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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.*

12 February to 25 February 2016

Industry

3639. **Mr R. SMITH** (Warrandyte) to ask the Minister for Industry — With reference to the Minister’s media release of 5 May 2015 ‘Labor Will Invest in the Jobs of the Future’ and the 2015/16 Budget Paper 3, page 3:

- (1) How much of the \$200 million Future Industries Fund for 2015/16 remains to be spent.
- (2) How much of the \$200 million Future Industries Fund for 2015/16 has been spent on:
 - (a) medical technology and pharmaceuticals;
 - (b) new energy technology;
 - (c) food and fibre;
 - (d) transport, defence and construction technology;
 - (e) international education;
 - (f) professional services.

ANSWER:

Budget Paper Number 3 for 2015-16 makes it clear that \$200 million has been appropriated for the Future Industries Fund. The funding will be spent across the six priority sectors that you identified.

Public transport

6305. **Mr HODGETT** to ask the Minister for Public Transport — With reference to the fault at Clayton Railway Station on Wednesday 4 November 2015:

- (1) Was it a track circuit or a signalling fault.
- (2) Was it on the up or down lines, or both.
- (3) What was the exact nature of the fault.
- (4) How many Metro trains:
 - (a) ran in excess of four minutes 59 seconds late;
 - (b) were cancelled due the fault on the down for trains scheduled to originate or terminate at:
 - (i) Westall;
 - (ii) Dandenong;
 - (iii) Cranbourne;
 - (iv) Pakenham;
 - (c) were cancelled due the fault on the up for trains scheduled to originate or terminate at:
 - (i) Westall;
 - (ii) Dandenong;
 - (iii) Cranbourne;
 - (iv) Pakenham.
- (5) How many V/Line trains:
 - (a) ran in excess of five minutes 59 seconds late;

- (b) were cancelled due to the fault on the down for trains scheduled to originate or terminate at:
 - (i) Traralgon;
 - (ii) Bairnsdale;
- (c) were cancelled due to the fault on the up for trains scheduled to originate or terminate at:
 - (i) Traralgon;
 - (ii) Bairnsdale.
- (6) How many Metro trains were diverted from the City Loop to run direct to or from Flinders Street for trains scheduled to originate or terminate at:
 - (a) Westall;
 - (b) Dandenong;
 - (c) Cranbourne;
 - (d) Pakenham.
- (7) How many myki touch-ons were recorded from the following stations on 4 November 2015:
 - (a) Pakenham to South Yarra inclusive;
 - (b) Lynbrook to Cranbourne inclusive;
 - (c) Nar Nar Goon to Traralgon inclusive.
- (8) What time did the fault occur.
- (9) What time was the fault repaired.

ANSWER:

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

A report indicated that an external track interference caused damage to the wiring in the signal trunking that caused a track circuit failure (track circuit failures are categorised as signalling faults).

This impacted a number of passengers.

The fault occurred at 7.26 am and was repaired at 9.12 am.

Public transport

6312. **Mr HODGETT** to ask the Minister for Public Transport — What is the annual cost to maintain the following V/Line tracks:

- (1) A typical high speed:
 - (a) single track turnout;
 - (b) standard crossover;
 - (c) double compound crossover.
- (2) A typical normal speed:
 - (a) single track turnout;
 - (b) standard crossover;
 - (c) double compound crossover.

ANSWER:

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

It is not possible to specify a single monetary figure for these scenarios.

Agriculture

6488. Ms MCLEISH to ask the Minister for Public Transport for the Minister for Agriculture — With reference to the increases in the number of European wasps over the summer months:

- (1) What preparations has the Government made for the 2015/16 summer.
- (2) What resources has the Government allocated to limiting the impact of wasps on the community.
- (3) Is the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources undertaking any research with regard to understanding and managing wasp invasions; if so, where is this information or when will it be available.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

European Wasps are widely established over large areas of Victoria. Their numbers may increase when seasonal conditions become favourable, such as when winters are mild and spring rainfall is low.

There are no practical means to reduce the impact of this pest and therefore imposing a legal obligation on private and public landowners to manage this species would be impractical. Previous research on biological control has only been marginally successful.

