

PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA

**PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES
(HANSARD)**

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FIFTY-EIGHTH PARLIAMENT

FIRST SESSION

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

18 September to 8 October 2015

(Extract from book 14)

Internet: www.parliament.vic.gov.au/downloadhansard

By authority of the Victorian Government Printer

The Governor

The Honourable LINDA DESSAU, AM

The Lieutenant-Governor

The Honourable Justice MARILYN WARREN, AC, QC

The ministry

Premier	The Hon. D. M. Andrews, MP
Deputy Premier and Minister for Education	The Hon. J. A. Merlino, MP
Treasurer	The Hon. T. H. Pallas, MP
Minister for Public Transport and Minister for Employment	The Hon. J. Allan, MP
Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade	The Hon. P. Dalidakis, MLC
Minister for Industry, and Minister for Energy and Resources	The Hon. L. D'Ambrosio, MP
Minister for Roads and Road Safety, and Minister for Ports	The Hon. L. A. Donnellan, MP
Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Minister for Sport and Minister for Veterans	The Hon. J. H. Eren, MP
Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Equality and Minister for Creative Industries	The Hon. M. P. Foley, MP
Minister for Emergency Services, and Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gaming and Liquor Regulation	The Hon. J. F. Garrett, MP
Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services	The Hon. J. Hennessy, MP
Minister for Training and Skills	The Hon. S. R. Herbert, MLC
Minister for Local Government, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Minister for Industrial Relations	The Hon. N. M. Hutchins, MP
Special Minister of State	The Hon. G. Jennings, MLC
Minister for Families and Children, and Minister for Youth Affairs	The Hon. J. Mikakos, MLC
Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water	The Hon. L. M. Neville, MP
Minister for Police and Minister for Corrections	The Hon. W. M. Noonan, MP
Attorney-General and Minister for Racing	The Hon. M. P. Pakula, MP
Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Regional Development	The Hon. J. L. Pulford, MLC
Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence	The Hon. F. Richardson, MP
Minister for Finance and Minister for Multicultural Affairs	The Hon. R. D. Scott, MP
Minister for Planning	The Hon. R. W. Wynne, MP
Cabinet Secretary	Ms M. Kairouz, MP

**OFFICE-HOLDERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FIFTY-EIGHTH PARLIAMENT — FIRST SESSION**

Speaker:

The Hon. TELMO LANGUILLER

Deputy Speaker:

Mr D. A. NARDELLA

Acting Speakers:

Mr Angus, Mr Blackwood, Ms Blandthorn, Mr Carbines, Mr Crisp, Mr Dixon, Ms Edwards, Ms Halfpenny,
Ms Kilkenny, Mr McCurdy, Mr McGuire, Ms McLeish, Mr Pearson, Ms Ryall, Ms Thomas,
Mr Thompson, Ms Thomson, Ms Ward and Mr Watt.

Leader of the Parliamentary Labor Party and Premier:

The Hon. D. M. ANDREWS

Deputy Leader of the Parliamentary Labor Party and Deputy Premier:

The Hon. J. A. MERLINO

Leader of the Parliamentary Liberal Party and Leader of the Opposition:

The Hon. M. J. GUY

Deputy Leader of the Parliamentary Liberal Party and Deputy Leader of the Opposition:

The Hon. D. J. HODGETT

Leader of The Nationals:

The Hon. P. L. WALSH

Deputy Leader of The Nationals:

Ms S. RYAN

Heads of parliamentary departments

Assembly — Clerk of the Parliaments and Clerk of the Legislative Assembly: Mr R. W. Purdey

Council — Clerk of the Legislative Council: Mr A. Young

Parliamentary Services — Secretary: Mr P. Lochert

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FIFTY-EIGHTH PARLIAMENT — FIRST SESSION

Member	District	Party	Member	District	Party
Allan, Ms Jacinta Marie	Bendigo East	ALP	McLeish, Ms Lucinda Gaye	Eildon	LP
Andrews, Mr Daniel Michael	Mulgrave	ALP	Merlino, Mr James Anthony	Monbulk	ALP
Angus, Mr Neil Andrew Warwick	Forest Hill	LP	Morris, Mr David Charles	Mornington	LP
Asher, Ms Louise	Brighton	LP	Mulder, Mr Terence Wynn ¹	Polwarth	LP
Battin, Mr Bradley William	Gembrook	LP	Naphthine, Dr Denis Vincent ²	South-West Coast	LP
Blackwood, Mr Gary John	Narracan	LP	Nardella, Mr Donato Antonio	Melton	ALP
Blandthorn, Ms Elizabeth Anne	Pascoe Vale	ALP	Neville, Ms Lisa Mary	Bellarine	ALP
Brooks, Mr Colin William	Bundoora	ALP	Noonan, Mr Wade Matthew	Williamstown	ALP
Bull, Mr Joshua Michael	Sunbury	ALP	Northe, Mr Russell John	Morwell	Nats
Bull, Mr Timothy Owen	Gippsland East	Nats	O'Brien, Mr Daniel David ³	Gippsland South	Nats
Burgess, Mr Neale Ronald	Hastings	LP	O'Brien, Mr Michael Anthony	Malvern	LP
Carbines, Mr Anthony Richard	Ivanhoe	ALP	Pakula, Mr Martin Philip	Keysborough	ALP
Carroll, Mr Benjamin Alan	Niddrie	ALP	Pallas, Mr Timothy Hugh	Werribee	ALP
Clark, Mr Robert William	Box Hill	LP	Paynter, Mr Brian Francis	Bass	LP
Couzens, Ms Christine Anne	Geelong	ALP	Pearson, Mr Daniel James	Essendon	ALP
Crisp, Mr Peter Laurence	Mildura	Nats	Perera, Mr Jude	Cranbourne	ALP
D'Ambrosio, Ms Liliana	Mill Park	ALP	Pesutto, Mr John	Hawthorn	LP
Dimopoulos, Mr Stephen	Oakleigh	ALP	Richardson, Mr Timothy Noel	Mordialloc	ALP
Dixon, Mr Martin Francis	Nepean	LP	Richardson, Ms Fiona Catherine Alison	Northcote	ALP
Donnellan, Mr Luke Anthony	Narre Warren North	ALP	Ryall, Ms Deanne Sharon	Ringwood	LP
Edbrooke, Mr Paul Andrew	Frankston	ALP	Ryan, Mr Peter Julian ⁴	Gippsland South	Nats
Edwards, Ms Janice Maree	Bendigo West	ALP	Ryan, Ms Stephanie Maureen	Euroa	Nats
Eren, Mr John Hamdi	Lara	ALP	Sandell, Ms Ellen	Melbourne	Greens
Foley, Mr Martin Peter	Albert Park	ALP	Scott, Mr Robin David	Preston	ALP
Fyffe, Mrs Christine Anne	Evelyn	LP	Sheed, Ms Suzanna	Shepparton	Ind
Garrett, Ms Jane Furneaux	Brunswick	ALP	Smith, Mr Ryan	Warrandyte	LP
Gidley, Mr Michael Xavier Charles	Mount Waverley	LP	Smith, Mr Timothy Colin	Kew	LP
Graley, Ms Judith Ann	Narre Warren South	ALP	Southwick, Mr David James	Caulfield	LP
Green, Ms Danielle Louise	Yan Yean	ALP	Spence, Ms Rosalind Louise	Yuroke	ALP
Guy, Mr Matthew Jason	Bulleen	LP	Staikos, Mr Nicholas	Bentleigh	ALP
Halfpenny, Ms Bronwyn	Thomastown	ALP	Staley, Ms Louise Eileen	Ripon	LP
Hennessy, Ms Jill	Altona	ALP	Suleyman, Ms Natalie	St Albans	ALP
Hibbins, Mr Samuel Peter	Prahran	Greens	Thomas, Ms Mary-Anne	Macedon	ALP
Hodgett, Mr David John	Croydon	LP	Thompson, Mr Murray Hamilton Ross	Sandringham	LP
Howard, Mr Geoffrey Kemp	Buninyong	ALP	Thomson, Ms Marsha Rose	Footscray	ALP
Hutchins, Ms Natalie Maree Sykes	Sydenham	ALP	Tilley, Mr William John	Benambra	LP
Kairouz, Ms Marlene	Koroit	ALP	Victoria, Ms Heidi	Bayswater	LP
Katos, Mr Andrew	South Barwon	LP	Wakeling, Mr Nicholas	Ferntree Gully	LP
Kealy, Ms Emma Jayne	Lowan	Nats	Walsh, Mr Peter Lindsay	Murray Plains	Nats
Kilkenny, Ms Sonya	Carrum	ALP	Ward, Ms Vicki	Eltham	ALP
Knight, Ms Sharon Patricia	Wendouree	ALP	Watt, Mr Graham Travis	Burwood	LP
Languiller, Mr Telmo Ramon	Tarneit	ALP	Wells, Mr Kimberley Arthur	Rowville	LP
Lim, Mr Muy Hong	Clarinda	ALP	Williams, Ms Gabrielle	Dandenong	ALP
McCurdy, Mr Timothy Logan	Ovens Valley	Nats	Wynne, Mr Richard William	Richmond	ALP
McGuire, Mr Frank	Broadmeadows	ALP			

¹ Resigned 3 September 2015

² Resigned 3 September 2015

³ Elected 14 March 2015

⁴ Resigned 2 February 2015

PARTY ABBREVIATIONS

ALP — Labor Party; Greens — The Greens;
Ind — Independent; LP — Liberal Party; Nats — The Nationals.

