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**Tuesday, 16 August 2011**

**Corrections: Marngoneet Correctional Centre — contraband and drug testing**

**130. MR JENNINGS** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Corrections): In relation to Marngoneet Correctional Centre, since 1 December 2010:

- (1) How many items of contraband have been seized from prisoners.
- (2) How many items of contraband have been seized from visitors.
- (3) In relation to prisoners, what items and how many instances of each item of contraband have been detected.
- (4) In relation to visitors, what items and how many instances of each item of contraband have been detected.
- (5) How many drug tests have been carried out on prisoners.
- (6) Of these tests, how many were selected through the following categories:
  - (a) random general;
  - (b) random identified drug users;
  - (c) drug-free incentive program;
  - (d) reception;
  - (e) targeted;
  - (f) through programs; and
  - (g) voluntary testing.
- (7) Of these tests, how many have been found positive.
- (8) In the case of positive tests, what illegal substances were detected.
- (9) How many cell searches for contraband have been undertaken.
- (10) For each search, how many items of contraband were seized.
- (11) How many times have dog squads been used in contraband searches at the facility.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

For the period 1 December 2010 to 31 January 2011 at the Marngoneet Correctional Centre:

- (1) There were eight items of contraband seized from prisoners.
- (2) There were two items of contraband seized from visitors.
- (3) The contraband seized from prisoners consisted of seven finds of home-made alcohol, and one tool.
- (4) The contraband seized from visitors consisted of two items of white powder.
- (5) There were 298 drug tests carried out on prisoners at the Marngoneet Correctional Centre.

- (6) Of the 298 tests conducted at the Marngoneet Correctional Centre there were:
- (a) 67 random general drug tests conducted on prisoners;
  - (b) 10 drug tests conducted on prisoners who were identified drug users;
  - (c) 18 drug tests conducted on prisoners as part of the drug-free incentive program;
  - (d) 32 drug tests conducted on prisoners at the time of their reception;
  - (e) 171 drug tests were conducted on prisoners that were targeted to be tested;
  - (f) No drug tests conducted on prisoners through programs; and
  - (g) No voluntary drug tests conducted on prisoners.
- (7) Of the 298 tests conducted at the Marngoneet Correctional Centre there were:
- (a) There were two positive random general drug test results returned for prisoners;
  - (b) No positive drug test results returned for prisoners who were identified drug users;
  - (c) No positive drug test results returned for prisoners participating in the drug-free incentive program;
  - (d) One positive drug test result returned for prisoners tested at the time of their reception at the location; and
  - (e) Seven positive drug test results for prisoners who were targeted to be tested.
- (8) The positive test results revealed the illicit use of amphetamines, opiates, benzodiazepines, cannabinoids and buprenorphine.
- (9) There were 2239 cell searches, including cell searches, undertaken for contraband at Marngoneet Correctional Centre.
- (10) While seizures are recorded, there is currently no data available for how many items of contraband were seized per search at the Marngoneet Correctional Centre.
- (11) There is no data available for how many times canine teams have been used in contraband searches at the Marngoneet Correctional Centre.

**Police and emergency services: police — searches of children**

- 136. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to searches of children in designated search areas under the *Control of Weapons Act 1990*, since December 2009:
- (1) How many searches without a warrant have been undertaken on children under section 10 of the act.
  - (2) Excluding strip searches, how many searches have been undertaken on children under section 10G of the act.
  - (3) How many strip searches have been undertaken under section 10G of the act.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

(1), (2) & (3)

Section 10B of the *Control of Weapons Act 1990* requires that the Chief Commissioner of Police must provide to the minister, for inclusion in the Victoria Police annual report, information detailing the number of searches without warrant under section 10 conducted during the financial year, the number of strip searches conducted under section 10G and the number and type of weapons and dangerous articles found.



The above information is available in the Victoria Police annual report for the 2009–10 year, which was tabled in the Parliament in September 2010.

**Police and emergency services: police — searches of children**

- 137. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to the minister’s statement, during debate on the Summary Offences and Control of Weapons Acts Amendment Bill 2009, that the Chief Commissioner of Police would provide instruction to the effect that searches of children aged under 12 should not be conducted unless there are exceptional circumstances, has the chief commissioner provided instructions to this effect.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Victoria Police has issued an operational instruction to instruct members for the purpose of conducting searches under the *Control of Weapons Act 1990*. This instruction states that no child under the age of 12 will be searched in any capacity.

**Police and emergency services: police — searches of children**

- 138. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to the minister’s statement, during debate on the Summary Offences and Control of Weapons Acts Amendment Bill 2009, that the chief commissioner will issue guidelines in relation to the conduct of searches of children under the age of 12, has the chief commissioner issued these guidelines.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Victoria Police has issued an operational instruction to instruct members for the purpose of conducting searches under the *Control of Weapons Act 1990*. This instruction states that no child under the age of 12 will be searched in any capacity.

**Police and emergency services: police — inquest costs**

- 141. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to government spending on the inquest into the death of Tyler Cassidy:
- (1) What is the projected total cost of legal representation for the four police officers involved in the shooting, including representation at court, and all associated legal costs of court and non-court work, from the date of the shooting to the expected date of discharge of legal services.
  - (2) What is the projected total cost of legal representation for the Chief Commissioner of Victoria Police, including representation at court, and all associated legal costs of court and non-court, from the date of the shooting to the expected date of discharge of legal services.
  - (3) What is the cost per day for attendance at the inquest of the legal team representing the four police officers, including counsel, junior counsel and any other legal or other assistants.
  - (4) What is the cost per day at the inquest for the legal team representing the Chief Commissioner of Victoria Police, including counsel, junior counsel and any other legal or other assistants.

- (5) What is the total projected cost for all legal advice, assistance and representation and any other legal services performed for the four police officers and the chief commissioner from the date of the shooting to the expected date of discharge of legal services.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1), (2), (3), (4) & (5)

It is anticipated that the total final legal cost to Victoria Police of the inquest into the death of Tyler Cassidy will be approximately \$1.3 million. Victoria Police does not specifically track as a standard process the expenditure differentiation between the costs in facilitating individual members representation and those of the Chief Commissioner of Police. The provision of the specific information sought by the honourable member represents an unreasonable diversion of resources by Victoria Police.

Victoria Police's financial arrangements with individual firms and barristers require a commercial in-confidence consideration. Providing information that may lead to the identification of financial rates charged by individual firms and barristers would not be appropriate.

**Police and emergency services: police — Ballarat**

- 146. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services):

- (1) In line with commitments made to increase the number of sworn Victoria Police officers in Ballarat, has the minister instructed Victoria Police or the department to station additional police in Ballarat.
- (2) What is the planned number of additional full-time equivalent (FTE) police to be provided to the Ballarat police service area in the years —
- (a) 2011;
  - (b) 2012;
  - (c) 2013; and
  - (d) 2014.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) The Baillieu government is conscious of the need for sufficient police resources across the state, and is aware of the needs of regional Victorian communities such as Ballarat. That is why this government is committed to making Victoria's streets safe again by addressing state wide police shortages and restoring public safety. Front-line police numbers will be boosted by an additional 1700 recruits, including 100 additional transit police. It is not the role of government to 'station' police in any location: rather that is the task of police command.
- (2) Victoria Police recently announced that an extra 600 police officers, including 450 new recruits and 150 existing police members who will be redeployed back to front-line duties, are being assigned to police service areas across the state, with Ballarat to receive an additional 25 police by midyear.

The timing and size of any further increases in the number of police members assigned to Ballarat is the responsibility of the Chief Commissioner of Police, and will take account of matter such as local requirements resulting from the opening of new police stations.

**Energy and resources: mining — royalties**

**165. MR BARBER** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources):

- (1) In relation to the *Mines (Aluminium Agreement) Act 1961*, what is the total amount of royalties received by the state for each of the past three financial years —
  - (a) under clause 10(1)(a) of the schedule;
  - (b) under clause 10(1)(b) of the schedule; and
  - (c) under clause 10(1)(c) of the schedule.
- (2) What royalty rates are Alcoa Australia Ltd currently charged per tonne of lignite under clause 10(1)(b) of the schedule in the *Mines (Aluminium Agreement) Act 1961*.
- (3) Does Alcoa Australia Ltd pay royalties in respect of the disposal of tailings under section 12A(4) of the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990*.
- (4) If the answer to question 3 is no, has an express waiver been given by any minister since the proclamation of the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990*.
- (5) On average, how many gigajoule units are produced from a tonne of lignite (Note: the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990* defines a gigajoule unit as a quantity of lignite which, when mined has a net wet specific energy content of 1 gigajoule).

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The total amount of royalties collected under the *Mines (Aluminium Agreement) Act 1961* for the past three financial years is as follows:
  - (a) Under clause 10(1)(a) of the schedule, being rent payments:
    - I. 2007–08 — \$4574.26
    - II. 2008–09 — \$4574.26
    - III. 2009–10 — \$4574.26
  - (b) Under clause 10(1)(b) of the schedule, being for royalty for brown coal used for the generation of electricity:
    - I. When coal won in the year does not exceed 101 600 tonnes:
      - i. 2007–08 — \$0
      - ii. 2008–09 — \$0
      - iii. 2009–10 — \$0
    - II. When coal won in the year exceeds 101 600 tonnes:
      - i. 2007–08 — \$288 827.15
      - ii. 2008–09 — \$266 865.44
      - iii. 2009–10 — \$305 839.93
  - (c) Under clause 10(1)(c) of the schedule, being for royalty for brown coal sold or used for another purpose other than generation of electricity:
    - I. 2007–08 — \$0
    - II. 2008–09 — \$0
    - III. 2009–10 — \$0

- (2) The current royalty rates Alcoa Australia Ltd charged per tonne of lignite under clause 10(1)(b) of the schedule in the *Mines (Aluminium Agreement) Act 1961* converted to metric units under clause 5(b) of the *Metric Conversion (Mines (Aluminium Agreement) Act) Regulations 1974* are as follows:
  - (a) When coal won in the year does not exceed 101 600 tonnes — 3.23 cents subject to consumer price index (CPI) increases.
  - (b) When coal won in the year exceeds 101 600 tonnes — 2.46 cents subject to CPI increases.
- (3) Alcoa Australia Ltd does not pay royalties in respect of the disposal of tailings under section 12A(4) of the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990* as it is not a mining licence under this act.
- (4) There has been no express waiver given by any minister since the proclamation of the *Minerals Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990* as Alcoa Australia Ltd is not subject to this act.
- (5) I am advised that on average 7.8 gigajoule units are produced from a tonne of lignite.

**Regional and rural development: Telstra — Ballarat jobs**

**216. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Regional and Rural Development): In relation to the job losses in Ballarat announced on 27 January 2011 by Telstra:

- (1) On what date was the minister's office advised or made aware of these job losses.
- (2) On what date was the minister advised or made aware of these job losses.
- (3) Who advised or made the minister aware of these job losses.
- (4) Who advised or made the minister's office aware of these job losses.
- (5) If the minister was advised or made aware of these job losses other than personally by a representative of Telstra, did the minister, subsequent to receiving advice or information of the losses, make personal contact with Telstra; if so, on what date did the minister make that contact.
- (6) Subsequent to receiving advice or information of the losses did the minister instruct the department to make contact with Telstra; if so, on what date did the minister give that instruction.
- (7) Did the minister make any public comments or statements about these job losses; if so, on what date or dates were those statements made.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This is not my portfolio responsibility. The question should be addressed to the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations.

**Regional cities: Telstra — Ballarat jobs**

**219. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Regional Cities): In relation to the job losses in Ballarat announced on 27 January 2011 by Telstra:

- (1) On what date was the minister's office advised or made aware of these job losses.
- (2) On what date was the minister advised or made aware of these job losses.
- (3) Who advised or made the minister aware of these job losses.
- (4) Who advised or made the minister's office aware of these job losses.
- (5) If the minister was advised or made aware of these job losses other than personally by a representative of Telstra, did the minister, subsequent to receiving advice or information of the losses, make personal contact with Telstra; if so, on what date did the minister make that contact.

- (6) Subsequent to receiving advice or information of the losses did the minister instruct the department to make contact with Telstra; if so, on what date did the minister give that instruction.
- (7) Did the minister make any public comments or statements about these job losses; if so, on what date or dates were those statements made.

**ANSWER:**

Following government consultation with Dorothy Farmer Personnel, it was confirmed that affected workers were employed on fixed term contracts and were not being retained following the discontinuation of the Telstra contract.

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations and Centrelink delivered two information sessions to affected staff at Dorothy Farmer Personnel in Ballarat on 10 February 2011. In support, the Victorian government through Workforce Victoria supplied information on Back to Work, MoneyHelp and Beyond Blue directly to Dorothy Farmer Personnel's Human Resources Department for distribution at these sessions.

**Regional and rural development: Leadership Ballarat and Western Region — funding**

**221. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Regional and Rural Development): In relation to the government's commitment to provide \$250 000 to Leadership Ballarat and Western Region:

- (1) Has the minister sought, and received, advice from their department of the provision of \$250 000 to Leadership Ballarat and Western Region; if so, did that advice recommend a timeline for provision of funding, what date was recommended and did the minister accept the recommendation.
- (2) Has the minister asked that funds be included in the 2011–12 budget by writing to the Treasurer.
- (3) Has the provision of funds for Leadership Ballarat and Western Region been included in any budget submission made by the minister for the 2011–12 budget.
- (4) Has the minister taken any formal action to ensure the provision of funding in the 2011–12 financial year.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The proposed Regional Leadership Fund is part of the government's recent establishment of the Regional Growth Fund and will provide \$6 million over four years to fund the activities of the community leadership programs (CLPs) in regional and rural Victoria. Nine (9) CLPs will be eligible for grants through the Regional Leadership Fund, which will be available from the first of the next financial year. Leadership Ballarat and Western Region is one of the eligible CLPS.

The election commitment will be honoured and I have written to all community leadership programs through regional and rural Victoria advising them of that fact.

**Sport and recreation: North Ballarat Football Club — funding**

**232. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Sport and Recreation): In relation to the government's commitment to provide \$1m to North Ballarat Football Club, when will it be provided.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Funding will be provided once the scope of works has been agreed.

**Sport and recreation: Life Saving Victoria — funding**

- 236. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Sport and Recreation): In relation to the government’s commitment to provide \$6 million to Life Saving Victoria for clubhouse upgrades, has the minister asked that funding be included in the 2011–12 state budget by writing to the —
- (a) Premier; and
  - (b) Treasurer.

**ANSWER:**

Life saving is not my portfolio responsibility your question should be asked of the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

**Sport and recreation: Life Saving Victoria — funding**

- 237. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Sport and Recreation): In relation to the government’s commitment to provide \$6 million to Life Saving Victoria for clubhouse upgrades, in which financial year(s) will funding be provided to Life Saving Victoria to upgrade clubhouses.

**ANSWER:**

Life saving is not my portfolio responsibility your question should be asked of the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

**Sport and recreation: Life Saving Victoria — funding**

- 238. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Sport and Recreation): In relation to the government’s commitment to provide \$1 million to Life Saving Victoria for field-based administrators, has the minister asked that funding be included in the 2011–12 state budget by writing to the —
- (a) Premier; and
  - (b) Treasurer.

**ANSWER:**

Life saving is not my portfolio responsibility your question should be asked of the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

**Sport and recreation: Life Saving Victoria — funding**

- 239. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Sport and Recreation): In relation to the government’s commitment to provide \$1 million to Life Saving Victoria for field-based administrators, in which financial year(s) will funding be provided for field-based administrators to support Life Saving Victoria volunteers.

**ANSWER:**

Life saving is not my portfolio responsibility your question should be asked of the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

**Sport and recreation: Life Saving Victoria — funding**

- 240. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Sport and Recreation): In relation to the government’s commitment to provide \$7 million to Life Saving Victoria, has the minister written to Life Saving Victoria to seek their input on the rollout of this funding.

**ANSWER:**

Life saving is not my portfolio responsibility your question should be asked of the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

**Community services: child protection — workers**

- 248. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): What is the number of child protection workers (or full-time equivalent) currently employed by the Department of Human Services in the —

- (a) eastern metropolitan region;
- (b) north and west region;
- (c) southern region;
- (d) Barwon-south western region;
- (e) Gippsland region;
- (f) Grampians region;
- (g) Hume region; and
- (h) Loddon-Mallee region.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Data regarding the number of child protection workers employed by the Department of Human Services is publicly available at <http://intranet.dhs.vic.gov.au/news-and-events/news/spotlight/case-for-change-in-child-protection>.

**Premier: senior advisor**

- 603. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Premier): Is the Premier’s senior advisor, Mr Don Coulson, subject to the direction of the Premier’s chief of staff, Mr Michael Kapel.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The provisions of the *Public Administration Act 2004* apply to all ministerial officers, and to staff of the opposition, as was the case under the previous government.

**Premier: senior advisor**

- 604. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Premier): Is the Premier’s senior advisor, Mr Don Coulson, currently a member of the Liberal Party; if not, has he ever been a member of the Liberal Party.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This question appears to fall outside the ambit of the standing orders of the Legislative Council.

