence in the outcome.

Energy and resources

302. Ms SANDELL to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources — Does the Government intend to continue to fund clean coal projects.

ANSWER:

Victorian Government funding of any future energy projects will be considered on a case by case basis. All new proposals, including those that focus on addressing carbon emissions from Victoria’s brown coal resources, will be assessed against economic, social, and environmental considerations.

Energy and resources

303. Ms SANDELL to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources — Does the Government intend to encourage a coal export industry in Victoria.

ANSWER:

The Government recognises that there is domestic and international interest in accessing Victoria’s coal for export.

Any future coal developments will need to demonstrate technical and commercial viability, meet environmental standards and achieve a social licence to operate.

Environment, climate change and water

308. Ms SANDELL to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water — What are the plans and timeline for the remediation and rehabilitation of the Anglesea coal mine site, and how much, if any, public money is expected to be spent on the rehabilitation.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Rehabilitation will be overseen by the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources with input from relevant departments. Alcoa is focused on the safe closure of the mine and power station and once complete it will prepare the rehabilitation plan.

Alcoa has committed to meeting all of its requirements around rehabilitation of the mine and power station. The Victorian Government will be working with the Anglesea community, Surf Coast Council and other stakeholders to explore future uses and needs for the region.

There will be major, long-term remediation and revegetation needed on the site. The Victorian Government has not been asked to contribute costs for rehabilitation at the Anglesea coal mine site.

Energy and resources

309. Ms SANDELL to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources — Will the Minister remove Alcoa’s freedom of information exemptions now that the Anglesea coal mine and power plant, and Point Henry smelter, have all closed.

ANSWER:

The statutory arrangements relating to Alcoa’s activities will not be affected in the immediate future by the company’s decision to close its Anglesea and Point Henry sites.

Alcoa will continue to be engaged in activities relating to the smelter and mine site for some time, despite manufacturing and mining operations ceasing. For example, Alcoa is required to fully rehabilitate the sites.

The Government has established an interdepartmental committee to ensure an effective and coordinated approach to Anglesea's closure and rehabilitation.

The Anglesea community will also be consulted about the rehabilitation of the mine and decommissioning of the power station.

Environment, climate change and water

320. **Mr CRISP** to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water — With reference to the Parks Victoria depot at Speed:

- (1) What is the current operational status of the depot.
- (2) What are the future plans for the depot.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Speed Work Centre is operational. There are no current plans to alter these arrangements.

Education

321. **Mr WAKELING** to ask the Minister for Education — What will be the total cost to remove all asbestos from government schools by the year 2020.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Andrews Labor Government has used its first Education State Budget to allocate \$730 million to school infrastructure to build, upgrade and maintain schools across the State. This is the largest investment in school infrastructure ever made in Victoria.

As you are aware, the Government has set a goal for all government schools to be asbestos-free by 2020. The 2015-16 State Budget provides \$42 million as part of an extensive \$100 million asbestos-removal program; this program represents the first phase in the Government's commitment to remove asbestos from all government school buildings.

This funding will enable completion of the audit program of all schools as well as removing and, where required, replacing relocatable buildings across the State in poor condition and containing high levels of asbestos.

The Department of Education and Training is undertaking an extensive asbestos audit program of all government schools, which includes the identification and scheduled removal of all high-risk asbestos. This program began in March 2013, and by March 2016, all schools will have an asbestos audit no more than three years old.

The data from these audits will be the most comprehensive snapshot of asbestos in government schools ever collected. From this data, the Government will be able to quantify the amount of asbestos in schools and develop targeted strategies for removing asbestos in schools, ensuring safe learning environments for all staff and students.

Environment, climate change and water

332. **Ms MCLEISH** to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water — How many sites have been surveyed for Leadbeater's possums in Victorian national parks since 27 November 2010.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

A total of 604 sites have been surveyed for Leadbeater's Possum in Victorian national parks by the Victorian Government since 27 November 2010.

