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Headings reflect the portfolio of the minister answering the question.*

5 May to 26 May 2016

Education

6687. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Education — With reference to the Minister’s response to constituency question 6668, will the Minister be visiting Bairnsdale Secondary College in 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

I would first like to thank Bairnsdale Secondary College for extending an invitation to visit, and I look forward to visiting the school in the near future when I am in the region.

Education

6688. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Education — With reference to Ministerial Direction 145-Special Religious Instruction in Government Schools:

- (1) In a classroom containing only the teaching staff and students in curriculum time, can teachers allow students to sing traditional carols/hymns containing references to Jesus Christ, such as Away in a Manger.
- (2) Can teachers teach traditional carols/hymns containing references to Jesus Christ to students in school curriculum time.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Education and Training Reform Act 2006 (the Act) provides that government school education must be secular. However, a secular education still includes education about world faiths.

New Victorian curriculum introduced in 2016 recognises the importance of world histories, global cultures, ethics and traditions. The curriculum will help ensure Victoria remains ‘a successful multicultural society and strengthen our diversity and the capacity of our young people to understand others, including other world views, and to act with tolerance and respect.

As part of the general religious education curriculum provided by government school teachers, students may be taught about, and acknowledge, religious celebrations or festivals. This may include recognition of, and educational activities relating to, key religious celebrations such as Christmas, Eid al-Adha, or Hanukkah.

With reference to Christmas carols, schools can learn and sing carols on school grounds as carols have a cultural place in our society.

It is up to the professional judgment of teachers and principals to decide, based on the context, the curriculum, the Department’s policies what forms of music they use in their classroom activities. There are no prohibited Christmas carols or hymns.

Agriculture

6763. **Mr BLACKWOOD** to ask the Minister for Public Transport for the Minister for Agriculture — Has the Minister received correspondence from the Gippsland Branch of the Avicultural Society of

Australia Inc.; if so, does the Minister intend to respond to their concerns regarding the sale of exotic birds at aviary events across the state and review the relevant legislation to address these concerns.

ANSWER:

Under the Domestic Animals Act 1994 it is an offence to sell a caged bird from a place other than a private residence or a registered pet shop; unless the bird is exempt under the Wildlife Act 1975 amnesty (listing birds indigenous to the whole or parts of Australia). This has been the case for more than 20 years.

In May 2015, it was brought to the attention of biosecurity officers at the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR) that large bird sales were being held at various locations around Victoria.

DEDJTR has been in contact with organisers of bird sales to discuss their legislative requirements. Organisers have taken action to stop the illegal sale of exotic species at these sales by introducing an expressions of interest system instead. Staff from the department have also recently met with members of the Victorian Avicultural Council to discuss their concerns about the continuation of bird sales.

I understand that for some aviculturists and exotic bird hobbyists the changes to the functioning of birds sales may have been unexpected. I have received many letters about this.

I must emphasise, however, that there has been no change to the law, or the way it is regulated. The sale of exotic species of birds outside of pet shops and private residences has been continuously banned in Victoria for more than 20 years.

I appreciate the cooperation that has been shown by organisers in making some changes to the way they run their sales in order to comply with the law. For this reason, I have asked my department to investigate possible policy options that could allow the large sales of exotic species to occur, legally.

Education

6795. **Mr WAKELING** to ask the Minister for Education — With reference to the Schools Funding Review led by the Hon. Steve Bracks, which was to be completed by the end of 2015, when will the final findings of the review be released.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Andrews Labor Government is committed to making Victoria the Education State. To achieve this vision a well-resourced government school system that provides world class educational opportunities to all children is essential.

As part of this commitment, the Government appointed former Premier, the Hon Steve Bracks AC, to examine future funding arrangements for schooling in Victoria for the period beyond 2017.

An interim report titled 'Emerging Issues & Ideas' was issued on 6 September 2015 capturing the views of stakeholders. The Review has now delivered its Final Report and Government is carefully considering the final recommendations of the Review.

Public transport

6842. **Mr THOMPSON** to ask the Minister for Public Transport — Will stakeholder consultation occur before or after a construction contract is signed for sky rail to remove level crossings on the Frankston line between Frankston and Moorabbin.

ANSWER:

The Andrews Government is removing 11 level crossings on the Frankston line. The former Liberal Government did not remove a single level crossing on the Frankston line.

The planning for the removal of eight level crossings between Cheltenham and Frankston is still in the early stages and no decision has yet been made regarding the recommended solution for their removal.

The Level Crossing Removal Authority is considering all options for removing the crossings as part of its investigations to determine the best solution for each site.

The Authority is also consulting with local residents, traders and special interest groups along the Frankston line.

For more information on the consultation process go to www.levelcrossings.vic.gov.au

Public transport

6843. Mr THOMPSON to ask the Minister for Public Transport — With reference to the sky rail project, what discussions have taken place for grade separation at Charman Road and Park Road, Cheltenham.

ANSWER:

The Andrews Government is removing 11 level crossings on the Frankston line including Charman Rd in Cheltenham. The former Liberal Government did not remove any crossings on the Frankston line.

The planning for the removal of eight level crossings between Cheltenham and Frankston is still in the early stages and no decision has yet been made regarding the recommended solution for their removal.

The Level Crossing Removal Authority is considering all options for removing the crossings as part of its investigations to determine the best solution for each site, including Charman Road, Cheltenham.

This has included significant community consultation to date.

The Level Crossing Removal Authority has held a station pop-up at Cheltenham station, held nine community drop-in sessions, two of them in Cheltenham, and has spoken with traders and special interest groups. Door knocking residents surrounding each crossing is planned for the coming weeks.

The Park Road, Cheltenham level crossing is not one of the 50 level crossings nominated for removal by the State Government.

Public transport

6845. Mr THOMPSON to ask the Minister for Public Transport —

- (1) What sky rail proposals have been discussed for grade separation at Balcombe Road and Latrobe Street, Mentone.
- (2) What consultation has taken place with the executive of The Friends of Mentone Station and Gardens in relation to sky rail proposals for the Frankston Line.

ANSWER:

The Andrews Government is removing 11 level crossings on the Frankston line, including at Balcombe Rd in Mentone. The former Liberal Government did not remove any crossings on the Frankston line.

The planning for the removal of eight level crossings between Cheltenham and Frankston is still in the early stages and no decision has yet been made regarding the recommended solution for their removal.

The Level Crossing Removal Authority has been and is continuing to consult with local residents, traders and special interest groups along the Frankston line, including the Friends of Mentone Station and Gardens. These

community members know their area best and their feedback is a vital part of the process in determining the best solution for each area.

The Authority will be continuing to meet with the Friends of Mentone Station and Gardens community group regularly as designs are developed to ensure their views are understood and considered. The LaTrobe Street, Mentone level crossing is not one of the 50 level crossings nominated for removal by the State Government.

Public transport

6846. **Mr THOMPSON** to ask the Minister for Public Transport — With reference to the proposed grade separation between the road and railway line at Charman Road, Cheltenham:

- (1) What public consultation has taken place.
- (2) How many people have been consulted.
- (3) Has a decision been made on the engineering design.
- (4) Will the design be for an elevated sky rail.
- (5) When will the contract for the works be entered into.

ANSWER:

The Andrews Government is removing 11 level crossings on the Frankston line including Charman Rd in Cheltenham. The former Liberal Government did not remove any crossings on the Frankston line.

The planning for the removal of eight level crossings between Cheltenham and Frankston is still in the early stages and no decision has yet been made regarding the recommended solution for their removal.

The Level Crossing Removal Authority is considering all of these options as part of its investigations to determine the best solution for each site.

Community consultation and engagement is a vital part of the process to determine the best solution for removing eight level crossings between Cheltenham and Frankston.

The Level Crossing Removal Authority is currently consulting with local residents, traders and special interest groups along the Frankston line throughout this year.

The first round of community consultation is underway. Nine community drop-in sessions have been held, there were 10 station pop-ups, traders in each area have been spoken with individually, as have special interest groups. This consultation phase will also include door knocking residents surrounding each crossing in the coming weeks.

For more information on the consultation process go to www.levelcrossings.vic.gov.au

Public transport

6847. **Mr THOMPSON** to ask the Minister for Public Transport — With reference to the proposed grade separation between the road and railway line at Balcombe Road, Mentone:

- (1) What public consultation has taken place.
- (2) How many people have been consulted.
- (3) Has a decision been made on the engineering design.
- (4) Will the design be for an elevated sky rail.
- (5) When will the contract for the works be entered into.