**Environment and climate change: Loddon River — environmental damage**

**612. MS BROAD** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): In relation to the environmental devastation along a 10-kilometre stretch of the Loddon River at Baringhup West downstream from Cairn Curran Reservoir as a consequence of the release of 80 000 megalitres of water from the reservoir on 14 January 2011 combined with a record rainfall, is the minister aware that massive environmental destruction was caused along this section of the Loddon River.

**ANSWER:**

I am aware that:

- (1) There has been substantial damage to the Loddon River below the Cairn Curran Reservoir during the major floods of January 2011.
- (2) The Baringhup Landcare Group has brought this damage to the attention of the North Central Catchment Management Authority.
- (3) The North Central Catchment Management Authority is reviewing all flood damage across the region, and have submitted a funding request for repair of this damage to the Natural Disaster Response and Recovery Arrangements process.
- (4) The Victorian government is providing substantial funding to catchment management authorities to undertake flood recovery works. Funds could be directed to repairs at this site depending on its priority relative to other damage in the region.
- (5) The Victorian government has also provided \$6.15 million to a flood employment program that will employ farmers to repair flood damage along rivers. If the Loddon River site is assessed to be a priority for work, then workers employed under this program could assist with repair of damage to the site.

**Environment and climate change: Loddon River — environmental damage**

**613. MS BROAD** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): In relation to the environmental devastation along a 10-kilometre stretch of the Loddon River at Baringhup West downstream from Cairn Curran Reservoir as a consequence of the release of 80 000 megalitres of water from the reservoir on 14 January 2011 combined with a record rainfall, will the \$12 million recently announced in flood relief by the government cover reparations and replanting along this section of the Loddon River.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) There has been substantial erosion damage to the Loddon River below the Cairn Curran Reservoir during the floods of January 2011.
- (2) The North Central Catchment Management Authority (NCCMA) is reviewing all flood damage across the region.
- (3) The Victorian government is providing substantial funding to CMAs to undertake flood recovery works through the natural disaster response and recovery arrangements process. The NCCMA could direct funds to repairs at this site depending on its priority relative to other damage in the region.



- (4) The Victorian government has also provided \$6.15 million to CMAs to administer a flood employment program that will employ farmers to repair flood damage along rivers. If the Loddon River site is assessed to be a priority for work, then workers employed under this program could also assist with repair of damage to the site.

**Environment and climate change: Loddon River — environmental damage**

- 614. MS BROAD** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): In relation to the environmental devastation along a 10-kilometre stretch of the Loddon River at Baringhup West downstream from Cairn Curran Reservoir as a consequence of the release of 80 000 megalitres of water from the reservoir on 14 January 2011 combined with a record rainfall, if the funding does not cover environmental reparations will the minister fund the North Central Catchment Management Authority to carry out the important work along the Loddon River.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The North Central Catchment Management Authority (NCCMA) is reviewing all flood damage across the region. As part of this process the CMA will prioritise river sites for work.
- (2) The Victorian government is providing substantial funding to CMAs to undertake flood recovery works through the Natural Disaster Response and Recovery Arrangements process. The NCCMA could direct funds to repairs at this site depending on its priority relative to other damage in the region.
- (3) CMAs across Victoria also receive an annual allocation from the Victorian government to undertake river protection and restoration works. If funds as part of the flood recovery process are directed to higher priorities, the CMA will still have the opportunity to use this annual allocation to undertake environmental reparations along the Loddon River.
- (4) The Victorian government has also provided \$6.15 million to CMAs to administer a flood employment program that will employ farmers to repair flood damage along rivers. If the Loddon River site is assessed to be a priority for work, then workers employed under this program could also assist with repair of damage to the site.

**Environment and climate change: Loddon River — environmental damage**

- 616. MS BROAD** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): In relation to the environmental devastation along a 10-kilometre stretch of the Loddon River at Baringhup West downstream from Cairn Curran Reservoir as a consequence of the release of 80 000 megalitres of water from the reservoir on 14 January 2011 combined with a record rainfall, has the minister been to Baringhup West to inspect the damage to the environment along this section of the Loddon River.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Although the minister has yet to be able to visit the site in person, he has received information from the North Central Catchment Management Authority advising of progress in assessing flood damage across the region.
- (2) The minister is aware of the issue and if his program allows it, he would be happy to inspect the damage and any completed works along this section of the Loddon River.

**Treasurer: ministerial visits — city of Ballarat**

**626. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Assistant Treasurer (for the Treasurer): On which dates between 2 December 2010 and 14 April 2011 did the Treasurer visit any locality within the city of Ballarat, and on each occasion:

- (1) Who did the Treasurer meet with.
- (2) Did the Treasurer make any commitment of public funds; and if so, for each commitment made —
  - (a) what was the dollar value of the commitment;
  - (b) to which individual or group was the commitment of funds made; and
  - (c) for what project or purpose were these funds committed.

**ANSWER:**

The Treasurer did not visit Ballarat during the relevant period.

**Agriculture and food security: ministerial visits — city of Ballarat**

**631. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Agriculture and Food Security): On which dates between 2 December 2010 and 14 April 2011 did the minister visit any locality within the city of Ballarat, and on each occasion:

- (1) Who did the minister meet with.
- (2) Did the minister make any commitment of public funds; and if so, for each commitment made —
  - (a) what was the dollar value of the commitment;
  - (b) to which individual or group was the commitment of funds made; and
  - (c) for what project or purpose were these funds committed.

**ANSWER:**

I have visited numerous municipalities and communities throughout regional and country Victoria during the specified periods and in the course of doing so I have undertaken a number of engagements relating to my portfolio and promises made by the Liberal-Nationals coalition during the campaign leading up to the election on 27 November 2010.

**Employment and industrial relations: ministerial visits — city of Ballarat**

**639. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations: On which dates between 2 December 2010 and 14 April 2011 did the minister visit any locality within the city of Ballarat, and on each occasion:

- (1) Who did the minister meet with.
- (2) Did the minister make any commitment of public funds; and if so, for each commitment made —
  - (a) what was the dollar value of the commitment;
  - (b) to which individual or group was the commitment of funds made; and
  - (c) for what project or purpose were these funds committed.

**ANSWER:**

I travel throughout regional Victoria as deemed appropriate.

**Energy and resources: ministerial visits — city of Ballarat**

**640. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): On which dates between 2 December 2010 and 14 April 2011 did the minister visit any locality within the city of Ballarat, and on each occasion:

- (1) Who did the minister meet with.
- (2) Did the minister make any commitment of public funds; and if so, for each commitment made —
  - (a) what was the dollar value of the commitment;
  - (b) to which individual or group was the commitment of funds made; and
  - (c) for what project or purpose were these funds committed.

**ANSWER:**

I have visited numerous municipalities and communities throughout regional and country Victoria during the specified periods and in the course of doing so I have undertaken a number of engagements relating to my portfolio and promises made by the Liberal-Nationals coalition during the campaign leading up to the election on 27 November 2010.

**Innovation, services and small business: ministerial visits — city of Ballarat**

**647. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Innovation, Services and Small Business): On which dates between 2 December 2010 and 14 April 2011 did the minister visit any locality within the city of Ballarat, and on each occasion:

- (1) Who did the minister meet with.
- (2) Did the minister make any commitment of public funds; and if so, for each commitment made —
  - (a) what was the dollar value of the commitment;
  - (b) to which individual or group was the commitment of funds made; and
  - (c) for what project or purpose were these funds committed.

**ANSWER:**

I travel throughout regional Victoria as deemed appropriate.

**Major projects: ministerial visits — city of Ballarat**

**649. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Major Projects): On which dates between 2 December 2010 and 14 April 2011 did the minister visit any locality within the city of Ballarat, and on each occasion:

- (1) Who did the minister meet with.
- (2) Did the minister make any commitment of public funds; and if so, for each commitment made —
  - (a) what was the dollar value of the commitment;
  - (b) to which individual or group was the commitment of funds made; and
  - (c) for what project or purpose were these funds committed.

**ANSWER:**

I visited the city of Ballarat on 13 January, 29 January, 22 February and 18 March in accordance with my portfolio responsibilities.

**Manufacturing, exports and trade: ministerial visits — city of Ballarat**

**650. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Manufacturing, Exports and Trade: On which dates between 2 December 2010 and 14 April 2011 did the minister visit any locality within the city of Ballarat, and on each occasion:

- (1) Who did the minister meet with.
- (2) Did the minister make any commitment of public funds; and if so, for each commitment made —
  - (a) what was the dollar value of the commitment;
  - (b) to which individual or group was the commitment of funds made; and
  - (c) for what project or purpose were these funds committed.

**ANSWER:**

I travel throughout regional Victoria as deemed appropriate.

**Mental health: ministerial visits — city of Ballarat**

**651. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Mental Health): On which dates between 2 December 2010 and 14 April 2011 did the minister visit any locality within the city of Ballarat, and on each occasion:

- (1) Who did the minister meet with.
- (2) Did the minister make any commitment of public funds; and if so, for each commitment made —
  - (a) what was the dollar value of the commitment;
  - (b) to which individual or group was the commitment of funds made; and
  - (c) for what project or purpose were these funds committed.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

I have visited numerous municipalities and communities throughout regional and country Victoria during the specified periods and in the course of doing so, I have undertaken a number of engagements relating to my portfolio and promises made by the Liberal-Nationals coalition during the campaigns leading up to the election on 27 November 2010.

**Planning: ministerial visits — city of Ballarat**

**653. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Planning: On which dates between 2 December 2010 and 14 April 2011 did the minister visit any locality within the city of Ballarat, and on each occasion:

- (1) Who did the minister meet with.
- (2) Did the minister make any commitment of public funds; and if so, for each commitment made —
  - (a) what was the dollar value of the commitment;
  - (b) to which individual or group was the commitment of funds made; and
  - (c) for what project or purpose were these funds committed.

**ANSWER:**

I have visited numerous municipalities and communities throughout regional and country Victoria during the specified periods and in the course of doing so, I have undertaken a number of engagements relating to my

portfolio and promises made by the Liberal-Nationals coalition during the campaigns leading up to the election on 27 November 2010.

**Ports: ministerial visits — city of Ballarat**

**655. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Ports): On which dates between 2 December 2010 and 14 April 2011 did the minister visit any locality within the city of Ballarat, and on each occasion:

- (1) Who did the minister meet with.
- (2) Did the minister make any commitment of public funds; and if so, for each commitment made —
  - (a) what was the dollar value of the commitment;
  - (b) to which individual or group was the commitment of funds made; and
  - (c) for what project or purpose were these funds committed.

**ANSWER:**

I visited the city of Ballarat on 13 January, 29 January, 22 February and 18 March in accordance with my portfolio responsibilities.

**Racing: ministerial visits — city of Ballarat**

**657. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Assistant Treasurer (for the Minister for Racing): On which dates between 2 December 2010 and 14 April 2011 did the minister visit any locality within the city of Ballarat, and on each occasion:

- (1) Who did the minister meet with.
- (2) Did the minister make any commitment of public funds; and if so, for each commitment made —
  - (a) what was the dollar value of the commitment;
  - (b) to which individual or group was the commitment of funds made; and
  - (c) for what project or purpose were these funds committed.

**ANSWER:**

I visited the city of Ballarat on 13 January, 29 January, 22 February and 18 March in accordance with my portfolio responsibilities.

**Regional cities: ministerial visits — city of Ballarat**

**658. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Regional Cities): On which dates between 2 December 2010 and 14 April 2011 did the minister visit any locality within the city of Ballarat, and on each occasion:

- (1) Who did the minister meet with.
- (2) Did the minister make any commitment of public funds; and if so, for each commitment made —
  - (a) what was the dollar value of the commitment;
  - (b) to which individual or group was the commitment of funds made; and
  - (c) for what project or purpose were these funds committed.

**ANSWER:**

I visited the city of Ballarat on 13 January, 29 January, 22 February and 18 March in accordance with my portfolio responsibilities.

**Regional and rural development: ministerial visits — city of Ballarat**

**659. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Regional and Rural Development): On which dates between 2 December 2010 and 14 April 2011 did the minister visit any locality within the city of Ballarat, and on each occasion:

- (1) Who did the minister meet with.
- (2) Did the minister make any commitment of public funds; and if so, for each commitment made —
  - (a) what was the dollar value of the commitment;
  - (b) to which individual or group was the commitment of funds made; and
  - (c) for what project or purpose were these funds committed.

**ANSWER:**

I have visited numerous municipalities and communities throughout regional and country Victoria during the specified periods and in the course of doing so I have made a number of announcements regarding the funding of promises made by the Liberal-Nationals coalition.

**Technology: ministerial visits — city of Ballarat**

**662. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Technology: On which dates between 2 December 2010 and 14 April 2011 did the minister visit any locality within the city of Ballarat, and on each occasion:

- (1) Who did the minister meet with.
- (2) Did the minister make any commitment of public funds; and if so, for each commitment made —
  - (a) what was the dollar value of the commitment;
  - (b) to which individual or group was the commitment of funds made; and
  - (c) for what project or purpose were these funds committed.

**ANSWER:**

I have visited numerous municipalities and communities throughout regional and country Victoria and in the course of doing so I have undertaken a number of engagements relating to my portfolio and promises made by the Liberal-Nationals coalition during the campaign leading up to the election on 27 November 2011.

**Tourism and major events: ministerial visits — city of Ballarat**

**663. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Tourism and Major Events): On which dates between 2 December 2010 and 14 April 2011 did the minister visit any locality within the city of Ballarat, and on each occasion:

- (1) Who did the minister meet with.
- (2) Did the minister make any commitment of public funds; and if so, for each commitment made —
  - (a) what was the dollar value of the commitment;
  - (b) to which individual or group was the commitment of funds made; and
  - (c) for what project or purpose were these funds committed.

**ANSWER:**

I travel throughout regional Victoria as deemed appropriate.

**Water: ministerial visits — city of Ballarat**

**665. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Water): On which dates between 2 December 2010 and 14 April 2011 did the minister visit any locality within the city of Ballarat, and on each occasion:

- (1) Who did the minister meet with.
- (2) Did the minister make any commitment of public funds; and if so, for each commitment made —
  - (a) what was the dollar value of the commitment;
  - (b) to which individual or group was the commitment of funds made; and
  - (c) for what project or purpose were these funds committed.

**ANSWER:**

I have visited numerous municipalities and communities throughout regional and country Victoria during the specified periods and in the course of doing so I have undertaken a number of engagements relating to my portfolio and promises made by the Liberal-Nationals coalition during the campaign leading up to the election on 27 November 2010.

**Youth affairs: ministerial visits — city of Ballarat**

**667. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Youth Affairs): On which dates between 2 December 2010 and 14 April 2011 did the minister visit any locality within the city of Ballarat, and on each occasion:

- (1) Who did the minister meet with.
- (2) Did the minister make any commitment of public funds; and if so, for each commitment made —
  - (a) what was the dollar value of the commitment;
  - (b) to which individual or group was the commitment of funds made; and
  - (c) for what project or purpose were these funds committed.

**ANSWER:**

I have visited numerous municipalities and communities throughout regional and country Victoria during the specified periods and in the course of doing so I have undertaken a number of engagements relating to my portfolio and promises made by the Liberal-Nationals coalition during the campaign leading up to the election on 27 November 2010.

**Aviation industry: ministerial visits — city of Ballarat**

**669. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister responsible for the Aviation Industry: On which dates between 2 December 2010 and 14 April 2011 did the minister visit any locality within the city of Ballarat, and on each occasion:

- (1) Who did the minister meet with.
- (2) Did the minister make any commitment of public funds; and if so, for each commitment made —
  - (a) what was the dollar value of the commitment;
  - (b) to which individual or group was the commitment of funds made; and

- (c) for what project or purpose were these funds committed.

**ANSWER:**

I have visited numerous municipalities and communities throughout regional and country Victoria and in the course of doing so I have undertaken a number of engagements relating to my portfolio and promises made by the Liberal-Nationals coalition during the campaign leading up to the election on 27 November 2011.

**Public transport: buses — targets, timetables and services**

**678. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Planning for the (Minister for Public Transport):

- (1) Are bus services required to meet punctuality targets —
  - (a) if so, when targets are not met, are fines given; and
  - (b) if not, what measures are in place to ensure bus services run according to schedule.
- (2) When will bus timetables be adjusted to coordinate buses to meet trains under the proposed new timetable.
- (3) Will additional bus services be provided to areas that are having their train services cut under the new timetable (e.g. Altona and Seaholme).

**ANSWER:**

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

Yes, bus services are required to meet punctuality targets and Melbourne metropolitan bus companies provide a monthly five per cent random sample of running times. The Department of Transport (DOT) also conducts random audits of bus service punctuality.

Alterations have already been made to most bus timetables throughout Melbourne to maintain bus–train connections under the 8 May 2011 timetable. DOT and bus operator Westrans are currently working to introduce improvements to bus–train connections in the Werribee and Altona areas.

There has been no reduction in the number of train services operating via the Altona loop, comprising Seaholme, Altona and Westona railway stations, as a result of the introduction of the 8 May 2011 timetable.

