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<sup>4</sup>Elected 14 March 2015

<sup>5</sup>Elected 31 October 2015

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



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

**15 April to 4 May 2016**

**Planning**

**6839.** Ms SANDELL to ask the Minister for Planning — With reference to the proposal for a development at Flemington Racecourse:

- (1) Why has the proposal proceeded to the planning scheme amendment stage when the Minister for Transport has ruled out activation of the Flemington Racecourse spur line.
- (2) Why was the period for community input about the development so short.
- (3) Will the proposed multi-storey towers be significantly higher than the buildings in the neighbouring area, which is zoned for a maximum of five storeys.
- (4) Has this site been identified by the state planning authorities as appropriate for development.

**ANSWER:**

- (1) The proposal has not proceeded to the planning scheme amendment stage. Draft planning scheme amendments are currently being reviewed by an appointed Advisory Committee who will advise on the suitability of the draft amendments that seek to rezone and facilitate development of two precincts within the Flemington Racecourse. At the end of the process, the Advisory Committee will submit a report to the Minister for Planning, with recommendations as to the appropriate form and process of any future amendments to introduce planning controls. A range of traffic, car parking and public transport issues will be considered by the Advisory Committee.
- (2) The draft planning scheme amendments were exhibited for a period of 6 weeks, from 11 January 2016 until 19 February 2016. Late submissions were accepted up until 1 March 2016, providing the community with an additional two weeks to lodge a submissions. In addition to this, a number of community groups were invited to participate in a series of meetings, workshops and site inspections between October to December 2015. The timeframe for community input is considered appropriate and standard for a proposal of this nature. A total of 322 submissions were received in response to the draft amendments.
- (3) The Flemington Hill site proposes the development of three residential towers varying in height up to 25, 26 and 32 storeys. The surrounding land is zoned General Residential which has a nine metre discretionary height limit. The Epsom road site proposes a development of a single residential tower up to 32 storeys. The surrounding land is zoned Mixed Use Zone and General Residential Zone which do not have specified mandatory maximum height controls.
- (4) The Flemington Racecourse precinct forms part of Melbourne's inner north-west which is approximately 5km from Melbourne CBD. Melbourne's Metropolitan Planning Strategy: Plan Melbourne does not identify the Flemington Racecourse as a key development site. The adjacent Flemington Racecourse Road is identified as an activity centre and place of local significance.

**Public transport**

**6844.** Mr THOMPSON (Sandringham) to ask the Minister for Public Transport — What impact will the sky rail project have on the heritage listed Mentone Railway Station.

**ANSWER:**

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 Balcombe Road, Mentone.

The Level Crossing Removal Authority (LXRA) has commissioned a Heritage Assessment of the Mentone Station and Gardens as part of its works. This work has included site visits and desktop research and will help give the Authority a clearer idea of the effect of level crossing removal works on the site. Heritage Victoria is involved in this process and will be assessing the impacts of designs on the existing site as designs are developed.

The member for Sandringham may also be interested to know that the LXRA has been meeting regularly with Kingston City Council and the Friends of Mentone Gardens and Station to ensure their views are understood and considered.

### Small business, innovation and trade

**6851.** Mr BURGESS to ask the Minister for Public Transport for the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade — With reference to the effects of the Friday before the AFL Grand Final and Easter Sunday public holidays during the 2015/16 year for businesses in Daylesford:

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

#### ANSWER:

See my previous answer to question 6794.

### Emergency services

**6887.** Mr BATTIN to ask the Minister for Emergency Services — With reference to training at the Victorian Emergency Management Training Centre, Craigieburn:

- (1) How many volunteer firefighters trained at the facility between 1 July 2014 and 26 March 2015.
- (2) How many volunteer firefighters trained at the facility between 26 March 2015 and 1 December 2015.
- (3) How many career Country Fire Authority firefighters trained at the facility between 1 July 2014 and 26 March 2015.
- (4) How many career Country Fire Authority firefighters trained at the facility between 26 March 2015 and 1 December 2015.
- (5) How many Metropolitan Fire Brigade firefighters trained at the facility between 1 July 2014 and 26 March 2015.
- (6) How many Metropolitan Fire Brigade firefighters trained at the facility between 26 March 2015 and 1 December 2015.

#### ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The information sought can be obtained at [www.parliament.vic.gov.au/paec/article/2977](http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/paec/article/2977) as it has previously been asked.

### Attorney-General

**6916.** Ms SANDELL to ask the Attorney-General —

- (1) What is the status and application of Trust Deed 5510 to property at 2–4 Miller Street, West Melbourne and 621–643 King Street, West Melbourne.