ANSWER:

The Andrews Government is removing 11 level crossings on the Frankston line including Balcombe Road in Mentone. The former Liberal Government did not remove any crossings on the Frankston line.

The planning for the removal of eight level crossings between Cheltenham and Frankston is still at early stages and no decision has yet been made regarding the recommended solution for their removal.

The Level Crossing Removal Authority is considering all options as part of its investigations to determine the best solution for each site.

Community consultation and engagement is a vital part of the process to determine the best solution for removing eight level crossings between Cheltenham and Frankston.

The Level Crossing Removal Authority is currently consulting with local residents, traders and special interest groups along the Frankston line throughout this year.

The first round of community consultation is underway. Nine community drop-in sessions have been held, there were 10 station pop-ups, traders in each area have been spoken with individually, as have special interest groups. This consultation phase will also include door knocking residents surrounding each crossing in the coming weeks.

Education

6849. Mr WAKELING to ask the Minister for Education — With reference to the Cooperative Learning Structures (CLP) educational model developed by Dr Spencer Kagan, does the Department of Education and Training have plans to implement CLP in Victorian schools; if so, what is the timetable for implementing this program.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Successful education systems are characterised by principals who are well connected to their peers through active partnerships or learning networks of schools. These learning networks are known as Communities of Practice.

During 2016 the Department will be establishing a Communities of Practice approach. The intention is to powerfully support the implementation of the Framework for Improving Student Outcomes and drive the achievement of Education State targets.

The Department does not endorse individual educational programs for implementation in Victorian government schools. Schools can however, decide to engage and implement individual programs at the local level based on the specific learning needs of their students and community.

Environment, climate change and water

6879. Mr BATTIN to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water — With reference to inoperative quarries and landfill:

- (1) How many inoperative quarries and landfill sites are in Victoria.
- (2) What is the location of each inoperative quarry or landfill site in Victoria.
- (3) How many of these sites are required to be backfilled.
- (4) What is the location of each landfill and quarry waiting to be backfilled.

ANSWER:

There are 50 closed landfills in Victoria that have current post-closure pollution abatement notices issued by EPA Victoria.

EPA does not hold records of closed landfills that do not have post-closure pollution abatement notices issued.

Public transport

6914. Mr HODGETT to ask the Minister for Public Transport —

- (1) Was the 9.05 pm down Belgrave service on 7 March 2016 a three-car X'Trapolis.
- (2) What is the typical Monday to Thursday maximum passenger capacity for the 9.05 pm Belgrave service.
- (3) In 2014, was this service or the closest equivalent service typically a six-car X'Trapolis or a Comeng.
- (4) Will this service be restored to a six-car set; if so, when.

ANSWER:

I am advised that the 9.05 pm down Belgrave service on 7 March 2016 was a six-car set. The premise underlying these questions is incorrect.

Local government

6919. Ms SANDELL to ask the Minister for Local Government — Does the upcoming review of the Local Government Act 1989 also include a review of the City of Melbourne Act 2001.

ANSWER:

Yes. As indicated in the Review Terms of Reference, the review will include consideration of all legislation for which the Minister for Local Government has administrative responsibility with a view to simplifying and integrating these Acts in the new Act where possible.

Other related legislation includes the *City of Greater Geelong Act 1993*, the *City of Melbourne Act 2001* and the *Municipal Association Act 1907*.

Roads and road safety

6990. Mr R. SMITH to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — With reference to the Towards Zero campaign:

- (1) What is the total cost of the campaign.
- (2) What are the total costs for each of the following components of the campaign:
 - (a) billboard advertising;
 - (b) television advertising;
 - (c) radio advertising;
 - (d) newspaper advertising;
 - (e) advert development and construction;
 - (f) the development, hosting and maintenance of the Towards Zero website; and
 - (g) development and filming of short films and other similar media for the Towards Zero campaign.

ANSWER:

Thank you for your question on 22 March 2016 regarding the campaign costs for 'Towards Zero' campaigns.

Towards Zero is not one campaign, but a new approach to addressing road safety. At its heart, the Towards Zero approach is a long term vision for a future with zero deaths or serious injuries on our roads.

The Towards Zero approach is based on the four principles of Safer Roads, Safer Cars, Safer Speeds and Safer People. For more information about the Towards Zero approach you can visit: www.towardszero.vic.gov.au

A crucial component of reaching our goals of Towards Zero is the public education campaigning that assists in spreading the road safety message.

Advertising and campaign expenditure for road safety initiatives can be found in the TAC Annual Report

The campaigns and website will continue to be used and extended to reinforce the Towards Zero approach to the Victorian community

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Energy and resources

6995. **Mr THOMPSON** to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources — With reference to reports from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission and the Australian Cable Makers Association that faulty imported electrical cables represent damage to life and property:

- (1) What action has the Government taken to protect the lives of Victorians.
- (2) What action has the Government taken to protect the homes of Victorians.
- (3) What action has the Government taken to protect commercial property in Victoria.
- (4) What action has the Government taken to identify faulty cables and prevent their installation now and in the future.

ANSWER:

I refer to the matter raised by the Member for Sandringham regarding the Victorian Government's action on faulty imported electrical cables.

The safety of Victorians is an absolute priority of the Andrews Labor Government. Victoria has a strong energy safety regime that is overseen by the independent regulator Energy Safe Victoria (ESV). ESV has powers under the Electricity Safety Act 1998 to protect the safety of Victorians.

Victoria's safety regime includes ensuring gas and electrical equipment installed in homes and businesses meets relevant safety standards as set by the Australian and New Zealand Standards Committee, and the licencing and registration of electricians to ensure that all electrical work has been performed by a qualified electrician.

ESV has a team of investigators who probe gas and electrical safety issues in homes and businesses across the state, and run various community education campaigns alerting Victorians to potential dangers with energy. In situations where a possible safety breach is identified, ESV conducts testing to determine if an electrical or gas product is compliant with the minimum safety standards or if it poses a safety threat to Victorians. If a product is found to be unsafe, ESV can issue a mandatory recall and direct a company to rectify the unsafe situation.

ESV has been the lead agency for a number of product recalls including electrical cable recalls such as the Ecables recall, and has played a pivotal role in providing the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) and its task force with advice on the electrical safety aspects of the Infinity Cables recall. The ACCC joined with electrical safety regulators, building regulators and state and territory fair trading consumer law agencies to decide what action should be taken in relation to the infinity cables recall through a regulatory taskforce and recently issued a special bulletin warning builders and electricians to remediate Infinity cables or face fines.

This regime has an excellent record of preventing electrical incidents through rigorous investigations, testing, point of sale audits and standards setting.

Public transport

6996. **Mr BURGESS** to ask the Minister for Public Transport — With reference to the rezoning of a section of VicTrack land near the Somerville railway station land to residential:

- (1) What advice has the Minister sought.
- (2) What advice has the Minister received.
- (3) Is the land to be sold and then used to build high rise units.

- (4) What is the valuation of the land.

ANSWER:

It is VicTrack's role to grow and protect Victoria's transport assets, to help build a thriving public transport system, and make travel and living better for Victorians.

Under the Transport Integration Act 2010, VicTrack must dispose of land which is no longer required for transport purposes. The proceeds from the sale of VicTrack land is reinvested directly back to transport and Victorian communities, including VicTrack's custodial obligations.

The VicTrack Land Sales Program is approved by the Minister for Public Transport and the Treasurer for the sale of land. In the case of Somerville Railway Lot 38, it formed part of VicTrack's 2014-2015 Land Sales Program, approved for sale in October 2014.

- 1) In September 2015, I sought VicTrack's advice in relation to the sale of Somerville Railway Lot 38, to reply to the Member for Hastings's correspondence on the matter.
- 2) In September 2015, VicTrack provided advice on the sale and rezoning of Somerville Railway Lot 38. The advice confirmed the land is surplus to transport requirements, and that the sale was approved by the former Minister for Public Transport and the former Treasurer in October 2014. It also confirmed VicTrack's consultation with the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council and the role of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning's (DELWP) Fast Track Government Land Service to rezone land.
- 3) VicTrack proposes to offer the land for public sale within the next 12 months. The purchaser is entitled to apply to the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council for planning permission for any development of the land through the normal planning processes. The DELWP Fast Track Government Land Service recently concluded its exhibition period and planning panel hearing for the rezone. In early June 2016, the panel will make a recommendation on the rezone to the Minister for Planning. The Minister for Planning will then determine whether the land will be rezoned to a General Residential 1 Zone which may include a Development Plan Overlay. The zone and overlay will prescribe the future development density and height allowances.
- 4) At this time, Somerville Railway Lot 38 has not been formally valued. VicTrack will secure a valuation of land from the Valuer General Victoria based on the current market value in due course.