Environment, climate change and water

333. Ms MCLEISH to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water — How many sites have been surveyed for Leadbeater's possums in Victorian State forests since 27 November 2010.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

A total of 332 sites have been surveyed for Leadbeater's Possum in Victorian state forests by the Victorian Government since 27 November 2010.

Environment, climate change and water

334. Ms MCLEISH to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water — How many Leadbeater's possums have been identified in Victorian national parks since 27 November 2010 as part of surveys.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The total number of sites where Leadbeater's Possum have been recorded in Victorian national parks and reserves since 27 November 2010 is 152.

Environment, climate change and water

335. Ms MCLEISH to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water — How many Leadbeater's possums have been identified in Victorian State forests since 27 November 2010 as part of surveys.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The total number of sites where Leadbeater's Possum have been recorded in state forests since 27 November 2010 is 189.

Environment, climate change and water

336. Ms MCLEISH to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water — How many reported sightings of Leadbeater's possums have the Victorian Government received from other parties since 1 January 2015.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Between 1 January 2015 and 30 June 2015, the Victorian Government received five submissions of reported sightings of Leadbeater's Possums from other parties external to government.

Environment, climate change and water

337. Ms MCLEISH to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water — Have Leadbeater's possums been found in nest boxes; if so, how many.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Yes, Leadbeater's Possums or nesting material have been found in 219 nest boxes.

Environment, climate change and water

338. Ms **MCLEISH** to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water — Have any Leadbeater's possums been found in areas harvested for timber in the 1980s, 1990s or burnt in the 1983 Ash Wednesday fires.

ANSWER:

I am informed that: Yes.

Environment, climate change and water

339. Ms **MCLEISH** to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water — How many Leadbeater's possums have been detected between 16 February 1983 and 27 November 2010.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

There are 548 records of Leadbeater's Possum detected between 16 February 1983 and 27 November 2010 registered in the Victorian Biodiversity Atlas (VBA).

The VBA holds all records of Leadbeater's Possum sightings obtained through surveys conducted by the Victorian Government and verified records submitted by other parties.

Training and skills

351. Mr **HIBBINS** to ask the Minister for Education for the Minister for Training and Skills — In 2014–15:

- (1) How many times has the Department of Education and Training undertaken an audit or review of a Registered Training Organisation (RTO).
- (2) How many times was an RTO found to be in non-compliance of its VET funding contract.
- (3) What were the names of the RTOs found to be in non-compliance of their VET funding contract.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

I wish to take this opportunity to emphasise that the Government takes the provision of quality training within the VET sector extremely seriously. To this end, as part of the Review, I have announced \$9 million in funding towards improving the Department's oversight of RTOs. This funding will be specifically dedicated towards expanding the number and scope of the audits the Department conducts in 2015 and 2016.

In 2014, the Department conducted audits at 116 RTOs.

The recently released *Review of Quality Assurance in Victoria's VET system* (the Review) detailed 19 key recommendations to improve the Department's quality assurance over contracted RTOs, and provide stronger information to consumers.

One of the Review's 19 recommendations explicitly relates to making publicly available information regarding completed and agreed audit results. As such, I have directed the Department to commence action towards meeting

this commitment going forward. This will include identification of RTOs subject to contract termination as a result of compliance action — information that is not at present publicly available..

Training and skills

352. Mr HIBBINS to ask the Minister for Education for the Minister for Training and Skills — In 2014–15:

- (1) How many times has the Market Monitoring Unit undertaken a review or an investigation into a Registered Training Organisation (RTO).
- (2) What were the names of the RTOs reviewed or investigated.
- (3) What were the outcomes of the reviews and/or investigations.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Market Monitoring Unit (MMU) was established by the previous government in 2012 to understand market behaviours.

To achieve this, the MMU engages with RTOs to obtain qualitative and quantitative evidence related to specific areas of market concern. However, the MMU does not conduct specific investigation or reviews into individual RTOs.