**Gaming: Community Support Fund**

**679. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Gaming): In relation to the Community Support Fund:

- (1) How much revenue did the fund receive in the 2010–11 financial year.
- (2) What are the government’s precise expenditure items for the fund in the 2011–12 financial year.
- (3) What are the government’s expenditure priorities for the fund in the 2011–12 financial year.
- (4) Will any of this money be used to fund the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation on page 54 of budget paper 3; if so, how much of the fund will be spent on the foundation.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

The administration of the Community Support Fund does not fall within the responsibilities of the Minister for Gaming.



**Children and early childhood development: kindergartens — Barwon Heads**

- 681. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development: Has the minister received advice from the department in relation to identifying and purchasing land for the new Barwon Heads kindergarten; if so —
- (a) when will this land be purchased; and
  - (b) when will the construction of this new kindergarten commence.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

A subcommittee consisting of the school principal, school council president, parent on school council, two staff members on school council, City of Greater Geelong officers, representatives of the Barwon Heads Kindergarten Futures Committee and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development is currently working on these and related issues and will work constructively with other interested parties.

**Corrections: proposed prison — business case**

- 686. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Corrections): In relation to the development of a detailed business case for a new male prison facility, on page 56 of 2011–12 budget paper no. 3:
- (1) What evidence has been considered that indicates the need for a new male prison.
  - (2) What are the main findings and recommendations of any reports, reviews or other evidence considered in the decision to prepare a business case for a new facility.
  - (3) What security level will the facility be.
  - (4) How many beds will the facility have.
  - (5) Where will the facility be located.
  - (6) When will the detailed business case be finalised.
  - (7) Will the business case be publicly available.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

The Department of Justice uses various statistical modelling tools to develop projections for the prisoner population. Inputs include general population movements and projections and analysis of sentencing outcomes, crime trends, existing and proposed policies.

These projections have identified the need to develop the business case for a new male prison.

Based on prisoner number projections, indications are that the prisoner population will increase and expansion in prison capacity will be required.

The business case will consider both the size of the projected prisoner population and the current system configuration in determining the security level of the new prison. As noted at the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee, it is more than likely to be a medium security prison. This will be explored as part of the business case. The final recommendation may suggest an alternative security classification. The business case will consider a range of options taking into account the analysis of system needs.

The location will be determined as part of the business case.

The government will make further announcements in relation to the business case in forthcoming estimates periods.

**Crime prevention: GPS and electronic monitoring**

**691. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Crime Prevention): In relation to the allocation of \$6.8 million over five years for GPS and electronic monitoring of offenders and suspects, on pages 54 and 124 of 2011–12 budget paper no. 3, what evidence of the effect of GPS and electronic monitoring on crime prevention was considered when deciding to allocate this funding.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

In the 2011–12 state budget, the government allocated:

- \$5 million over four years (BP3 — page 54) to enable GPS monitoring of various offenders and suspects, to improve community safety and protection, as well as reduce the risk of re-offending; and
- \$7 million over four years (BP3 — page 124) for the continuation of electronic monitoring to provide capacity for the monitoring of serious offenders, suspects on bail, and offenders subject to community correction orders.

GPS technology is part of a package of crime prevention reforms designed to collectively build a safer Victoria, better protect Victorian families from dangerous criminals, and restore public confidence in our justice system. It will allow authorities to track and record the movements of serious offenders and suspects, as well as monitor their compliance with order conditions such as curfews, and exclusion areas such as schools or parks.

Electronic monitoring allows authorities to set and monitor curfews for a wider range of offenders.

GPS and electronic monitoring will not only provide detailed information regarding offenders' whereabouts, it will alert authorities of any breaches, allowing appropriate and prompt response mechanisms to be deployed.

**Police and emergency services: protective services officers — railway stations**

**694. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to the 940 new protective services officers on railway stations, costing \$212 million, on page 54 of 2011–12 budget paper no. 3:

- (1) What training will these protective services officers undertake.
- (2) How long will these protective services officers spend in training.
- (3) What training will new police officers undertake that the new protective services officers will not undertake.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

(1), (2) & (3)

The Justice Legislation Amendment (Protective Services Officers) Bill 2011 provides the second tranche of legislation to deliver on the government's election commitment to deploy 940 protective services officers (PSOs) to the rail network to fight crime and antisocial behaviour on and around the network.

The training for PSOs to be deployed to the rail network has been expanded from the existing 9 weeks to 12 weeks to take into account the additional powers they will be able to exercise. This training will include the same two weeks operational tactics and safety training as existing PSOs and police receive.

Victoria Police recruits currently receive 33 weeks training in a range of activities with a focus on the law and policing procedures.

**Establishment of an anti-corruption commission: anticorruption commission — secretariat**

**695. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister Responsible for the Establishment of an Anti-corruption Commission): In relation to the \$5 million funding for a secretariat to prepare and establish the legislation, governance and operating frameworks for an independent, broadbased anticorruption commission, on page 66 and 67 of 2011–12 budget paper no. 3:

- (1) What public consultation will the secretariat undertake.
- (2) How was the \$1 million allocated to the commission in the 2010–11 financial year spent.
- (3) When will the secretariat finalise its report or recommendations on the legislation, governance and operation of an independent, broadbased anticorruption commission.
- (4) Will the secretariat’s report or recommendations be publicly available.
- (5) Will the government consult publicly on its preferred model for an independent, broadbased anticorruption commission.
- (6) When will the legislation for an independent, broadbased anticorruption commission be introduced into the Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

The secretariat is supporting the Anti-Corruption and Integrity Consultation Panel which is conducting consultation with a range of stakeholders on issues associated with legislation for the establishment of the commission. Contact details for the panel are publicly available, including on the Department of Premier and Cabinet website.

The secretariat in DPC provides ongoing advice to the government on the preparation of legislation for the establishment and governance of the anti-corruption commission. The government will introduce legislation into Parliament in 2011.

An implementation project team in the Department of Justice (DOJ) is working on implementation issues associated with the establishment and operation of the new commission.

The secretariat provides advice to the government on the preparation of the legislation to establish the anticorruption commission and provides administrative support to the government’s consultation panel.

The Anti-Corruption and Integrity Consultation Panel is conducting consultation with a range of stakeholders on issues associated with the legislation for the establishment of the commission. Contact details for the panel are publicly available, including on the Department of Premier and Cabinet website.

Legislation will be introduced into Parliament in 2011.

**Racing: jumps racing — funding**

**696. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Assistant Treasurer (for the Minister for Racing): In relation to the total funding of jumps racing, including promotion, regulation, administration and other costs:

- (1) How much in total will be allocated in the 2011–12 financial year.
- (2) How much in total was spent in the 2010–11, 2009–10, 2008–09, 2007–08 and 2006–07 financial years.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) \$500 000. This will be sourced from unclaimed wagering dividends and be used to fund a range of initiatives including improving education and safety outcomes for jockeys, horses and other participants.
- (2) The total government spend on jumps racing for the financial years:
  - 2010–11 – Nil
  - 2009–10 – Nil
  - 2008–09 – \$90 319 for an upgrade to hurdles at Cranbourne Training Centre
  - 2007–08 – Nil.

**Racing: jumps racing — funding**

**697.** **MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Assistant Treasurer (for the Minister for Racing): In relation to the \$2 million allocated to the promotion of jumps racing:

- (1) Why is government funding being used to promote jumps racing.
- (2) What criteria must industry organisations, operators and other bodies meet in order to be eligible for funding.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) The coalition government strongly supports jumps racing in Victoria. Jumps racing represents an important part of the culture and heritage of Victorian thoroughbred racing. It also provides a livelihood for a significant number of jockeys, trainers, stablehands and support staff as well as delivering very real economic benefits to a number of regional Victorian communities, through increased tourism and associated benefits to local businesses.
- (2) The coalition government has undertaken to work with Racing Victoria, the Jumps Racing Association, relevant racing clubs and other jumps racing stakeholders to maximise the benefits and outcomes from this investment into jumps racing. Funding guidelines are currently being finalised.

**Racing: Victorian Racing Industry Fund — unclaimed wagering dividends**

**698.** **MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Assistant Treasurer (for the Minister for Racing): In relation to the direction of unclaimed wagering dividends into the new Victorian Racing Industry Fund:

- (1) What will be the management structure of the fund.
- (2) What criteria, including but not restricted to safety standards, must be met by funding recipients.
- (3) What amount will be directed into jumps racing.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) As announced in the 2011 state budget, unclaimed wagering dividends will be returned to the racing industry through a grants program managed by the Department of Justice (Gaming and Racing). Guidelines, including eligibility and assessment criteria, are currently being finalised.
- (2) Funding guidelines are currently being finalised. However, I can advise that safety standards in the racing industry are set by the relevant racing controlling body.

- (3) The coalition government will provide \$2 million from unclaimed wagering dividends over the next four years for jumps racing for a range of initiatives including improving safety and education for jockeys, horses and other participants.

**Racing: budget papers — targets**

- 699. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Assistant Treasurer (for the Minister for Racing): In relation to the 2011–12 financial year target of 225 for racing matters processed (including licenses, permits, appeals, registrations and grant applications) on page 258 of 2011–12 budget paper no. 3, why will there be no increase in 2011–12 on the expected number in 2010–11.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

2011–12 is the first year of the Victorian Racing Industry Fund (VRIF) and estimates are based on historic levels of funding applications. The target of 225 is consistent with previous years and takes in to account the expiration of the Living Country Racing Program (LCRP) on 30 June 2011 and the commencement of VRIF.

**Racing: budget papers — targets**

- 700. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Assistant Treasurer (for the Minister for Racing): In relation to the 2011–12 financial year target of 29 000 regulatory services including licensing and compliance activities on page 258 of 2011–12 budget paper no. 3, why will there be fewer activities in 2011–12 than expected in 2010–11.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

There has been a 3 per cent decrease in the 2011–12 financial year target for regulatory services from the 2010–11 expected outcome. This small reduction is a result of decreased demand for some licensing services primarily due to legislative changes to the term of venue operator licences. The resources have been redirected to the transition to the post-2012 gambling regulatory environment. The associated outputs are not included in the target for 2011–12.

**Racing: jumps racing — jobs**

- 701. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Assistant Treasurer (for the Minister for Racing):
- (1) How many jobs have been generated by jumps racing in Victoria in the 2010–11, 2009–10, 2008–09, 2007–08 and 2006–07 financial years, and where have these jobs been generated.
  - (2) How many jobs are expected to be generated by jumps racing in Victoria in the 2011–12 financial year, and where will these jobs be generated.
  - (3) What was the value to the Victorian economy of jumps racing in the 2010–11, 2009–10, 2008–09, 2007–08 and 2006–07 financial years.
  - (4) What is the expected value to the Victorian economy of jumps racing in the financial 2011–12 year.
  - (5) What are the sources or evidence for the contribution of jumps racing to the economy and jobs in Victoria.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) The most recent statistics currently available on jumps racing were prepared by IER Pty Ltd for Racing Victoria Limited as part of the 2008 Review of Jumps Racing in Victoria by His Honour David Jones. The report indicated that there were 2595 direct full-time, part-time and casual employees in the jumps racing sector at that time. This represents 8.9 per cent of all thoroughbred racing employment and equates to 509 (FTE) employees or 2.7 per cent of total racing employment. The difference as expressed in percentages is explained in the report as reflecting the higher level of part time employment in jumps racing. The report does not specify the location of these jobs.
- (2) There is no available data on the number of jobs to be generated by jumps racing in Victoria in the 2011–12 financial year, or where they will be located.
- (3) There is no available data on the economic impact of jumps racing in the format requested. The 2008 report into the economic value of jumps racing identified the total expenditure impact of jumps racing at \$40.70m per annum. This figure includes total expenditure by jockeys, owners, racing clubs, Racing Victoria Limited and Australian Jumps Racing Association. It also includes off-course customer spend (travel, retail, accommodation and fashion), Tabcorp net wagering revenue retained profit and state government wagering taxes.
- (4) There is no available data on the economic impact of jumps racing to the Victorian economy in the 2011–12 financial year.
- (5) The available data has been sourced from the November 2008 report, *Review of Jumps Racing in Victoria* by His Honour David Jones, commissioned by Racing Victoria Limited. The report includes a submission compiled by IER on the Economic Value of Jumps Racing in Victoria.

**Racing: jumps racing — unclaimed wagering dividends and on-course wagering taxes**

**702. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Assistant Treasurer (for the Minister for Racing):

- (1) What have been the amounts in unclaimed wagering dividends from jumps racing in the 2010–11, 2009–10, 2008–09, 2007–08 and 2006–07 financial years.
- (2) What amount in unclaimed wagering dividends from jumps racing is expected in the 2011–12 financial year.
- (3) What have been the amounts of on-course wagering taxes from jumps racing in the 2010–11, 2009–10, 2008–09, 2007–08 and 2006–07 financial years.
- (4) What is the expected amount of on-course wagering taxes from jumps racing in the 2011–12 financial year.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

(1) & (2)

The government does not hold data on the amount of unclaimed wagering dividends from jumps racing.

(3) & (4)

The government does not hold data on the amount of on-course wagering taxes from jumps racing.

**Arts: Victorian College of the Arts — funding**

**706. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to the funding allocated to the Victorian College of the Arts (VCA), 2011–12 budget paper no. 3, on pages 66 and 72:

- (1) How much funding is being allocated to the VCA Foundation.

- (2) What institution will be the actual recipient of the support funding for the VCA and what is the breakdown of that funding.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

As stated on Page 66 of budget paper no. 3 for the 2011–12 state budget, \$6 million per year for four years has been allocated for the support of the Victorian College of the Arts. These funds will be paid into a Faculty of the VCA and Music project account according to an agreement between the University of Melbourne and the state of Victoria.

\$2 million has been allocated to the VCA Foundation from the \$6 million available for 2011–12.

**Arts: Victorian College of the Arts — administration and rental fees**

**707. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to the large administration and rental fees the Victorian College of the Arts (VCA) is being charged by the University of Melbourne (\$13.2 million in 2010):

- (1) How are these fees being calculated.  
 (2) Will the funding being allocated to the VCA be utilised by the University of Melbourne to cover these administration and rental fees.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The administration and rental fees charged by the University of Melbourne are calculated according to a standard formula.  
 (2) The \$6 million per year for four years allocated by the 2011 state budget to the Faculty of the VCA and Music will be used for arts programs, infrastructure requirements, and regional training, graduate opera and music theatre initiatives. We expect a small component of the \$6 million per annum will be made available to subsidise rental costs for small arts organisations on the VCA campus.

**Arts: Victorian College of the Arts — land-holdings and buildings**

**708. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to the continuing lack of clarity regarding ownership of the various land and buildings on St Kilda Road Victorian College of the Arts (VCA) campus, what is the breakdown of ownership of the various land-holdings and buildings on the VCA campus.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Although there may be policy and management complexities related to the Crown land occupied by the Victorian College of the Arts (VCA), and other land in the immediate area, there is no lack of clarity or understanding regarding its current ownership.

In short, except for the land occupied by the Melbourne Theatre Company (MTC), the state owns all the land bounded by St Kilda Road, Sturt Street, Southbank Boulevard and Grant Street. The VCA occupies most of this land, except for three areas: the Melbourne Recital Centre (MRC); the Victoria Police stables; and undeveloped land on Sturt Street provisionally set aside for a car parking development.

Landata, a publicly accessible database run by the Department of Sustainability and Environment, could provide the information you seek about the specific breakdown of the land-holdings occupied by the VCA.

**Attorney-General: Victorian Law Reform Commission — supporting young people in police interviews report**

**709. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Attorney-General): In relation to the Victorian Law Reform Commission’s Final Report on Supporting Young People in Police Interviews delivered to the Attorney-General on 17 December 2010:

- (1) What were the main findings and recommendations of the report.
- (2) Will the report be publicly available.
- (3) Will the report be tabled in the Parliament.
- (4) Will the Attorney-General respond to the findings and recommendations of the report.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

The Victorian Law Reform Commission (VLRC) review *Supporting Young People in Police Interviews* was undertaken as a community reference.

The report will be released by the VLRC imminently and will be available on the VLRC’s website.

The government will give careful consideration to the VLRC’s recommendations.

**Education: non-government schools — funding**

**712. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to budget paper no. 3, on page 22, ‘Fairer funding for non-government schools’ initiative which states in part, ‘25 per cent of the recurrent average cost of educating a student in a Victorian government school’:

- (1) What is the recurrent average cost on which the funding was based and how was it calculated.
- (2) Was a separate figure was calculated for different stages of schooling; if so, what is the cost for each stage (e.g. early years, prep–4 etc).
- (3) Does the recurrent average cost include any of the following costs: payroll tax payments; employer superannuation contributions and super guarantee payments; WorkCover premiums; periodic service payments made under the Partnerships Victoria in Schools Project; school maintenance costs; and any administrative surcharges or overheads.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The recurrent average cost used in the calculation was based on a pool of funds provided to government schools which included costs that were directly applicable to both government and non-government sectors such as teacher salaries and school operating costs:

- but excluded costs that were either not directly applicable to the non-government school sector such as head office costs and regional administration costs; or
- were already being provided to the non-government schools sector for example the *Education Maintenance Allowance*, the *School Start Bonus* and the *Conveyance Allowance*.



The funding provided to government schools includes stages of schooling relativities.

The recurrent average cost includes employer superannuation contributions and super guarantee payments, WorkCover premiums, school maintenance costs and any administrative surcharges or overheads but excludes payroll tax and periodic service payments made under the *Partnerships Victoria in Schools Project*.