- (2) Will the Attorney-General take any steps to enforce the conditions of this Trust Deed in relation to planning applications for the relevant site.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) The property at 2-4 Miller Street, West Melbourne and 621-643 King Street, West Melbourne was given by Crown Grant dated 1 October 1866 for the purpose of providing a site for a church or place of religious worship by the Baptist denomination.

On 22 January 1889, the Governor granted an application by the trustees of the property for an allowance to sell, mortgage or otherwise dispose of the land pursuant to section 3 of the *State Aid to Religion Abolition Act 1871*.

The allowance removed the conditions of the Crown Grant restricting the use of the land to purposes of religious worship, and provided that the proceeds of any disposition were to be applied to purposes authorised by Model Deed of Trust 5510.

Subsequently, Model Deed of Trust 5510 ceased to apply to the property when it was transferred by the trustees to the Baptist Union of Victoria on 4 December 1961, pursuant to section 4 of the *Baptist Union Incorporation Act 1930* (the Incorporation Act).

At that time, the trusts set out in Schedule B to the Incorporation Act replaced the provisions of Model Deed of Trust 5510.

Under those trusts the Union, as trustee, was given wide powers to act at the direction of the local church in relation to the use or uses to which the property could be put. These were not limited to using the property for the purposes of religious worship.

- (2) As outlined above, the Model Deed of Trust 5510 no longer applies to the property referred.

**Creative industries**

**6972.** Ms VICTORIA to ask the Minister for the Creative Industries — With reference to the 2015/16 Budget Paper 3:

- (1) How much of the \$3.5 million allocated to ‘Film Victoria: strengthening the screen industry’ has been spent to date.  
 (2) On what items have these funds been spent.

**ANSWER:**

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

Funds have been spent or contractually committed to support:

- the production of feature films, television shows and online projects;
- a range of professional development initiatives including:
  - Australian International Documentary Conference;
  - National Screenwriters Conference;
  - Catapult Feature Lab;
  - Film Victoria Incubator; and
  - Film Victoria Women in Leadership initiatives.

**Creative industries**

**6973.** Ms **VICTORIA** to ask the Minister for the Creative Industries — With reference to the 2015/16 Budget Paper 3:

- (1) How much of the \$1.4 million allocated to ‘Connecting the world through film’ has been spent to date.
- (2) On what items have these funds been spent.

**ANSWER:**

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

Funds have been spent or contractually committed to:

- the Melbourne International Film Festival’s Premiere Fund;
- a range of film festivals including the Indian Film Festival Melbourne, the International Chinese Film Festival and the Melbourne Queer Film Festival; and
- industry research on trends, barriers and opportunities for growing the Victorian screen industry.

In addition, Film Victoria has processes underway to provide support to other selected Victorian film festivals.

**Creative industries**

**6974.** Ms **VICTORIA** to ask the Minister for the Creative Industries — With reference to the 2015/16 Budget Paper 3:

- (1) How much of the \$1.5 million allocated to ‘Promoting Victoria’s design strength’ has been spent to date.
- (2) On what items have these funds been spent.

**ANSWER:**

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

Funds have been spent or committed under contractual arrangements to deliver a range of design activities including:

- The 2015 MPavilion Design Program;
- Victorian participation at the 2015 Business of Design Week, Hong Kong;
- Victorian Design 2015 report on design; and
- The, design to Business (D2B) Integration and D2B Insight programs.

**Creative industries**

**6975.** Ms **VICTORIA** to ask the Minister for the Creative Industries — With reference to the 2015/16 Budget Paper 3:

- (1) How much of the \$1.5 million allocated to ‘State Library of Victoria: creating a cultural and knowledge centre’ has been spent to date.
- (2) On what items have these funds been spent.



**ANSWER:**

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

- The 2015-16 Victorian Budget allocated an additional \$1.5 million operating funding to State Library Victoria to support the Library’s core activities.

**Creative industries**

**6976.** Ms VICTORIA to ask the Minister for the Creative Industries — With reference to 2015/16 Budget Paper 3, Table 1.7, what specific items have been funded from the \$5 million allocation to ‘Arts and cultural facilities maintenance fund’ to date.

**ANSWER:**

As at the date the question was raised, the projects approved for funding include:

- State Library Victoria and Melbourne Recital Centre (MRC) building compliance works;
- Australian Centre for the Moving Image and MRC replacement equipment;
- Arts Centre Melbourne and National Gallery of Victoria security system;
- Replacement of the storage racks at Heide Museum of Modern Art; and
- Maintenance works at facilities including Circus Oz, Heide Museum of Modern Art, the Malthouse, the Meat Market, Southbank Contemporary Arts Precinct, St Martins Youth Arts Centre, 1 City Road and 33 Sturt Street, Southbank.