Legislative Assembly committees

Privileges Committee — Ms Allan, Ms D’Ambrosio, Mr Morris, Ms Neville, Ms Ryan, Ms Sandell, Mr Scott and Mr Wells.

Standing Orders Committee — The Speaker, Ms Allan, Ms Asher, Mr Brooks, Mr Clark, Mr Hibbins, Mr Hodgett, Ms Kairouz, Mr Nardella, Ms Ryan and Ms Sheed.

Joint committees

Accountability and Oversight Committee — (*Assembly*): Mr Angus, Mr Gidley, Mr Staikos and Ms Thomson.
(*Council*): Ms Bath, Mr Purcell and Ms Symes.

Dispute Resolution Committee — (*Assembly*): Ms Allan, Mr Clark, Mr Merlino, Mr M. O’Brien, Mr Pakula, Ms Richardson and Mr Walsh. (*Council*): Mr Bourman, Mr Dalidakis, Ms Dunn, Mr Jennings and Ms Wooldridge.

Economic, Education, Jobs and Skills Committee — (*Assembly*): Mr Crisp, Mrs Fyffe, Mr Nardella and Ms Ryall.
(*Council*): Mr Bourman, Mr Elasmr and Mr Melhem.

Electoral Matters Committee — (*Assembly*): Ms Asher, Ms Blandthorn, Mr Dixon, Mr Northe and Ms Spence.
(*Council*): Ms Patten, Mr Somyurek.

Environment, Natural Resources and Regional Development Committee — (*Assembly*): Ms Halfpenny, Mr McCurdy, Mr Richardson, Mr Tilley and Ms Ward. (*Council*): Mr Ramsay and Mr Young.

Family and Community Development Committee — (*Assembly*): Ms Couzens, Mr Edbrooke, Ms Edwards, Ms Kealy, Ms McLeish and Ms Sheed. (*Council*): Mr Finn.

House Committee — (*Assembly*): The Speaker (*ex officio*), Mr J. Bull, Mr Crisp, Mrs Fyffe, Mr Staikos, Ms Suleyman and Mr Thompson. (*Council*): The President (*ex officio*), Mr Eideh, Ms Hartland, Ms Lovell, Mr Mulino and Mr Young.

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Committee — (*Assembly*): Mr Hibbins, Mr D. O’Brien, Mr Richardson, Ms Thomson and Mr Wells. (*Council*): Mr Ramsay and Ms Symes.

Law Reform, Road and Community Safety Committee — (*Assembly*): Mr Dixon, Mr Howard, Ms Suleyman, Mr Thompson and Mr Tilley. (*Council*): Mr Eideh and Ms Patten.

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee — (*Assembly*): Mr Dimopoulos, Mr Morris, Mr D. O’Brien, Mr Pearson, Mr T. Smith and Ms Ward. (*Council*): Dr Carling-Jenkins, Ms Pennicuik and Ms Shing.

Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee — (*Assembly*): Mr J. Bull, Ms Blandthorn, Mr Dimopoulos, Ms Kealy, Ms Kilkenny and Mr Pesutto. (*Council*): Mr Dalla-Riva.

CONTENTS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

18 SEPTEMBER TO 8 OCTOBER 2015

404.	<i>Mental health</i>	3727
415.	<i>Environment, climate change and water</i>	3727
419.	<i>Environment, climate change and water</i>	3728
420.	<i>Environment, climate change and water</i>	3728
421.	<i>Environment, climate change and water</i>	3729
422.	<i>Environment, climate change and water</i>	3729
423.	<i>Environment, climate change and water</i>	3730
424.	<i>Environment, climate change and water</i>	3730
446.	<i>Energy and resources</i>	3730
452.	<i>Youth affairs</i>	3731
453.	<i>Youth affairs</i>	3731
454.	<i>Youth affairs</i>	3732
455.	<i>Youth affairs</i>	3732
456.	<i>Youth affairs</i>	3732
457.	<i>Youth affairs</i>	3733
458.	<i>Youth affairs</i>	3733
459.	<i>Youth affairs</i>	3734
460.	<i>Youth affairs</i>	3734
461.	<i>Youth affairs</i>	3735
462.	<i>Youth affairs</i>	3735
463.	<i>Youth affairs</i>	3736
464.	<i>Education</i>	3736
465.	<i>Education</i>	3737
468.	<i>Education</i>	3737
469.	<i>Education</i>	3738
470.	<i>Education</i>	3738
472.	<i>Education</i>	3738
473.	<i>Education</i>	3739
474.	<i>Education</i>	3739
513.	<i>Mental health</i>	3740
514.	<i>Agriculture</i>	3740
516.	<i>Agriculture</i>	3741
518.	<i>Mental health</i>	3741
519.	<i>Housing, disability and ageing</i>	3742
520.	<i>Health</i>	3742
521.	<i>Health</i>	3742
522.	<i>Health</i>	3743
542.	<i>Premier</i>	3743
543.	<i>Special Minister of State</i>	3743
559.	<i>Education</i>	3744
562.	<i>Planning</i>	3746
564.	<i>Housing, disability and ageing</i>	3746
749.	<i>Housing, disability and ageing</i>	3748
750.	<i>Education</i>	3749
751.	<i>Education</i>	3751
752.	<i>Education</i>	3753
762.	<i>Education</i>	3755
763.	<i>Education</i>	3755
764.	<i>Education</i>	3755
765.	<i>Education</i>	3755
920.	<i>Treasurer</i>	3755
1019.	<i>Attorney-General</i>	3756

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

*Questions have been incorporated from the question paper of the Legislative Assembly.
Answers have been incorporated in the form supplied by the departments on behalf of the appropriate ministers.
Headings reflect the portfolio of the minister answering the question.*

18 September to 8 October 2015

Mental health

404. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Mental Health — With reference to the Centre for Alcohol Policy Research:

- (1) Why has funding been withdrawn from the Centre.
- (2) Is the Minister aware that this funding withdrawal will affect the ongoing viability of the Centre.
- (3) Is the Minister aware that this funding withdrawal will disrupt the work of Professor Robin Room who is regarded as a world leader in his field of research.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

1. The Victorian Government funded the position of Chair of Social Research in Alcohol at the University of Melbourne in 2005. As the Centre for Alcohol Policy and Research (the centre) was being established at the same time, it was agreed that the Chair would act as the Director. The intention was not to directly fund the centre itself.

The funding agreement with the University of Melbourne for the Chair of Social Research in Alcohol position lapsed on 30 June 2015. It has been decided that this funding will be redirected towards initiatives to strengthen addiction medicine capability within the Victorian health system. This decision was made based on an assessment of current alcohol and drug research and the need to expand treatment options for Victorians with alcohol and drug dependency, in particular in the context of the increasing uptake of the drug ‘ice’.

2. The centre’s operations core funding is provided by the Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education. This is supplemented by funding from organisations such as the National Health and Medical Research Council, the Australian Research Council and the Australian National Preventive Health Agency.
3. The implementation of the Ice Action Plan provides a valuable opportunity to strengthen this state’s addiction medicine capability. I understand that Professor Room continues to be the Director of the centre.

Environment, climate change and water

415. **Ms SANDELL** to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water — What is the Minister doing to protect the Hooded Plover, particularly on the Mornington Peninsula.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Parks Victoria’s management of the Mornington Peninsula National Park is undertaken in accordance with the approved management plan which establishes a framework for management activities within the park, including environmental programs, providing for appropriate public recreation and working closely with community groups and other partners.

Consistent with the approved park management plan and the 2013 Birdlife Australia ‘Managing the Hooded Plover in Victoria’ scientific report, Parks Victoria staff monitor and manage Hooded Plover populations in accordance

with the recommended Birdlife Australia management strategies, and in close partnership with the Friends of Hooded Plovers.

Additional restrictions on where dogs can walk were introduced in 2013 and the two year review of the regulations will be completed later this year.

If this review demonstrates continued significant implications on environmental values and non-compliance with the regulations then further restrictions may be considered.

Parks Victoria delivers the following monitoring and management actions on an annual basis:

- Employment of additional staff over the peak summer period to enhance education and enforcement patrols of key breeding areas. Dissemination of educational materials including on-site signage, media releases, newsletters and information brochures.
- Monitoring of Hooded Plover breeding activity throughout the breeding season and recording data on the statewide data portal (managed by Birdlife Australia).
- Protection of Hooded Plover nests and chicks with signage, temporary fences, and chick shelters.
- Provision of weekly updates to volunteers and Birdlife Australia on breeding activity, with direction on management actions required and compliance patrol priorities.
- Partnering with the Friends of Hooded Plover to support the volunteer activities and grant funding submissions to enhance protection outcomes.
- Participating in Hooded Plover conferences, workshops and season debriefs along with Birdlife Australia and Friends of Hooded Plover.
- Implementation of extensive fox control programs during the breeding season targeted to areas of known breeding activity.
- Meeting with surf lifesaving clubs and horse riding tour operators to confirm permit conditions and response to non-compliance.