**Education: schools — maintenance audit**

**713. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to 2011–12 budget paper no. 3, on page 23, ‘Full Maintenance Audit’:

- (1) Has the minister set a completion date for the audit; if so, what is it.
- (2) Will the minister take the findings of the audit into account in setting priorities for future school capital works.
- (3) What transparency measures will the minister be taking to ensure the anticipated backlog of school maintenance is addressed in a timely manner.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The government is committed to conducting a complete audit of the maintenance needs of Victorian government schools early in its term. The department is working through the administrative details to ensure this commitment is met.

A range of factors including the condition of buildings, student enrolments and educational needs will be used to assist the government in setting priorities for future school capital works.

The audit will assess the condition of all government schools. Once this audit is complete the government will be able to prioritise works across Victoria and work with schools to address them in a timely fashion. All information will be available to schools through an online system.

**Education: teachers — remuneration**

**715. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to 2011–12 budget paper no. 1, on page 3, Treasurer’s speech, which states in part, ‘the importance of the government’s public sector wages policy, stating that wage rises should be 2.5 per cent unless accompanied by productivity gains’, does the minister still plan to improve the wages of state school teachers in Victoria relative to the highest paid teachers in other states at some stage during the current Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

This matter does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

**Energy and resources: mining — leases**

**719. MR BARBER** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): How much revenue is the state expected to obtain over the forward estimates by extending the lease under the *Mines (Aluminium Agreement) Act 1961*.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Negotiations are still underway between the government and Alcoa regarding the terms of the extension of the mine lease and therefore at this stage I am not able to provide detail of the final agreement.

**Energy and resources: energy technology innovation strategy — milestones**

**720. MR BARBER** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to page 298 of 2011–12 budget paper no. 3, which shows that 100 per cent of milestones in line with grant agreements for energy technology innovation strategy sustainable energy programs are to be met in the 2010–11 financial year and are expected to be met in 2011–12, what are the precise milestones that have been met in the 2010–11 financial year and are likely to be met next financial year for each of these projects.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

These milestones form part of funding agreements between the state of Victoria and industry recipients and as such are commercial-in-confidence. The release of this information would jeopardise the ability of the state to negotiate such agreements in the future.

**Energy and resources: energy technology innovation strategy — milestones**

**721. MR BARBER** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to page 298 of 2011–12 budget paper no. 3, which shows that 51 per cent of milestones in line with grant agreements for energy technology innovation strategy large-scale demonstration projects were met in the 2009–10 financial year:

- (1) What were the precise milestones that were met and what are the precise milestones that were not met for each of these projects.
- (2) What are the precise milestones that are to be met in the 2010–11 financial year and are expected to be met next financial year for each of these projects.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

These milestones form part of funding agreements between the state of Victoria and industry recipients and as such are commercial-in-confidence. The release of this information would jeopardise the ability of the state to negotiate such agreements in the future.

**Energy and resources: carbon capture and storage demonstration program — milestones**

**722. MR BARBER** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to page 298 of 2011–12 budget paper no. 3, which shows that 100 per cent of milestones in line with grant agreements for large-scale carbon capture and storage demonstration program are to be met in the 2010–11 financial year and are expected to be met in 2011–12, what are the precise milestones that have been met in the 2010–11 financial year and are likely to be met next financial year for each of these projects.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

With regard to the milestones referred to on page 298 of 2011–12 budget paper no. 3, these milestones form part of funding agreements between the state of Victoria and industry recipients and as such are commercial-in-confidence. The release of this information would jeopardise the ability of the state to negotiate such agreements in the future.

**Energy and resources: CarbonNet project**

**723. MR BARBER** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to page 298 of 2011–12 budget paper no. 3, what are the precise conditions or milestones attached to the \$20 million from the federal government to be spent in the 2011–12 financial year on the CarbonNet project.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

No such information is included in the 2011–12 budget paper no. 3.

**Energy and resources: large-scale energy users — demand management**

**724. MR BARBER** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): Does the election commitment for large industrial energy users to sign up for demand management have a budgetary cost; if so —

- (a) has this been accounted for in the budget; and
- (b) what is its estimated cost.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The government's commitment is to work with regulators and industry to establish an incentive-based scheme for large-scale energy users to voluntarily reduce usage at key times to support the maintenance of supply.

This work is being undertaken by the Department of Primary Industries as part of ongoing policy development and engagement. The department does not formally estimate the cost of this policy development and engagement as it does not undertake costing by detailed activity. There are a number of staff undertaking work which supports this and other policy commitments and issues.

**Energy and resources: electricity — stand-by generation**

**725. MR BARBER** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): Does the election commitment for large electricity customers with stand-by generation to provide electricity into the grid (when not required by the customer) have a budgetary cost; if so —

- (a) has this been accounted for in the budget; and
- (b) what is its estimated cost.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The government is assessing options for improving the efficient deployment of stand-by generators in the electricity grid under the regulatory arrangements governing the supply of electricity in the national electricity market.

This work is being undertaken by the Department of Primary Industries as part of ongoing policy development and engagement. The department does not formally estimate the cost of this policy development and engagement as it does not undertake costing by detailed activity. There are a number of staff undertaking work which supports this and other policy commitments and issues.

**Energy and resources: low-emissions technology program — funding**

**726. MR BARBER** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the budget commitment of \$41 million for the low-emissions technology program, on page 73 of 2011–12 budget paper no. 3, has funding been pulled forward or pushed back between financial years compared to the previous government’s budgetary commitments.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The \$41 million low-emissions technology program was an election commitment for new funding by the coalition government. As the previous Labor government had no such budgetary commitment there has been no change.

**Local government: street lights — replacement**

**727. MR BARBER** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Local Government): In relation to the government’s Green Light plan:

- (1) Of the street lights that are the responsibility of local councils, what percentage of all current 80-watt mercury vapour street lamps are expected to be replaced through the \$20 million grant and what percentage will remain.
- (2) How is each year’s \$5 million to be allocated.
- (3) Will ongoing funding be provided beyond the 2014–15 financial year for the outstanding 80-watt mercury vapour street lamps not replaced.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The government has committed \$20 million over four years to fund energy efficient upgrades to public street lighting. The announcement included a commitment to seek matched funding from the commonwealth government. Further non-state contributions may also be sought as part of the funding model, therefore there are a number of variables to account for before the total benefit of this fund can be quantified.
- (2) To ensure the efficient delivery of this program, the government will examine if councils face any regulatory barriers to pursuing reduced emissions and associated costs in this area. Given the complex regulatory environment that prevails for public lighting in Victoria, and the need to strike the right balance between maximising greenhouse gas emissions reductions and supporting local councils with the high capital cost of changing over to more efficient technology, there are still a number of policy issues to be worked through before the announcement of the funding distribution model.
- (3) As mentioned, there are a number of regulatory issues that will be examined as part of the delivery of this program. The objective of this review is to minimise the ongoing costs and regulatory impediments faced by local governments who wish to undertake energy efficient changeovers of mercury vapour street lights beyond the life of this fund.

**Environment and climate change: Community Green Fund — grants program**

**730. MR BARBER** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): In relation to the budget commitment of \$20 million for the Community Green Fund grants program:

- (1) What are the eligibility requirements to receive funding under this scheme.
- (2) Will this scheme assist management on both public and private land.
- (3) How will this program interact with the responsibilities and administrative duties of catchment management authorities.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The department is presently finalising these requirements. The intent is to support community based and voluntary organisations working to deliver on-ground initiatives that will enhance the environment.
- (2) The scheme will assist environmental management on both public and private land where there are clear public benefits.
- (3) The program will not duplicate the function of CMAs but provide an opportunity for community and voluntary groups to receive direct funding for on-ground environmental works that are unable to be funded through existing grant programs.

**Environment and climate change: Green Ticks for Green Businesses**

**732. MR BARBER** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): In relation to the budget commitment of \$5 million for the ‘Green Ticks for Green Businesses’ on page 76 of 2011–12 budget paper no. 3:

- (1) Who will be the independent accreditor under this program.
- (2) Is the entire \$5 million to be spent by the accreditor; if not, how else will this money be spent.
- (3) How will the best practice standard be developed.
- (4) How will certified businesses be continually audited if funding ceases at the end of the 2012-13 financial year.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Businesses participating in the program scheme will be independently certified against the accreditation standard. The formulation of the program, including the accreditation standard and certification model, is currently under development.
- (2) Investment in the Backing Green Business Plan will support the establishment of the accreditation program which will include the delivery of accreditation to businesses.
- (3) The accreditation standard for the Backing Green Business Plan will be developed in consultation with relevant stakeholders including associations, businesses, government and environment groups.
- (4) The funding to 2012–13 supports the establishment of the business sustainability accreditation program under the Backing Green Business Plan.

**Treasurer: protective services officers — railway stations**

**738. MR BARBER** — To ask the Assistant Treasurer (for the Treasurer): In relation to the government’s policy to put armed guards on every train station in Melbourne after dark, what factors are responsible for the upwards revision from \$181 million to \$212 million.

**ANSWER:**

The major factor in establishing the total cost of protective services officers on every train station in Melbourne and major regional areas relates to salaries, training and equipment costs.

The upward revision relates to the government’s decision to accelerate the delivery date of the initiative from June 2015 to November 2014. Accordingly, the adjusted phasings of protective services officers meant that the costs of the initiative were incurred earlier (and the earlier the costs are incurred, the greater the cost over the duration of the delivery period) than had previously been costed.

**Treasurer: budget — concessions**

**739. MR BARBER** — To ask the Assistant Treasurer (for the Treasurer): In relation to Table 5.5, ‘concessions by category’ on page 182 of 2011–12 budget paper no. 5:

- (1) What is the number of households for each type of claimed concession in the 2010–11 financial year.
- (2) What is the estimated number of households for each type of concession claimed in the 2011–12 and 2012–13 financial years.
- (3) Which concession categories result in revenue foregone and which concession categories require payments to service providers.

**ANSWER:**

- (1) The data for the 2010–11 financial year will be published in the 2010–11 concessions annual report which will be available later in 2011.
- (2) The number of households receiving each type of concession claimed in the 2011–12 and 2012-13 financial years will depend on a complex range of factors which influence the long-term trend in numbers of concession cardholders in Victoria, including changes to commonwealth government income security policy, the ageing of the population, the increasing number of self funded retirees and the rate of unemployment and changes in economic activity. The state government makes provision for future expenditure based on an estimated uptake of concessions. These estimates are then reconciled based on actual usage.
- (3) Concession categories are summarised below:

Electricity — winter energy	Direct funding by state government
Electricity — various	Direct funding by state government
Mains gas	Direct funding by state government
Municipal rates	Direct funding by state government
Water and sewerage	Direct funding by state government
Ambulance	Direct funding by state government
Primary health — dental	Direct funding by state government
Primary health — community health	Direct funding by state government
Education	Direct funding by state government
Hardship schemes	Direct funding by state government
Social and community services	Direct funding by state government

Private transport — multipurpose taxi	Direct funding by state government
Private transport — registration	Foregone revenue
Private transport — TAC insurance charge	Foregone revenue
Public transport	Foregone revenue

**Treasurer: State Electricity Commission of Victoria — dividends and expenditure**

**740. MR BARBER** — To ask the Assistant Treasurer (for the Treasurer):

- (1) How much has the State Electricity Commission of Victoria paid in dividends over the 2008–09, 2009–10 and 2010–11 financial years.
- (2) What was the State Electricity Commission of Victoria’s expenditure for the 2010–11 financial year on the energy supply contracts with Alcoa Ltd.

**ANSWER:**

- (1) No dividends paid in 2008–09 and 2009–10. The 2010–11 financial year is not yet complete.
- (2) The 2010–11 financial year is not yet complete.

**Public transport: trams — stop upgrades**

**742. MR BARBER** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the state government’s \$20 million funding for *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* compliant access to public transport on page 144 of 2011–12 budget paper no. 3:

- (1) How many tram stop upgrades will be implemented in each financial year of the forward estimates.
- (2) How many tram stops will still be non-compliant with the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* by the end of the 2014–15 financial year.

**ANSWER:**

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

The estimates for tram stop upgrades are available on page 339 of budget paper no. 3.

Further information about accessible tram stops is available at:

<http://www.metlinkmelbourne.com.au/accessible-transport/accessible-trams/>

**Public transport: trams — procurement and supporting infrastructure**

**744. MR BARBER** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to page 104 of 2011–12 budget paper no. 4, which states that \$804 456 is dedicated to ‘tram procurement and supporting infrastructure (metro various)’:

- (1) How many trams will be purchased.
- (2) What is the estimated timing of delivery for each tram.
- (3) What are the items included in ‘supporting infrastructure’ and what are the related costs of each.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1) 50 trams have been ordered under the contract with Bombardier Transportation Pty Ltd. This contract also contains options for a further 100 trams.
- (2) The first of the trams is due to be delivered at the end of 2012. The first five trams will be run on the network over a six-month period during 2013 to ensure reliability. Once reliability has been successfully achieved, subsequent trams will be delivered at a rate of ten per annum with the last tram delivered in early 2018.
- (3) Indicative budget allocations for supporting infrastructure are estimated at \$352.5 million. This includes the building of termini and level access stops to provide safe and quick boarding to the new fleet, traction power upgrades and depot works to maintain and stable the new fleet.

**Public transport: buses — NightRider service**

**745. MR BARBER** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the 2011–12 state budget:

- (1) What is the total amount allocated to funding the NightRider service in each financial year from 2011–12 to 2014–15.
- (2) Are any new or extended NightRider routes budgeted for.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1) NightRider budget allocation is as follows:

2011–12	\$4.697 million
2012–13	\$4.779 million
2013–14	\$1.600 million (July to Oct) \$3.264 million (Nov to June)
	\$4.864 million (Total)
2014–15	\$5.078 million

Please note that NightRider contracts end in October 2013. Budgets after this date are estimated.

- (2) The Department of Transport constantly monitors and reviews the NightRider bus network to ensure that the service level meets demand. At this time, no new NightRider services have been included in the budget.

**Public transport: rail — South Morang–Mernda extension**

**750. MR BARBER** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): Are any funds provided in the 2010–11 state budget for a feasibility study into an extension of the South Morang train line to Mernda.

**ANSWER:**

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

No.



**Public transport: tram and bus priority program**

**753. MR BARBER** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to page 46 of 2011–12 budget paper no. 4, which shows \$36 200 dedicated to ‘Tram and Bus Priority Program (metro various)’, what are each of the routes in which these works will be undertaken.

**ANSWER:**

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

Information on tram and bus priority works can be found at:  
<http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/Home/Moreinfoandservices/PublicTransport/>

Further announcements about tram and bus priority works will be made in 2011–12.

**Housing: property disposal**

**759. MR BARBER** — To ask the Minister for Housing: In relation to the 2011–12 state budget, for each Office of Housing region, how many public housing units/sites will be disposed of in each of the 2011–12 and 2012–13 financial years.

**ANSWER:**

I can advise that:

During the 2011–12 financial year, 570 properties are projected for disposal, compared to 1200 in 2010–11 (as at 31 May 2011).

Disposal figures vary from year to year subject to operational management of the housing portfolio stock.

Due to client requirements, it is not possible to specify a breakdown by region for 2011–12.

The forecasts for 2012–13 will be delivered as part of the 2012–13 budget.

**Agriculture and food security: waterbirds — responsibility**

**767. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Agriculture and Food Security):

- (1) Will responsibility for waterbirds be transferred from the Department of Sustainability and Environment to the Department of Primary Industries; if so, what duties and tasks will DPI be responsible for and when is this transfer likely to happen.
- (2) What is the rationale behind the Minister for Agriculture and Food Security now assuming responsibility for section 5 and parts 3, 5 and divisions 1 and 2 of Part 6 of the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* under the general order.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Section 5, parts 3 and 5 and divisions 1 and 2 of part 6 of the *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1998* are administered jointly by the minister for Agriculture and Food Security and the Minister for Environment and Climate Change. Joint administration allows for joint decision-making by both ministers involved in this important area of government activity, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the act.

**Agriculture and food security: aerial baiting — wild dogs and dingoes**

**768. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Agriculture and Food Security): In relation to the government’s intention to commence aerial baiting of wild dogs and the ecological function of dingoes:

- (1) Has the minister undertaken a comprehensive review of recent research that concludes that dingoes function ecologically to reduce the activity or abundance of mesopredators such as foxes.
- (2) Has the minister conducted research to determine the population density at which dingoes become ecologically effective in terms of their impact on mesopredators; if not, will the minister conduct such research.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The issue of mesopredator release is complex and the scientific literature is divided on whether dingoes suppress populations of introduced mesopredators such as foxes and feral cats. The most recent published paper on this issue reviewed 20 previous studies and concluded that there is currently inconclusive evidence for invasive mesopredator release in Australia.
- (2) Of the studies that have been undertaken in Australia, the scientific literature is divided on whether dingoes suppress populations of introduced mesopredators such as foxes and feral cats. Wildlife monitoring will be undertaken as part of the aerial baiting program. Any information obtained through monitoring will be used to inform an adaptive wild dog management program.