**Creative industries**

**6977.** Ms VICTORIA to ask the Minister for the Creative Industries — With reference to 2015/16 Budget Paper 3, Table 1.6, what specific items have been funded from the \$20 million allocation to the ‘Major Events Fund’ to date.

**ANSWER:**

The Major Events Fund does not fall within the Creative Industries portfolio.

**Tourism and major events**

**6978.** Ms VICTORIA to ask the Minister for Tourism and Major Events — With reference to the Brand Victoria ‘Big V’ logo for Victoria unveiled in August 2015:

- (1) When was the Government made aware that the logo could not be used at the Australian Tennis Open in 2016.
- (2) What action has been taken to correct this problem for any future events.
- (3) What is the cost of action taken to correct the problem.
- (4) What is the full cost of designing and implementing the logo in the 2015/16 financial year to date.
- (5) Has any individual been sanctioned for the failure to use the logo at the Australian Tennis Open in 2016.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1) From the outset of the Brand project, the Victorian Government was acutely aware of the need to create a branding device that could work within a variety of circumstances for event branding. The ‘Big V’ logo

design is but one element within a full suite of devices in the brand guidelines that can be applied across various requirements. These circumstances were all considered during the development of the new brand and the result was the creation of a highly flexible brand identity that allowed for maximum exposure during international broadcast in the highly varied event landscape.

- (2) The logo has been, and will continue to be, applied in accordance with the guidelines and the specific requirements of future events. The Victorian Government will continue to work with event organisers to ensure we maximise the global branding benefits provided by our world class calendar of major events.
- (3) There are no costs associated with remedial action as none is required.
- (4) Brand Victoria will showcase the best of everything our state has to offer; unifying our message to help sell Victoria's economic strength, cultural diversity, world class events and diverse regions around the world.

Victoria's major events contribute \$1.8 billion every year to the economy combined with our tourism industry employing over 200 000 people, with the Government's 2015-16 Budget including an extra \$80 million towards the events war chest.

While the former Liberal Government was content to sit idle when it came to major events and tourism, this government is getting on with growing Victoria's reputation as the sporting and major events capital.

- (5) There is no requirement to sanction any individual over the use of the logo at the Australian Open as the application of the brand was in accordance with the tournament regulations.

### Education

**6993.** **Mr KATOS** to ask the Minister for Education — With reference to the fence recently erected around the land where the Torquay North Primary School will be built:

- (1) Is the Department of Education and Training responsible for erecting the fence.
- (2) What was the cost of erecting the fence.

### ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

I thank Mr Katos for the question regarding the new Torquay North Primary School.

Torquay North Primary School is one of 15 high priority new schools being delivered through the New Schools Public Private Partnership (PPP) Project.

Learning Communities Victoria (LCV) consortium has been appointed to deliver the \$291 million Project and include Watpac as builder, ClarkeHopkinsClarke as architect and Spotless as facilities managers.

The Andrews Labor Government is committed to delivering the Education State and recognises that providing a first class education starts with investment in school infrastructure. The 2015-16 State Budget delivers a \$111 million package to support the delivery of 10 new schools in Melbourne's growth and established areas.

I am excited to confirm that construction has commenced on the first tranche of PPP schools which will open in the 2017 school year with the second group opening in 2018.

In preparation for the commencement of construction for the second group of schools, and as you have noticed, the school sites have now been fenced. Construction on the second group of schools, including Torquay North is expected to commence in late 2016.

All school construction costs are incorporated into the contract with LCV and the builder, Watpac, have responsibility for maintaining the sites and fencing throughout construction.

**Environment, climate change and water**

**6994.** Mr **KATOS** to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water — What is the cost to Barwon Water per megalitre of water that has been ordered from the Melbourne system via the Geelong/Melbourne interconnector.

**ANSWER:**

The will be no additional cost to Barwon Water's (BW) customers as a result of using the Melbourne Geelong Interconnector. BW's transfer costs, including using the interconnector are already factored into the prices that BW's customers pay.

The prices customers will pay are set out in BW's water plan (2013-18), which is independently reviewed by the Essential Services Commission.