Environment, climate change and water

419. Ms McLEISH to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water — What is the estimated total population of Leadbeater’s possums throughout Victoria?

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

There are varying estimates of the Leadbeater’s Possum population that range between 1000 and 10 000 individuals.

Environment, climate change and water

420. Ms McLEISH to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water — What proportion of the Leadbeater’s possum population exists in areas harvested for timber in the 1980s, 1990s or burnt in the 1983 Ash Wednesday fires.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

It is not known what proportion of the Leadbeater's Possum population exists within areas harvested for timber in the 1980s, 1990s or burnt in the 1983 Ash Wednesday as the sampling basis for population estimates have not been sufficiently uniform to assess the distribution of the population across different forest age classes.

Environment, climate change and water

421. Ms McLEISH to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water — Are sites in national parks being continually surveyed for Leadbeater's possums; if so:

- (1) How many sites have been surveyed since 29 November 2014.
- (2) How many sites are expected to be surveyed in:
 - (a) 2015–16;
 - (b) 2016–17;
 - (c) 2017–18;
 - (d) 2018–19.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

A number of the surveys for Leadbeater's Possum undertaken by the Victorian Government comprise a one-off survey of a site. The revisiting of a survey site is only done as part of an ongoing monitoring program.

Since 29 November 2014, 178 sites in national park have been revisited to inspect nest boxes.

Inspections planned for future years include:

- Approximately 180 in 2015/16;
- Approximately 120 in 2016/17;
- Approximately 100 in 2017/18;
- Approximately 100 in 2018/19.

Environment, climate change and water

422. Ms McLEISH to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water — Are sites in state forests being continually surveyed for Leadbeater's possums; if so:

- (1) How many sites have been surveyed since 29 November 2014.
- (2) How many sites are expected to be surveyed in:
 - (a) 2015–16;
 - (b) 2016–17;
 - (c) 2017–18;
 - (d) 2018–19.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

A number of the surveys for Leadbeater's Possum undertaken by the Victorian Government comprise a one-off survey of a site. The revisiting of a survey site is only done as part of an ongoing monitoring program.

Since 29 November 2014, 58 sites in State forest have been monitored. Planned inspections of nest boxes for future years include:

- Approximately 45 in 2015/16;
- Approximately 60 in 2016/17;
- Approximately 60 in 2017/18;
- Approximately 60 in 2018/19.

Environment, climate change and water

423. Ms McLEISH to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water —

- (1) How many hectares of national park are there in Victoria.
- (2) How many hectares of national park have been surveyed for Leadbeater’s possums.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

There are 2.5 million hectares of national park in Victoria, of which 69 000 hectares is within the range of the Leadbeater’s Possum.

Approximately 854 hectares of national park has been surveyed for Leadbeater’s Possum.

Environment, climate change and water

424. Ms McLEISH to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water —

- (1) How many hectares of state forest are there in Victoria.
- (2) How many hectares of state forest have been surveyed for Leadbeater’s possums.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

There are 3.14 million hectares of state forest in Victoria, of which 135 200 hectares is within the range of the Leadbeater’s Possum.

Approximately 1468 hectares of State forest has been surveyed for Leadbeater’s Possum.

Energy and resources

446. Ms SANDELL to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources — Does the Minister have a plan to withdraw or cancel funding currently allocated to the Advanced Lignite Demonstration Program (ALDP) in the event that the ALDP projects are unable to meet project milestones.

ANSWER:

Projects awarded funding under the ALDP are required to satisfy certain pre-conditions under their respective funding agreements with the State such as securing co-funding, before the projects can proceed to the project implementation phase.

Projects that do not fulfil their pre-conditions will not receive any ALDP funding and their funding agreements will be terminated in accordance with their terms.

The Department will closely monitor the performance of projects that proceed to the project implementation phase to ensure that they perform in accordance with the terms of their funding agreement. The State has the rights to withhold or terminate ALDP funding in the event that projects do not comply with obligations such as project milestones.

Youth affairs

452. **Mr R. SMITH** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing for the Minister for Youth Affairs — Is the Government continuing to fund the Young Achiever Awards:

- (1) If so, what funding is allocated to the awards and to what date is funding allocated.
- (2) If not, what date did funding cease.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Andrews Labor Government is continuing to sponsor the Victorian Young Achiever Awards. Under the current sponsorship agreement, funding of \$16 500 per year is being provided until June 2017.

I opened nominations for the 2016 Victorian Young Achiever Awards on 8 September 2015 and was pleased to announce that the Victorian Government is sponsoring a new Group Achievement in the Community award.

The Victorian Young Achievers Awards 2016 will invite the recognition of another crop of inspiring and motivated young people who are the leaders of the future.

The 2015-16 State Budget provided new funding of \$8 million over four years for programs that provide greater social and economic inclusion for young people experiencing social and economic disadvantage, who live in rural and regional locations and who are from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. This includes funding for the development of new youth programs to re-connect disadvantaged young people with community, educational and employment pathways.

Youth affairs

453. **Mr R. SMITH** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing for the Minister for Youth Affairs — Is the Government continuing to fund SYN Media:

- (1) If so, what funding is allocated to the organisation and to what date is funding allocated.
- (2) If not, what date did funding cease.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

As the former responsible Minister, the Member would be aware that under the previous Liberal Government, SYN Media funding was set to expire at the end of June 2015.

Instead, the Andrews Labor Government has ensured the future of this valuable program. From 1 July 2015, SYN Media will receive an increase to their funding from \$200 000 over four years to \$400 000 over four years to deliver this exciting initiative.

This doubling in funding means that SYN Media can expand its program for young people in radio broadcasting. This includes a new series of training workshops for young people and staff volunteering at rural community radio stations, a radio broadcasting mentoring initiative and a range of other development opportunities for community radio stations to engage young people in radio broadcasting.

The 2015-16 State Budget provided new funding of \$8 million over four years for programs that provide greater social and economic inclusion for young people experiencing social and economic disadvantage, who live in rural and regional locations and who are from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. This includes funding for the development of new youth programs to re-connect disadvantaged young people with community, educational and employment pathways.

Youth affairs

454. **Mr R. SMITH** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing for the Minister for Youth Affairs — Is the Government continuing to fund the Wakakirri Secondary School Challenge:

- (1) If so, what funding is allocated to the Challenge and to what date is funding allocated.
- (2) If not, what date did funding cease.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Recently, I addressed students and spectators at the finals of the Wakakirri Secondary Schools Challenge.

As a result of the growing stature and quality of entrants into the challenge, this year three Victorian schools were selected to go on to the national stage of the competition.

The Victorian Government continues to be a major sponsor of the Wakakirri Secondary School Challenge. Under the current sponsorship agreement, \$200 000 per annum is being provided to this initiative in 2015 and again in 2016.

The 2015-16 State Budget provided new funding of \$8 million over four years for programs that provide greater social and economic inclusion for young people experiencing social and economic disadvantage, who live in rural and regional locations and who are from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. This includes funding for the development of new youth programs to re-connect disadvantaged young people with community, educational and employment pathways.

Youth affairs

455. **Mr R. SMITH** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing for the Minister for Youth Affairs — Is the Government continuing to fund the Reach Foundation to deliver the secondary school programs The Birdcage and The Locker Room:

- (1) If so, what funding is allocated to these programs and to what date is funding allocated.
- (2) If not, what date did funding cease.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Andrews Labor Government is continuing to fund the Reach Foundation to deliver the Birdcage and Locker Room programs. Under the current service agreement with the Reach Foundation, funding of \$617 880 is being provided over three years until 31 December 2016.

The 2015-16 State Budget provided new funding of \$8 million over four years for programs that provide greater social and economic inclusion for young people experiencing social and economic disadvantage, who live in rural and regional locations and who are from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. This includes funding for the development of new youth programs to re-connect disadvantaged young people with community, educational and employment pathways.

Youth affairs

456. **Mr R. SMITH** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing for the Minister for Youth Affairs — Is the Government continuing to fund the Getting Down to Business program and the NEW GEN program under the Enterprise Strategy for Young Victorians:

- (1) If so, what funding is allocated to these programs and to what date is funding allocated.
- (2) If not, what date did funding cease.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Andrews Labor Government is continuing to fund the Getting Down to Business and the New Gen programs. I read with interest the list of successful participants under this program determined by the former government.

Under the current service agreement with Enterprising Partnerships Pty Ltd funding of \$840 000 over four years is being provided until 30 June 2017 for the Getting Down to Business program.

Under the current service agreement with Social Traders Ltd funding of \$600 000 over four years is being provided until 30 June 2017 for the New Gen program.

The 2015-16 State Budget provided new funding of \$8 million over four years for programs that provide greater social and economic inclusion for young people experiencing social and economic disadvantage, who live in rural and regional locations and who are from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. This includes funding for the development of new youth programs to re-connect disadvantaged young people with community, educational and employment pathways.

Youth affairs

457. Mr R. SMITH to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing for the Minister for Youth Affairs — Is the Government continuing to fund the Shape It program:

- (1) If so, what funding is allocated to the program and to what date is funding allocated.
- (2) If not, what date did funding cease.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Under the former Liberal Government, there was no funding provided to continue the Shape It! program beyond June 2015. I am advised that grants were undersubscribed to due to the low value of the grants, and where projects did receive a grant, most projects required additional funding to deliver their initiatives.