Public transport

7009. **Mr HODGETT** to ask the Minister for Public Transport — With reference to the cancellation on 23 March 2016 of the 6.08 am up Warrnambool service and the 7.20 am down and 12.45 pm up Bairnsdale services:

- (1) What was the exact cause of each cancellation.
- (2) When was the locomotive or car set repaired and again available for traffic.
- (3) How many coaches replaced each train.
- (4) Where did each coach originate and terminate.
- (5) What was the cost of each coach hire.
- (6) When did the affected Warrnambool line locomotive and car set return to Southern Cross railway station.
- (7) How many passengers used each replacement road coach.

ANSWER:

- (1) The 6.08 am Warrnambool to Southern Cross was replaced by coaches due to defective brake rigging.

The 7.20 am Southern Cross to Bairnsdale and the 12.45 pm Bairnsdale to Southern Cross services were replaced by coaches due to a train fault relating to doors on the carriage.

- (2) The faults on both trains were repaired and they were available later the same day.
- (3) Six coaches were used to replace the Warrnambool service and a total of seven were used to replace the Bairnsdale services.
- (4) The Warrnambool replacement coaches originated at Warrnambool (three coaches); Waurn Ponds (one coach); Geelong (one coach) and Wyndham Vale (one coach). All terminated at Southern Cross.

The 7.20 am Southern Cross to Bairnsdale service was replaced by coaches originating at Traralgon and terminating at Bairnsdale.

The 12.45 pm Bairnsdale to Southern Cross was replaced by coaches originating at Bairnsdale and terminating at Southern Cross.

- (5) V/Line contracts coaches to provide both timetabled coaches and rail replacement coach services. Coaches are procured at commercial rates.
- (6) The same day.
- (7) The average patronage for the Warrnambool service is 460 passengers. The average patronage for the Bairnsdale service is 160 passengers.

Energy and resources

- 7012.** Ms SANDELL to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources — Has the Minister or the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources had any discussions with the federal government about providing support for the Latrobe Valley as part of the transition to renewable energy.

ANSWER:

The Victorian Government is actively working with a range of organisations to support economic diversification in the Latrobe Valley, including the Federal Government's Regional Development Australia as well as community, industry and local government representatives.

The Victorian Government is committed to transitioning Victoria to renewable energy, which will require detailed planning to give the community and industry certainty going forward, especially in the Latrobe Valley. The Government's forthcoming Renewable Energy Action Plan will help achieve this, as will the development of a new coal policy.

Energy and resources

- 7013.** Ms SANDELL to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources — Given that more than 2300 submissions were received by the Essential Services Commission calling for a fair price for solar export, will the Government be reviewing the terms of reference or scope of the Essential Services Commission's Inquiry into the true value of distributed generation.

ANSWER:

The Andrews Labor Government supports a fair price on solar energy. That is why we committed to and announced an inquiry into the true value of distributed generation.

This inquiry will conclude in 2016, with a new, fairer, price for solar energy in place for 2017.

The Government encourages all Victorians to continue to be involved in the Inquiry as it progresses.

Roads and road safety

7038. **Mr R. SMITH** to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — With reference to the \$140 million targeted road restoration program, how much of the funding for the financial years 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16 was allocated to:

- (1) The Eastern Region.
- (2) The Northern Region.
- (3) The North East Region.
- (4) The Western Region.
- (5) The South West Region.
- (6) The Metro North West Region.
- (7) The Metro South East Region.

ANSWER:

This information is contained within the relevant VicRoads Annual Reports (2013/14; page 49, 2014/15; page 23) and previous Budget papers.

Roads and road safety

7039. **Mr R. SMITH** to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — With reference to statewide road maintenance, for the financial years 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/15, what is the total amount of funds allocated to maintenance in:

- (1) The Eastern Region.
- (2) The Northern Region.
- (3) The North East Region.
- (4) The Western Region.
- (5) The South West Region.
- (6) The Metro North West Region.
- (7) The Metro South East Region.

ANSWER:

This information is contained within the relevant VicRoads Annual Reports (2013/14; page 49, 2014/15; page 23) and previous Budget papers.

Roads and road safety

7040. **Mr R. SMITH** to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — With reference to rural road infrastructure in Victoria, what is the total amount invested in local roads and bridges in:

- (1) 2011/12.
- (2) 2012/13.
- (3) 2013/14.
- (4) 2014/15.
- (5) 2015/16.

ANSWER:

This information is contained within the relevant VicRoads Annual Reports (2013/14; page 49, 2014/15; page 23) and previous Budget papers.

Roads and road safety

7041. **Mr R. SMITH** to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — With reference to bridges (including major culverts) on Victoria’s arterial road network:

- (1) What is the total number of bridges on the road network.
- (2) What is the total annual expenditure on maintenance, rehabilitation and replacement of bridges.
- (3) How many bridges were inspected in 2015.
- (4) How many bridges were found to have functional deficiencies in 2015.
- (5) How many bridges on the road network have exceeded their design life.

ANSWER:

Information regarding the number of Victorian bridges on the arterial network is available from the Victorian Government data website at <<https://www.data.vic.gov.au/data/dataset/vicroads-bridge-structure-data>>.

Information regarding annual expenditure and inspections of bridges are contained within the relevant VicRoads Annual Report; Key Financial Results and Report on Operations sections respectively.

Roads and road safety

7042. **Mr R. SMITH** to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — With reference to the Drysdale Bypass project:

- (1) What are the milestones for the project.
- (2) What project development activities have been undertaken since December 2014.
- (3) When will VicRoads publicly release a business case for the project.
- (4) How much of the allocated \$2 million has been spent to date.

ANSWER:

I am pleased to advise that, as at the date the question was raised:

The Victorian Government has committed \$109 million for the Drysdale Bypass and improvements along Geelong-Portarlington Road (also known as High Street), Drysdale. The project includes two distinct components:

- The Geelong Portarlington Road (High Street) improvements include a suite of works which are planned to reduce congestion, improve amenity and make it safer for road users; and
- The Drysdale Bypass will provide approximately six kilometres of new roadway, from Jetty Road to north of Whitcombes Road.

The Project Milestones are as follows:

- a. Geelong-Portarlington Road (High Street) Improvement works to be completed in 2017;
- b. Planning Scheme Amendment process for Drysdale Bypass to be completed in 2017;
- c. Construction of Drysdale Bypass will commence in 2018 and completed in 2020.

Project development activities that have been undertaken/underway since December 2014 include:

- a. The development of a business case has been prepared for consideration by Government on the detailed scope and cost options for the duplication;
- b. Preconstruction activities including survey, site investigations, utility service investigations and environmental studies required for permit approvals, are now underway and are progressing well;
- c. Development of a functional design for consultation and discussion; and

- d. A communications strategy is in place to ensure that the community and various interested stakeholders are consulted and informed of progress in the ongoing planning and delivery of this important project.

Roads and road safety

7044. **Mr R. SMITH** to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — With reference to the government’s commitment to trial a truck curfew on Rosanna Road:

- (1) How many heavy vehicles per day travelled on Rosanna Road prior to the introduction of the curfew.
- (2) When will VicRoads release modelling on the impact of the curfew on travel times for heavy vehicles.
- (3) How many full time equivalent VicRoads officers are assigned to the enforcement of the curfew.
- (4) How many fines to date have been issued to heavy vehicle operators who have broken the curfew.
- (5) On what date will the curfew conclude.