**Education: Western Autistic School — future**

**769. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education):

- (1) Is the minister aware that the Western Autism School is an early learning centre.
- (2) Is the minister aware that the principal of the Western Autism School does not want to expand the school to one that is P–12.
- (3) Will the outcomes and recommendations of the autism education provisions review for western Melbourne alter the end use of the \$4 million for the capital works at the Western Autism School in the 2011–12 state budget.
- (4) Is the minister investigating the option of an autism inclusion program in existing schools.
- (5) In the 2011–12 state budget, what was the funding per autism student in the —
  - (a) western region;
  - (b) northern region;
  - (c) eastern region; and
  - (d) south eastern region.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

- (1) The Western Autistic School operates a short-term intensive program for 250 early years primary students across two sites – Niddrie and Laverton.
- (2) The Western Autistic School already offers limited places in specialist programs for upper primary and secondary students.

- (3) The government has committed \$4m to Western Autistic School as part of its statewide capital works program.
- (4) In addition, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has already provided funding to this year implement two autism inclusion programs in Western Metropolitan Region at Williamstown North Primary School and Debney Park Secondary College.
- (5) In regard to targeted funding for students with autism across all regions, such funding depends on eligibility under the program for students with disabilities. Based on eligibility and a student's educational needs funding under the autism category may range from \$5894 to \$44 991 per student.

**Premier: Aboriginals — traditional owner acknowledgement**

**770.** **MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Premier): In relation to the Premier's announcement that the government has moved away from an expectation that Members of Parliament will formally acknowledge the traditional owners of land at official events:

- (1) Did the Premier consult with the indigenous community before making the announcement.
- (2) Does the Premier acknowledge that leaders of the Victorian Aboriginal community have taken deep offence and have stated that they are profoundly distressed by his announcement.
- (3) How is the decision to downplay the acknowledgment of traditional Aboriginal landowners consistent with the coalition's commitment to promoting and educating indigenous and non-indigenous Victorians about Australia's shared history and the importance of indigenous culture and respect.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that—

The Premier comprehensively dealt with this matter in the response to the matter raised on the adjournment by Mr Scheffer, which was tabled in the Legislative Council on 15 June 2011.

**Education: school buses — Moriac**

**771.** **MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to school bus services in Moriac, can the minister guarantee that these services will not be cut or reduced as a result of the Baillieu government's review of school bus routes.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Department of Transport routinely reviews all free school bus services within Victoria to ensure they are meeting demand and are operating in accordance with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development guidelines. Where it is identified that a service or network of services can be better utilised, changes can be made to ensure that these resources are well aligned to demand from eligible travellers.

**Education: school buses — Alvie**

**772.** **MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to school bus services in Alvie, can the minister guarantee that these services will not be cut or reduced as a result of the Baillieu government's review of school bus routes.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Department of Transport routinely reviews all free school bus services within Victoria to ensure they are meeting demand and are operating in accordance with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development guidelines. Where it is identified that a service or network of services can be better utilised, changes can be made to ensure that these resources are well aligned to demand from eligible travellers.

**Education: school buses — Mount Duneed**

**773. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to school bus services in Mount Duneed, can the minister guarantee that these services will not be cut or reduced as a result of the Baillieu government's review of school bus routes.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Department of Transport routinely reviews all free school bus services within Victoria to ensure they are meeting demand and are operating in accordance with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development guidelines. Where it is identified that a service or network of services can be better utilised, changes can be made to ensure that these resources are well aligned to demand from eligible travellers.

**Education: school buses — Cavendish**

**774. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to school bus services in Cavendish, can the minister guarantee that these services will not be cut or reduced as a result of the Baillieu government's review of school bus routes.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Department of Transport routinely reviews all free school bus services within Victoria to ensure they are meeting demand and are operating in accordance with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development guidelines. Where it is identified that a service or network of services can be better utilised, changes can be made to ensure that these resources are well aligned to demand from eligible travellers.

**Education: school buses — Winchelsea**

**775. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to school bus services in Winchelsea, can the minister guarantee that these services will not be cut or reduced as a result of the Baillieu government's review of school bus routes.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Department of Transport routinely reviews all free school bus services within Victoria to ensure they are meeting demand and are operating in accordance with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development guidelines. Where it is identified that a service or network of services can be better utilised, changes can be made to ensure that these resources are well aligned to demand from eligible travellers.

**Education: school buses — Coleraine**

**776. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to school bus services in Coleraine, can the minister guarantee that these services will not be cut or reduced as a result of the Baillieu government’s review of school bus routes.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Department of Transport routinely reviews all free school bus services within Victoria to ensure they are meeting demand and are operating in accordance with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development guidelines. Where it is identified that a service or network of services can be better utilised, changes can be made to ensure that these resources are well aligned to demand from eligible travellers.

**Education: school buses — Colac**

**777. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to school bus services in Colac, can the minister guarantee that these services will not be cut or reduced as a result of the Baillieu government’s review of school bus routes.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Department of Transport routinely reviews all free school bus services within Victoria to ensure they are meeting demand and are operating in accordance with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development guidelines. Where it is identified that a service or network of services can be better utilised, changes can be made to ensure that these resources are well aligned to demand from eligible travellers.

**Education: school buses — Forrest**

**778. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to school bus services in Forrest, can the minister guarantee that these services will not be cut or reduced as a result of the Baillieu government’s review of school bus routes.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Department of Transport routinely reviews all free school bus services within Victoria to ensure they are meeting demand and are operating in accordance with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development guidelines. Where it is identified that a service or network of services can be better utilised, changes can be made to ensure that these resources are well aligned to demand from eligible travellers.

**Education: school buses — Horsham**

**779. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to school bus services in Horsham, can the minister guarantee that these services will not be cut or reduced as a result of the Baillieu government’s review of school bus routes.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Department of Transport routinely reviews all free school bus services within Victoria to ensure they are meeting demand and are operating in accordance with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development guidelines. Where it is identified that a service or network of services can be better utilised, changes can be made to ensure that these resources are well aligned to demand from eligible travellers.

**Education: school buses — Clunes**

**780. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to school bus services in Clunes, can the minister guarantee that these services will not be cut or reduced as a result of the Baillieu government’s review of school bus routes.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Department of Transport routinely reviews all free school bus services within Victoria to ensure they are meeting demand and are operating in accordance with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development guidelines. Where it is identified that a service or network of services can be better utilised, changes can be made to ensure that these resources are well aligned to demand from eligible travellers.

**Education: school buses — Maroona**

**781. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to school bus services in Maroona, can the minister guarantee that these services will not be cut or reduced as a result of the Baillieu government’s review of school bus routes.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Department of Transport routinely reviews all free school bus services within Victoria to ensure they are meeting demand and are operating in accordance with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development guidelines. Where it is identified that a service or network of services can be better utilised, changes can be made to ensure that these resources are well aligned to demand from eligible travellers.

**Education: school buses — Stawell**

**782. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to school bus services in Stawell, can the minister guarantee that these services will not be cut or reduced as a result of the Baillieu government’s review of school bus routes.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Department of Transport routinely reviews all free school bus services within Victoria to ensure they are meeting demand and are operating in accordance with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development guidelines. Where it is identified that a service or network of services can be better utilised, changes can be made to ensure that these resources are well aligned to demand from eligible travellers.

**Education: school buses — Nhill**

**783.** **MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to school bus services in Nhill, can the minister guarantee that these services will not be cut or reduced as a result of the Baillieu government’s review of school bus routes.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Department of Transport routinely reviews all free school bus services within Victoria to ensure they are meeting demand and are operating in accordance with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development guidelines. Where it is identified that a service or network of services can be better utilised, changes can be made to ensure that these resources are well aligned to demand from eligible travellers.

**Education: school buses — Kaniva**

**784.** **MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to school bus services in Kaniva, can the minister guarantee that these services will not be cut or reduced as a result of the Baillieu government’s review of school bus routes.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Department of Transport routinely reviews all free school bus services within Victoria to ensure they are meeting demand and are operating in accordance with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development guidelines. Where it is identified that a service or network of services can be better utilised, changes can be made to ensure that these resources are well aligned to demand from eligible travellers.

**Education: school buses — Apsley Primary School**

**785.** **MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to school bus services to Apsley Primary School, can the minister guarantee that these services will not be cut or reduced as a result of the Baillieu government’s review of school bus routes.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Department of Transport routinely reviews all free school bus services within Victoria to ensure they are meeting demand and are operating in accordance with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development guidelines. Where it is identified that a service or network of services can be better utilised, changes can be made to ensure that these resources are well aligned to demand from eligible travellers.

**Education: school buses — Rokewood Primary School**

**786.** **MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to school bus services to Rokewood Primary School, can the minister guarantee that these services will not be cut or reduced as a result of the Baillieu government’s review of school bus routes.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Department of Transport routinely reviews all free school bus services within Victoria to ensure they are meeting demand and are operating in accordance with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development guidelines. Where it is identified that a service or network of services can be better utilised, changes can be made to ensure that these resources are well aligned to demand from eligible travellers.

**Education: school buses — Lake Bolac**

**787. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to school bus services in Lake Bolac, can the minister guarantee that these services will not be cut or reduced as a result of the Baillieu government’s review of school bus routes.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Department of Transport routinely reviews all free school bus services within Victoria to ensure they are meeting demand and are operating in accordance with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development guidelines. Where it is identified that a service or network of services can be better utilised, changes can be made to ensure that these resources are well aligned to demand from eligible travellers.

**Education: school buses — Edenhope**

**788. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to school bus services in Edenhope, can the minister guarantee that these services will not be cut or reduced as a result of the Baillieu government’s review of school bus routes.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Department of Transport routinely reviews all free school bus services within Victoria to ensure they are meeting demand and are operating in accordance with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development guidelines. Where it is identified that a service or network of services can be better utilised, changes can be made to ensure that these resources are well aligned to demand from eligible travellers.

**Roads: Sneydes Road–Princes Highway, Werribee — review**

**790. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Roads): In relation to the intersection of Sneydes Road and Princes Highway, Werribee:

- (1) Have safety concerns for road users or pedestrians on this intersection been raised with VicRoads or the Minister; if so, when.
- (2) Will a review of the intersection, particularly in relation to the positioning of speed limit zones to improve use and safety at the intersection occur; if so, when.
- (3) Will improvements to pedestrian safety at the intersection, particularly in relation to crossing Princes Highway and walking traffic along Sneydes Road be undertaken; if so, what improvements.
- (4) What are the traffic figures for Sneydes Road and Princes Highway at or near the intersection over the past 10 years.

**ANSWER:**

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



- (1) VicRoads has received feedback from some motorists who have experienced difficulty turning right into and out of Sneydes Road.
- (2) VicRoads undertook a review of safety and operation in the vicinity of the intersection in August 2009.

A review of the speed limit for the Princes Highway between Princes Court and Derrimut Road, including the Sneydes Road intersection, was undertaken in July and September 2010. Both reviews concluded that 80 km/h is the appropriate speed limit on this section of Princes Highway and is consistent with the speed limit on other similar roads across the network.

In late 2010, Wyndham City Council reduced the speed limit on Sneydes Road, from 80 km/h to 60 km/h between the intersection of the Princes Highway to approximately 370 metres south of the intersection.

- (3) Wyndham City Council is responsible for the provision of footpaths at this location. VicRoads is aware that the Council has commenced construction of a 2.4 m wide shared path providing walking/cycling provisions to the main employment area on Sneydes Road (CSIRO). The council also proposes to undertake a review of possible pedestrian treatments on the Princes Highway between Derrimut Road and Cherry Street and the Sneydes Road intersection will be considered as part of this review.
- (4) Average daily traffic volumes are summarised below.

Location	Year						
	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Princes Highway west of Sneydes Road	35 500	35 000	32 500	31 500	30 900	31 500	31 600
Sneydes Road south of Princes Highway	4300	3900	3400	3200	1100	Not Available	Not Available

**Police and emergency services: ambulance services — heroin overdoses**

**792. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services):

- (1) How many ambulance call-outs have there been for non-fatal heroin overdoses in the city of Yarra local government area, each year, for the past five years.
- (2) How many of these call-outs resulted in the person attending hospital.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

(1) & (2)

Issues regarding ambulance services fall outside the scope of my portfolio and are a matter for the Minister for Health.

**Technology: women on boards, councils and committees**

**805. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Technology: In relation to each department, agency or authority within the minister’s administration, how many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, and in relation to each, what are the —

- (a) names of each female member;
- (b) qualifications of each female member; and
- (c) the total number of members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

Information regarding board, council and committee appointments can be found on the State Services Authority public entities website. This website enables every Victorian wishing to obtain information about public entities, including memberships to each Board to do so. This information can be found by accessing [www.publicboards.vic.gov.au](http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au).

**Aviation industry: women on boards, councils and committees**

**806. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister responsible for the Aviation Industry: In relation to each department, agency or authority within the minister’s administration, how many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, and in relation to each, what are the —

- (a) names of each female member;
- (b) qualifications of each female member; and
- (c) the total number of members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

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**Health: women on boards, councils and committees**

**812. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to each department, agency or authority within the minister’s administration, how many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, and in relation to each, what are the —

- (a) names of each female member;
- (b) qualifications of each female member; and
- (c) the total number of members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Community services: women on boards, councils and committees**

**813. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to each department, agency or authority within the minister’s administration, how many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, and in relation to each, what are the —

- (a) names of each female member;

- (b) qualifications of each female member; and
- (c) the total number of members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Information regarding board, council and committee appointments can be found on the State Services Authority public entities website. This website enables every Victorian wishing to obtain information about public entities, including memberships of each Board, to do so. This information can be found by accessing [www.publicboards.vic.gov.au](http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au).

**Women’s affairs: women on boards, councils and committees**

- 814. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Women’s Affairs): In relation to each department, agency or authority within the minister’s administration, how many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, and in relation to each, what are the —
- (a) names of each female member;
  - (b) qualifications of each female member; and
  - (c) the total number of members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Youth affairs: women on boards, councils and committees**

- 815. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Youth Affairs): In relation to each department, agency or authority within the minister’s administration, how many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, and in relation to each, what are the —
- (a) names of each female member;
  - (b) qualifications of each female member; and
  - (c) the total number of members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Information regarding board, council and committee appointments can be found on the State Services Authority public entities website. This website enables every Victorian wishing to obtain information about public entities, including memberships of each Board, to do so. This information can be found by accessing [www.publicboards.vic.gov.au](http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au).

**Housing: women on boards, councils and committees**

**816. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Housing: In relation to each department, agency or authority within the minister’s administration, how many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, and in relation to each, what are the —

- (a) names of each female member;
- (b) qualifications of each female member; and
- (c) the total number of members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Information regarding board, council and committee appointments can be found on the State Services Authority public entities website. This website enables every Victorian wishing to obtain information about public entities, including memberships of each Board, to do so. This information can be found by accessing [www.publicboards.vic.gov.au](http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au).

**Employment and industrial relations: women on boards, councils and committees**

**817. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Attorney-General): In relation to each Department, Agency or Authority within the Attorney-General’s administration, how many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, and in relation to each, what are the —

- (a) names of each female member;
- (b) qualifications of each female member; and
- (c) the total number of members.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Information regarding board, council and committee appointments can be found on the State Services Authority public entities website. This website enables every Victorian wishing to obtain information about public entities, including memberships of each Board, to do so. This information can be found by accessing [www.publicboards.vic.gov.au](http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au).

Note that data found on the above website does not include a number of board members whose names remain unpublished due to privacy reasons, for example some judicial appointments.

**Gaming: women on boards, councils and committees**

**820. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Gaming): In relation to each department, agency or authority within the minister’s administration, how many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, and in relation to each, what are the —

- (a) names of each female member;
- (b) qualifications of each female member; and
- (c) the total number of members.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Information regarding board, council and committee appointments can be found on the State Services Authority public entities website. This website enables every Victorian wishing to obtain information about public entities, including memberships of each Board, to do so. This information can be found by accessing [www.publicboards.vic.gov.au](http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au).

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**Consumer affairs: women on boards, councils and committees**

**821. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs): In relation to each department, agency or authority within the minister’s administration, how many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, and in relation to each, what are the —

- (a) names of each female member;
- (b) qualifications of each female member; and
- (c) the total number of members.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Information regarding board, council and committee appointments can be found on the State Services Authority public entities website. This website enables every Victorian wishing to obtain information about public entities, including memberships of each Board, to do so. This information can be found by accessing [www.publicboards.vic.gov.au](http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au).

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**Racing: women on boards, councils and committees**

**822. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Assistant Treasurer (for the Minister for Racing): In relation to each department, agency or authority within the minister’s administration, how many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, and in relation to each, what are the —

- (a) names of each female member;
- (b) qualifications of each female member; and
- (c) the total number of members.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Information regarding board, council and committee appointments can be found on the State Services Authority public entities website. This website enables every Victorian wishing to obtain information about public entities, including memberships of each Board, to do so. This information can be found by accessing [www.publicboards.vic.gov.au](http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au).

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**Corrections: women on boards, councils and committees**

- 823. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Corrections): In relation to each department, agency or authority within the minister’s administration, how many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, and in relation to each, what are the —
- (a) names of each female member;
  - (b) qualifications of each female member; and
  - (c) the total number of members.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Information regarding board, council and committee appointments can be found on the State Services Authority public entities website. This website enables every Victorian wishing to obtain information about public entities, including memberships of each Board, to do so. This information can be found by accessing [www.publicboards.vic.gov.au](http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au).