The Andrews Labor Government is providing new funding to the Youth Affairs Council of Victoria, the Centre for Multicultural Youth and to the Rural and Regional Local Government Youth Engagement program to provide a more integrated approach to engaging young people in regional and rural communities. This approach will draw on the knowledge, expertise and networks of providers and young people and will better support disadvantaged young people to participate in their local communities.

The 2015-16 State Budget also provided new funding of \$8 million over four years for programs that provide greater social and economic inclusion for young people experiencing social and economic disadvantage, who live in rural and regional locations and who are from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. This includes funding for the development of new youth programs to re-connect disadvantaged young people with community, educational and employment pathways.

Our future investment in the Youth Affairs portfolio reflects a more cohesive approach whereby programs will complement each other and have more of an impact than the previous Government's multitude of small one-off initiatives.

Youth affairs

458. Mr R. SMITH to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing for the Minister for Youth Affairs — Is the Government continuing to fund the FReeZA program:

- (1) If so, what funding is allocated to the program and to what date is funding allocated.
- (2) If not, what date did funding cease.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Andrews Labor Government is continuing to fund the FReeZA program. Ongoing funding of \$2.4 million per annum supports the overall operation of the FReeZA program.

I have called for applications from local governments and community organisations for the 2016-18 FReeZA funding round, which will provide funding to successful applicants from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2018.

The 2015-16 State Budget provided new funding of \$8 million over four years for programs that provide greater social and economic inclusion for young people experiencing social and economic disadvantage, who live in rural and regional locations and who are from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. This includes funding for the development of new youth programs to re-connect disadvantaged young people with community, educational and employment pathways.

Youth affairs

459. Mr R. SMITH to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing for the Minister for Youth Affairs — Is the Government continuing to fund the Engage program:

- (1) If so, what funding is allocated to the program and to what date is funding allocated.
- (2) If not, what date did funding cease.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Andrews Labor Government is continuing to fund the Engage! program. Ongoing funding of \$4.1 million per annum supports the program's overall operation.

Several organisations have expressed concern at not receiving 2015-17 Engage! funding, which was finalised by the former Liberal Government just prior to the November 2014 election.

Of the applications seeking funding through Engage! 2015-17, the most successful areas were Eastern Metropolitan and Southern Metropolitan. The least successful areas were from Northern Metropolitan and Western Metropolitan. Regional areas also fared poorly in the allocation of grants.

An analysis of successful and unsuccessful grant applications by region show a significant geographical skew in the decisions of the former Minister, which does not reflect a fair investment in programs that support young people across our State. Nevertheless these contracts have been honoured with successful applicants of the 2015-17 Engage! funding round receiving funding from 1 January 2015.

The 2015-16 State Budget provided new funding of \$8 million over four years for programs that provide greater social and economic inclusion for young people experiencing social and economic disadvantage, who live in rural and regional locations and who are from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. This includes funding for the development of new youth programs to re-connect disadvantaged young people with community, educational and employment pathways.

Youth affairs

460. Mr R. SMITH to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing for the Minister for Youth Affairs — Is the Government continuing to deliver the Be Heard initiative:

- (1) If so, what funding is allocated to the program and to what date is funding allocated.
- (2) If not, what date did the program cease.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Andrews Labor Government is continuing to fund initiatives that support the participation of young people in community radio. We have identified a more efficient and effective way to support more young people to participate in community radio, than through the small \$5000 grants that had been provided in the past.

Under the former Liberal Government, and Member as the former responsible Minister, SYN Media Funding was set to expire at the end of June 2015.

Instead, the Andrews Labor Government has ensured the future of this valuable program.

From 1 July 2015, SYN Media will receive an increase to their funding from \$200 000 over four years to \$400 000 over four years to deliver this exciting initiative.

This doubling in funding means that SYN Media can expand its program for young people in radio broadcasting. This includes a new series of training workshops for young people and staff volunteering at rural community radio stations, a radio broadcasting mentoring initiative and a range of other development opportunities for community radio stations to engage young people in radio broadcasting.

The 2015-16 State Budget provided new funding of \$8 million over four years for programs that provide greater social and economic inclusion for young people experiencing social and economic disadvantage, who live in rural and regional locations and who are from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. This includes funding for the development of new youth programs to re-connect disadvantaged young people with community, educational and employment pathways.

Youth affairs

461. **Mr R. SMITH** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing for the Minister for Youth Affairs — Is the Government continuing to deliver the AFL Rookie Reporter Program:

- (1) If so, what funding is allocated to the program and to what date is funding allocated.
- (2) If not, what date did the program cease.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

As the former responsible Minister, the Member should be aware that the AFL Rookie Reporter program, an initiative of AFL Media, was not funded by government for the 2013 or 2014 football seasons and is not for the 2015 football season, other than a small contribution of approximately \$500 per annum from my department's Youth Central budget to support program activities. Two rookie reporters were recruited for the 2015 AFL season.

My department is not aware of any decision by AFL Media regarding the continuation of the program in 2016.

The 2015-16 State Budget provided new funding of \$8 million over four years for programs that provide greater social and economic inclusion for young people experiencing social and economic disadvantage, who live in rural and regional locations and who are from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. This includes funding for the development of new youth programs to re-connect disadvantaged young people with community, educational and employment pathways.

Youth affairs

462. **Mr R. SMITH** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing for the Minister for Youth Affairs — Is the Government continuing to deliver the Advance secondary school program:

- (1) If so, what funding is allocated to the program and to what date is funding allocated.
- (2) If not, what date did the program cease.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Andrews Labor Government is continuing to fund Advance.

Ongoing funding of \$4.46 million per annum supports the program's overall operation.

The 2015-16 State Budget provided new funding of \$8 million over four years for programs that provide greater social and economic inclusion for young people experiencing social and economic disadvantage, who live in rural and regional locations and who are from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. This includes funding for the development of new youth programs to re-connect disadvantaged young people with community, educational and employment pathways.

Youth affairs

463. **Mr R. SMITH** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing for the Minister for Youth Affairs — Has the Minister convened a Youth Advisory Committee; if so:

- (1) Who are the committee members.
- (2) What is the process for selecting members.
- (3) What are the ages of members.
- (4) What work is the Committee undertaking.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

I have received feedback that the former Minister convened a Youth Advisory Committee only to ignore its advice in respect of the Coalition's massive cuts to the TAFE and education sectors.

Under the Andrews Labor Government, a youth reference group has been convened comprising of young people aged 12-24 years from diverse backgrounds to inform the development of the Government's new Youth Policy Framework.

Members were nominated by youth and community non-government organisations to represent all Victorians and to amplify the voices of those who are least heard — vulnerable and disadvantaged young people. My Department does not have approval for the release of members' names.

In addition, multiple consultations with a broad range of young people are being held across Victoria with the assistance of community sector agencies as part of the development of the Youth Policy Framework.

The Youth Policy Framework will give young people a voice in the policy considerations of all areas that affects them and an opportunity to gather and use the opinions and views of young people to shape and test future policy ideas.

Education

464. **Mr WAKELING** to ask the Minister for Education — With reference to the Government's recent announcement to change the delivery of Special Religious Instruction (SRI) from school hours to outside of school hours:

- (1) Under what legislative authority will this change be implemented.
- (2) What advice, legal or otherwise, did the Minister receive prior to announcing that SRI will be delivered from 2016 outside of school hours.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Education and Training Reform Act 2006 (the Act) provides that Victorian Government schools must be secular, must not promote any particular religious practice, denomination or sect and must be open to adherents of any philosophy, religion or faith. The only exception to students receiving a secular education in government schools is non-compulsory special religious instruction (SRI); this is set out in section 2.2.11 of the Act. The change to the delivery of SRI from school hours to outside of school hours or lunchtime will be implemented by way of Ministerial Direction and updated policy guidance.

SRI has had a long history in Victorian schools, and this change does not seek to downplay its important place in many school communities. The Government took into account the views of the many stakeholders in this area. Moving SRI to non-curriculum time strikes the balance between ensuring that SRI is still able to be delivered in schools where there is parent demand and available resources, and giving all children and young people full access to the full amount of curriculum delivery time, which is critical for Victoria as the Education State.

Education

465. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Education — With reference to the Government’s recent announcement to change the hours in which Special Religious Instruction (SRI) can be delivered, which individuals/organisations did the Government consult with before deciding to make the change.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Andrews Labor Government’s change to the hours in which Special Religious Instruction (SRI) can be delivered is part of our commitment to Victoria being the Education State. Moving non-curriculum based instruction to lunch time or before and after school ensures that the time within the school day is reserved for essential curriculum.

We are committed to addressing family violence and promoting gender equity. An essential part of this commitment is the introduction of respectful relationships education within the curriculum, focusing on challenging negative attitudes that can lead to violence, often against women. Another new element of the curriculum recognises the importance of young people learning about world histories, cultures, and ethics — increasing their capacity to understand others, including other world views, and to act with tolerance and respect. Decisions on the new curriculum were made in consultation with a range of education, faith based organisations and child safety experts.