To date, the role of government in this matter has been limited to its responsibilities as a land manager and providing information on managing wasps and wasp stings across different platforms including government websites and customer service centres. The Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources is not currently undertaking specific research on European Wasps.

Community led action is the most effective means of managing the impacts of European Wasps and is best done with the support of local government.

Commercial pest controllers are also available to provide local control services. Often local councils can provide the names of local commercial pest controllers who are specialised in treating European Wasps.

It should be noted that any action to control European Wasps should be conducted carefully as they will aggressively defend their nests.

Finance

6504. Mr NORTHE to ask the Minister for Finance — With reference to the awarding of a contract to Complete Office Supplies on 11 October 2015 through the Victorian Government’s Stationery and Workplace Consumables State Purchase Contract:

- (1) How many items of copy paper and recycled copy paper are available for purchase by Victorian Government departments and agencies through this contract.
- (2) How many items of copy paper and recycled copy paper available for purchase by Victorian Government departments and agencies through this contract are Australian made.
- (3) How many items of copy paper and recycled copy paper available for purchase by Victorian Government departments and agencies through this contract are made overseas.
- (4) Of the copy paper and recycled copy paper available for purchase by Victorian Government departments and agencies through this contract that is made overseas, what countries is the paper sourced from.
- (5) How many items of recycled copy paper available for purchase by Victorian Government departments and agencies through this contract are Australian made recycled paper.
- (6) How many items of recycled copy paper available for purchase by Victorian Government departments and agencies through this contract are recycled paper made overseas.

- (7) Of the recycled copy paper that is available for purchase by Victorian Government departments and agencies through this contract, what recycling percentages of paper are available.
- (8) From 11 October to 24 November 2015, what percentage of copy paper and recycled copy paper that is available for purchase by Victorian Government departments and agencies through this contract has been Australian made.

ANSWER:

The Stationery and Workplace Consumables State Purchase Contract (SPC) provides a number of paper brands that Victorian Government departments and agencies can access, from ordinary copy paper to specialty items required for some print jobs.

Over 99 per cent (by value) of all copy paper procured by government departments and agencies through the SPC in 2014-15 was Australian made. The remainder was sourced from overseas.

Overseas paper is ethically sourced, requiring independent certification of compliance to globally recognised standards.

From 11 October to 24 November 2015, over 90 per cent of copy paper (by value) was recycled. Due to restricted access to other recycled Australian made items, the remainder of recycled paper purchases are ethically sourced from overseas.

At present, I am advised that Complete Office Supplies has been unable to competitively source the full range of paper produced at the local paper mill, and Australian Paper, has stated that it will not supply 100 per cent recycled Australian made paper.

DTF, acting in its capacity as Lead Department for this SPC, will continue to engage with Australian Paper to seek accessibility to the full range of Australian manufactured paper products through the SPC.

I encourage Australian Paper to allow Government access to the full range of Australian manufactured paper products through the SPC.

Creative industries

6510. Ms VICTORIA to ask the Minister for the Creative Industries — With reference to the Museum Board of Victoria Report 2014/15:

- (1) Why are visitation numbers to the Melbourne Museum down 13.3 per cent compared to 2013/14 and down 41.9 per cent compared to 2010/11.
- (2) What strategies will the Minister implement to correct this downward trend (noting the spike in attendance in 2013/14).

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

2014/15, Museum Victoria exceeded its Budget Paper 3 performance target by 8 per cent, welcoming 1.7 million visitors across its three museums.

The Museum Board of Victoria is responsible for ensuring that their performance targets are met, and I have confidence in their ability to do so.

Creative industries

6511. Ms VICTORIA to ask the Minister for the Creative Industries — With reference to the Museums Board of Victoria Report 2014/15:

- (1) Why are visitation numbers to IMAX down 9.7 per cent compared to 2013/14 and down 27.4 per cent compared to 2010/11.
- (2) What strategies will the Minister implement to correct this downwards trend (noting the spike in attendance in 2013/14).

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The variance in 2014/15 attendances at IMAX Melbourne Museum compared to 2013/14 was mainly due to its seven week closure for theatre refurbishment and upgrade.

The Museum Board of Victoria is responsible for ensuring that their performance targets are met, and I have confidence in their ability to do so.