ANSWER:

- (1) Prior to the installation of the curfew and throughout, VicRoads has been collecting traffic data to assess the impact of the trial.
- (2) In addition to establishing a community reference group, VicRoads will arrange a workshop in mid 2016 so that the broader community and stakeholders are involved through the evaluation phase of the trial. VicRoads will share traffic information at this workshop.
- (3) VicRoads has enforced the curfews with patrols throughout the area. There are several roads with truck curfews in Victoria and VicRoads prioritises enforcement activities based on operational factors and feedback from the community.
- (4) The truck curfews were implemented over a 12-month trial period, during which VicRoads has continued to monitor the truck curfews. Stakeholder feedback and an assessment of the curfews will subsequently determine the future of the trial curfews. VicRoads expects to assess the trial in November 2016.

Roads and road safety

7045. **Mr R. SMITH** to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — With reference to the Government’s commitment to upgrade Bolton Street in Eltham:

- (1) What works will be undertaken to upgrade Bolton Street.
- (2) What are the milestones for the project.
- (3) What project development activities have been undertaken since December 2014.
- (4) When will VicRoads publicly release a business case for the project.

ANSWER:

The works will generally involve the provisioning of dedicated right turn lanes, the construction of a shared user path and drainage improvements. Two options are being considered and the final option will be decided after community consultation.

The 2016 State Budget included a commitment of \$10.2 million to undertake the upgrade of Bolton Street. Preliminary planning works have commenced; including development of concept design options that will be discussed with the community in mid-2016. Construction is expected to begin in late 2017.

Roads and road safety

7048. **Mr R. SMITH** to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — With reference to the Box Hill to Ringwood bikeway project initiated by the Napthine Government:

- (1) What are the milestones for the project.
- (2) What milestones have been achieved since December 2014.
- (3) Will the project be completed in the fourth quarter of 2015/16, as the Treasurer indicated in the 2015/16 State Budget.

ANSWER:

- (1) The Box Hill to Ringwood bike path spans an approximate length of ten kilometres. The project generally follows the Belgrave and Lilydale railway line and is being designed and constructed in sections. Design development is continuing and construction contracts are expected to be tendered and path built progressively over the coming 12 to 18 months.
- (2) The section in Box Hill was opened in May 2015, following the initial section at Mitcham in July 2014.
- (3) The above timeframe includes the sections in Blackburn and Heatherdale that will be constructed as part of level crossing removal projects in 2017.

Roads and road safety

7049. **Mr R. SMITH** to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — With reference to the \$96 million allocated to the Echuca-Moama Bridge project by the Napthine Government:

- (1) Why has VicRoads not yet proceeded with early civil works on the Warren Street roundabout upgrade.
- (2) When will civil works commence on the project.
- (3) What is the total amount of funding spent on this initiative to date in 2015/16.
- (4) Has the Minister reprioritised any of the allocated \$96 million to other projects.
- (5) On what date or dates has the Minister written to his counterparts in the NSW and Commonwealth Governments to reaffirm Victoria's commitment to this project.

ANSWER:

In recognition of the importance of this project, the State Government included an allocation of \$96 million to the project in its 2015-16 and 2016-17 budgets, noting that final funding arrangements would require the confirmation of reciprocal funding from the Commonwealth and New South Wales State Governments.

I am endeavouring to have the whole of this important project, including the construction of the Warren Street roundabout progressed as soon as possible—this is reflected by the Andrews Labor Government's commitment to this project.

VicRoads advises me that it has commenced preconstruction investigations for the roundabout to enable timely construction following confirmation of Federal and New South Wales State funding.

On 12 April 2016, I wrote to the Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Transport reaffirming the Victorian Government's commitment to this project, and seeking commitment from the Federal Government.

Roads and road safety

7051. **Mr R. SMITH** to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — With reference to the Fixing Congestion on Punt Road initiative initiated by the Napthine Government:

- (1) What are the milestones for the project.

- (2) What works activities have been undertaken since December 2014.
- (3) On what date will 24-hour parking restrictions be introduced on Punt Road.

ANSWER:

- (1) VicRoads is following the Code of Practice for Clearways on declared roads. The steps below reflect the requirements of the code of practice:
 - a) Determining whether to create or alter a clearway;
 - b) Notification of proposed clearway changes to those affected;
 - c) Consultation process (minimum 60 days);
 - d) Notification of Decision by VicRoads;
 - e) Implementation of clearway changes; and
 - f) Evaluation of clearway implementation.
- (2) VicRoads has made a determination that it intends to alter clearways along Punt Road and has undertaken a 60-day consultation process to provide property owners and occupiers abutting the affected sections of road the opportunity to lodge a submission. This 60-day period concluded on 10 April 2016. VicRoads is currently meeting with those who lodged submissions to discuss matters raised prior to finalising its decision.
- (3) VicRoads anticipates that changes to the existing clearways along Punt Road will be implemented in the second half of 2016.

Roads and road safety

7052. Mr R. SMITH to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — With reference to VicRoads' tender for the development of a Practical Safe Driving program:

- (1) Before the tender was advertised, how many firms or education providers did VicRoads meet with in relation to the program.
- (2) What date was the tender advertised.
- (3) Did any firms or education providers register their interest in participating in the tender, and if so, on what date or dates did this occur.
- (4) Did VicRoads contact any firms or education providers to inform them that a tender for the program had been advertised, and if so, on what date or dates did this occur.
- (5) What communications channels did VicRoads use to advertise the tender for the program.
- (6) Is the tender process being overseen by a probity auditor.

ANSWER:

- (1) As part of routine stakeholder engagement, VicRoads:
 - provided an industry briefing on 7 April 2015 in relation to the program and the Young Driver Safety Package;
 - held an expert workshop on 27 & 28 August 2015 in relation to the program; and
 - met with a number of road safety education providers during 2015 to observe their programs.

There were no specific meetings undertaken in relation to this tender.

- (2) The tender was advertised on 3 February 2016.
- (3) There were 29 organisations and education providers that requested the tender document between 3 February and 29 February 2016. Four submissions were received on 2 March 2016.

- (4) No formal contact was made with any firms or education providers. There was an article in The Age on 1 February 2016 titled “Young drivers who pass probationary period with no blemish to get free licence” that stated “Meanwhile, a \$24.4 million safe driving program for high school students is to go out to tender on Wednesday.” This was the first time firms or education providers were made aware of the tender release date.
- (5) The tender was advertised in the Herald Sun and Financial Review on 3 February and 10 February 2016. It was also advertised on the VicRoads website throughout the tender period.
- (6) The tender process is being undertaken in accordance with VicRoads procurement guidelines which are also in line with the Victorian Government Purchasing Board (VGPB) guidelines.

Education

7053. **Mr NORTHE** to ask the Minister for Education — With reference to the provision of School Equity Funding to schools in the Morwell electorate:

- (1) How much funding did each school in the Morwell electorate receive in the calendar years 2015 and 2016.
- (2) How much funding will each school in the Morwell electorate receive in the calendar year 2017.
- (3) Were there any schools in the Morwell electorate that did not receive funding in 2015; if so, why did they not receive funding.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

\$9.3 million has been allocated to government schools in the Morwell electorate for School Equity Reform in 2016. In 2015 government schools in the Morwell electorate received \$4.5 million. The increase in the 2016 funding more than doubles the funding schools received in 2015.

The 2017 equity allocations are unknown at present as the student parental education and occupational data is collected as part of the August 2016 census. This data collected is then used to calculate 2017 Indicative school funding and is normally released to all schools before the end of term 3.

The 2015 equity model utilised funding thresholds to determine eligibility. Seven government schools in the Morwell electorate did not receive equity funding in 2015 because they didn't meet the eligibility requirements. The Andrews Labor government's 'Education State' reform in 2016 results in all government schools in the Morwell electorate receiving equity funding.

Public transport

7054. **Mr THOMPSON** to ask the Minister for Public Transport — With reference to the proposed rail/road grade separation between Mentone railway station and Parkdale railway station, is there provision in the project costings for the removal of obsolete rails, sleepers and ballast and for the completion of the beautification works as shown in concept designs and drawings; if not, from where will these works be funded.

ANSWER:

The previous Liberal government did not remove any level crossings on the Frankston line. The Andrews Labor Government is removing 11.

The Level Crossing Removal Authority (LXRA) is still carrying out initial investigations and identifying design options for the sites along the Frankston Line.

Where appropriate, LXRA will look into opportunities to reuse or salvage items for use on the project or for maintenance across the network as the project progresses.

Public transport

7055. **Mr THOMPSON** to ask the Minister for Public Transport — With reference to the proposed rail/road grade separation between Hihett railway station and Cheltenham railway station, is there provision in the project costings for the removal of obsolete rails, sleepers and ballast and for the completion of the beautification works as shown in concept designs and drawings; if not, from where will these works be funded.