Education

468. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Education — With reference to the Government’s recent announcement to change the delivery hours of Special Religious Instruction (SRI), when did the Government make the decision to implement this change.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Andrews Labor Government is committed to keeping parents and the community informed about the curriculum in Victorian Government schools. The recent announcement to change the delivery hours of Special Religious Instruction (SRI) was issued on Friday 21 August 2015 to allow adequate time for planning prior to implementation in Term 1 of 2016.

Education

469. **Mr WAKELING** to ask the Minister for Education — With reference to the report prepared by the Department of Education and Training regarding education funding shortfall that the Minister referred to in Parliament on 5 May 2015, will the Minister make this document publicly available; if not:

- (1) What is the reason this document will not be publicly released.
- (2) Who determined that this document should not be publicly released.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

I sought leave to table the document in question time in Parliament on 5 May 2015. This leave was not granted. The document outlines the findings of the investigation into the Gonski Funding Agreement which was conducted by the Department of Education and Training. This investigation was an election commitment by the Andrews Labor Government and the Department is providing this document to Mr Wakeling as part of a Freedom of Information Request.

Education

470. **Mr WAKELING** to ask the Minister for Education — With reference to the Review of Government Schools Funding, as at 31 August 2015:

- (1) What is the current expenditure of expert advisers.
- (2) What is the total budget allocation for expert advisers.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

- (1) As at 31 August 2015 expenditure on expert advisers was \$68 682.06.
- (2) As at 31 August 2015 the budget allocated for expert advisers was \$200 000 (excluding GST).

Education

472. **Mr WAKELING** to ask the Minister for Education — With reference to the Government's \$18 million Doctors in Schools program:

- (1) When will the Doctors in Schools pilot program commence during 2016–17.
- (2) Will the Doctors in Schools program send 100 GPs to disadvantaged Victorian secondary schools.
- (3) How long will the pilot program run for.
- (4) How will the Government identify doctors to take part in the program.
- (5) How will doctors be paid for taking part in the program.
- (6) How many hours and how many days will the doctors be required to work to fulfil their commitment as a requirement of the program.
- (7) How will the Government determine which disadvantaged schools will take part in the program.
- (8) Will the schools or parents incur any charges for doctor visits.
- (9) Who determines how many students and which students will be checked by the doctor.
- (10) Will parental consent be required and how will it be enforced.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

As stated in Labor's Financial Statement, the Doctors in Secondary Schools initiative will be funded in 2016-2017, to provide GPs to service 100 disadvantaged secondary schools across Victoria.

Further announcements will be made in due course.

Education

473. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Education — With reference to the Secretariat comprised of senior policy officers from the Department of Premier and Cabinet, the Department of Treasury and Finance and the Department of Education and Training to assist with the Review of Government Schools Funding, how many departmental staff have been seconded to the secretariat and what are their VPS grades.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Seven (7) VPS staff have been seconded from the Department of Premier and Cabinet, Treasury and Finance and the Department of Education and Training. Their VPS grades range from VPS6 to Executive Officer (1).

The staff have been seconded for a period of six months.

Education

474. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Education — With reference to the Government's \$1.6 million Mentoring Program:

- (1) When will the Mentoring Program (Grant) begin.
- (2) How will the Government determine which community organisations will receive grants.
- (3) How will community organisations identify appropriate mentors to work with disadvantaged young people.
- (4) What criteria will be used to determine a recipient of a scholarship.
- (5) How will the community organisations determine which disadvantaged young people will be mentored.
- (6) What criteria will be used to determine a disadvantaged young person.
- (7) How many community organisations will be identified within the \$1.6 million allocated.
- (8) How many scholarships will be offered.
- (9) What experience will the community organisations need to hold to be able to determine trained mentors.
- (10) What experience and/or training will the scholarship mentors need to hold before they are able to assist and mentor disadvantaged young people.
- (11) How many scholarships will be offered for high-achieving TAFE and university students.
- (12) How long will the Mentoring Program run for.
- (13) How many hours is the mentor expected to work.
- (14) Is the mentor scholarship offered on a paid for time basis or a volunteer basis.
- (15) If the mentor scholarship is on a paid for time basis, how much will the scholarship mentor receive.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Mentoring Commitment was launched on 10 September by the Minister for Education and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier at Narre Warren South P-12 College.

A high-level Advisory Group, chaired by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier has been established to inform the strategic direction and future design of the commitment and draw on the knowledge of key experts to inform implementation and sustainability.

With oversight from the Advisory Group, an organisation will be commissioned to deliver the mentoring program.

To engage community organisations, an Expert Panel has been established to oversee a grants process to expand existing or current mentoring programs. Membership of the panel will be drawn from the Advisory Group and representatives from the Department, universities and other appropriate organisations.

Particular arrangements for the program including how mentors and mentees are identified and how often they will meet will be determined by the Advisory Group in consultation with the selected organisation.

The Expert Panel will scope the selection process for organisations including how much funding per organisation will be available and selection criteria. There will be 200 scholarships of \$3000 offered over two years.

Each mentor will receive a scholarship of \$3000. Particular arrangements for the program including how often they will meet will be determined by the Advisory Group in consultation with the selected organisation.

Mental health

513. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Mental Health — With reference to the announcement in June that \$18 million will be spent over the next four years to treat an extra 500 Victorians with ice addictions each year and expand innovative rehabilitation services for people living in rural and regional communities and in metropolitan growth areas:

- (1) Which Victorian innovative rehabilitation services are being expanded in 2015–16.
- (2) What specific services are being expanded.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The details about the important announcement made on June 26th, and the vital services to which you refer can be found at ice.vic.gov.au.

Agriculture

514. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Public Transport for the Minister for Agriculture — What action is being taken to reduce the number of and control wild pigs in eastern Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), as a public land manager, are managing feral pigs in eastern Victoria through the Good Neighbour Program with the aim to reduce the impacts of feral pigs on agriculture and ecological assets across east Gippsland.

DELWP seeks to achieve these aims through a series of actions directed towards population and impact reduction which includes trapping and working collaboratively with other land managers.

Parks Victoria, as a public land manager, is undertaking active control measures of pigs in the Gippsland Lakes Coastal park to contain and if possible locally eradicate pigs from the Boole Poole Peninsula. Trapping is used to reduce the population and Parks Victoria will progress to shooting and baiting to remove any remaining individuals if required. Limited trapping of pigs occurs in dispersed priority areas in the Alpine National park.

A key activity by the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR), as the policy lead and regulator for invasive species, is to improve the knowledge of feral pig distribution across Victoria through the development and maintenance of a database to manage reports and intelligence on feral pigs. This allows for a targeted approach to improve feral pig control.

DEDJTR encourages a community led approach to manage the impacts of feral pigs. The Department has also developed a self-learning tool to assist staff in identifying and understanding the basic biology and characteristics of feral pigs. This tool educates staff on biosecurity risks posed by feral pigs, which includes acting as vectors for exotic disease such as foot-and-mouth disease. The tool assists in improving the quality, reliability and knowledge of feral pig populations in Victoria.

DEDJTR has developed draft codes of practice and a series of standard operating procedures to guide the management of feral pigs on public land in Victoria.

Agriculture

516. Mr T. BULL to ask the Minister for Public Transport for the Minister for Agriculture — What actions does the Government have planned in relation to controlling the sambar deer population in the east of the State.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Parks Victoria is currently undertaking deer control, in partnership with accredited volunteer hunters.

Programs have been carried out recently in the Dandenong Ranges National Park and the Yellingbo area and have reduced deer numbers and environmental impacts.

Trial programs are also under way in the Alpine National Park and Wilsons Promontory National Park and, if results continue to be successful, will potentially be introduced in other parks.

In addition, deer in Victoria (except for Hog Deer) have been declared unprotected on private property under a Governor in Council Order under the Wildlife Act 1975. This allows landowners and their agents to destroy problem deer, that affect biodiversity or agricultural values, without a permit or game licence.

Mental health

518. Mr T. BULL to ask the Minister for Mental Health —

- (1) To provide the number of new drug and alcohol rehabilitation beds being funded in 2015–16.
- (2) To provide the location of new drug and alcohol rehabilitation beds being funded in 2015–16.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Andrews Labor Government allocated \$89 million in the 2015-16 State Budget to open an additional 32 residential rehabilitation beds across Victoria.

I have also approved the allocation of new adult residential withdrawal facilities, which will include Gippsland, Hume and Loddon Mallee regions.

These much needed additions follow years of neglect under the former Liberal Government; with just 12 residential rehabilitation beds added in the past 4 years, the alcohol and other drug (AOD) treatment system was in dire need of attention. These additions are just the start, and I look forward to continuing to wind back the damage that was wrought on the AOD treatment system by my predecessor.

Housing, disability and ageing

519. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — With reference to Budget Paper 3, can the Minister confirm there will be a reduction of 84 social housing residences in 2015–16?

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Following four years of cuts to housing and homelessness services under the previous government in which \$470m was cut from the sector, this government expects the total number of social housing units in 2015-16 to be greater than the previous year's estimate. The actual number of units at the conclusion of 2015-16 can only be determined at the end of the financial year.

Health

520. **Ms McLEISH** to ask the Minister for Health — How many deaths in Victoria have been attributed to the consumption of raw milk since 2005?