Creative industries

6512. Ms **VICTORIA** to ask the Minister for the Creative Industries — With reference to the Museums Board of Victoria Report 2014/15:

- (1) Why is the financial result before depreciation down \$4.5 million (27.4 per cent) from 2013/14.
- (2) What strategies will the Minister implement to correct this downwards trend.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Museum Victoria's 2014/15 financial result was down by \$1.7 million before depreciation compared to 2013/14, and not \$4.5 million as stated in this question.

Total revenue was lower in comparison to 2013/14, mainly due to a lower number of touring exhibitions at Melbourne Museum with a resultant impact on direct and ancillary revenues.

Given that all 2014/15 exhibitions were booked under the previous Government, obviously the previous Minister's decisions were rather unpopular.

Creative industries

6513. Ms **VICTORIA** to ask the Minister for the Creative Industries — With reference to the Library Board of Victoria Report 2014/15:

- (1) Why did visitor satisfaction levels fall seven percentage points below the target level.
- (2) What strategies will the Minister implement to improve visitor satisfaction at the Melbourne Library.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Visitor satisfaction was affected during periods of facility maintenance due primarily to essential major repairs to the building entrance facade. The complexity of the stonework involved, and concerns for public safety, required the installation of scaffolding for an extended period.

I have confidence in the Library Board of Victoria and leadership of the State Library of Victoria in managing its services to meet the needs of users and visitors. The Andrews Labor Government is committed to ensuring the State Library of Victoria continues to thrive, including the provision of \$55.4 million funding for its redevelopment project, which will open up more of the Library to the public and improve the visitor experience.

Creative industries

6514. Ms VICTORIA to ask the Minister for the Creative Industries — With reference to the Library Board of Victoria Report 2014/15, what value resulted from the \$1 million spent on consultancies in 2014/15.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Details of commissioned consultancies, their purpose and cost are publically available in the Library Board of Victoria's annual report 2014/15.

Creative industries

6515. Ms VICTORIA to ask the Minister for the Creative Industries — With reference to the Library Board of Victoria Report 2014/15:

- (1) Why were cash and deposits down \$2 million (nearly 50 per cent) compared to 2013/14.
- (2) What strategies will the Minister implement to prevent a similar drop in 2015/16.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Library Board of Victoria's 2014/15 cash and deposit levels reflect significant investment in programming that year, in line with the Library's community engagement strategy.

The Library Board of Victoria and leadership of the State Library of Victoria set out in their publically available annual report how they manage their budget effectively to deliver quality services and programs.

Creative industries

6516. Ms VICTORIA to ask the Minister for the Creative Industries — With reference to the Australian Centre for the Moving Image Report 2014/15 and the launch of the centre's new website referred to on page 28:

- (1) What was the total cost of developing and launching this website.
- (2) Was the total cost of developing and launching this website, under, at, or over budget.
- (3) Was this website launched before, on, or after the projected date.
- (4) What testing has occurred post-launch to ensure the effectiveness and value for money of this website.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

ACMI's new website, launched in August 2014, provides the public with enhanced online functionality and offerings. It offers new means to explore ACMI's program offer (including education), better access to ACMI's collection and resources, and modern interfaces for a range of mobile/desktop devices. Importantly, it also includes integration with ACMI's ticketing and customer relationship and collection management systems.

The new site was the first major upgrade since 2007. In order to optimise the website redevelopment and deliver the benefits described above, the ACMI board decided to broaden the scope, increase the investment, and to push out the launch date. The costs are publically reported in ACMI's annual reports.

The objectives of the redevelopment have been met, including improved accessibility which has allowed ACMI to engage further with its audiences. The site was designed to facilitate and encourage. li e ticket sales which have grown significantly since implementation. The website was also developed to provide flexibility enabling further

customisation and changes as required, which have occurred since the launch. This is an ongoing process in line with strategic objectives.

Creative industries

6517. Ms **VICTORIA** to ask the Minister for the Creative Industries — With reference to the Australian Centre for the Moving Image Report 2014/15:

- (1) What is the reason for the increase in executive officer positions from three to four.
- (2) What is the overall cost of this increase.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The increase in the number of executive officer positions at ACMI relates to the newly created role of Chief Experience Officer. This role is responsible for the digital evolution of ACMI including transforming the visitor experience.