ANSWER:

The previous Liberal government did not remove any level crossings on the Frankston line. The Andrews Labor Government is removing 11.

The Level Crossing Removal Authority (LXRA) is still carrying out initial investigations and identifying design options for the sites along the Frankston Line.

Where appropriate, LXRA will look into opportunities to reuse or salvage items for use on the project or for maintenance across the network as the project progresses.

Public transport

7056. **Mr THOMPSON** to ask the Minister for Public Transport — With reference to the proposed rail/road grade separation between Cheltenham railway station and Mentone railway station, is there provision in the project costings for the removal of obsolete rails, sleepers and ballast and for the completion of the beautification works as shown in concept designs and drawings; if not, from where will these works be funded.

ANSWER:

The previous Liberal government did not remove any level crossings on the Frankston line. The Andrews Labor Government is removing 11.

The Level Crossing Removal Authority (LXRA) is still carrying out initial investigations and identifying design options for the sites along the Frankston Line.

Where appropriate, LXRA will look into opportunities to reuse or salvage items for use on the project or for maintenance across the network as the project progresses.

Roads and road safety

7057. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — Are there any immediate plans to completely re-seal the surface of the road between Gelantipy and Wulgulmerang; if so, when is the work scheduled to commence.

ANSWER:

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

There are no current proposals to completely reseal the surface of the Gelantipy Road in the 2016/17 financial year.

Resealing of sections of this road will be considered in future road programs.

Roads and road safety

7058. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — Are there any immediate plans to completely re-seal the surface of the Stratford-Maffra Road; if so, when is the work scheduled to commence.

ANSWER:

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

There are no current proposals to completely reseal the surface of the Stratford-Maffra Roads in the 2016/17 financial year.

A project to reconstruct two section of the road near Stratford, totalling approximately 2 km in length, has been identified and will be considered for funding.

Roads and road safety

7059. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — With reference to road maintenance contracts awarded by the Government in East Gippsland:

- (1) Is table drain maintenance a compulsory requirement of the contractor; if so, what is the standard maintenance level required.
- (2) Is culvert maintenance a compulsory requirement of the contractor; if so, what is the standard maintenance level required.

ANSWER:

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

Table drain and culvert maintenance is a requirement of VicRoads' maintenance contract that covers the East Gippsland local government area.

Roads, including drains and culverts are inspected in accordance with VicRoads' Road Management Plan.

In East Gippsland roads are inspected generally between weekly and monthly, depending on the category of road.

Where blocked drains and culverts result in a hazard, that is ponding of water greater than 300 mm, this hazard is rectified on the same day.

All other maintenance is prioritised in consideration of factors such as safety, the impact on road users, and reservation of the road.

Public transport

7060. **Mr THOMPSON** to ask the Minister for Public Transport — With reference to the proposal to grade separate 50 intersections across Melbourne and the prospective development that will take place in the suburb of Highett on the former CSIRO land and former Gas and Fuel land, what capacity does the Government have to review the potential for grade separation at the intersection of Highett Road and the Frankston railway line to avert traffic gridlock and meet existing and future traffic volume flow.

ANSWER:

The Level Crossing Removal Authority's resources are dedicated to the priority task of removing 50 dangerous and congested level crossings by 2022. Eleven of these crossings are on the Frankston line and construction is well underway on the crossings at North, McKinnon and Centre roads. The removal of the 11 crossings on the Frankston line will significantly reduce traffic congestion in the area for current and future demand.

Thank you for raising the issue of the Highett Road level crossing; we will take it into consideration for future projects.

Environment, climate change and water

7062. Ms SANDELL to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water — Will noise cameras be installed at the intersection of Flemington Road and Gatehouse Street in Parkville and North Melbourne to assist in the control of illegal noise emissions from motorcycles.

ANSWER:

The Environment Protection (Vehicle Emissions) Regulations 2013 aim to minimise the negative impacts on Victorians and the environment from noisy vehicles. The regulatory regime is intended to identify vehicles, including motorcycles, that create excessive noise through poor maintenance or inappropriate modifications. EPA enforces the regulations through an active vehicle noise enforcement campaign that includes reports from police officers and regular roadside blitzes with Victoria Police in known problem areas.

New technologies are continually evaluated by EPA and a high standard of evidence is required for new technologies to be adopted. The noise camera technology is not yet considered advanced enough for this application.

Approximately 2000 vehicles are reported to EPA each year by police and EPA officers. Last month, EPA conducted roadside operations at Windsor which resulted in four penalty infringement notices and one official warning and this month EPA's enforcement campaign was focused in Werribee and will result in further infringement notices and official warnings to drivers of noisy vehicles.

Because of the subjective nature of noise, EPA is not able to respond to reports directly from the public. However, residents affected by noisy vehicles are encouraged to report the vehicle to their local police station with as much detail as possible about the vehicle (registration number, make, model, colour and body type) and where and when the vehicle was observed. Once the police have observed and confirmed the vehicle as being noisy, EPA can act on it.

Public transport

7063. Mr THOMPSON to ask the Minister for Public Transport — With reference to the Level Crossing Removal Authority's public consultations on grade separation proposed to be undertaken on the Frankston rail line and the display pictures at the presentation held in the Cheltenham Library on 19 March 2016, is there a proposal to replicate the Heritage Cheltenham Railway Station with a design structure such as the Amsterdam Central Station.

ANSWER:

The Level Crossing Removal Authority (LXRA) is not planning to replicate the Heritage Cheltenham Railway Station with a design structure like the Amsterdam Central Station. Cheltenham Station has a heritage overlay and the LXRA is working closely with Kingston City Council and the local community to find the best way to retain the station's heritage features.

The photos that were on display at the community information session held by LXRA at Cheltenham Library on Saturday 19 March, showed a range of rail over and rail under, and road over and road under solutions from around the world. The images were taken from the Level Crossing Removal Project Precedent Study, which was developed to inform the assessment of design solutions in relation to previous successful designs from around Melbourne, Australia and internationally. These photos, including the one of Amsterdam Central Station, were displayed for the purpose of generating discussion and feedback from the community.

Public transport

7064. Mr THOMPSON to ask the Minister for Public Transport — With reference to the Level Crossing Removal Authority's public consultations on grade separation proposed to be undertaken on the Frankston rail line and the display pictures at the presentation held in the Cheltenham Library on

19 March 2016, has the Authority also taken into account the nearby external issues such as graffiti and neglected areas around the underpasses.

ANSWER:

The previous Liberal government did not remove a single crossing on the Frankston line. The Andrews Labor Government is removing 11.

The Level Crossing Removal Authority (LXRA) is responsible for overseeing the removal of 50 dangerous and congested level crossings across Melbourne, which includes planning and development, stakeholder engagement, procurement, construction and delivery.

For the eight crossings between Cheltenham and Frankston, we are at the very early planning stage of investigating feasible options for their removal. As the member's question points out, the LXRA is currently consulting with the community and feedback is being taken into account with design solutions.

Housing, disability and ageing

7067. Ms SANDELL to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — With reference to the Magpies Nest program, and documents indicating that further properties will be added to the lease and sublease agreement when they come on line, how many properties are currently on line and/or subject to the sublease agreement between the Office of Housing, the Salvation Army and the Collingwood Football Club.

ANSWER:

The Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing: I am informed that:

The Andrews Labor Government committed to handing over 20 properties to the Salvation Army for its Magpie Nest program in September 2015.

The member should be aware that the government is being prevented by completing this handover by protestors, including the Member.

I call on the Member to get out of the way of the Salvation Army and let them get on with the work of housing people who are homeless.

Energy and resources

7068. Ms SANDELL to ask the Minister for Energy and Resources — Will the Minister follow the example of the South Australian Government and fund the installation of solar panels on public housing; if so, will this policy be funded in the 2016/17 budget.

ANSWER:

The Andrews Labor Government's Saving Energy, Growing Jobs initiative-funded in the Victorian Budget 2016/17-includes a \$10 million program to retrofit public housing stock and the homes of Victorians with complex health conditions, to reduce bills and improve health.

This includes installing more energy efficient hot water, heating and cooling systems as well as insulation and draught proofing.

Public housing tenants are permitted to install solar panels where approval has been sought and provided by the Department of Health and Human Services.