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The retail sale of unpasteurised cow's milk is illegal in Australia.

The absence of multiple cases of serious illness and deaths associated with the consumption of unpasteurised milk in the department's surveillance data has no bearing at all on the risk associated with consuming it. However in many countries where unpasteurised milk is readily available, there is a far more measurable burden of disease associated with its consumption.

In the United States of America, where the sale of unpasteurised milk is legal in many states, from 2007 to 2012, there were 26 states that reported 81 outbreaks caused by the consumptions of unpasteurised milk. These were reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Over the 6 year period, there was a steady increase in the number of outbreaks associated with consumption of unpasteurised milk and this increase coincided with an increase in the number of states legalising the sale of unpasteurised milk.

Children less than 5 years of age were at the greatest risk of illness from consumption of unpasteurised milk.

In Victoria in 2014 the department was notified of three cases of Haemolytic Uraemic Syndrome and two cases of cryptosporidiosis. Haemolytic uraemic syndrome is a rare condition, which is caused by infection with bacteria that releases toxins into the body. Cryptosporidiosis is a type of gastroenteritis caused by a parasite and the symptoms usually last several weeks. Children are the most vulnerable to these illnesses.

All cases had consumed unpasteurised (raw) milk which had been sold as 'bath' or 'cosmetic' milk.

Health

521. **Ms McLEISH** to ask the Minister for Health — How many cases of serious illness in Victoria have been attributed to the consumption of raw milk since 2005?

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The retail sale of unpasteurised (raw) cow's milk is illegal in Australia.

While it is not known how many people may consume unpasteurised (raw) cow's milk, what we do know is that the number of cases of illness attributed to the consumption of unpasteurised (raw) cow's milk is low. The absence

of multiple cases of serious illness and deaths associated with the consumption of unpasteurised (raw) cow's milk in the department's surveillance data has no bearing at all on the risk associated with consuming it.

In many countries where unpasteurised (raw) cow's milk is readily available, there is a far more measurable burden of disease associated with its consumption.

In the United States of America, where the sale of unpasteurised milk is legal in many states, from 2007 and 2012 there were 979 cases of illness and 73 hospitalisations reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. These illnesses resulted from 81 outbreaks attributed to the sale of unpasteurised milk between 2007 and 2012.

In 2014 the Victorian Department of Health & Human Services was notified of three cases of Haemolytic Uraemic Syndrome and two cases of cryptosporidiosis. Haemolytic uraemic syndrome is a rare condition, which is caused by infection with bacteria that releases toxins into the body. Cryptosporidiosis is a type of gastroenteritis caused by the parasite *Cryptosporidium* and occurs when the parasites are taken in by mouth.

Children are the most vulnerable to this illness.

All cases had consumed unpasteurised (raw) milk which had been sold as 'bath' or 'cosmetic' milk.

Health

522. **Ms McLEISH** to ask the Minister for Health — Has the coroner determined the cause of death of a three year old child on the Mornington Peninsula in December 2014 to be directly related to the consumption of raw milk.

ANSWER:

The matter is still before the coroner as at 17 September 2015.

Premier

542. **Mr R. SMITH** to ask the Premier — Following the restructure of the Victorian Public Service:

- (1) Which department will have responsibility for aviation.
- (2) Which Minister will have responsibility for aviation.

ANSWER:

The minister for Industry is responsible for aviation and is supported by the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources.

Special Minister of State

543. **Mr R. SMITH** to ask the Minister for Public Transport for the Special Minister of State — Following the restructure of the Victorian Public Service:

- (1) Which department will have responsibility for aviation.
- (2) Which Minister will have responsibility for aviation.

ANSWER:

The Minister for Industry is responsible for aviation and is supported by the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources.

Education

559. Mr T. SMITH to ask the Minister for Education — With reference to teacher performance:

- (1) What teacher performance reforms and initiatives has the Government brought in since November 2014.
- (2) How is the Government ensuring that new teachers in the State system are the best qualified in Australia.
- (3) How is the Government ensuring that under-performing teachers either improve or are moved on if they cannot improve to appropriate standards.
- (4) How is the Government inspiring community respect for the teaching profession.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Following significant consultation with key stakeholders and the workforce, the Department of Education & Training (The Department) released a new whole-of-practice approach to Performance and Development for teachers and principal class employees in April this year, in time for the 2015/16 cycle.

The Department of Education and Training's Performance and Development whole-of-practice approach promotes and supports high levels of professionalism and excellence in schools and allows teachers, principals, school staff, parents and students to work together to make sure Victoria's education system is one of the best in the world.

The Performance and Development whole-of-practice approach promotes a consistent process and a common language for the evaluation and support of teacher Performance and Development in Victorian government schools. It is developmentally-focused, and is designed to enable individual accountability and collective responsibility, to support collaborative professional learning and to improve the quality of teaching in every classroom.

The approach:

promotes the development of thriving school cultures where continuous development of professional skills, knowledge and engagement are the norm, and are based on collaborative and mutually supportive workplaces

encourages teachers and school leaders to set high expectations and establish clear accountabilities for professional practice in a collaborative environment which values high quality, meaningful, and developmentally-focused feedback

acknowledges the highly skilled and complex nature of quality teaching and builds on the excellent practices that already exist in many Victorian government schools and across the teaching profession.

The implementation of the whole-of-practice approach is being supported by a state-wide professional learning program for senior regional staff (responsible for principal performance and development), principals and teachers. The program focuses on developing capacity to provide constructive, meaningful and evidence-based feedback, moderate and differentiate teacher practice, including addressing issues related to underperformance.

The Victorian Government is committed to improving teacher quality at all stages of a teacher's career. In 2015, 12 Teaching Academies of Professional Practice were established to improve initial teacher education.

Teaching Academies are partnerships of a cluster of schools with one or more universities. Teaching Academies adopt a partnership model to deliver innovative and effective initial teacher education.

The Teaching Academies adopt many of the features of a site-based training model. Through strong partnerships, Teaching Academies focus on improving the quality of pre-service teacher education by linking theory and practice in innovative ways.

The 12 Teaching Academies involve schools from rural, regional and metropolitan areas across Victoria and include primary, secondary, specialist, government, Catholic and independent school settings.

Victoria is also working collaboratively with other jurisdictions, the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL), the Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT), and university providers to implement the recommendations of the Teacher Education Ministerial Advisory Group (TEMAG) report.

Building on the Education State initiatives announced on 14 September, which includes \$21.6 million to train teachers to teach the new Victorian Curriculum, \$27 million to train 200 Primary Maths and Science Specialists and \$18 million for a new online tool for tracking student progress (Insight), we will also investigate methods for attracting the highest-calibre candidates into the teaching profession and to government schools and investigate supports for early career teachers to assist their transition into their career.

The Department's whole-of-practice approach to Performance and Development aims to build on best practice across the system, recognise excellence and provide support for staff where it is required. It seeks to sharpen the focus on development, meaningful feedback and assessment processes to better equip staff to grow professionally and improve student outcomes.

The whole-of-practice approach ensures teacher Performance and Development is framed against the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers (Australian Standards), in the context of the school's strategic priorities. The approach encourages teachers and school leaders to set high expectations and establish clear accountabilities for professional practice. All staff are provided with evidence-based feedback and support to improve their performance in the future.

The Department is currently providing training to senior regional staff (responsible for principal performance and development) and principals on receiving, and delivering constructive, meaningful and evidence-based feedback. In addition, senior regional staff and principals are being supported to moderate and differentiate teacher practice, including addressing issues related to underperformance. Where it is considered that a teacher's performance is unsatisfactory, the unsatisfactory performance procedures (set out in Schedule 5 of the Victorian Government Schools Agreement, 2013) should be implemented.

The Government is investing in the teaching profession. The single most important thing we can do to improve outcomes for Victoria's students is to improve the quality of teaching in every classroom.

As part of the suite of Education State initiatives the Government has provided schools with clear direction and priorities to focus on student learning. The recently released Framework for Improving Student Outcomes will allow schools to make improvements based on the needs of their students, school and local community. The Framework provides a common language for school improvement across the Victorian government school system. It is structured around four state-wide priorities that are proven to have a strong bearing on the effectiveness of a school: Excellence in teaching and learning, Professional leadership, Positive climate for learning and Community engagement in learning.

The Government is also investing \$21.6 million to support teachers in government schools to implement the new Victorian Curriculum. This includes training for school leadership teams on the use of the new curriculum and planning time for every government school teacher to implement changes associated with the new curriculum.

One of the principles of the consultations that helped the Government shape its vision for the Education State was 'valuing expertise'. Through the Education State, the Government recognises and values the expertise that resides in our system and is putting in place a range of initiatives to support our passionate and talented principals, teachers and education support staff to do the job they are best qualified for — teaching our students and leading our schools.

Local collaboration with parents, employers and community organisations plays a key role in providing the structure and expertise to enable student learning. Through building trust and social capital these partnerships generate a culture of high expectations and shared responsibility for student learning.