Given widespread concern about quality of provision, roting of taxpayer funded training and inappropriate market behaviour under the previous government, the Andrews Government commissioned a major Review of Quality of VET provision, including an injection of \$9 million to undertake an immediate audit blitz.

From 1 July 2015, the MMU has been transferred to the Higher Education and Skills Group. This move will consolidate and strengthen the Department's ability to monitor delivery of VET in Victoria and to implement reforms associated with the quality assurance review..

Roads and road safety

353. Mr SMITH (Warrandyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — With reference to the intersection at Robinsons Road and Westernport Highway, Pearcedale, between 1 January 2014 and 18 June 2015:

- (1) How many fatalities have been recorded as a result of vehicle accidents at the intersection, and on what dates were these recorded.
- (2) How many injuries have been recorded as a result of vehicle accidents at the intersection, and on what dates were these recorded.
- (3) How many vehicle collisions resulting in no or minor injuries have been recorded at the intersection, and on what dates were these recorded.

ANSWER:

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

Every day the Andrews Labor Government in partnership with VicRoads works hard to reduce the fatalities on our roads. Even one Victorian losing their life on our roads is too many.

With regards to the intersection at Robinsons Road and Westernport Highway. Based on VicRoads' records, which are populated with crashes as information is received and validated with Victoria Police, between 1 January 2014 and 18 June 2015 at the intersection of the Western Port Highway and Robinsons Road:

- (1) One fatality occurred on 29 May 2015.

- (2) Two persons were seriously injured and two persons sustained 'other' injuries on 3 March 2014. One person was seriously injured on 18 June 2014. One person sustained 'other' injuries on 4 September 2014 and one person sustained 'other' injuries on 5 September 2014.
- (3) Crashes resulting in no injuries to any persons involved are not recorded in VicRoads' system.

While VicRoads' crash records are considered generally complete until the end of 2014, there may be some crashes in 2014, and particularly 2015, which may not yet be included in VicRoads' records.

Education

355. Ms SANDELL to ask the Minister for Education — Will the Andrews Labor Government commit to funding the Bendigo Discovery Science and Technology Centre.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Bendigo Discovery Science and Technology Centre is a not-for-profit incorporated association managed by the Bendigo Trust.

The Centre receives operating funding from the Bendigo Council in addition to funding sourced via philanthropic and Government grants.

Bendigo Trust has made a decision not to keep the Centre open past 12 July 2015.

In July 2014, the Centre applied for funding through the Strategic Partnerships Program of the Department of Education and Training (the Department).

The Centre was successful in their application for \$70 000 funding as part of the 2015-17 Triennium of the Strategic Partnerships Program. This funding is for the delivery of the 'Creative Innovation in Regional Victoria Program' which provides hands-on opportunities for local students to build skills in science and innovation.

A Common Funding Agreement between the Department and the Centre was signed in early 2015 and the first annual payment of \$23 800 was paid in March 2015.

The Department's partnership with the Discovery Science & Technology Centre is valued and the Centre is acknowledged as providing a vital role in broadening the educational experiences for students.

The Department is currently in discussions with the Discovery Science & Technology Centre regarding the future of this program and the reported closure.

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.*

Wednesday, 5 August 2015

Roads and road safety

205. Mr SMITH (Warrantyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — with reference to the level crossing on Ferguson Street, Williamstown:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.
- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;
 - (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	20930

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

207. Mr SMITH (Warrantyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety— with reference to the level crossing on Furlong Road, St Albans:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.
- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;
 - (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	14971

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

208. Mr SMITH (Warrandyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — with reference to the level crossing on Kororoit Creek Road, Williamstown North:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.
- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;
 - (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	20930

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

209. Mr SMITH (Warrandyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety— with reference to the level crossing on Main Road East/West, St Albans:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.
- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;

- (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	6887

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

210. Mr SMITH (Warrantyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety— with reference to the level crossing on Werribee Street, Werribee:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.
- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;
 - (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	24364

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

211. Mr SMITH (Warrantyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — with reference to the level crossing on Bell Street, Coburg:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.

- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
- (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;
 - (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	42485

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

212. Mr SMITH (Warrandyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — with reference to the level crossing on Bell Street, Preston:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.
- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;
 - (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	50055

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

213. Mr SMITH (Warrantyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — with reference to the level crossing on Buckley Street, Essendon:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.
- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;
 - (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	5912

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

214. Mr SMITH (Warrantyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — with reference to the level crossing on Camp Road, Campbellfield:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.
- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;
 - (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	27032

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

215. Mr SMITH (Warrandyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety— with reference to the level crossing on Glenroy Road, Glenroy:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.
- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;
 - (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	20570

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

216. Mr SMITH (Warrandyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — with reference to the level crossing on High Street, Reservoir:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.
- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;
 - (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	37488

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

217. Mr SMITH (Warrantyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — with reference to the level crossing on Lower Plenty Road, Rosanna:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.
- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;
 - (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	21210

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

218. Mr SMITH (Warrantyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — with reference to the level crossing on Moreland Road, Brunswick:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.
- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;
 - (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	16833

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

219. Mr SMITH (Warrandyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — with reference to the level crossing on Blackburn Road, Blackburn:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.
- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;
 - (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	16533

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

220. Mr SMITH (Warrandyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — with reference to the level crossing on Maroondah Highway, Lilydale:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.
- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;
 - (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	25450

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

221. Mr SMITH (Warrantyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety— with reference to the level crossing on Mountain Highway, Bayswater:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.
- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;
 - (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	42846

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

222. Mr SMITH (Warrantyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety— with reference to the level crossing on Scoresby Road, Bayswater:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.
- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;

- (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	22162

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

223. Mr SMITH (Warrandyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — with reference to the level crossing on Burke Road, Glen Iris:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.
- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;
 - (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	26830

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

224. Mr SMITH (Warrandyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety— with reference to the level crossing on Centre Road, Clayton:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.

- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;
 - (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	8798

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

225. Mr SMITH (Warrandyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — with reference to the level crossing on Charman Road, Cheltenham:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.
- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;
 - (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	13889

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

226. Mr SMITH (Warrantyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — with reference to the level crossing on Clayton Road, Clayton:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.
- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;
 - (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	17547

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

227. Mr SMITH (Warrantyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — with reference to the level crossing on Grange Road, Carnegie:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.
- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;
 - (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	8942

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

228. Mr SMITH (Warrandyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — with reference to the level crossing on Koornang Road, Carnegie:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.
- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;
 - (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	15368

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

229. Mr SMITH (Warrandyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — with reference to the level crossing on Murrumbeena Road, Murrumbeena:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.
- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;
 - (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	16857

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

230. Mr SMITH (Warrantyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety— with reference to the level crossing on North Road, Ormond:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.
- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;
 - (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	38860

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

231. Mr SMITH (Warrantyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety— with reference to the level crossing on Poath Road, Murrumbena:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.
- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;
 - (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	11170

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

232. Mr SMITH (Warrantyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — with reference to the level crossing on Toorak Road, Kooyong:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.
- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;
 - (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	28790

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

233. Mr SMITH (Warrantyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — with reference to the level crossing on Abbots Road, Dandenong South:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.
- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;
 - (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	23406

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

234. Mr SMITH (Warrandyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — with reference to the level crossing on Chandler Road, Noble Park:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.
- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;
 - (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	15787

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

235. Mr SMITH (Warrandyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — with reference to the level crossing on Clyde Road, Berwick:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.
- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;

- (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	25741

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

236. Mr SMITH (Warrandyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — with reference to the level crossing on Corrigan Road, Noble Park:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.
- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;
 - (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	10260

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

237. Mr SMITH (Warrandyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — with reference to the level crossing on Edithvale Road, Edithvale:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.

- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;
 - (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	13389

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

238. Mr SMITH (Warrantyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — with reference to the level crossing on Hallam Road, Hallam:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.
- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;
 - (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	21254

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

239. Mr SMITH (Warrantyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — with reference to the level crossing on Heatherton Road, Noble Park:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.
- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;
 - (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	27199

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

240. Mr SMITH (Warrandyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — with reference to the level crossing on Seaford Road, Seaford:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.
- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;
 - (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	13678

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

241. Mr SMITH (Warrantyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — with reference to the level crossing on Skye Road, Frankston:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.
- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;
 - (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	10127

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

242. Mr SMITH (Warrantyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — with reference to the level crossing on South Gippsland Highway, Dandenong:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.
- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;
 - (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	38189

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

243. Mr SMITH (Warrandyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — with reference to the level crossing on Station Street, Bonbeach:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.
- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;
 - (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	4655

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

Roads and road safety

244. Mr SMITH (Warrandyte) to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety— with reference to the level crossing on Thompsons Road, Lyndhurst:

- (1) What is the number of cars per day that cross this level crossing.
- (2) When was a traffic count most recently undertaken at this level crossing.
- (3) Since 1 January 2005:
 - (a) what is the number of vehicle crash incidents that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur;
 - (b) what is the number of pedestrian fatalities or injuries that have occurred at this level crossing, and on what dates did these incidents (if any) occur.

ANSWER:

The below statistics have been provided to respond directly to the above questions. These statistics do not represent the associated congestion, safety, economic or public transport impacts of each level crossing and do not provide an accurate comparison of level crossings.

The traffic volume statistics were recorded on 5 May 2015 by the VicRoads SCATS system. Please note that traffic volume statistics do not identify the type of vehicle, length of trip, origin or destination.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, 5 August 2015

Vehicle	No. of vehicles per day
All vehicles	24899

The crash statistics and pedestrian fatality statistics for the time period requested have been recorded by multiple organisations, in different systems, and are not available in a consolidated format. Providing these statistics requires significant data consolidation and validation which would currently be an unreasonable burden on resources.

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, 6 August 2015**Agriculture**

296. Ms SANDELL to ask the Minister for Public Transport for the Minister for Agriculture — What steps is the Government taking to address the discrimination faced by guide dog carers, trainers and handlers when using taxi services.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Under the Domestic Animals Act 1994, Section 7(4) states that a visually impaired person, a hearing impaired person, or a person training a guide dog may, at all times and in all places be accompanied by a dog kept and used, or trained by him or her as a guide dog.

The Andrews Labor Government has been working with Guide Dogs Victoria and Vision Australia Seeing Eye Dogs to develop a joint education campaign to highlight access rights for guide dogs and puppies in training. This campaign builds on existing, well recognised branding.

A new window sticker for restaurants, cafés and taxis has been developed. The sticker was launched by me on 29 April 2015 for International Guide Dog Day. The wording is 'Welcome-Guide Dogs, Seeing Eye Dogs and puppies in training can enter' and is jointly branded for both organisations.

The Government has printed 5000 of these stickers and provided them to the two organisations, for distribution throughout the community. The organisations have also been provided with printing artwork should they want to produce additional stickers.

My department has also created a new page on the pets website www.depi.vic.gov.au/pets/dogs/guide-dogs-and-seeing-eye-dogs to educate people about the access rights of guide dogs and puppies in training. Information on this page clarifies that in Victoria, guide dogs (and seeing eye dogs) are legally able to travel on taxis, and are quiet, well behaved, non-aggressive and completely clean at all times. When travelling, guide dogs are trained to sit quietly at their handler's feet and will not disturb or lick the driver. The campaign information emphasises that it is illegal for taxi drivers to pass up a passenger because they have a guide dog. Individuals who are discriminated against can contact the Taxi Services Commission to lodge a formal complaint.