There were no additional costs in 2014-15 related to this position. Disclosure on executive remuneration for this financial year will be included in ACMI's Annual Report 2015/16.

Creative industries

6518. Ms **VICTORIA** to ask the Minister for the Creative Industries — With reference to the Australian Centre for the Moving Image Report 2014/15:

- (1) Why is revenue down \$1 421 194 (22.9 per cent) compared to 2013/14.
- (2) What strategies will the Minister implement to prevent a similar drop in 2015/16.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The exhibitions shown in the year in question were booked under the previous Government, which goes to show the previous Minister's decisions were rather unpopular.

I have confidence in the ACMI board and leadership in managing their services and budget in the most effective way.

Creative industries

6519. Ms **VICTORIA** to ask the Minister for the Creative Industries — With reference to the Australian Centre for the Moving Image Report 2014/15:

- (1) Why has there been an increase in the comprehensive result deficit of \$2.1 million (227 per cent) compared to 2013/14.
- (2) What strategies will the Minister implement to ensure this figure returns to surplus.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The deficit referred to in this question was the result after accounting for depreciation expense- decisions made under the previous Liberal Government. ACMI has made an operating surplus in three consecutive years, 2014/15, 2013/14 and 2012/13, before depreciation.

I have confidence in the ACMI board and leadership in managing their budget effectively to deliver quality services and programs.

Creative industries

6520. Ms VICTORIA to ask the Minister for the Creative Industries — With reference to the Australian Centre for the Moving Image Report 2014/15:

- (1) Why have cash flows from operating activities decreased by \$813 138 (35 per cent) from 2013/14.
- (2) What strategies will the Minister implement to prevent a similar drop in 2015/16.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Andrews Government does not value creativity based on the cash flows of a particular exhibition. Cash flows from exhibition to exhibition vary based on the nature of the show and the phasing of these exhibitions across the financial years in question.

I have confidence in the ACMI board and leadership in managing their cash flows in the most effective way.

Finance

6625. Mr NORTHE to ask the Minister for Finance — With reference to the awarding of a contract to Complete Office Supplies on 11 October 2015 and the previous contract under the Victorian Government’s Stationery and Workplace Consumables State Purchase Contract:

- (1) What Victorian Government departments and agencies are and were required to purchase copy paper and recycled copy paper through these two contracts.
- (2) What Victorian Government departments and agencies are not and were not required to purchase copy paper and recycled copy paper through these two contracts.
- (3) What brands of copy paper and recycled copy paper were available to Victorian Government departments and agencies through these two contracts.
- (4) What brands of paper were purchased on a percentage basis by each Victorian Government department an agency through these two contracts.
- (5) Through the Victorian Government’s Stationery and Workplace Consumables State Purchase Contract, how is the Government ensuring that manufacturers of locally made copy paper and locally made recycled paper are not being disadvantaged by similar imported products that in many cases do not have to comply with the strong environmental and forestry standards that apply in Australia.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The current and previous stationery and workplace consumables state purchase contract (SPC) is mandated for all Victorian government departments and agencies bound by Victorian Government Purchasing Board policy (listing ref: <http://www.procurement.vic.gov.au/About-the-VGPB/Scope-of-Policies>)
- (2) All other agencies are not mandated to purchase copy paper from the current and previous contract but have the option to access it.
- (3) The SPC provides a number of paper brands that Victorian Government departments and agencies can access, from ordinary copy paper to specialty items required for some print jobs.

- (4) Over 99 per cent (by value) of all copy paper procured by government departments and agencies through the Stationery and Workplace Consumables State Purchase Contract (SPC) in 2014-15 was Australian made, and sourced from a number of the brands available through the SPC.
- (5) Victorian government departments and agencies have shown great support towards Australian manufactured paper. Any copy paper (local or imported) supplied by COS is ethically sourced, requiring independent certification of compliance to globally recognised standards.