Planning

562. **Mr T. SMITH** to ask the Minister for Planning — With reference to the development of a Domestic Wastewater Management Plan (DWMP) in Mansfield Shire, have any domestic wastewater treatment plants in Mansfield Shire been inspected as required by the DWMP and Environmental Protection Authority.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Domestic Wastewater Management Plans are a requirement under the State Environment Protection Policy (Waters of Victoria) which is administered by the Environment Protection Authority under the Environment Protection Act 1970 (the EPA Act). The Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water has responsibility for the EPA Act.

This matter falls within the portfolio responsibilities of my colleague the Hon Lisa Neville MP, Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water and it is appropriate that Minister Neville provides a response to your question.

Housing, disability and ageing

564. **Mr T. SMITH** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — With reference to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS):

- (1) Will Victoria be out of the disability care business when the NDIS is fully implemented; if so when.
- (2) Will Victoria have to fund a portion of cost overruns.
- (3) Will the houses currently owned and staffed by the Department be sold and funds returned to state revenue; if so:
 - (a) where will the new houses for the disabled come from to replace the current Department houses;
 - (b) what is the anticipated impact, particularly on intellectually disabled persons currently in state housing, when their housing and staffing are removed and will fellow long-term residents be separated.
- (4) Will department staff, workers and managers be out of work or has Victoria negotiated for jobs with similar remuneration, conditions and past holiday and sick leave entitlements to be available under the new NDIS arrangements.
- (5) Have staff and the disabled in state accommodation been kept informed of changes and where they stand.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

With reference to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS):

- (1) Will Victoria be out of the disability care business when the NDIS is fully implemented; if so when.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is a national program that will provide a new way of delivering services and support for people with a permanent and significant disability in Australia.

The NDIS will deliver a life-long approach to support people with disability through individualised planning processes to identify the necessary supports they need to enable them to achieve their goals. Through this targeted support, people with disability will have greater opportunities to participate in and contribute to their communities.

- (2) Will Victoria have to fund a portion of cost over-runs.

The issue of costs was addressed in the 2013 Intergovernmental Agreement on the establishment of the NDIS. The Bilateral Agreement for the delivery of the NDIS between Victoria and the Commonwealth reflects that arrangement.

During the three year transition to full scheme Victoria and the Commonwealth will each make a fixed contribution toward package costs up to an agreed number of participants under the age of 65 (Indigenous Australians under the age of 50).

Under this arrangement Victoria will make a fixed contribution based on 59.4 per cent of package costs for each participant entering the scheme up to 105 324 participants by the 30 June 2019. The Commonwealth will contribute 40.6 per cent of package costs and 100 per cent of the NDIS operational and administration costs.

Under the Bilateral Agreement for Transition to the NDIS, the Commonwealth is responsible for meeting 100 per cent of the risk of cost overruns on package costs.

- (3) Will the houses currently owned and staffed by the Department be sold and funds returned to state revenue; if so:
- (a) where will the new houses for the disabled come from to replace the current Department houses;
 - (b) what is the anticipated impact, particularly on intellectually disabled persons currently in state housing, when their housing and staffing are removed and will fellow long-term residents be separated.

Transition to the NDIS will provide for a significant increase in funding for specialist disability accommodation. This will include ongoing funding for existing housing and will over the longer term deliver an increase in the supply of new specialist housing. The NDIS will also provide greater choice and control for people to access housing supports and accommodation that best suits their needs.

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) will assume responsibility for the funding of specialist accommodation under the NDIS over and above a reasonable rental contribution from scheme participants.

Whilst there will be some changes to the way housing is funded and administered as a result of the transition to the NDIS, scheme participants who require specialist disability housing support will not be disadvantaged during the transition to the full scheme and will be supported to pursue their independent living goals.

People currently in shared supported accommodation will be supported to remain in their current accommodation if that is their preference.

- (4) Will department staff, workers and managers be out of work or has Victoria negotiated for jobs with similar remuneration, conditions and past holiday and sick leave entitlements to be available under the new NDIS arrangements.

The NDIS is a major transition where eligible people with disability can choose the services and support they need.

As part of this change, we expect that the number of people working in the disability services sector will double and the number of people benefiting from the services provided will also double. The NDIS will create jobs and deliver more targeted services.

The Government recognises that the disability services workforce is a fundamental building block of the Victorian specialist disability system and staff are critical stakeholders in decisions made about the NDIS.

The Government will work with employees and their representatives to develop appropriate workforce career and development opportunities.

Over time, some DHHS staff may transfer to the NDIA, which is the Commonwealth Government agency responsible for administering the NDIS. This includes DHHS staff who support disability planning and intake functions.

- (5) Have staff and the disabled in state accommodation been kept informed of changes and where they stand.

Yes.

Housing, disability and ageing

749. **Mr WAKELING** to ask the Minister for Education — Since 4 December 2014, how many new integration aides have been employed at:

- (1) Allansford and District Primary School.
- (2) Alvie Consolidated School.
- (3) Anglesea Primary School.
- (4) Apollo Bay P–12 College.
- (5) Bannockburn Primary School.
- (6) Beeac Primary School.
- (7) Birregurra Primary School.
- (8) Bolwarra Primary School.
- (9) Brauer Secondary College.
- (10) Bundarra Primary School.
- (11) Camperdown College.
- (12) Camperdown College, Brooke Street.
- (13) Carlisle River Primary School.
- (14) Cobden Primary School.
- (15) Cobden Technical School.
- (16) Colac Primary School.
- (17) Colac Secondary College.
- (18) Colac South West Primary School.
- (19) Colac Specialist School.
- (20) Colac West Primary School.
- (21) Cudgee Primary School.
- (22) Deans Marsh Primary School.
- (23) Derrinallum P–12 College.
- (24) Elliminyt Primary School.
- (25) Forrest Primary School.
- (26) Grasmere Primary School.
- (27) Hampden Specialist School.
- (28) Hawkesdale P–12 College.
- (29) Heywood Consolidated School.
- (30) Heywood District Secondary College.
- (31) Inverleigh Primary School.
- (32) Koroit and District Primary School.
- (33) Lavers Hill P–12 College.
- (34) Lismore Primary School.
- (35) Lorne-Aireys Inlet P–12 College, Aireys Inlet Campus.
- (36) Lorne-Aireys Inlet P–12 College, Lorne Campus.
- (37) Macarthur Primary School.
- (38) Merrivale Primary School.
- (39) Mortlake P–12 College.
- (40) Narrawong District Primary School.
- (41) Noorat Primary School.

- (42) Nullawarre and District Primary School.
- (43) Panmure Primary School.
- (44) Port Fairy Consolidated School.
- (45) Portland Bay School.
- (46) Portland North Primary School.
- (47) Portland Primary School.
- (48) Portland Secondary College.
- (49) Portland Secondary College, Glenelg Street Campus.
- (50) Portland South Primary School.
- (51) Rokewood Primary School.
- (52) Shelford Primary School.
- (53) Simpson Primary School.
- (54) Skipton Primary School.
- (55) Teesdale Primary School.
- (56) Terang College.
- (57) Terang College P-4 Campus.
- (58) Timboon P-12 School.
- (59) Warrnambool College.
- (60) Warrnambool College, Wave Campus.
- (61) Warrnambool East Primary School.
- (62) Warrnambool Primary School.
- (63) Warrnambool Special Development School.
- (64) Warrnambool West Primary School.
- (65) Winchelsea Primary School.
- (66) Woodford Primary School.
- (67) Woolsthorpe Primary School.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

During the period 4 December 2014 to 22 September 2015 248 new Integration Aides were employed across the state. Schools and students in Victoria's south-west were amongst those benefiting from these services.

Education

750. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Education — Since 4 December 2014, how many new School Services Officers have been employed at:

- (1) Allansford and District Primary School.
- (2) Alvie Consolidated School.
- (3) Anglesea Primary School.
- (4) Apollo Bay P-12 College.
- (5) Bannockburn Primary School.
- (6) Beeac Primary School.
- (7) Birregurra Primary School.
- (8) Bolwarra Primary School.
- (9) Brauer Secondary College.

- (10) Bundarra Primary School.
- (11) Camperdown College.
- (12) Camperdown College, Brooke Street.
- (13) Carlisle River Primary School.
- (14) Cobden Primary School.
- (15) Cobden Technical School.
- (16) Colac Primary School.
- (17) Colac Secondary College.
- (18) Colac South West Primary School.
- (19) Colac Specialist School.
- (20) Colac West Primary School.
- (21) Cudgee Primary School.
- (22) Deans Marsh Primary School.
- (23) Derrinallum P–12 College.
- (24) Elliminyt Primary School.
- (25) Forrest Primary School.
- (26) Grasmere Primary School.
- (27) Hampden Specialist School.
- (28) Hawkesdale P–12 College.
- (29) Heywood Consolidated School.
- (30) Heywood District Secondary College.
- (31) Inverleigh Primary School.
- (32) Koroit and District Primary School.
- (33) Lavers Hill P–12 College.
- (34) Lismore Primary School.
- (35) Lorne-Aireys Inlet P–12 College, Aireys Inlet Campus.
- (36) Lorne-Aireys Inlet P–12 College, Lorne Campus.
- (37) Macarthur Primary School.
- (38) Merrivale Primary School.
- (39) Mortlake P–12 College.
- (40) Narrawong District Primary School.
- (41) Noorat Primary School.
- (42) Nullawarre and District Primary School.
- (43) Panmure Primary School.
- (44) Port Fairy Consolidated School.
- (45) Portland Bay School.
- (46) Portland North Primary School.
- (47) Portland Primary School.
- (48) Portland Secondary College.
- (49) Portland Secondary College, Glenelg Street Campus.
- (50) Portland South Primary School.
- (51) Rokewood Primary School.
- (52) Shelford Primary School.
- (53) Simpson Primary School.
- (54) Skipton Primary School.