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**Crime prevention: women on boards, councils and committees**

- 824. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Crime Prevention): In relation to each department, agency or authority within the minister’s administration, how many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, and in relation to each, what are the —
- (a) names of each female member;
  - (b) qualifications of each female member; and
  - (c) the total number of members.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Information regarding board, council and committee appointments can be found on the State Services Authority public entities website. This website enables every Victorian wishing to obtain information about public entities, including memberships of each Board, to do so. This information can be found by accessing [www.publicboards.vic.gov.au](http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au).

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**Establishment of an anti-corruption commission: women on boards, councils and committees**

- 825. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister responsible for the Establishment of an Anti-Corruption Commission): In relation to each department, agency or authority within the minister’s administration, how many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, and in relation to each, what are the —
- (a) names of each female member;
  - (b) qualifications of each female member; and

- (c) the total number of members.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

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**Planning: women on boards, councils and committees**

**826. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Planning: In relation to each department, agency or authority within the minister’s administration, how many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, and in relation to each, what are the —

- (a) names of each female member;
- (b) qualifications of each female member; and
- (c) the total number of members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Information regarding board, council and committee appointments can be found on the State Services Authority public entities website. This website enables every Victorian wishing to obtain information about public entities, including memberships to each Board to do so. This information can be found by accessing [www.publicboards.vic.gov.au](http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au).

**Arts: women on boards, councils and committees**

**834. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Arts): In relation to each department, agency or authority within the minister’s administration, how many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, and in relation to each, what are the —

- (a) names of each female member;
- (b) qualifications of each female member; and
- (c) the total number of members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Information regarding board, council and committee appointments can be found on the State Services Authority public entities website. This website enables every Victorian wishing to obtain information about public entities, including memberships of each Board, to do so. This information can be found by accessing [www.publicboards.vic.gov.au](http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au).

**Multicultural affairs and citizenship: women on boards, councils and committees**

- 835. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship): In relation to each department, agency or authority within the minister’s administration, how many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, and in relation to each, what are the —
- (a) names of each female member;
  - (b) qualifications of each female member; and
  - (c) the total number of members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Agriculture and food security: women on boards, councils and committees**

- 836. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Agriculture and Food Security): In relation to each department, agency or authority within the minister’s administration, how many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, and in relation to each, what are the —
- (a) names of each female member;
  - (b) qualifications of each female member; and
  - (c) the total number of members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Energy and resources: women on boards, councils and committees**

- 837. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to each department, agency or authority within the minister’s administration, how many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, and in relation to each, what are the —
- (a) names of each female member;
  - (b) qualifications of each female member; and
  - (c) the total number of members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:



Information regarding board, council and committee appointments can be found on the State Services Authority public entities website. This website enables every Victorian wishing to obtain information about public entities, including memberships of each board, to do so. This information can be found by accessing [www.publicboards.vic.gov.au](http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au).

**Ports: women on boards, councils and committees**

- 842. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Ports): In relation to each department, agency or authority within the minister’s administration, how many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, and in relation to each, what are the —
- (a) names of each female member;
  - (b) qualifications of each female member; and
  - (c) the total number of members.

**ANSWER:**

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

Information regarding board, council and committee appointments can be found on the State Services Authority public entities website. This website enables every Victorian wishing to obtain information about public entities, including memberships to each board to do so. This information can be found by accessing [www.publicboards.vic.gov.au](http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au).

**Treasurer: women on boards, councils and committees**

- 843. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Assistant Treasurer (for the Treasurer): In relation to each Department, Agency or Authority within the Treasurer’s administration, how many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, and in relation to each, what are the —
- (a) names of each female member;
  - (b) qualifications of each female member; and
  - (c) the total number of members.

**ANSWER:**

Information regarding board, council and committee appointments can be found on the State Services Authority public entities website. The website enables every Victorian wishing to obtain information about public entities, including memberships of each board, to do so. This information can be found by accessing [www.publicboards.vic.gov.au](http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au).

**Assistant Treasurer: women on boards, councils and committees**

- 844. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Assistant Treasurer: In relation to each Department, Agency or Authority within the Assistant Treasurer’s administration, how many women hold positions on boards, councils or committees, and in relation to each, what are the —
- (a) names of each female member;
  - (b) qualifications of each female member; and
  - (c) the total number of members.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Information regarding board, council and committee appointments can be found on the State Services Authority public entities website. This website enables every Victorian wishing to obtain information about public entities, including memberships of each board, to do so. This information can be found by accessing [www.publicboards.vic.gov.au](http://www.publicboards.vic.gov.au).

**Police and emergency services: youth referral and independent persons program — funding**

**847. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to the youth referral and independent persons program which has no guaranteed funding after 30 June 2011:

- (1) Why has the government discontinued funding the program.
- (2) How will the government continue to ensure that persons who are under 18 years of age and in need, are accompanied by independent persons during police interviews, as required by section 464E of the *Crimes Act 1958*, and that these independent persons are appropriately trained and respond in a timely way to police call-outs across Victoria.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) The coalition government has not discontinued funding for the youth referral and independent persons program.
- (2) I advise that the Department of Justice will fund the youth referral and independent persons program for 2011–12 internally. Ongoing funding allocations will be sought as part of the budget process in early 2012.

**Public transport: east–west cycle route — study**

**854. MR BARBER** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the east–west cycle route, identified by the City of Boroondara as a priority route that would utilise the Box Hill railway easement:

- (1) Has the study into this cycle route commenced.
- (2) When will the study into this cycle route be completed.
- (3) What is the budget —
  - (a) allocated for the study; and
  - (b) allocated, if any, for capital works.

**ANSWER:**

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

A review is currently underway into the principal bicycle network with input from the City of Boroondara. VicRoads expect to complete the review later this year.

Further information on the review of the principal bicycle network is available at: <http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/Home/Moreinfoandservices/Bicycles/>

**Environment and climate change: Alpine Resorts Co-ordinating Council — annual report**

**877. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will you table the Alpine Resorts Co-ordinating Council annual report for 2010–11 in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Arts: Australian Centre for the Moving Image — annual report**

**878. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for the Arts): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will you table the Australian Centre for the Moving Image annual report for 2010–11 in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Environment and climate change: Barwon Regional Waste Management Group — annual report**

**880. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Barwon Regional Waste Management Group annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Environment and climate change: Calder Regional Waste Management Group — annual report**

**881. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Calder Regional Waste Management Group annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Environment and climate change: Central Murray Regional Waste Management Group — annual report**

**883. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Central Murray Regional Waste Management Group annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Environment and climate change: commissioner for environmental sustainability — annual report**

**885. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Police and emergency services: commissioner for law enforcement data security — annual report**

**886. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Commissioner for Law Enforcement Data Security annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Consumer affairs: Consumer Affairs Victoria — annual report**

**888. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Consumer Affairs Victoria annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Consumer affairs: Consumer Utilities Advocacy Centre — annual report**

**889. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Consumer Utilities Advocacy Centre annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Environment and climate change: Corangamite Catchment Management Authority — annual report**

**890. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Police and emergency services: Country Fire Authority — annual report**

**893. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Country Fire Authority annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Environment and climate change: Desert Fringe and Waste Management Group — annual report**

**895. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Desert Fringe and Waste Management Group annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Environment and climate change: East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority — annual report**

**897. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the East Gippsland Catchment Management Authority annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Police and emergency services: Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority — annual report**

**900. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Environment and climate change: Environment Protection Authority — annual report**

- 901. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Environment Protection Authority annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Arts: Film Victoria — annual report**

- 904. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for the Arts): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Film Victoria annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Film Victoria is accountable to the Minister for Innovation, Services and Small Business, not to the Minister for the Arts. If the member wishes a response to this question, it should be directed to the responsible minister.

**Agriculture and food security: Food Safety Council — annual report**

- 905. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Agriculture and Food Security): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Food Safety Council annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This question does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities.

**Police and emergency services: Forensic Leave Panel — annual report**

- 906. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Forensic Leave Panel annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Arts: Geelong Performing Arts Centre Trust — annual report**

- 907. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for the Arts): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Geelong Performing Arts Centre Trust annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Environment and climate change: Gippsland Regional Waste Management Group — annual report**

**908. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Gippsland Regional Waste Management Group annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Environment and climate change: Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority — annual report**

**909. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Environment and climate change: Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority — annual report**

**910. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Environment and climate change: Goulburn Valley Regional Waste Management Group — annual report**

**911. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Goulburn Valley Regional Waste Management Group annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Environment and climate change: Grampians Regional Waste Management Group — annual report**

**912. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Grampians Regional Waste Management Group annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Racing: Greyhound Racing Victoria — annual report**

**913. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Assistant Treasurer (for the Minister for Racing): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Greyhound Racing Victoria annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Racing: Harness Racing Victoria — annual report**

**914. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Assistant Treasurer (for the Minister for Racing): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Harness Racing Victoria annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Environment and climate change: Highlands Regional Waste Management Group — annual report**

**915. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Highlands Regional Waste Management Group annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.



**Arts: Library Board of Victoria — annual report**

**923. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for the Arts): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Library Board of Victoria annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Environment and climate change: Mallee Catchment Management Authority — annual report**

**924. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Mallee Catchment Management Authority annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Premier: Melbourne and Olympic Parks Trust — annual report**

**925. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Premier): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Melbourne and Olympic Parks Trust annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Major projects: Melbourne Market Authority — annual report**

**928. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Major Projects): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Melbourne Market Authority annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Arts: Melbourne Recital Centre — annual report**

**929. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for the Arts): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Melbourne Recital Centre annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Police and emergency services: Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board — annual report**

**930. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Environment and climate change: Metropolitan Waste Management Group — annual report**

**931. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Metropolitan Waste Management Group annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Environment and climate change: Mildura Regional Waste Management Group — annual report**

**932. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Mildura Regional Waste Management Group annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Environment and climate change: Mornington Peninsula Regional Waste Management Group — annual report**

**933. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Mornington Peninsula Regional Waste Management Group annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Local government: Municipal Association of Victoria Insurance — annual report**

- 934. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Local Government): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Municipal Association of Victoria Insurance annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute. The relevant act in this case is the *Municipal Association Act 1907*.

**Arts: Museums Board of Victoria — annual report**

- 935. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for the Arts): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Museums Board of Victoria annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Arts: National Gallery of Victoria Council of Trustees — annual report**

- 936. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for the Arts): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the National Gallery of Victoria Council of Trustees annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Environment and climate change: National Parks Advisory Panel — annual report**

- 937. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the National Parks Advisory Panel annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Environment and climate change: North Central Catchment Management Authority — annual report**

- 938. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the North Central Catchment Management Authority annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Environment and climate change: North East Catchment Management Authority — annual report**

**939. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the North East Catchment Management Authority annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Environment and climate change: North East Victorian Regional Waste Management Group — annual report**

**940. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the North East Victorian Regional Waste Management Group annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Police and emergency services: Office of Police Integrity — annual report**

**941. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Office of Police Integrity annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Environment and climate change: Parks Victoria — annual report**

**943. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Parks Victoria annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Environment and climate change: Phillip Island Nature Park Board of Management — annual report**

945. **HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Phillip Island Nature Park Board of Management annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Regional and rural development: Department of Planning and Community Development — annual report**

946. **HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Regional and Rural Development): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Department of Planning and Community Development annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that the Department of Planning and Community Development will table its annual report for 2010–11 in accordance with the timeframe specified in the *Financial Management Act 1994*.

**Police and emergency services: Police Appeals Board — annual report**

947. **HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Police Appeals Board annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Police and emergency services: Office of the Chief Commissioner of Police — annual report**

948. **HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Office of the Chief Commissioner of Police annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Ports: Port of Melbourne Corporation — annual report**

949. **HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Ports): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Port of Melbourne Corporation annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

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

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Environment and climate change: Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority — annual report**

**950. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Arts: Public Record Office Victoria — annual report**

**954. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for the Arts): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Public Record Office Victoria annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Racing: Racing Integrity Commissioner's Office — annual report**

**956. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Assistant Treasurer (for the Minister for Racing): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Racing Integrity Commissioner's Office annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Consumer affairs: Residential Tenancies Bond Authority — annual report**

**958. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Residential Tenancies Bond Authority annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Roads: VicRoads — annual report**

**959. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Roads): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the VicRoads annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

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

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Public transport: Rolling Stock Holdings (Victoria) Pty Ltd — annual report**

**960. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Rolling Stock Holdings (Victoria) Pty Ltd annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

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

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Public transport: Rolling Stock Holdings (Victoria-VL) Pty Ltd — annual report**

**961. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Rolling Stock Holdings (Victoria-VL) Pty Ltd annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

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

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Environment and climate change: Royal Botanic Gardens Board — annual report**

**962. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Royal Botanic Gardens Board annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Environment and climate change: South Western Regional Waste Management Group — annual report**

**966. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the South Western Regional Waste Management Group annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Roads: Southern and Eastern Integrated Transport Authority — annual report**

**967. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Roads): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Southern and Eastern Integrated Transport Authority annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

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

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Premier: State Services Authority — annual report**

**971. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Premier): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the State Services Authority annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Environment and climate change: Surveyors Registration Board of Victoria — annual report**

**974. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Surveyors Registration Board of Victoria annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Environment and climate change: Department of Sustainability and Environment — annual report**

**975. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Department of Sustainability and Environment annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.



**Environment and climate change: Sustainability Victoria — annual report**

**976. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Sustainability Victoria annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Public transport: Department of Transport — annual report**

**979. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Department of Transport annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

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

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Environment and climate change: Trust for Nature (Victoria) — annual report**

**982. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Trust for Nature (Victoria) annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Public transport: Transport Ticketing Authority — annual report**

**983. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Transport Ticketing Authority annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

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

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Public transport: V/Line Passenger Corporation — annual report**

**984. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the V/Line Passenger Corporation annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

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

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Public transport: V/Line Passenger Pty Ltd — annual report**

**985. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the V/Line Passenger Pty Ltd annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

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

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Local government: Victoria Grants Commission — annual report**

**987. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Local Government): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Victoria Grants Commission annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute. The relevant act in this case is the *Victoria Grants Commission Act 1976*.

**Police and emergency services: Victorian State Emergency Service — annual report**

**990. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Victorian State Emergency Service annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Arts: Victorian Arts Centre Trust — annual report**

**991. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for the Arts): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Victorian Arts Centre Trust annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Environment and climate change: Victorian Catchment Management Council — annual report**

- 992. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Victorian Catchment Management Council annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Environment and climate change: Victorian Coastal Council — annual report**

- 994. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Victorian Coastal Council annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Gaming: Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation — annual report**

- 995. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Gaming): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Environment and climate change: Victorian Environmental Assessment Council — annual report**

- 997. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Public transport: VicTrack — annual report**

- 1005. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the VicTrack annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

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

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Ports: Victorian Regional Channels Authority — annual report**

**1006. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Ports): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Victorian Regional Channels Authority annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

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

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Higher education and skills: Victorian Skills Commission — annual report**

**1007. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills: On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Victorian Skills Commission annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Higher education and skills: VITS Language Link — annual report**

**1009. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the VITS Language Link annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The VITS LanguageLink is not part of my portfolio responsibilities.