**Environment, climate change and water**

**7026.** Ms **MCLEISH** to ask the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water —

- (1) What agency or agencies record kangaroo population data in Victoria.
- (2) What are the current estimated kangaroo populations:
  - (a) in and around Yarra Glen, Dixons Creek and Steels Creek;
  - (b) in and around Kinglake;
  - (c) in and around Yea, including Glenburn.
- (3) What agency or agencies record wombat population data in Victoria.
- (4) What are the current estimated wombat populations:
  - (a) in and around Yarra Glen, Dixons Creek and Steels Creek;
  - (b) in and around Kinglake;
  - (c) in and around Yea, including Glenburn.
- (5) What agency or agencies record deer population data in Victoria.
- (6) What are the current estimated deer populations in:
  - (a) Alpine National Park;
  - (b) Lake Eildon National Park;
  - (c) Yarra Ranges National Park;
  - (d) Kinglake National Park;
  - (e) Toolangi State Forest;
  - (f) Cathedral Range State Park;
  - (g) Watson's Creek Habitat Link (Warrandyte Kinglake Nature Conservation Reserve).
- (7) Are there any plans to cull the deer population in Victoria; if so, in what areas.
- (8) Are there any plans to cull the kangaroo population in Victoria; if so, in what areas.
- (9) Are there any plans to cull the wombat population in Victoria; if so, in what areas.

**ANSWER:**

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Wildlife Act 1975 (Wildlife Act), under which all native wildlife, including kangaroos and wombats, and wildlife further classified as game, including deer, are protected.

DELWP does not undertake landscape-scale population surveys for common species, such as kangaroos, wombats and deer.

It is illegal to control protected wildlife without authorisation from DELWP. The most common form of approval is an Authority to Control Wildlife (ATCW). Landholders or land managers, including farmers, may apply to DELWP for an ATCW to scare, disperse, trap or destroy wildlife if the wildlife is damaging buildings, pasture, crops or other property, threatening human safety or impacting on biodiversity.

ATCWs are only issued when there is a demonstrated need and all ATCWs include strict conditions to ensure that animals are controlled humanely. Anyone acting on an ATCW must, by law, comply with the conditions. Non-compliance may result in fines or legal action.

The Common Wombat is protected in Victoria, except for in 193 parishes in eastern Victoria where they have been declared unprotected by a Governor in Council Order under section 7A of the Wildlife Act. In areas where they are unprotected, Common Wombats may be controlled without the requirement for an authorisation. In these parishes, wombats can only be controlled by a landholder or occupier engaged in rural production or by their permanent employees. In addition, wombats can only be controlled by the use of firearms conforming to strict specifications.

Elsewhere in Victoria, the Common Wombat remains protected and a person wishing to take or destroy Common Wombats must apply to DELWP for an ATCW in order to do so. There are no large scale control programs for Common Wombats in Victoria.

Deer are unprotected on private land in Victoria under a Governor in Council Order, removing the need for private land owners to apply for an ATCW to control problem deer on their land. On public land, deer remain protected, however public land managers are able to apply for an ATCW to control where it is required for the protection of high conservation values.

Parks Victoria and other public land managers implement targeted deer and kangaroo control programs to protect specific areas of high conservation value at risk from the impacts of deer and kangaroo, or to prevent kangaroo populations from crashing during periods of drought.

Kangaroo control programs are currently planned for the Hattah-Kulkyne National Park, Murray-Sunset National Park, Wyperfield National Park, Woodlands Historic Park, Swan Island and Puckapunyal to ensure populations remain sustainable and to avoid risks to animal welfare due to starvation. Control is also planned at some water catchments in order to protect them for human health reasons.

Deer control programs have, to date, been implemented by Parks Victoria in several parks including the Dandenong Ranges National Park, Yellingbo Nature Conservation Reserve, Wilsons Promontory National Park and Mitchell River National Park. A pilot control program is currently being developed for specific areas in the Alpine National Park, focussing on the protection of alpine peatlands and bogs with further programs planned to be delivered in western Victoria.

Statistics on the number of ATCWs that are issued each year, including for kangaroos, wombats and deer, are available on the DELWP website.

## Sport

**7027. Ms SANDELL** to ask the Minister for Sport — Will the Minister to take steps to end car parking in Yarra Park.

### ANSWER:

Yarra Park is Crown Land managed by the Melbourne Cricket Ground Trust as Committee of Management. The Melbourne Cricket Ground and Melbourne and Olympic Parks make up Victoria's premier sport and events precinct, with car parking facilities in Yarra Park providing important infrastructure to support the delivery of world class events in the precinct. All proceeds raised from car parking are used in the management and improvement of Yarra Park. There are no plans to remove car parking facilities from Yarra Park.