- (55) Teesdale Primary School.
- (56) Terang College.
- (57) Terang College P-4 Campus.
- (58) Timboon P-12 School.
- (59) Warrnambool College.
- (60) Warrnambool College, Wave Campus.
- (61) Warrnambool East Primary School.
- (62) Warrnambool Primary School.
- (63) Warrnambool Special Development School.
- (64) Warrnambool West Primary School.
- (65) Winchelsea Primary School.
- (66) Woodford Primary School.
- (67) Woolsthorpe Primary School.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

During the period 4 December 2014 to 22 September 2015 348 new Student Support Services Officers were employed across the state. Schools and students in Victoria's south-west were amongst those benefitting from these services.

Education

751. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Education — Since 4 December 2014, how many new Student Liaison Officers have been employed at:

- (1) Allansford and District Primary School.
- (2) Alvie Consolidated School.
- (3) Anglesea Primary School.
- (4) Apollo Bay P-12 College.
- (5) Bannockburn Primary School.
- (6) Beeac Primary School.
- (7) Birregurra Primary School.
- (8) Bolwarra Primary School.
- (9) Brauer Secondary College.
- (10) Bundarra Primary School.
- (11) Camperdown College.
- (12) Camperdown College, Brooke Street.
- (13) Carlisle River Primary School.
- (14) Cobden Primary School.
- (15) Cobden Technical School.
- (16) Colac Primary School.
- (17) Colac Secondary College.
- (18) Colac South West Primary School.
- (19) Colac Specialist School.
- (20) Colac West Primary School.
- (21) Cudjee Primary School.

- (22) Deans Marsh Primary School.
- (23) Derrinallum P–12 College.
- (24) Elliminyt Primary School.
- (25) Forrest Primary School.
- (26) Grasmere Primary School.
- (27) Hampden Specialist School.
- (28) Hawkesdale P–12 College.
- (29) Heywood Consolidated School.
- (30) Heywood District Secondary College.
- (31) Inverleigh Primary School.
- (32) Koroit and District Primary School.
- (33) Lavers Hill P–12 College.
- (34) Lismore Primary School.
- (35) Lorne-Aireys Inlet P–12 College, Aireys Inlet Campus.
- (36) Lorne-Aireys Inlet P–12 College, Lorne Campus.
- (37) Macarthur Primary School.
- (38) Merrivale Primary School.
- (39) Mortlake P–12 College.
- (40) Narrawong District Primary School.
- (41) Noorat Primary School.
- (42) Nullawarre and District Primary School.
- (43) Panmure Primary School.
- (44) Port Fairy Consolidated School.
- (45) Portland Bay School.
- (46) Portland North Primary School.
- (47) Portland Primary School.
- (48) Portland Secondary College.
- (49) Portland Secondary College, Glenelg Street Campus.
- (50) Portland South Primary School.
- (51) Rokewood Primary School.
- (52) Shelford Primary School.
- (53) Simpson Primary School.
- (54) Skipton Primary School.
- (55) Teesdale Primary School.
- (56) Terang College.
- (57) Terang College P–4 Campus.
- (58) Timboon P–12 School.
- (59) Warrnambool College.
- (60) Warrnambool College, Wave Campus.
- (61) Warrnambool East Primary School.
- (62) Warrnambool Primary School.
- (63) Warrnambool Special Development School.
- (64) Warrnambool West Primary School.
- (65) Winchelsea Primary School.
- (66) Woodford Primary School.
- (67) Woolsthorpe Primary School.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

I thank Mr Wakeling for the adjournment matter raised regarding new student liaison officers employed by the Department of Education and Training since the 4th of December 2014.

The position title of Student Liaison Officer is not a title generally used in Victorian Government Schools. Mr Wakeling may be referring to one of the following positions within a school's health and wellbeing workforce:

- Student Welfare Officers,
- Primary Welfare Officers; or
- Education Support Officers

If Mr Wakeling could clarify the information he is seeking, I would be happy to provide the relevant information.

Education

752. **Mr WAKELING** to ask the Minister for Education — Since 4 December 2014, how many new Teachers' Assistants have been employed at:

- (1) Allansford and District Primary School.
- (2) Alvie Consolidated School.
- (3) Anglesea Primary School.
- (4) Apollo Bay P-12 College.
- (5) Bannockburn Primary School.
- (6) Beeac Primary School.
- (7) Birregurra Primary School.
- (8) Bolwarra Primary School.
- (9) Brauer Secondary College.
- (10) Bundarra Primary School.
- (11) Camperdown College.
- (12) Camperdown College, Brooke Street.
- (13) Carlisle River Primary School.
- (14) Cobden Primary School.
- (15) Cobden Technical School.
- (16) Colac Primary School.
- (17) Colac Secondary College.
- (18) Colac South West Primary School.
- (19) Colac Specialist School.
- (20) Colac West Primary School.
- (21) Cudjee Primary School.
- (22) Deans Marsh Primary School.
- (23) Derrinallum P-12 College.
- (24) Elliminyt Primary School.
- (25) Forrest Primary School.
- (26) Grasmere Primary School.
- (27) Hampden Specialist School.
- (28) Hawkesdale P-12 College.

- (29) Heywood Consolidated School.
- (30) Heywood District Secondary College.
- (31) Inverleigh Primary School.
- (32) Koroit and District Primary School.
- (33) Lavers Hill P-12 College.
- (34) Lismore Primary School.
- (35) Lorne-Aireys Inlet P-12 College, Aireys Inlet Campus.
- (36) Lorne-Aireys Inlet P-12 College, Lorne Campus.
- (37) Macarthur Primary School.
- (38) Merrivale Primary School.
- (39) Mortlake P-12 College.
- (40) Narrawong District Primary School.
- (41) Noorat Primary School.
- (42) Nullawarre and District Primary School.
- (43) Panmure Primary School.
- (44) Port Fairy Consolidated School.
- (45) Portland Bay School.
- (46) Portland North Primary School.
- (47) Portland Primary School.
- (48) Portland Secondary College.
- (49) Portland Secondary College, Glenelg Street Campus.
- (50) Portland South Primary School.
- (51) Rokewood Primary School.
- (52) Shelford Primary School.
- (53) Simpson Primary School.
- (54) Skipton Primary School.
- (55) Teesdale Primary School.
- (56) Terang College.
- (57) Terang College P-4 Campus.
- (58) Timboon P-12 School.
- (59) Warrnambool College.
- (60) Warrnambool College, Wave Campus.
- (61) Warrnambool East Primary School.
- (62) Warrnambool Primary School.
- (63) Warrnambool Special Development School.
- (64) Warrnambool West Primary School.
- (65) Winchelsea Primary School.
- (66) Woodford Primary School.
- (67) Woolsthorpe Primary School.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

During the period 4 December 2014 to 22 September 2015 95 new Teachers' Assistants were employed across the state. Schools and students in Victoria's south-west were amongst those benefitting from these services.

Education

762. **Mr WAKELING** to ask the Minister for Education — What is the total dollar amount that the Office of the Minister for Education spent on advertising with Facebook from December 2014 to August 2015.

ANSWER:

The Office of the Minister for Education has not spent any money on advertising with Facebook from December 2014 to August 2015.

Education

763. **Mr WAKELING** to ask the Minister for Education — What is the total amount of funding that the Office of the Minister for Education has spent on advertising on Twitter from December 2014 to August 2015.

ANSWER:

The Office of the Minister for Education has not spent any money on advertising on Twitter from December 2014 to August 2015.

Education

764. **Mr WAKELING** to ask the Minister for Education — What is the total amount of funding the Office of the Minister for Education has spent on advertising in any suburban newspaper from December 2014 to August 2015.

ANSWER:

The Office of the Minister for Education has not spent any money on advertising in any suburban newspaper from December 2014 to August 2015.

Education

765. **Mr WAKELING** to ask the Minister for Education — What is the total amount of funding that the Office of the Minister for Education has spent on advertising in any regional newspaper from December 2014 to August 2015.

ANSWER:

The Office of the Minister for Education has not spent any money on advertising in any regional newspaper from December 2014 to August 2015.

Treasurer

920. **Mr HODGETT** to ask the Treasurer — What have been the legal costs incurred by the Government between 4 December 2015 and 16 September 2015 in respect of any strikes undertaken or work bans imposed by employees of:

- (1) Metro Trains Melbourne.
- (2) Yarra Trams.

ANSWER:

The matter you have raised does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

Attorney-General

1019. **Mr PESUTTO** to ask the Attorney General — What was the financial cost borne by the Victorian Government in respect of the report by the Hon. Murray Kellam AO into the office and designation of “Queen’s Counsel” in Victoria.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The Victorian Bar bore all costs associated with the preparation of the report. The Victorian Government did not incur any direct costs in relation to the report.