Education

6664. Ms MCLEISH to ask the Minister for Education—

- (1) With reference to the appointments of acting principals in primary schools in 2015:
 - (a) how many males have been appointed to the role of acting principal in Victoria;
 - (b) how many females have been appointed to the role of acting principal in Victoria;
 - (c) how many males have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the North Eastern region;
 - (d) how many females have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the North Eastern region;
 - (e) how many males have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Yarra Valley network;
 - (f) how many females have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Yarra Valley network;
 - (g) how many males have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Yarra Ranges network;
 - (h) how many females have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Yarra Ranges network;
 - (i) how many males have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Southern Hume network;
 - (j) how many females have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Southern Hume network;
 - (k) how many males have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Nillumbik network;
 - (l) how many females have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Nillumbik network.
- (2) With reference to the appointments of acting principals in primary schools in 2014:
 - (a) how many males have been appointed to the role of acting principal in Victoria;
 - (b) how many females have been appointed to the role of acting principal in Victoria;
 - (c) how many males have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the North Eastern region;
 - (d) how many females have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the North Eastern region;
 - (e) how many males have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Yarra Valley network;
 - (f) how many females have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Yarra Valley network;
 - (g) how many males have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Yarra Ranges network;
 - (h) how many females have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Yarra Ranges network;

- (i) how many males have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Southern Hume network;
 - (j) how many females have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Southern Hume network;
 - (k) how many males have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Nillumbik network;
 - (l) how many females have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Nillumbik network.
- (3) With reference to the appointments of acting principals in primary schools in 2016:
- (a) how many males have been appointed to the role of acting principal in Victoria;
 - (b) how many females have been appointed to the role of acting principal in Victoria;
 - (c) how many males have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the North Eastern region;
 - (d) how many females have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the North Eastern region;
 - (e) how many males have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Yarra Valley network;
 - (f) how many females have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Yarra Valley network;
 - (g) how many males have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Yarra Ranges network;
 - (h) how many females have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Yarra Ranges network;
 - (i) how many males have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Southern Hume network;
 - (j) how many females have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Southern Hume network;
 - (k) how many males have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Nillumbik network;
 - (l) how many females have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Nillumbik network.

ANSWER:

- (1) With reference to the appointments of acting principals in primary schools in 2015:
- (a) how many males have been appointed to the role of acting principal in Victoria; 119
 - (b) how many females have been appointed to the role of acting principal in Victoria; 316
 - (c) how many males have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the North Eastern region; 29
 - (d) how many females have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the North Eastern region; 84
 - (e) how many males have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Yarra Valley network; 4
 - (f) how many females have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Yarra Valley network; 2
 - (g) how many males have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Yarra Ranges network; 4
 - (h) how many females have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Yarra Ranges network; 19
 - (i) how many males have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Southern Hume network; 0
 - (j) how many females have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Southern Hume network; 7
 - (k) how many males have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Nillumbik network; 2
 - (l) how many females have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Nillumbik network. 6

- (2) With reference to the appointments of acting principals in primary schools in 2014:
- (a) how many males have been appointed to the role of acting principal in Victoria; 120
 - (b) how many females have been appointed to the role of acting principal in Victoria; 276
 - (c) how many males have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the North Eastern region; 38
 - (d) how many females have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the North Eastern region; 73
 - (e) how many males have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Yarra Valley network; 5
 - (f) how many females have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Yarra Valley network; 3
 - (g) how many males have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Yarra Ranges network; 5
 - (h) how many females have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Yarra Ranges network; 8
 - (i) how many males have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Southern Hume network; 2
 - (j) how many females have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Southern Hume network; 12
 - (k) how many males have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Nillumbik network; 0
 - (l) how many females have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Nillumbik network. 5
- (3) With reference to the appointments of acting principals in primary schools in 2016:
- (a) how many males have been appointed to the role of acting principal in Victoria; 13
 - (b) how many females have been appointed to the role of acting principal in Victoria; 22
 - (c) how many males have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the North Eastern region; 1
 - (d) how many females have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the North Eastern region; 6
 - (e) how many males have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Yarra Valley network; 0
 - (f) how many females have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Yarra Valley network; 2
 - (g) how many males have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Yarra Ranges network; 0
 - (h) how many females have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Yarra Ranges network; 0
 - (i) how many males have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Southern Hume network; In the Hume Local Government Area; 0
 - (j) how many females have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Southern Hume network; In the Hume local Government Area; 1
 - (k) how many males have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Nillumbik network; Nillumbik local Government Area; 0
 - (l) how many females have been appointed to the role of acting principal in the Nillumbik network. Nillumbik local Government Area; 0

I am informed as follows:

Data on primary schools has been extracted from the Department of Education and Training's (DET) leave and payroll system (eduPay) and manually verified where practical, in responding to the question on notice.

