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¹ Resigned 2 February 2015

PARTY ABBREVIATIONS

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

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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 is the heading to each question.

Tuesday, 10 February 2015

Education

1. **Mr WAKELING** to ask the Minister for Education— with reference to the Government’s election commitment to establish a technical school in Gippsland, Bendigo, Ballarat, Geelong, Monash, Casey, Wyndham, Banyule, Yarra Ranges and Whittlesea:
- (1) How much funding has been allocated to cover the construction cost of each school.
 - (2) How much will the annual operational cost of each school be.
 - (3) Where will each school be located.
 - (4) Are any schools to be located on a Greenfield site; if so:
 - (a) which schools;
 - (b) are the sites currently owned by the Crown; if not, how much funding will be required to purchase the sites.
 - (5) With regard to each school, has the Government held discussions with:
 - (a) local schools; if so, with whom;
 - (b) local community representatives; if so, with whom;
 - (c) local industry; if so, with whom.
 - (6) When will construction at each site commence.
 - (7) When will construction at each site conclude.
 - (8) Will each school operate autonomously, or as part of an existing entity.
 - (9) What technical subjects will be offered at each school.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Government made an election commitment of \$100 million in capital funding and \$25.37 million in operating funding over four years to establish 10 Tech Schools in Gippsland, Bendigo, Ballarat, Geelong, Monash, Casey, Wyndham, Banyule, Yarra Ranges and Whittlesea. These Tech Schools will help our secondary school students get the head start they need on their careers, in industries which have the highest prospects for growth.

During the election campaign, we identified a number of developing industry sectors that have the potential for extraordinary economic growth across the state, including medical technology and pharmaceuticals, food and fibre, new energy technology, and transport, defence and construction technology.

These are some of the areas that will create the high skill, high wage jobs that will help secure Victoria’s economic future. Tech schools are a fundamental part of our plan to help Victoria seize the opportunities that these sectors represent.

Tech Schools will enable local industries to work in partnership with schools, TAFEs and universities to identify and design school programs that will provide students with the skills and capabilities required by local industry, and to help them compete in a global economy. Tech Schools will be run by local schools, TAFEs, universities and industries.

These schools will deliver general and industry-specific vocational programs to school students across Years 7 to 12. The Tech Schools will not be stand-alone schools. All schools from across the state, both government and non-government, will be able to use and access the Tech Schools. Students will maintain their enrolment at their home school and attend the Tech School for specific programs, not in place of a comprehensive education, but as part of it.

Work is already well underway on engaging with industry, training providers, unions, schools and other key stakeholder groups. Extensive consultation will be crucial to getting the best outcome for each technical school.

The Government is currently looking at potential sites for the location of the technical schools, including co-location options with existing TAFEs and Universities, and undertaking feasibility studies.

Funding to deliver the ten Tech Schools will be sought in the 2015-16 State Budget. Further information will be available following the State Budget.

Families and children

3. **Ms VICTORIA** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing for the Minister for Families and Children — when does the Minister expect works on The Basin Community House to commence and will the House be relocated.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The City of Knox has advised the Department of Health and Human Services that the upgrades will commence in late January 2015 and that minimal disruption is expected to the community house's programming of activities. The council does not believe that relocation of the community house will be necessary.

Health

5. **Ms VICTORIA** to ask the Minister for Health — when will works on the Maroondah Cancer Centre begin and where will the centre be located.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Planning for the new, comprehensive breast cancer centre has commenced. Eastern Health, in collaboration with my department, is considering the range of planning exercises (service plan, model of care, masterplan) which need to be undertaken to inform the capital build.

This work will inform the likely start date for construction and the best location of the new centre.