**Environment and climate change: West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority — annual report**

**1010. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Environment and climate change: Wimmera Catchment Management Authority — annual report**

**1011. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Wimmera Catchment Management Authority annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Environment and climate change: Zoological Parks and Gardens Board — annual report**

**1014. HON. M. P. PAKULA** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Zoological Parks and Gardens Board annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Agriculture and food security: Agriculture Services Pty Ltd — annual report**

**1015. MR LENDERS** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Agriculture and Food Security): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Agriculture Services Pty Ltd annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Water: Barwon Region Water Corporation — annual report**

**1016. MR LENDERS** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Water): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Barwon Region Water Corporation annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Planning: Building Commission — annual report**

**1024. MR TEE** — To ask the Minister for Planning: On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Building Commission annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Higher education and skills: Adult, Community and Further Education Board — annual report**

**1025. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills: On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Adult, Community and Further Education Board annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Education: Alfredton Primary School — class sizes**

**1047. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): For each of the years 1999, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, what was the average P–2 class size and average P–6 class size at Alfredton Primary School.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The average P–2 class size and average P–6 class size at Alfredton Primary School in 1999 and each year from 2006 to 2011 were as follows:

	<b>1999</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Average P–2 class size	25.4	20.5	21.7	22.2	21.4	21.2	22.1
Average P–6 class size	26.0	22.6	23.8	24.4	23.1	23.8	24.0

**Education: Ballarat North Primary School — class sizes**

**1048. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): For each of the years 1999, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, what was the average P–2 class size and average P–6 class size at Ballarat North Primary School.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The average P–2 class size and average P–6 class size at Ballarat North Primary School in 1999 and each year from 2006 to 2011 were as follows:

	<b>1999</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Average P–2 class size	24.8	21.3	20.9	21.6	18.9	21.0	21.3
Average P–6 class size	25.9	22.5	22.7	22.4	20.8	22.2	21.8

**Education: Caledonian Primary School — class sizes**

**1050. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): For each of the years 1999, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, what was the average P–2 class size and average P–6 class size at Caledonian Primary School.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The average P–2 class size and average P–6 class size at Caledonian Primary School in 1999 and each year from 2006 to 2011 were as follows:

	<b>1999</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Average P–2 class size	21.5	21.8	20.8	21.0	22.5	23.3	18.5
Average P–6 class size	22.9	24.0	22.5	21.4	23.1	24.3	18.7

**Education: Delacombe Primary School — class sizes**

**1051. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): For each of the years 1999, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, what was the average P–2 class size and average P–6 class size at Delacombe Primary School.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The average P–2 class size and average P–6 class size at Delacombe Primary School in 1999 and each year from 2006 to 2011 were as follows:

	<b>1999</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Average P–2 class size	27.2	21.2	19.3	21.0	21.6	22.6	17.0
Average P–6 class size	26.4	21.8	21.6	22.2	23.0	23.3	20.3

**Education: Forest Street Primary School — class sizes**

**1052. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): For each of the years 1999, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, what was the average P–2 class size and average P–6 class size at Forest Street Primary School.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The average P–2 class size and average P–6 class size at Forest Street Primary School in 1999 and each year from 2006 to 2011 were as follows:

	<b>1999</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Average P–2 class size	23.8	20.4	19.3	22.7	19.3	20.7	22.2
Average P–6 class size	24.0	22.9	22.8	24.1	22.5	22.6	24.4

**Education: Invermay Primary School — class sizes**

**1053. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): For each of the years 1999, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, what was the average P–2 class size and average P–6 class size at Invermay Primary School.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The average P–2 class size and average P–6 class size at Invermay Primary School in 1999 and each year from 2006 to 2011 were as follows:

	<b>1999</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Average P–2 class size	21.0	12.0	9.0	12.0	11.0	15.0	20.0
Average P–6 class size	20.5	15.0	14.5	13.5	9.0	13.5	16.0

**Education: Little Bendigo Primary School — class sizes**

**1054. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): For each of the years 1999, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, what was the average P–2 class size and average P–6 class size at Little Bendigo Primary School.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The average P–2 class size and average P–6 class size at Little Bendigo Primary School in 1999 and each year from 2006 to 2011 were as follows:

	<b>1999</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Average P–2 class size	20.5	13.0	13.0	13.0	16.5	19.5	17.5
Average P–6 class size	22.8	13.3	13.7	14.3	15.0	17.0	18.0

**Education: Macarthur Street Primary School — class sizes**

**1055. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): For each of the years 1999, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, what was the average P–2 class size and average P–6 class size at Macarthur Street Primary School.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The average P–2 class size and average P–6 class size at Macarthur Street Primary School in 1999 and each year from 2006 to 2011 were as follows:

	<b>1999</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Average P–2 class size	24.0	16.0	20.3	20.5	22.0	19.0	16.0
Average P–6 class size	22.5	18.5	20.3	21.3	21.8	20.7	16.0

**Education: Pleasant Street Primary School — class sizes**

**1056. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): For each of the years 1999, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, what was the average P–2 class size and average P–6 class size at Pleasant Street Primary School.



**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The average P–2 class size and average P–6 class size at Pleasant Street Primary School (Ballarat) in 1999 and each year from 2006 to 2011 were as follows:

	<b>1999</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Average P–2 class size	27.0	23.5	23.5	22.4	22.4	21.4	22.8
Average P–6 class size	26.6	23.5	23.7	23.3	23.3	23.3	23.2

**Education: Ballarat South Community Learning Precinct — class sizes**

**1057. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): For each of the years 1999, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, what was the average P–2 class size and average P–6 class size at Ballarat South Community Learning Precinct (prior to 2011 Redan Primary School).

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The average P–2 class size and average P–6 class size at Ballarat South Community Learning Precinct in 2011 was as follows:

	<b>2011</b>
Average P–2 class size	18.3
Average P–6 class size	19.5

The average P–2 class size and average P–6 class size at Redan Primary School in 1999 and each year from 2006 to 2010 were as follows:

	<b>1999</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Average P–2 class size	24.3	20.8	21.5	19.3	19.8	15.5
Average P–6 class size	27.0	21.3	21.9	21.9	22.1	19.6

Redan Primary School merged with Sebastopol College to form the Ballarat South Community Learning Precinct effective from 1/1/2011.

**Education: Sebastopol Primary School — class sizes**

**1058. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): For each of the years 1999, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, what was the average P–2 class size and average P–6 class size at Sebastopol Primary School.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The average P–2 class size and average P–6 class size at Sebastopol Primary School in 1999 and each year from 2006 to 2011 were as follows:

	1999	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Average P–2 class size	22.5	21.0	19.5	21.3	15.3	20.7	20.7
Average P–6 class size	25.3	22.4	20.8	21.7	20.0	20.3	21.3

**Education: Urquhart Park Primary School — class sizes**

**1059. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): For each of the years 1999, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, what was the average P–2 class size and average P–6 class size at Urquhart Park Primary School.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The average P–2 class size and average P–6 class size at Urquhart Park Primary School in 1999 and each year from 2006 to 2011 were as follows:

	1999	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Average P–2 class size	26.2	20.8	20.1	21.4	17.9	20.3	19.9
Average P–6 class size	26.5	21.8	22.0	23.3	21.2	21.7	21.6

**Education: Wendouree Primary School — class sizes**

**1060. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): For each of the years 1999, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, what was the average P–2 class size and average P–6 class size at Wendouree Primary School.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The average P–2 class size and average P–6 class size at Wendouree Primary School in 1999 and each year from 2006 to 2011 were as follows:

	1999	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Average P–2 class size	21.5	20.5	20.3	20.7	21.5	20.0	21.0
Average P–6 class size	24.1	23.2	21.7	22.3	22.8	23.0	23.2

**Education: Yuille Park P–8 Community College — class sizes**

**1061. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): For each of the years 1999, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, what was the average P–2 class size and average P–6 class size at Yuille Park P–8 Community College (prior to 2007 Yuille Primary School and Grevillea Park Primary School).

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The average P–2 class size and average P–6 class size at Yuille Park P–8 Community College from 2007 to 2011 were as follows:

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	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Average P-2 class size	19.0	15.3	16.2	17.0	16.1
Average P-6 class size	21.0	18.2	14.9	20.7	16.4

The average P-2 class size and average P-6 class size at Yuille Primary School in 1999 and 2006 were as follows:

	1999	2006
Average P-2 class size	24.0	14.5
Average P-6 class size	24.1	17.0

The average P-2 class size and average P-6 class size at Grevillea Park Primary School in 1999 and 2006 were as follows:

	1999	2006
Average P-2 class size	24.5	16.8
Average P-6 class size	25.0	18.6

Yuille Primary School merged with Grevillea Park Primary School to form the Yuille Park P-8 Community College effective from 1/1/2007.

**Teaching profession: Alfredton Primary School — full-time equivalent teaching staff**

**1062. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister responsible for the Teaching Profession: For each of the years 1999, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, what was the number of full-time equivalent teaching staff at Alfredton Primary School.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The number of full-time equivalent teaching service staff (including principal class) at Alfredton Primary School for each of the years from 1999 to 2011 is as follows:

1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
23.0	26.8	27.8	27.2	22.8	23.7	25.8	24.4	25.1	24.1	26.9	26.5	28.5

The information is based on teaching service staff (including principal class) receiving pay as at the last pay in June of each year.

**Teaching profession: Ballarat North Primary School — full-time equivalent teaching staff**

**1063. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister responsible for the Teaching Profession: For each of the years 1999, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, what was the number of full-time equivalent teaching staff at Ballarat North Primary School.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The number of full-time equivalent teaching service staff (including principal class) at Ballarat North Primary School for each of the years from 1999 to 2011 is as follows:

1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
12.0	15.0	16.6	19.0	20.0	21.0	21.9	23.5	22.9	22.5	22.1	21.9	22.1

The information is based on teaching service staff (including principal class) receiving pay as at the last pay in June of each year.

**Teaching profession: Black Hill Primary School — full-time equivalent teaching staff**

**1064. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister responsible for the Teaching Profession: For each of the years 1999, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, what was the number of full-time equivalent teaching staff at Black Hill Primary School.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The number of full-time equivalent teaching service staff (including principal class) at Black Hill Primary School for each of the years from 1999 to 2011 is as follows:

1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
25.1	22.6	22.8	22.8	23.4	26.8	29.4	32.8	32.2	29.3	29.3	29.4	32.7

The information is based on teaching service staff (including principal class) receiving pay as at the last pay in June of each year.

**Teaching profession: Caledonian Primary School — full-time equivalent teaching staff**

**1065. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister responsible for the Teaching Profession: For each of the years 1999, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, what was the number of full-time equivalent teaching staff at Caledonian Primary School.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The number of full-time equivalent teaching service staff (including principal class) at Caledonian Primary School for each of the years from 1999 to 2011 is as follows:

1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
14.2	15.6	15.6	14.6	16.1	17.1	14.9	12.3	12.3	10.3	13.3	10.4	13.4

The information is based on teaching service staff (including principal class) receiving pay as at the last pay in June of each year.

**Teaching profession: Delacombe Primary School — full-time equivalent teaching staff**

**1066. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister responsible for the Teaching Profession: For each of the years 1999, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, what was the number of full-time equivalent teaching staff at Delacombe Primary School.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The number of full-time equivalent teaching service staff (including principal class) at Delacombe Primary School for each of the years from 1999 to 2011 is as follows:

1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
19.0	20.6	19.0	20.7	20.0	20.7	19.5	19.3	20.2	18.2	20.6	16.1	20.0

The information is based on teaching service staff (including principal class) receiving pay as at the last pay in June of each year.

**Teaching profession: Forest Street Primary School — full-time equivalent teaching staff**

**1067. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister responsible for the Teaching Profession: For each of the years 1999, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, what was the number of full-time equivalent teaching staff at Forest Street Primary School.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The number of full-time equivalent teaching service staff (including principal class) at Forest Street Primary School for each of the years from 1999 to 2011 is as follows:

1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
23.8	25.9	24.9	26.2	31.4	33.3	33.0	31.5	28.5	30.3	27.5	29.9	25.3

The information is based on teaching service staff (including principal class) receiving pay as at the last pay in June of each year.

**Teaching profession: Invermay Primary School — full-time equivalent teaching staff**

**1068. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister responsible for the Teaching Profession: For each of the years 1999, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, what was the number of full-time equivalent teaching staff at Invermay Primary School.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The number of full-time equivalent teaching service staff (including principal class) at Invermay Primary School for each of the years from 1999 to 2011 is as follows:

1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
2.0	2.6	2.6	3.4	4.2	3.1	3.0	3.0	1.8	3.3	2.0	3.0	4.0

The information is based on teaching service staff (including principal class) receiving pay as at the last pay in June of each year.

**Teaching profession: Little Bendigo Primary School — full-time equivalent teaching staff**

**1069. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister responsible for the Teaching Profession: For each of the years 1999, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, what was the number of full-time equivalent teaching staff at Little Bendigo Primary School.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The number of full-time equivalent teaching service staff (including principal class) at Little Bendigo Primary School for each of the years from 1999 to 2011 is as follows:

1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
5.0	5.4	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	3.6	4.6	3.4	4.2	5.1

The information is based on teaching service staff (including principal class) receiving pay as at the last pay in June of each year.

**Teaching profession: Macarthur Street Primary School — full-time equivalent teaching staff**

**1070. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister responsible for the Teaching Profession: For each of the years 1999, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, what was the number of full-time equivalent teaching staff at Macarthur Street Primary School.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The number of full-time equivalent teaching service staff (including principal class) at Macarthur Street Primary School for each of the years from 1999 to 2011 is as follows:

1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
6.0	6.0	6.0	6.5	7.7	7.0	5.6	7.0	10.0	10.9	5.5	5.0	5.4

The information is based on teaching service staff (including principal class) receiving pay as at the last pay in June of each year.

**Teaching profession: Pleasant Street Primary School — full-time equivalent teaching staff**

**1071. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister responsible for the Teaching Profession: For each of the years 1999, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, what was the number of full-time equivalent teaching staff at Pleasant Street Primary School.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The number of full-time equivalent teaching service staff (including principal class) at Pleasant Street Primary School (Ballarat) for each of the years from 1999 to 2011 is as follows:

1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
16.5	15.3	18.2	17.2	17.2	18.3	17.9	19.3	20.1	20.1	20.3	20.1	19.9

The information is based on teaching service staff (including principal class) receiving pay as at the last pay in June of each year.

**Teaching profession: Ballarat South Community Learning Precinct — full-time equivalent teaching staff**

**1072. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister responsible for the Teaching Profession: For each of the years 1999, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, what was the number of full-time equivalent teaching staff at Ballarat South Community Learning Precinct (prior to 2011 Redan Primary School and Sebastopol College).

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The number of full-time equivalent teaching service staff (including principal class) at Ballarat South Community Learning Precinct (and prior to 2011 Redan Primary School and Sebastopol College) for each of the years from 1999 to 2011 is as follows:

Ballarat South Community Learning Precinct

1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	85.4

Redan Primary School

1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
13.8	13.4	12.5	14.0	13.6	15.0	13.2	13.0	14.8	14.6	13.8	12.4	-

Sebastopol College

1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
75.9	70.6	68.9	71.5	71.9	69.8	71.3	77.6	76.5	80.7	77.2	73.4	-

The information is based on teaching service staff (including principal class) receiving pay as at the last pay in June of each year. Redan Primary School merged with Sebastopol College to form the Ballarat South Community Learning Precinct effective from 1 January 2011.

**Teaching profession: Sebastopol Primary School — full-time equivalent teaching staff**

**1073. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister responsible for the Teaching Profession: For each of the years 1999, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, what was the number of full-time equivalent teaching staff at Sebastopol Primary School.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The number of full-time equivalent teaching service staff (including principal class) at Sebastopol Primary School for each of the years from 1999 to 2011 is as follows:

1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
17.0	19.0	20.0	19.0	16.0	15.0	16.0	15.4	12.8	9.0	10.0	10.8	9.4

The information is based on teaching service staff (including principal class) receiving pay as at the last pay in June of each year.

**Teaching profession: Urquhart Park Primary School — full-time equivalent teaching staff**

**1074. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister responsible for the Teaching Profession: For each of the years 1999, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, what was the number of full-time equivalent teaching staff at Urquhart Park Primary School.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The number of full-time equivalent teaching service staff (including principal class) at Urquhart Park Primary School for each of the years from 1999 to 2011 is as follows:

1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
15.5	14.0	17.2	17.0	19.7	19.7	20.9	19.9	21.9	24.1	26.2	24.6	24.9

The information is based on teaching service staff (including principal class) receiving pay as at the last pay in June of each year.

**Teaching profession: Wendouree Primary School — full-time equivalent teaching staff**

**1075. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister responsible for the Teaching Profession: For each of the years 1999, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, what was the number of full-time equivalent teaching staff at Wendouree Primary School.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The number of full-time equivalent teaching service staff (including principal class) at Wendouree Primary School for each of the years from 1999 to 2011 is as follows:

1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
10.0	10.0	11.0	13.0	11.0	10.0	9.0	8.4	8.0	9.0	9.4	7.4	10.4

The information is based on teaching service staff (including principal class) receiving pay as at the last pay in June of each year.

**Teaching profession: Yuille Park P-8 Community College — full-time equivalent teaching staff**

**1076. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister responsible for the Teaching Profession: For each of the years 1999, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, what was the number of full-time equivalent teaching staff at Yuille Park P-8 Community College (prior to 2007 Yuille Primary School and Grevillea Park Primary School).

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The number of full-time equivalent teaching service staff (including principal class) at Yuille Park P-8 Community College (and prior to 2011 Yuille Primary School and Grevillea Park Primary School) for each of the years from 1999 to 2011 is as follows:



Yuille Park P-8 Community College

1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.4	15.0	19.6	19.2	21.9

Yuille Primary School

1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
10.4	10.4	8.4	9.4	9.5	7.1	7.5	5.6	-	-	-	-	-

Grevillea Park Primary School

1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
6.6	7.7	7.8	8.0	7.8	9.0	9.0	10.0	-	-	-	-	-

The information is based on teaching service staff (including principal class) receiving pay as at the last pay in June of each year. Yuille Primary merged with Grevillea Park Primary School to form the Yuille Park P-8 Community College effective from 1 January 2007.

**Teaching profession: Ballarat High School — full-time equivalent teaching staff**

**1077. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister responsible for the Teaching Profession: For each of the years 1999, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, what was the number of full-time equivalent teaching staff at Ballarat High School.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The number of full-time equivalent teaching service staff (including principal class) at Ballarat High School for each of the years from 1999 to 2011 is as follows:

1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
107.2	108.1	102.9	101.5	105.4	101.6	102.9	105.2	105.2	106.0	101.3
2010	2011									
105.8	103.1									

The information is based on teaching service staff (including principal class) receiving pay as at the last pay in June of each year.