Data extracted is based on local Government Areas as DET does not record information at a network level on the leave and payroll system.

The accuracy of the data extraction of acting details relies on the accuracy of data recorded, which is undertaken at the local level, in leave and payroll system.

Only a small number of acting principal positions are able to be identified for 2016. Acting positions occur as a result of a vacancy arising due to leave, appointments, resignations or retirements and the need to ensure a Principal's delegation lines and accountabilities continue until such time as the position is advertised; these decisions are made at the local level.

Racing

6681. **Mr T. BULL** (Gippsland East) to ask the Minister for Racing — With reference to the Victorian Racing Infrastructure Fund, what were the allocations from this fund to greyhound racing clubs and entities in the current financial year and what were the reasons for these allocations.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

In the 2015-16 financial year, Greyhound Racing Victoria (GRV) has been granted \$295 000 to support the redevelopment of the pavilion at Warrnambool's Wannon Park racetrack.

GRV and its clubs have also been granted \$386 156 from the Victorian Racing Industry Fund (VRIF) Raceday Attraction Program (RAP) to support initiatives aimed at increasing on-course attendance at greyhound race meetings across the state.

Details of all VRIF Infrastructure and RAP grants up to 31 December 2015 are available on the Department of Justice and Regulation website (search 'racing grants'). The website is updated quarterly.

Racing

6683. **Mr T. BULL** (Gippsland East) to ask the Minister for Racing — With reference to the Victorian Racing Infrastructure Fund, what allocations were made from this fund to harness racing clubs and entities in the 2015/16 financial year and what were the reasons for these allocations.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

In the 2015-16 financial year, Harness Racing Victoria (HRV) has been granted \$405 855 to support six projects to improve the racing infrastructure and public facilities at venues across the state.

HRV and its clubs have also been granted \$546 633 from the Victorian Racing Industry Fund (VRIF) Raceday Attraction Program (RAP) to support initiatives aimed at increasing on-course attendance at harness race meetings.

Details of all VRIF Infrastructure and RAP grants up to 31 December 2015 are available on the Department of Justice and Regulation website (search 'racing grants'). The website is updated quarterly.

Small business, innovation and trade

6689. **Mr BURGESS** to ask the Minister for Public Transport for the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade — With reference to the effects of the Friday before the AFL Grand Final and Easter Sunday public holidays during the 2015/16 year for businesses in Aireys Inlet:

- (1) What advice has the Minister sought.
- (2) What advice has the Minister received.

ANSWER:

- (1) I have sought a range of information about the success of the Grand Final Friday public holiday, including regional tourism results and through the evaluation process as announced.
- (2) I have received a range of information, including positive feedback from small businesses and people from around Victoria. This information has not been broken down by town/suburb and to do so would be an unreasonable impost on the time and resources of the department.

Small business, innovation and trade

6690. Mr BURGESS to ask the Minister for Public Transport for the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade — With reference to the effects of the Friday before the AFL Grand Final and Easter Sunday public holidays during the 2015/16 year for businesses in Alexandra:

- (1) What advice has the Minister sought.
- (2) What advice has the Minister received.

ANSWER:

See my previous answer to question 6689.

Small business, innovation and trade

6691. Mr BURGESS to ask the Minister for Public Transport for the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade — With reference to the effects of the Friday before the AFL Grand Final and Easter Sunday public holidays during the 2015/16 year for businesses in Allansford:

- (1) What advice has the Minister sought.
- (2) What advice has the Minister received.

ANSWER:

See my previous answer to question 6690.

Small business, innovation and trade

6692. Mr BURGESS to ask the Minister for Public Transport for the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade — With reference to the effects of the Friday before the AFL Grand Final and Easter Sunday public holidays during the 2015/16 year for businesses in Anglesea:

- (1) What advice has the Minister sought.
- (2) What advice has the Minister received.

ANSWER:

See my previous answer to question 6691.

