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Responses have been incorporated in the form supplied by the departments on behalf of the appropriate ministers.

Tuesday, 30 August 2011

Manufacturing: Geelong

Raised with: Minister for Manufacturing, Exports and Trade

Raised by: Mr Koch

Raised on: 4 May 2011

REPLY:

I would like to thank Mr David Koch, the member for the Western Victoria Region for continuing to advocate the importance of the manufacturing sector for Victoria and the Geelong community.

The Victorian government is committed to supporting a competitive and innovative manufacturing sector in Victoria, including in regional areas.

I am pleased to report that the 2011–12 state budget delivered on the government's commitment, as outlined by Mr Koch, to provide \$800 000 over four years to the Geelong Manufacturing Council (GMC) to establish a pilot program with Deakin University to facilitate collaboration between manufacturers and researchers in the Geelong region to find innovative solutions that will drive business growth.

Complementing this, the government has also provided support of \$60 000 through the Innovation Through Clusters program to the Geelong Manufacturing Council for the Engineering Network Geelong.

The government is committed to supporting the development of Geelong as an international aerospace, defence and aviation hub and is:

- supporting local aerospace companies such as Marand and Chemring to establish world-class facilities in the Geelong region; and
- advocating for the development of Avalon Airport as Victoria's second international airport.

Initiatives such as these are aimed at generating new jobs in Geelong by helping build a competitive advanced manufacturing sector that is driven by excellence in skills, innovation, science and engineering.

It has been my pleasure as Minister for Manufacturing, Exports and Trade to travel across Victoria to visit businesses and listen to their challenges and opportunities. I have visited Geelong several times this year, most recently on 23 June 2011 when I visited local businesses and addressed the GMC annual dinner. I intend to continue to maintain close contact with the GMC and businesses in Geelong and look forward to observing the outcomes from the government's initiatives in the region.

Women: eliminating violence awards

Raised with: Minister for Women's Affairs

Raised by: Mrs Coote

Raised on: 15 June 2011

REPLY:

The Victorian government recognises the critical role played by the media in shaping attitudes and behaviours, including those surrounding family violence. That is why we have provided funding support for projects to recognise and promote responsible reporting of violence against women.

The Eliminating Violence Awards (the EVAs) honour excellence in reporting of violence against women, most commonly family violence and sexual assault. The categories include print, radio, TV and online reporting, as well as the Gold EVA, judged the best entry across all category winners.

The Victorian government provided funding support for the 2011 EVAs and I was delighted to announce the winners of the 2011 EVA awards on 10 June 2011. At the same time, I released the second edition of *Family Violence in the News: A Media Toolkit*, developed specifically for journalists and those working in the media which we also funded.

The EVA award winners are published on the EVAs website www.evas.org.au and the 2011 recipients were:

Ben Schneiders from the *Age* for *Domestic Violence Victims Win Leave*.

Vanessa Chircop from Star News Group for *Sahar's Living Nightmare*.

Leslie Cannold from the *Age* for *There Are Many Reasons Women Don't Report Rape*.

Clare Quirk from the *Bendigo Advertiser* for the *I Swear* series.

Claire Halliday from the *Weekly Review* for *Running Up the White Ribbon*.

Clair Weaver from *Madison* magazine for *How Will You Get Home Tonight?*

Kath Gannaway from the *Mountain Views Mail* for the photograph, *Fire Hero Jailed*.

Ilsa Evans from nationaltimes.com.au for the online article *Bruised Women Fade To Black in Newton Saga*.

Dr Sally Cockburn, Simon Owens and Ken Francis from 3AW Radio for *Talking Health: New Year's Resolution to Stop Family Violence*.

Santilla Chingaipe from SBS Radio *World News Australia* for *Domestic Violence Underestimated*.

Lindy Burns, Erin Matthews and Tom Wright from ABC Radio 774 for *Bridget's Story*.

Genevieve Grieves and Darren Dale from SBS Television for *Lani's Story*.

Luke Waters from SBS Television *World News Australia* for *300 Dollar Childhood*.

Nick Coe and Alexis Daish, from Nine Network Australia, *A Current Affair* for *Defensive Homicide*.

The 2011 Gold EVA for best media across all categories was awarded to Genevieve Grieves and Darren Gale from SBS for *Lani's Story*.

Youth Parliament: funding

Raised with: Minister for Youth Affairs

Raised by: Ms Mikakos

Raised on: 30 June 2011

REPLY:

The Victorian coalition government recognises the significant contribution of the YMCA's Youth Parliament program in providing practical opportunities for young Victorians to express their views and contribute to their community.

That is why the coalition government has increased funding from \$50 000 to \$75 000 per year, commencing with the 2012 Youth Parliament.

The additional funds will be used to help subsidise the costs of transport and accommodation for rural and regional young people to participate.

In light of this funding commencing in 2012 and to ensure that all students could participate in the 25th Youth Parliament, the coalition government has provided financial support to teams requiring additional funds to participate in the program.

I have been advised that the Whittlesea/Ballarat team were recommended by the YMCA Victoria to receive this financial assistance and the funding of \$1000 has been approved by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. YMCA Victoria has informed my office that they are currently finalising payment arrangements directly with the Whittlesea/Ballarat team.

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Responses have been incorporated in the form supplied by the departments on behalf of the appropriate ministers.

Wednesday, 31 August 2011

Victoria University: Sunbury campus

Raised with: Minister for Higher Education and Skills

Raised by: Mrs Petrovich

Raised on: 18 August 2011

REPLY:

I am informed as follows:

Outer western Melbourne is growing quickly and I am keen to ensure that tertiary education provision meets the future social and economic needs of the area.

I met recently with the vice-chancellor and senior management of Victoria University to discuss the future provision of tertiary education in the area.

I realise the resolution of this matter is taking some time, however, no final decision on the future of the site can be made until a full analysis of options is undertaken in consultation with Victoria University, the community and other stakeholders. My department has been instructed to engage in this process and I await the outcomes of that work.

I remain committed to a solution that appropriately maximises education outcomes for the area and am keen for this to be achieved as soon as possible.