The Victorian Government is committed to expanding the number of Victorians who can access solar power. To assist this it has updated the energy licence exemption arrangements to allow Victorians to access solar power

directly from solar businesses through power purchase agreements (PPAs) rather than through licensed energy retailers.

Solar PPAs are a financial arrangement where the solar business provides, installs and maintains the solar PV system in exchange for the customer buying the energy provided by the system at an agreed price (generally on a monthly basis). This enables households to gain the benefit of distributed generation without the upfront capital costs involved in purchasing solar PV systems outright.

Housing, disability and ageing

7071. Ms SANDELL to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — With reference to the properties acquired for the East West Link and subsequently managed by the Salvation Army as part of the Magpie’s Nest program, why does the sublease specifically require that sub-tenants must not require any significant disability modifications.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Member fails to comprehend that East West Link properties are leased to the Director of Housing.

If the Member believes the Director of Housing should spend its resources on disability modifications to non-Director of Housing assets, then the Member fails to appreciate the role of a public non-financial corporation.

The member also fails to understand the nature of the clients assisted by the Salvation Army’s Magpie Nest Program. If the Greens oppose the work of the Salvation Army they should admit it.

Environment, climate change and water

7094. Mr SOUTHWICK to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water — What are the outcomes of the police investigation into the attacks on St Kilda’s little penguin colony that took place in March 2016.

ANSWER:

Victoria Police has taken carriage of the investigation into the attacks on Little Penguins at St Kilda that took place in March 2016. The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning has offered assistance, and has provided Victoria Police with CCTV footage. As this matter is part of an ongoing investigation, further details cannot be released at this time.

Housing, disability and ageing

7096. Ms SANDELL to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — With reference to the election promise that an Andrews Labor Government would restore funding to the Social Housing Advocacy and Support Program:

- (1) Why has funding not yet been restored.
- (2) Will funding be restored in the 2016/17 budget.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The member’s question is without basis. The Andrews Labor Government is delivering on each and every one of its election commitments in full.

The Liberals made devastating cuts to housing of some \$470m over four years, which the member fails to criticise, note or acknowledge, either in this question, or in her general commentary on housing matters.

This Andrews Labor Government is restoring the funding to housing after the Liberals' devastating cuts. In this budget alone, our \$152m family violence housing blitz comes on top of our \$10m commitment to rooming house upgrades, \$4.5m to support youth foyers and \$500 000 for The Big Issue's Homes for Homes program.

While the Member blocks the work of homelessness organisations like the Salvation Army, the Andrews Labor Government is reversing Liberal cuts to housing and helping more Victorians in need.

Environment, climate change and water

7099. Ms SANDELL to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water — With reference to a formal complaint to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) by local residents about chemical and sediment pollution of East Kilmore waterways from Midway Plantations Ltd Pty:

- (1) When will the Minister respond to the complaint of anomalies in EPA procedures and its failure to enforce repeated notices.
- (2) Why has it taken several months for the Minister to respond to their complaint.

ANSWER:

The issues faced by the Speechleys date back to 2010 when they notified the Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) that water sampling near Kilmore East had detected elevated levels of a herbicide, which resulted in the agency conducting a number of tests to both soil and water on the Speechleys' property as well as two site inspections of Midway Plantations in March and April 2013.

As a consequence of these investigations, EPA issued two statutory notices to Midway Plantations for sediment-related concerns. On 24 October 2013, EPA issued a pollution abatement notice that required Midway to install measures to control turbid water leaving its site and to undertake remediation works to mitigate soil erosion. EPA was satisfied this work was completed and Midway prepared a site management plan that satisfied the Notice's requirements. EPA re-inspected the site on 7 January 2015 and determined that works carried out by Midway Plantations met the Notice's requirements. Consequently, the Notice was revoked.

During 2013, the EPA also issued Midway with a Clean Up Notice on two separate occasions, regarding the sediment deposition on the Speechleys' property. By May last year, the EPA determined that Midway had complied with requirements of the Clean Up Notice, which was then revoked.

I have been informed that the EPA's CEO, Nial Finegan, regularly met with the Speechleys, visited their property and inspected Midway Plantations' site, and that during the past 12 months they have been in contact with local MPs Jacyn Symes and Rob Mitchell.

I have recently written to the Speechleys about this matter.

Roads and road safety

7100. Ms SANDELL to ask the Minister for Roads and Road Safety — With reference to the removal of lemon scented gums near the intersection of Flemington Road and Church Street as part of the CityLink Tulla widening project:

- (1) Why has the project progressed without adequate notice and consultation with local residents.
- (2) Why were residents in Parkville given only four days' notice of the removal of these trees outside their properties.
- (3) What will be the diesel and noise impacts of these works on properties abutting Flemington Road.

ANSWER:

- (1) The CityLink Tulla Widening project team has met on several occasions with the City of Melbourne to outline the design and scope of the project. This has included an initial briefing to all councillors in February 2015 and subsequent briefings with senior council staff in March, April, August, September and October

2015, as well as February 2016. At these briefings, details of the project design and scope were shared with councillors and council staff, including upgrades to Flemington Road and the need to remove the lemon-scented gum trees. The City of Melbourne is also involved in the monthly CityLink Tulla Widening Precinct Coordination Group meetings where senior representatives from the CityLink Tulla Widening project team meet with senior representatives from relevant councils and stakeholders to provide ongoing updates on the project. At an operational level, CPB Contractors continues to meet regularly with the City of Melbourne to discuss construction and traffic impacts and issues. VicRoads has also had several discussions with the National Trust.

- (2) Residents in the area received a letter on 29 March to advise of the upcoming tree removal, and a notice was also placed on the trees on 4 April. Removal of the trees did not take place as planned on 16 April and on 19 April, the City of Melbourne voted unanimously not to grant a work order to remove the trees until further information regarding alternative design options is presented to the council by Transurban and its contractors, CPB Contractors. This information is likely to be presented within the next few weeks and will be reconsidered by the council. In the meantime, the trees will not be removed and the project teams will continue to work closely with the City of Melbourne. Local residents will be informed of the progress of this issue by the project team.
- (3) If the removal of the trees goes ahead, residents are advised that there will be noise from the chainsaws and mulching machines when in use. Noisy works will not begin prior to 8am. While traffic management will be in place to keep traffic moving, residents can expect minor delays on Flemington Road and Mount Alexander Road. VicRoads recommends allowing a little extra time when travelling through the work area. I note that other project works will be undertaken in the area that are not associated with the proposed tree removal, to ensure the project timeframes can be met. This work includes further technical assessments, surveys, and services relocation work, but will not prejudice the council's consideration of further information to be provided by the project team as indicated above.

Housing, disability and ageing

7101. Ms **SANDELL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — With reference to the recently announced Family Violence Housing Assistance Implementation Taskforce:

- (1) What is the scope of the taskforce.
- (2) Who will take part in the taskforce.
- (3) Will the taskforce include people with direct experience of family violence and homelessness.
- (4) Will the taskforce work towards providing long-term public housing accommodation for survivors of family violence.

ANSWER:

The scope, work and membership of the Family Violence Housing Assistance Implementation Taskforce will be determined as per the Family Violence Royal Commission's recommendations.

Housing, disability and ageing

7113. Mr **HIBBINS** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — What was the cost of installing bird spikes at public housing at 150 Inkerman Street, St Kilda.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The cost of installing bird spikes is funded from the Housing Assistance measure, which was boosted by 20% in the recent State Budget.

Housing, disability and ageing

7114. **Mr HIBBINS** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — When will security doors be installed on the front doors of individual units in public housing blocks at 1 Surrey Road, 5 Wicklow Lane and 275 Malvern Road, South Yarra.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The installation of security doors commenced in April 2016 and all works are expected to be completed in coming months.

Health

7115. **Ms MCLEISH** to ask the Minister for Health — With reference to the response to question 6903, regarding the delay in the construction of the Healesville Ambulance station, what are the details of the extensive and appropriate consultation that was undertaken with the local community.

ANSWER:

I am informed by Ambulance Victoria that the consultation process included:

- A six month period of initial engagement with the Shire of Yarra Ranges, after which the Shire of Yarra Ranges determined that they did not require Ambulance Victoria to apply for a town planning permit for the project;
- Ambulance Victoria subsequently consulted with local residents regarding the project, and conducted a letter drop to local residents to provide information on the proposed ambulance station.