Small business, innovation and trade

6693. Mr BURGESS to ask the Minister for Public Transport for the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade — With reference to the effects of the Friday before the AFL Grand Final and Easter Sunday public holidays during the 2015/16 year for businesses in Apollo Bay:

- (1) What advice has the Minister sought.
- (2) What advice has the Minister received.

ANSWER:

See my previous answer to question 6692.

Small business, innovation and trade

6694. Mr BURGESS to ask the Minister for Public Transport for the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade — With reference to the effects of the Friday before the AFL Grand Final and Easter Sunday public holidays during the 2015/16 year for businesses in Ararat:

- (1) What advice has the Minister sought.
- (2) What advice has the Minister received.

ANSWER:

See my previous answer to question 6693.

Small business, innovation and trade

6695. Mr BURGESS to ask the Minister for Public Transport for the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade — With reference to the effects of the Friday before the AFL Grand Final and Easter Sunday public holidays during the 2015/16 year for businesses in Avenel:

- (1) What advice has the Minister sought.
- (2) What advice has the Minister received.

ANSWER:

See my previous answer to question 6694.

Small business, innovation and trade

6696. Mr BURGESS to ask the Minister for Public Transport for the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade — With reference to the effects of the Friday before the AFL Grand Final and Easter Sunday public holidays during the 2015/16 year for businesses in Avoca:

- (1) What advice has the Minister sought.
- (2) What advice has the Minister received.

ANSWER:

See my previous answer to question 6695.

Small business, innovation and trade

6697. Mr BURGESS to ask the Minister for Public Transport for the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade — With reference to the effects of the Friday before the AFL Grand Final and Easter Sunday public holidays during the 2015/16 year for businesses in Bacchus Marsh:

- (1) What advice has the Minister sought.
- (2) What advice has the Minister received.

ANSWER:

See my previous answer to question 6696.

Small business, innovation and trade

6698. Mr BURGESS to ask the Minister for Public Transport for the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade — With reference to the effects of the Friday before the AFL Grand Final and Easter Sunday public holidays during the 2015/16 year for businesses in Bairnsdale:

- (1) What advice has the Minister sought.
- (2) What advice has the Minister received.

ANSWER:

See my previous answer to question 6697.

Small business, innovation and trade

6699. Mr BURGESS to ask the Minister for Public Transport for the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade — With reference to the effects of the Friday before the AFL Grand Final and Easter Sunday public holidays during the 2015/16 year for businesses in Ballan:

- (1) What advice has the Minister sought.
- (2) What advice has the Minister received.

ANSWER:

See my previous answer to question 6698.

Small business, innovation and trade

6700. Mr BURGESS to ask the Minister for Public Transport for the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade — With reference to the effects of the Friday before the AFL Grand Final and Easter Sunday public holidays during the 2015/16 year for businesses in Ballarat:

- (1) What advice has the Minister sought.
- (2) What advice has the Minister received.

ANSWER:

See my previous answer to question 6699.

Small business, innovation and trade

6701. Mr BURGESS to ask the Minister for Public Transport for the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade — With reference to the effects of the Friday before the AFL Grand Final and Easter Sunday public holidays during the 2015/16 year for businesses in Balnarring:

- (1) What advice has the Minister sought.
- (2) What advice has the Minister received.

ANSWER:

See my previous answer to question 6700.

Small business, innovation and trade

6702. Mr BURGESS to ask the Minister for Public Transport for the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade — With reference to the effects of the Friday before the AFL Grand Final and Easter Sunday public holidays during the 2015/16 year for businesses in Bannockburn:

- (1) What advice has the Minister sought.
- (2) What advice has the Minister received.

ANSWER:

See my previous answer to question 6701.

Small business, innovation and trade

6703. Mr BURGESS to ask the Minister for Public Transport for the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade — With reference to the effects of the Friday before the AFL Grand Final and Easter Sunday public holidays during the 2015/16 year for businesses in Baranduda:

- (1) What advice has the Minister sought.
- (2) What advice has the Minister received.

ANSWER:

See my previous answer to question 6702.

Small business, innovation and trade

6704. Mr BURGESS to ask the Minister for Public Transport for the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade — With reference to the effects of the Friday before the AFL Grand Final and Easter Sunday public holidays during the 2015/16 year for businesses in Batesford:

- (1) What advice has the Minister sought.
- (2) What advice has the Minister received.