**Teaching profession: Ballarat Secondary College — full-time equivalent teaching staff**

**1078. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister responsible for the Teaching Profession: For each of the years 1999, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, what was the number of full-time equivalent teaching staff at Ballarat Secondary College.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The number of full-time equivalent teaching service staff (including principal class) at Ballarat Secondary College for each of the years from 1999 to 2011 is as follows:

1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
119.9	120.2	121.8	122.1	120.2	122.9	111.4	113.0	131.4	125.3	125.3
2010	2011									
112.4	105.6									

The information is based on teaching service staff (including principal class) receiving pay as at the last pay in June of each year.

**Teaching profession: Ballarat Specialist School — full-time equivalent teaching staff**

**1079.** **MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister responsible for the Teaching Profession: For each of the years 1999, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, what was the number of full-time equivalent teaching staff at Ballarat Specialist School.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The number of full-time equivalent teaching service staff (including principal class) at Ballarat Specialist School for each of the years from 1999 to 2011 is as follows:

1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
26.8	26.8	23.8	26.3	26.8	27.8	27.8	29.8	27.8	33.0	36.5	40.0	41.9

The information is based on teaching service staff (including principal class) receiving pay as at the last pay in June of each year.

**Water: Barwon Region Water Corporation — annual report**

**1140.** **MR LENDERS** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Water): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Barwon Region Water Corporation annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Water: Central Gippsland Water Authority — annual report**

**1141.** **MR LENDERS** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Water): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Central Gippsland Water Authority annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Water: Central Highlands Region Water Authority — annual report**

- 1142. MR LENDERS** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Water): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Central Highlands Region Water Authority annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Water: City West Water — annual report**

- 1143. MR LENDERS** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Water): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the City West Water annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Water: Coliban Region Water Corporation — annual report**

- 1144. MR LENDERS** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Water): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Coliban Region Water Corporation annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Water: East Gippsland Region Water Corporation — annual report**

- 1145. MR LENDERS** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Water): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the East Gippsland Region Water Corporation annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Energy and resources: Energy Safe Victoria — annual report**

- 1146. MR LENDERS** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Energy Safe Victoria annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Agriculture and food security: Geoffrey Gardiner Foundation — annual report**

- 1147. MR LENDERS** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Agriculture and Food Security): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Geoffrey Gardiner Foundation annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Water: Gippsland and Southern Rural Water Corporation — annual report**

- 1148. MR LENDERS** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Water): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Gippsland and Southern Rural Water Corporation annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Water: Goulburn-Murray Rural Water Corporation — annual report**

- 1149. MR LENDERS** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Water): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Goulburn-Murray Rural Water Corporation annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Water: Goulburn Valley Region Water Corporation — annual report**

- 1150. MR LENDERS** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Water): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Goulburn Valley Region Water Corporation annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Water: Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water Corporation — annual report**

- 1151. MR LENDERS** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Water): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Grampians Wimmera Mallee Water Corporation annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Water: Lower Murray Urban and Rural Water Authority — annual report**

- 1152. MR LENDERS** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Water): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Lower Murray Urban and Rural Water Authority annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Water: Melbourne Water Corporation — annual report**

- 1153. MR LENDERS** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Water): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Melbourne Water Corporation annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Water: North East Region Water Corporation — annual report**

- 1154. MR LENDERS** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Water): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the North East Region Water Corporation annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Agriculture and food security: Department of Primary Industries — annual report**

- 1155. MR LENDERS** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Agriculture and Food Security): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Department of Primary Industries annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Water: South East Water — annual report**

**1156. MR LENDERS** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Water): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the South East Water annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Water: South Gippsland Region Water Corporation — annual report**

**1157. MR LENDERS** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Water): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the South Gippsland Region Water Corporation annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Water: State Owned Enterprise for Irrigation Modernisation in Northern Victoria — annual report**

**1158. MR LENDERS** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Water): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the State Owned Enterprise for Irrigation Modernisation in Northern Victoria annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Agriculture and Food Security: VicForests — annual report**

**1159. MR LENDERS** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Agriculture and Food Security): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the VicForests annual report for 2010–11 in be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Water: Wannon Region Water Authority — annual report**

- 1160.** **MR LENDERS** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Water): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Wannon Region Water Authority annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Water: Western Region Water Authority — annual report**

- 1161.** **MR LENDERS** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Water): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Western Region Water Authority annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Water: Westernport Region Water Authority — annual report**

- 1162.** **MR LENDERS** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Water): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Westernport Region Water Authority annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Water: Yarra Valley Water — annual report**

- 1163.** **MR LENDERS** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Water): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Yarra Valley Water annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Planning: Growth Areas Authority — annual report**

- 1165.** **MR TEE** — To ask the Minister for Planning: On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Growth Areas Authority annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Planning: Plumbing Industry Commission — annual report**

**1166.** **MR TEE** — To ask the Minister for Planning: On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Plumbing Industry Commission annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Planning: Victorian Urban Development Authority — annual report**

**1167.** **MR TEE** — To ask the Minister for Planning: On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Victorian Urban Development Authority annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Police and emergency services: fees, charges, taxes, levies and other costs**

**2262.** **MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to each fee, charge, tax and levy, or any other costs payable by members of the public or incorporated association in the Police and Emergency Services portfolio —

- (a) what is the name of the fee, charge, tax, levy or other cost;
- (b) what is the current schedule or rate of charge;
- (c) are any increases scheduled in the next 12 months;
- (d) how are any changes reviewed or decided upon and determined by Government or its departments or agencies; and
- (e) what was the total revenue for each charge for the 2010–11 financial year.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

The details of state taxes and charges are set out in the relevant legislation or subordinate legislation, which is subject to approval or disallowance by either house of the Parliament. This has been the practice of successive governments.

More information can be found in 2011–12 budget paper no. 5 — Statement of Finances, which details the revised estimates of state revenue and the public account.

The value of a penalty or fee unit is determined under the *Monetary Units Act 2004* and fixed each year by notice published in the Victorian *Government Gazette*. Other state fees and charges are periodically gazetted and published on the websites of administering departments and agencies.



**Employment and industrial relations: fees, charges, taxes, levies and other costs**

**2269. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations: In relation to each fee, charge, tax and levy, or any other costs payable by members of the public or incorporated association in the Employment and Industrial Relations portfolio —

- (a) what is the name of the fee, charge, tax, levy or other cost;
- (b) what is the current schedule or rate of charge;
- (c) are any increases scheduled in the next 12 months;
- (d) how are any changes reviewed or decided upon and determined by Government or its departments or agencies; and
- (e) what was the total revenue for each charge for the 2010–11 financial year.

**ANSWER:**

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**Manufacturing, exports and trade: fees, charges, taxes, levies and other costs**

**2270. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Manufacturing, Exports and Trade: In relation to each fee, charge, tax and levy, or any other costs payable by members of the public or incorporated association in the Manufacturing, Exports and Trade portfolio —

- (a) what is the name of the fee, charge, tax, levy or other cost;
- (b) what is the current schedule or rate of charge;
- (c) are any increases scheduled in the next 12 months;
- (d) how are any changes reviewed or decided upon and determined by Government or its departments or agencies; and
- (e) what was the total revenue for each charge for the 2010–11 financial year.

**ANSWER:**

The details of state taxes and charges are set out in the relevant legislation or subordinate legislation, which is subject to approval or disallowance by either house of the Parliament. This has been the practice of successive governments.

More information can be found in 2011–12 budget paper no. 5 — Statement of Finances, which details the revised estimates of state revenue and the public account.

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**Education: fees, charges, taxes, levies and other costs**

**2275. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to each fee, charge, tax and levy, or any other costs payable by members of the public or incorporated association in the Education portfolio —

- (a) what is the name of the fee, charge, tax, levy or other cost;
- (b) what is the current schedule or rate of charge;
- (c) are any increases scheduled in the next 12 months;
- (d) how are any changes reviewed or decided upon and determined by government or its departments or agencies; and
- (e) what was the total revenue for each charge for the 2010–11 financial year.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The details of state taxes and charges are set out in the relevant legislation or subordinate legislation, which is subject to approval or disallowance by either house of the Parliament. This has been the practice of successive governments.

More information can be found in 2011–12 budget paper no. 5 — Statement of Finances, which details the revised estimates of state revenue and the public account.

The value of a penalty or fee unit is determined under the *Monetary Units Act 2004* and fixed each year by notice published in the Victorian *Government Gazette*. Other state fees and charges are periodically gazetted and published on the websites of administering departments and agencies.

**Higher education and skills: fees, charges, taxes, levies and other costs**

**2277. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills: In relation to each fee, charge, tax and levy, or any other costs payable by members of the public or incorporated association in the Higher Education and Skills and Teaching Profession portfolios —

- (a) what is the name of the fee, charge, tax, levy or other cost;
- (b) what is the current schedule or rate of charge;
- (c) are any increases scheduled in the next 12 months;
- (d) how are any changes reviewed or decided upon and determined by government or its departments or agencies; and
- (e) what was the total revenue for each charge for the 2010–11 financial year.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The details of state taxes and charges are set out in the relevant legislation or subordinate legislation, which is subject to approval or disallowance by either house of the Parliament. This has been the practice of successive governments. More information can be found in 2011–12 budget paper no. 5 — Statement of Finances, which details the revised estimates of state revenue and the public account. The value of a penalty or fee unit is determined under the *Monetary Units Act 2004* and fixed each year by notice published in the Victorian *Government Gazette*.

Other state fees and charges are periodically gazetted and published on the websites of administering departments and agencies, or published by the educational institutions responsible for administering them.

**Children and early childhood development: fees, charges, taxes, levies and other costs**

- 2280. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development: In relation to each fee, charge, tax and levy, or any other costs payable by members of the public or incorporated association in the Children and Early Childhood Development portfolio —
- (a) what is the name of the fee, charge, tax, levy or other cost;
  - (b) what is the current schedule or rate of charge;
  - (c) are any increases scheduled in the next 12 months;
  - (d) how are any changes reviewed or decided upon and determined by government or its departments or agencies; and
  - (e) what was the total revenue for each charge for the 2010–11 financial year.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The details of state taxes and charges are set out in the relevant legislation or subordinate legislation, which is subject to approval or disallowance by either house of the Parliament. This has been the practice of successive governments.

More information can be found in 2011–12 budget paper no. 5 — Statement of Finances, which details the revised estimates of state revenue and the public account.

The value of a penalty or fee unit is determined under the *Monetary Units Act 2004* and fixed each year by notice published in the Victorian *Government Gazette*. Other state fees and charges are periodically gazetted and published on the websites of administering departments and agencies.

**Corrections: fees, charges, taxes, levies and other costs**

- 2281. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Corrections): In relation to each fee, charge, tax and levy, or any other costs payable by members of the public or incorporated association in the Corrections portfolio —
- (a) what is the name of the fee, charge, tax, levy or other cost;
  - (b) what is the current schedule or rate of charge;
  - (c) are any increases scheduled in the next 12 months;
  - (d) how are any changes reviewed or decided upon and determined by government or its departments or agencies; and
  - (e) what was the total revenue for each charge for the 2010–11 financial year.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

The details of state taxes and charges are set out in the relevant legislation or subordinate legislation, which is subject to approval or disallowance by either house of the Parliament. This has been the practice of successive governments.

More information can be found in 2011–12 budget paper no. 5 — Statement of Finances, which details the revised estimates of state revenue and the public account.

The value of a penalty or fee unit is determined under the *Monetary Units Act 2004* and fixed each year by notice published in the Victorian *Government Gazette*. Other state fees and charges are periodically gazetted and published on the websites of administering departments and agencies.

**Crime prevention: fees, charges, taxes, levies and other costs**

**2282. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Crime Prevention): In relation to each fee, charge, tax and levy, or any other costs payable by members of the public or incorporated association in the Crime Prevention portfolio —

- (a) what is the name of the fee, charge, tax, levy or other cost;
- (b) what is the current schedule or rate of charge;
- (c) are any increases scheduled in the next 12 months;
- (d) how are any changes reviewed or decided upon and determined by government or its departments or agencies; and
- (e) what was the total revenue for each charge for the 2010–11 financial year.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

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**Public transport: fees, charges, taxes, levies and other costs**

**2283. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to each fee, charge, tax and levy, or any other costs payable by members of the public or incorporated association in the Public Transport portfolio —

- (a) what is the name of the fee, charge, tax, levy or other cost;
- (b) what is the current schedule or rate of charge;
- (c) are any increases scheduled in the next 12 months;
- (d) how are any changes reviewed or decided upon and determined by government or its departments or agencies; and
- (e) what was the total revenue for each charge for the 2010–11 financial year.

**ANSWER:**

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**Roads: fees, charges, taxes, levies and other costs**

- 2284. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Roads): In relation to each fee, charge, tax and levy, or any other costs payable by members of the public or incorporated association in the Roads portfolio —
- (a) what is the name of the fee, charge, tax, levy or other cost;
  - (b) what is the current schedule or rate of charge;
  - (c) are any increases scheduled in the next 12 months;
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**Ports: fees, charges, taxes, levies and other costs**

- 2285. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Ports): In relation to each fee, charge, tax and levy, or any other costs payable by members of the public or incorporated association in the Ports portfolio —
- (a) what is the name of the fee, charge, tax, levy or other cost;
  - (b) what is the current schedule or rate of charge;
  - (c) are any increases scheduled in the next 12 months;
  - (d) how are any changes reviewed or decided upon and determined by government or its departments or agencies; and
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**Racing: fees, charges, taxes, levies and other costs**

**2288. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Assistant Treasurer (for the Minister for Racing): In relation to each fee, charge, tax and levy, or any other costs payable by members of the public or incorporated association in the Racing portfolio —

- (a) what is the name of the fee, charge, tax, levy or other cost;
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**Gaming: fees, charges, taxes, levies and other costs**

**2289. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Gaming): In relation to each fee, charge, tax and levy, or any other costs payable by members of the public or incorporated association in the Gaming portfolio —

- (a) what is the name of the fee, charge, tax, levy or other cost;
- (b) what is the current schedule or rate of charge;
- (c) are any increases scheduled in the next 12 months;
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**Consumer affairs: fees, charges, taxes, levies and other costs**

**2290. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs): In relation to each fee, charge, tax and levy, or any other costs payable by members of the public or incorporated association in the Consumer Affairs portfolio —

- (a) what is the name of the fee, charge, tax, levy or other cost;
- (b) what is the current schedule or rate of charge;
- (c) are any increases scheduled in the next 12 months;
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**Energy and resources: fees, charges, taxes, levies and other costs**

**2291. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to each fee, charge, tax and levy, or any other costs payable by members of the public or incorporated association in the Energy and Resources portfolio —

- (a) what is the name of the fee, charge, tax, levy or other cost;
- (b) what is the current schedule or rate of charge;
- (c) are any increases scheduled in the next 12 months;
- (d) how are any changes reviewed or decided upon and determined by government or its departments or agencies; and
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**Agriculture and food security: fees, charges, taxes, levies and other costs**

**2298. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Agriculture and Food Security): In relation to each fee, charge, tax and levy, or any other costs payable by members of the public or incorporated association in the Agriculture and Food Security portfolio —

- (a) what is the name of the fee, charge, tax, levy or other cost;
- (b) what is the current schedule or rate of charge;
- (c) are any increases scheduled in the next 12 months;
- (d) how are any changes reviewed or decided upon and determined by government or its departments or agencies; and
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**ANSWER:**

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**Higher education and skills: Department of Education and Early Childhood Development — annual report**

**2304. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills: On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Higher education and skills: Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority — annual report**

**2305. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills: On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.



**Teaching profession: Victorian Institute of Teaching — annual report**

**2306.** MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister responsible for the Teaching Profession: On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Victorian Institute of Teaching annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Higher education and skills: Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority — annual report**

**2307.** MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills: On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

Annual reports are tabled in accordance with the relevant statute.

**Community services: child protection — workers**

**2309.** MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): By what date will the 47 new child protection workers, as funded for in the 2011 budget, be employed within the system.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Funds for the new positions became available from July 2011 and recruitment is under way.



**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

*Answers to the following questions on notice were circulated on the date shown.  
 Questions have been incorporated from the notice paper of the Legislative Council.  
 Answers have been incorporated in the form supplied by the departments on behalf of the appropriate ministers.  
 The portfolio of the minister answering the question on notice starts each heading.*

**Thursday, 18 August 2011**

**Agriculture and food security: Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals — funding**

- 703. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Agriculture and Food Security): In relation to the extra \$1 million core funding for the RSPCA on page 73 of 2011–12 budget paper no. 3:
- (1) Is this recurring expenditure or will it cease after the 2014–15 financial year.
  - (2) What is the total annual amount now provided to the RSPCA inspectorate.
  - (3) How many more full-time equivalent inspectors will be employed through this funding.
  - (4) Prior to this additional funding, how many full-time equivalent inspectors are currently employed by the RSPCA through state expenditure
  - (5) What is the ratio of inspections per full-time equivalent inspector in a financial year.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Department of Primary Industries have provided \$1 million this year (2010–11) to the RSPCA inspectorate. There are 21 full-time inspectors (including 1 on maternity leave) appointed by the Minister for Agriculture and Food Security under the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986*.