I am informed that no objections were received during or subsequent to the consultation process, and as the ambulance station design meets existing town planning guidelines, no changes were made to the design.

I am informed that a further two month town planning process was required to approve the temporary provision of relocatable buildings at the local Country Fire Authority site to accommodate the Healesville ambulance team during construction of the new ambulance station.

Construction of the Healesville Ambulance Station is progressing well and is targeted for completion in October 2016.

Housing, disability and ageing

7125. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Alpine local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The arrangements for transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are set out in the Bilateral Agreement for Transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Victorian Operational Plan.

The NDIS will be rolled out over three years from 1 July 2016 using a staged geographical approach based on the seventeen Department of Health and Human Services areas. Under this phasing schedule, people on waitlists will enter the NDIS first, followed by clients of defined programs, such as people living in supported accommodation and people in receipt of individual support packages.

Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7342. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Ararat local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The arrangements for transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are set out in the Bilateral Agreement for Transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Victorian Operational Plan.

The NDIS will be rolled out over three years from 1 July 2016 using a staged geographical approach based on the seventeen Department of Health and Human Services areas. Under this phasing schedule, people on waitlists will enter the NDIS first, followed by clients of defined programs, such as people living in supported accommodation and people in receipt of individual support packages.

Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7343. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Ballarat local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The arrangements for transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are set out in the Bilateral Agreement for Transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Victorian Operational Plan.

The NDIS will be rolled out over three years from 1 July 2016 using a staged geographical approach based on the seventeen Department of Health and Human Services areas. Under this phasing schedule, people on waitlists will enter the NDIS first, followed by clients of defined programs, such as people living in supported accommodation and people in receipt of individual support packages.

Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7344. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Bass Coast local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The arrangements for transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are set out in the Bilateral Agreement for Transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Victorian Operational Plan.

The NDIS will be rolled out over three years from 1 July 2016 using a staged geographical approach based on the seventeen Department of Health and Human Services areas. Under this phasing schedule, people on waitlists will enter the NDIS first, followed by clients of defined programs, such as people living in supported accommodation and people in receipt of individual support packages.

Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7345. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Baw Baw local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The arrangements for transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are set out in the Bilateral Agreement for Transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Victorian Operational Plan.

The NDIS will be rolled out over three years from 1 July 2016 using a staged geographical approach based on the seventeen Department of Health and Human Services areas. Under this phasing schedule, people on waitlists will enter the NDIS first, followed by clients of defined programs, such as people living in supported accommodation and people in receipt of individual support packages.

Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7346. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Bayside local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The arrangements for transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are set out in the Bilateral Agreement for Transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Victorian Operational Plan.

The NDIS will be rolled out over three years from 1 July 2016 using a staged geographical approach based on the seventeen Department of Health and Human Services areas. Under this phasing schedule, people on waitlists will enter the NDIS first, followed by clients of defined programs, such as people living in supported accommodation and people in receipt of individual support packages.

Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7347. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Benalla local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The arrangements for transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are set out in the Bilateral Agreement for Transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Victorian Operational Plan.

The NDIS will be rolled out over three years from 1 July 2016 using a staged geographical approach based on the seventeen Department of Health and Human Services areas. Under this phasing schedule, people on waitlists will enter the NDIS first, followed by clients of defined programs, such as people living in supported accommodation and people in receipt of individual support packages.

Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7348. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Boroondara local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The arrangements for transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are set out in the Bilateral Agreement for Transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Victorian Operational Plan.

The NDIS will be rolled out over three years from 1 July 2016 using a staged geographical approach based on the seventeen Department of Health and Human Services areas. Under this phasing schedule, people on waitlists will enter the NDIS first, followed by clients of defined programs, such as people living in supported accommodation and people in receipt of individual support packages.

Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7349. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Brimbank local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The arrangements for transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are set out in the Bilateral Agreement for Transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Victorian Operational Plan.

The NDIS will be rolled out over three years from 1 July 2016 using a staged geographical approach based on the seventeen Department of Health and Human Services areas. Under this phasing schedule, people on waitlists will enter the NDIS first, followed by clients of defined programs, such as people living in supported accommodation and people in receipt of individual support packages.

Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7350. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Buloke local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The arrangements for transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are set out in the Bilateral Agreement for Transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Victorian Operational Plan.

The NDIS will be rolled out over three years from 1 July 2016 using a staged geographical approach based on the seventeen Department of Health and Human Services areas. Under this phasing schedule, people on waitlists will enter the NDIS first, followed by clients of defined programs, such as people living in supported accommodation and people in receipt of individual support packages.

Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7351. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Campaspe local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

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The NDIS will be rolled out over three years from 1 July 2016 using a staged geographical approach based on the seventeen Department of Health and Human Services areas. Under this phasing schedule, people on waitlists will enter the NDIS first, followed by clients of defined programs, such as people living in supported accommodation and people in receipt of individual support packages.

Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7352. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Cardinia local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The arrangements for transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are set out in the Bilateral Agreement for Transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Victorian Operational Plan.

The NDIS will be rolled out over three years from 1 July 2016 using a staged geographical approach based on the seventeen Department of Health and Human Services areas. Under this phasing schedule, people on waitlists will enter the NDIS first, followed by clients of defined programs, such as people living in supported accommodation and people in receipt of individual support packages.

Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7353. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Casey local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The arrangements for transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are set out in the Bilateral Agreement for Transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Victorian Operational Plan.

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Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7354. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Central Goldfields local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The arrangements for transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are set out in the Bilateral Agreement for Transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Victorian Operational Plan.

The NDIS will be rolled out over three years from 1 July 2016 using a staged geographical approach based on the seventeen Department of Health and Human Services areas. Under this phasing schedule, people on waitlists will enter the NDIS first, followed by clients of defined programs, such as people living in supported accommodation and people in receipt of individual support packages.

Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7355. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Corangamite local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The arrangements for transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are set out in the Bilateral Agreement for Transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Victorian Operational Plan.

The NDIS will be rolled out over three years from 1 July 2016 using a staged geographical approach based on the seventeen Department of Health and Human Services areas. Under this phasing schedule, people on waitlists will enter the NDIS first, followed by clients of defined programs, such as people living in supported accommodation and people in receipt of individual support packages.

Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7356. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the East Gippsland local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The arrangements for transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are set out in the Bilateral Agreement for Transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Victorian Operational Plan.

The NDIS will be rolled out over three years from 1 July 2016 using a staged geographical approach based on the seventeen Department of Health and Human Services areas. Under this phasing schedule, people on waitlists will enter the NDIS first, followed by clients of defined programs, such as people living in supported accommodation and people in receipt of individual support packages.

Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7357. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Frankston local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The arrangements for transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are set out in the Bilateral Agreement for Transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Victorian Operational Plan.

The NDIS will be rolled out over three years from 1 July 2016 using a staged geographical approach based on the seventeen Department of Health and Human Services areas. Under this phasing schedule, people on waitlists will enter the NDIS first, followed by clients of defined programs, such as people living in supported accommodation and people in receipt of individual support packages.

Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7358. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Gannawarra local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The arrangements for transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are set out in the Bilateral Agreement for Transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Victorian Operational Plan.

The NDIS will be rolled out over three years from 1 July 2016 using a staged geographical approach based on the seventeen Department of Health and Human Services areas. Under this phasing schedule, people on waitlists will enter the NDIS first, followed by clients of defined programs, such as people living in supported accommodation and people in receipt of individual support packages.

Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7359. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Glen Eira local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The arrangements for transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are set out in the Bilateral Agreement for Transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Victorian Operational Plan.

The NDIS will be rolled out over three years from 1 July 2016 using a staged geographical approach based on the seventeen Department of Health and Human Services areas. Under this phasing schedule, people on waitlists will enter the NDIS first, followed by clients of defined programs, such as people living in supported accommodation and people in receipt of individual support packages.

Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7360. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Glenelg local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The arrangements for transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are set out in the Bilateral Agreement for Transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Victorian Operational Plan.

The NDIS will be rolled out over three years from 1 July 2016 using a staged geographical approach based on the seventeen Department of Health and Human Services areas. Under this phasing schedule, people on waitlists will enter the NDIS first, followed by clients of defined programs, such as people living in supported accommodation and people in receipt of individual support packages.

Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7361. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Golden Plains local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The arrangements for transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are set out in the Bilateral Agreement for Transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Victorian Operational Plan.

The NDIS will be rolled out over three years from 1 July 2016 using a staged geographical approach based on the seventeen Department of Health and Human Services areas. Under this phasing schedule, people on waitlists will enter the NDIS first, followed by clients of defined programs, such as people living in supported accommodation and people in receipt of individual support packages.

Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7362. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Greater Bendigo local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The arrangements for transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are set out in the Bilateral Agreement for Transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Victorian Operational Plan.

The NDIS will be rolled out over three years from 1 July 2016 using a staged geographical approach based on the seventeen Department of Health and Human Services areas. Under this phasing schedule, people on waitlists will enter the NDIS first, followed by clients of defined programs, such as people living in supported accommodation and people in receipt of individual support packages.

Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7363. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Greater Dandenong local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The arrangements for transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are set out in the Bilateral Agreement for Transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Victorian Operational Plan.

The NDIS will be rolled out over three years from 1 July 2016 using a staged geographical approach based on the seventeen Department of Health and Human Services areas. Under this phasing schedule, people on waitlists will enter the NDIS first, followed by clients of defined programs, such as people living in supported accommodation and people in receipt of individual support packages.

Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7364. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Greater Shepparton local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The arrangements for transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are set out in the Bilateral Agreement for Transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Victorian Operational Plan.

The NDIS will be rolled out over three years from 1 July 2016 using a staged geographical approach based on the seventeen Department of Health and Human Services areas. Under this phasing schedule, people on waitlists will enter the NDIS first, followed by clients of defined programs, such as people living in supported accommodation and people in receipt of individual support packages.

Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7365. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Hepburn local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The arrangements for transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are set out in the Bilateral Agreement for Transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Victorian Operational Plan.

The NDIS will be rolled out over three years from 1 July 2016 using a staged geographical approach based on the seventeen Department of Health and Human Services areas. Under this phasing schedule, people on waitlists will enter the NDIS first, followed by clients of defined programs, such as people living in supported accommodation and people in receipt of individual support packages.

Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7366. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Hindmarsh local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The arrangements for transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are set out in the Bilateral Agreement for Transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Victorian Operational Plan.

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Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7367. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Hobsons Bay local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The arrangements for transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are set out in the Bilateral Agreement for Transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Victorian Operational Plan.

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Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7368. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Horsham local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The arrangements for transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are set out in the Bilateral Agreement for Transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Victorian Operational Plan.

The NDIS will be rolled out over three years from 1 July 2016 using a staged geographical approach based on the seventeen Department of Health and Human Services areas. Under this phasing schedule, people on waitlists will enter the NDIS first, followed by clients of defined programs, such as people living in supported accommodation and people in receipt of individual support packages.

Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7369. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Hume local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The arrangements for transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are set out in the Bilateral Agreement for Transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Victorian Operational Plan.

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Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7370. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Indigo local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The arrangements for transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are set out in the Bilateral Agreement for Transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Victorian Operational Plan.

The NDIS will be rolled out over three years from 1 July 2016 using a staged geographical approach based on the seventeen Department of Health and Human Services areas. Under this phasing schedule, people on waitlists will enter the NDIS first, followed by clients of defined programs, such as people living in supported accommodation and people in receipt of individual support packages.

Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7371. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Kingston local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The arrangements for transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are set out in the Bilateral Agreement for Transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Victorian Operational Plan.

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Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7372. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Knox local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

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Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7373. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Latrobe local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The arrangements for transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are set out in the Bilateral Agreement for Transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Victorian Operational Plan.

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Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7374. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Loddon local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The arrangements for transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are set out in the Bilateral Agreement for Transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Victorian Operational Plan.

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Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7375. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Macedon Ranges local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

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The arrangements for transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are set out in the Bilateral Agreement for Transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Victorian Operational Plan.

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Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7376. **Mr BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Manningham local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The arrangements for transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are set out in the Bilateral Agreement for Transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Victorian Operational Plan.

The NDIS will be rolled out over three years from 1 July 2016 using a staged geographical approach based on the seventeen Department of Health and Human Services areas. Under this phasing schedule, people on waitlists will enter the NDIS first, followed by clients of defined programs, such as people living in supported accommodation and people in receipt of individual support packages.

Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7377. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Mansfield local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7378. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Maribyrnong local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The arrangements for transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are set out in the Bilateral Agreement for Transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Victorian Operational Plan.

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Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7379. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Maroondah local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

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Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7380. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Melbourne local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

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Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7381. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Melton local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

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Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7382. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Mildura local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

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Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7383. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Mitchell local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

ANSWER:

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Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7384. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Moira local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

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Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7385. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Monash local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

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Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7386. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Moonee Valley local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

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Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7387. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Moorabool local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

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Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7388. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Moreland local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

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Housing, disability and ageing

7389. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Mornington Peninsula local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

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Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7390. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Mount Alexander local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

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Housing, disability and ageing

7391. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Moyne local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

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Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7392. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Murrindindi local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

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Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7393. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Northern Grampians local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

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Existing national and state-based services and supports will continue until eligible people with a disability transfer to the NDIS.

Housing, disability and ageing

7394. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Port Phillip local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

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Housing, disability and ageing

7395. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Pyrenees local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

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Housing, disability and ageing

7396. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the South Gippsland local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

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Housing, disability and ageing

7397. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Southern Grampians local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

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Housing, disability and ageing

7398. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Stonnington local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

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Housing, disability and ageing

7399. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Strathbogie local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

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Housing, disability and ageing

7400. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Swan Hill local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

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Housing, disability and ageing

7401. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Towong local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

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Housing, disability and ageing

7402. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Wangaratta local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

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Housing, disability and ageing

7403. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Warrnambool local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

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Housing, disability and ageing

7404. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Wellington local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

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Housing, disability and ageing

7405. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the West Wimmera local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

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Housing, disability and ageing

7406. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Whitehorse local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

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Housing, disability and ageing

7407. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Wodonga local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

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Housing, disability and ageing

7408. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Wyndham local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

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Housing, disability and ageing

7409. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Yarra Ranges local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

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Housing, disability and ageing

7410. **Mr T. BULL** to ask the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing — Will people with disabilities in the Yarriambiack local government on the Disability Support Register (DSR) who do not meet the urgent needs criteria, have to wait until the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is rolled out in their area on 1 October 2017 to receive a support package, while others who currently receive Individual Support Packages are being transferred to NDIS packages in 2016.

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Environment, climate change and water

7497. **Mr THOMPSON** to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water — With reference to the latest EPA water quality results for Port Phillip Bay and the ranking of Mentone Beach which is the worst of the 36 beaches ranked:

- (1) What steps has the Government taken to review the sudden drop in the water quality at Mentone and what health warnings were issued to swimmers, including ice-bergers, recreational swimmers, the Mentone Life Saving Club and other beach users.
- (2) Has there been any reported increase in gastro-related illness among Mentone Beach users.
- (3) What steps will the Government take in future to alert beach users to the risks of swimming in water with high E-coli content.

ANSWER:

- (1) There was no single incident that resulted in a sudden drop in water quality, but the overall seasonal water quality was lower than for the previous two years. EPA is working with the local council to determine what may have caused this change. Preliminary analysis suggests it may be the result of changes to localised rainfall this season that have resulted in a general reduction in water quality for the season.

EPA Beach Report issued twice daily water quality forecasts for beaches between 1 November 2015 and 10 April 2016. Forecasts are reported to the community on the Yarra and Bay website and EPA Twitter account, and on weekends via signs at surf lifesaving clubs.

- (2) The Minister for Health is best placed to respond to questions about reported illnesses.
- (3) The Victorian Government will continue to provide twice daily water quality forecasts for beaches on the Yarra and Bay website, social media updates and signage on weekends at surf lifesaving clubs over the summer. To clarify, the water quality indicator used is enterococci, not E. coli.

Public transport

7498. **Mr THOMPSON** to ask the Minister for Public Transport — With reference to the power outage in the United Energy zone in Sandringham on 23 April 2016, for approximately two hours in the evening:

- (1) In addition to the Sandringham railway station being without power and lighting, was there any impact on railway services.
- (2) Which train services were stopped between stations.

ANSWER:

- 1) This outage did not affect train running.
- 2) No services were stopped between stations.