ANSWER:

See my previous answer to question 6703.

Small business, innovation and trade

6705. Mr BURGESS to ask the Minister for Public Transport for the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade — With reference to the effects of the Friday before the AFL Grand Final and Easter Sunday public holidays during the 2015/16 year for businesses in Beaconsfield Upper:

- (1) What advice has the Minister sought.
- (2) What advice has the Minister received.

ANSWER:

See my previous answer to question 6704.

Small business, innovation and trade

6706. Mr BURGESS to ask the Minister for Public Transport for the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade — With reference to the effects of the Friday before the AFL Grand Final and Easter Sunday public holidays during the 2015/16 year for businesses in Beaufort:

- (1) What advice has the Minister sought.
- (2) What advice has the Minister received.

ANSWER:

See my previous answer to question 6705.

Small business, innovation and trade

6707. Mr BURGESS to ask the Minister for Public Transport for the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade — With reference to the effects of the Friday before the AFL Grand Final and Easter Sunday public holidays during the 2015/16 year for businesses in Beechworth:

- (1) What advice has the Minister sought.
- (2) What advice has the Minister received.

ANSWER:

See my previous answer to question 6706.

Small business, innovation and trade

6708. Mr BURGESS to ask the Minister for Public Transport for the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade — With reference to the effects of the Friday before the AFL Grand Final and Easter Sunday public holidays during the 2015/16 year for businesses in Benalla:

- (1) What advice has the Minister sought.
- (2) What advice has the Minister received.

ANSWER:

See my previous answer to question 6707.

Small business, innovation and trade

6709. Mr BURGESS to ask the Minister for Public Transport for the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade — With reference to the effects of the Friday before the AFL Grand Final and Easter Sunday public holidays during the 2015/16 year for businesses in Bendigo:

- (1) What advice has the Minister sought.
- (2) What advice has the Minister received.

ANSWER:

See my previous answer to question 6708.

Small business, innovation and trade

6710. Mr BURGESS to ask the Minister for Public Transport for the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade — With reference to the effects of the Friday before the AFL Grand Final and Easter Sunday public holidays during the 2015/16 year for businesses in Birchip:

- (1) What advice has the Minister sought.
- (2) What advice has the Minister received.

ANSWER:

See my previous answer to question 6709.

Small business, innovation and trade

6711. Mr BURGESS to ask the Minister for Public Transport for the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade — With reference to the effects of the Friday before the AFL Grand Final and Easter Sunday public holidays during the 2015/16 year for businesses in Blind Bight:

- (1) What advice has the Minister sought.
- (2) What advice has the Minister received.

ANSWER:

See my previous answer to question 6710.

Small business, innovation and trade

6712. Mr BURGESS to ask the Minister for Public Transport for the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade — With reference to the effects of the Friday before the AFL Grand Final and Easter Sunday public holidays during the 2015/16 year for businesses in Bonegilla:

- (1) What advice has the Minister sought.
- (2) What advice has the Minister received.

ANSWER:

See my previous answer to question 6711.

Small business, innovation and trade

6713. Mr BURGESS to ask the Minister for Public Transport for the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade — With reference to the effects of the Friday before the AFL Grand Final and Easter Sunday public holidays during the 2015/16 year for businesses in Boort:

- (1) What advice has the Minister sought.
- (2) What advice has the Minister received.

ANSWER:

See my previous answer to question 6712.

Small business, innovation and trade

6714. Mr BURGESS to ask the Minister for Public Transport for the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade — With reference to the effects of the Friday before the AFL Grand Final and Easter Sunday public holidays during the 2015/16 year for businesses in Briagolong:

- (1) What advice has the Minister sought.
- (2) What advice has the Minister received.

ANSWER:

See my previous answer to question 6713.

Planning

6723. Ms SANDELL to ask the Minister for Planning — Can the Minister guarantee that the two remaining Advanced Lignite Demonstration Program projects will be required to undertake a works approval or other environmental impact assessment process that provides opportunities for the public to make submissions raising any concerns they have which must then be factored into approvals decision making.

ANSWER:

The matters raised fall within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Energy and Resources. The member will need to redirect her question to the Hon Lily D’Ambrosio.