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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.*

Tuesday, 19 June 2012

Finance: Public Accounts and Estimates Committee — membership

741. MR BARBER — To ask the Assistant Treasurer (for the Minister for Finance): In relation to page 9 of 2011-12 budget paper no. 3, which states ‘integrity in government includes a commitment to ensuring that taxpayers’ money is spent wisely and efficiently’, on this basis, will the minister include within the Independent Review of State Finances, an investigation into providing the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee with a non-government majority and chairperson.

ANSWER:

This is a matter within the portfolio responsibilities of the Treasurer. However, I can inform the honourable member that, as an element of its fiscal strategy, the government established the Independent Review of State Finances to fully explore the state’s fiscal outlook beyond the forward estimates and recommend long-term reform options to strengthen Victoria’s finances.

The panel, and its terms of reference, was announced on 25 January 2011. The government, through the terms of reference, has set the independent review panel a range of tasks. Beyond these terms of reference, the government has not impinged on the panel’s independence by instructing where it directs its attention.

Premier: Department of Premier and Cabinet — annual report

951. HON. M. P. PAKULA — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Premier): On which parliamentary sitting day this year will the Department of Premier and Cabinet annual report for 2010–11 be tabled in Parliament.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Premier and Cabinet 2010–11 annual report was tabled in Parliament on the 1 September 2011.

Ageing: InsideOut Strategic

2882. HON. M. P. PAKULA — To ask the Minister for Ageing: For the period 2 December 2010 to 16 August 2011: Has the minister (or their staff) met with representatives of the lobbying firm InsideOut Strategic and if so:

- (1) On which date was the meeting held.
- (2) Was the minister (or their staff) accompanied by departmental representatives.
- (3) Were any note(s) or record(s) of the meeting kept.
- (4) Was the lobbyist(s) acting on behalf of a client(s), and if so what was the name of the client(s).

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Government ministers and ministerial staff members continue to adhere to the Victorian government professional lobbyist code of conduct introduced in August 2009.

The government has released a new fundraising code of conduct.

I note that InsideOut Strategic is represented by Philip Staindl. Mr Staindl has a long association as a board member and chairman of the Labor Party's fundraising body Progressive Business.

The Victorian government lobbyist register also lists several clients of InsideOut Strategic, amongst them Pacific Hydro, which has donated tens of thousands of dollars to the Labor Party in recent years.

Public transport: V/Line — performance measures

8209. MS PULFORD — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): When a V/Line service is replaced by another mode of transport, is that service deemed to have met the performance measure for reliability.

ANSWER:

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

The provision of alternative transport is not a factor in determining whether a service has met the performance measure for reliability.

Health: Ballarat Health Services — dental services

8220. MS PULFORD — To ask the Minister for Health: In relation to dental services provided by Ballarat Health Services:

- (1) What was the number of vouchers for private dental treatment available in the 2010–11 financial year.
- (2) What was the financial allocation made by Ballarat Health Services for the provision of vouchers for private dental treatment in the 2010–11 financial year.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The state budget allocation for dental services in 2010–11 was \$164.3 million. Agencies receive a global allocation for dental service delivery including vouchers.

Public transport: rail — Altona loop

8245. MS HARTLAND — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In each of the months from August 2011 to February 2012:

- (1) How many trains that ran via the Altona loop did not arrive on time to —
 - (a) Laverton; and
 - (b) Newport.
- (2) How many trains that ran via the Altona loop were cancelled to —
 - (a) Laverton; and
 - (b) Newport.

- (3) How many trains from Newport to Laverton, which were scheduled to stop all stations in the Altona loop, instead bypassed the Altona loop by running express between Newport and Laverton.
- (4) How many trains from Laverton to Newport, which were scheduled to stop all stations in the Altona loop, instead bypassed the Altona loop by running express between Laverton and Newport.
- (5) How many times did the station lifts break down at —
 - (a) Laverton; and
 - (b) Footscray.

ANSWER:

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

The question has been interpreted as referring to trains that operate explicitly between Laverton and Newport.

- (1) (a) August 2011 — 7
 September 2011 — 18
 October 2011 — 17
 November 2011 — 13
 December 2011 — 6
 January 2012 — 13
 February 2012 — 15.
- (b) August 2011 — 4
 September 2011 — 16
 October 2011 — 9
 November 2011 — 14
 December 2011 — 8
 January 2012 — 10
 February 2012 — 12.
- (2) (a) August 2011 — 3
 September 2011 — 16
 October 2011 — 11
 November 2011 — 11
 December 2011 — 16
 January 2012 — 8
 February 2012 — 10.
- (b) August 2011 — 4
 September 2011 — 15
 October 2011 — 13
 November 2011 — 8
 December 2011 — 18
 January 2012 — 9
 February 2012 — 12.
- (3) August 2011 — 1
 September 2011 — 0
 October 2011 — 0

- November 2011 — 1
 December 2011 — 0
 January 2012 — 1
 February 2012 — 0.
- (4) August 2011 — 0
 September 2011 — 0
 October 2011 — 0
 November 2011 — 0
 December 2011 — 1
 January 2012 — 0
 February 2012 — 0.
- (5) (a) 81
 (b) 10.

Public transport: rail — timetable

8247. MS HARTLAND — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport):

- (1) When will alterations to the train timetable next occur.
- (2) What train line timetables will be altered.

ANSWER:

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

The next metropolitan train timetable change will occur on 22 April 2012, with alterations to the Alamein, Belgrave, Craigieburn, Cranbourne, Frankston, Glen Waverley, Hurstbridge, Lilydale, Pakenham, Sandringham, South Morang, Stony Point, Sydenham, Upfield, Werribee and Williamstown lines.

Public transport: Transport Connections — Hamilton–Mount Gambier service

8288. MS TIERNEY — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the Hamilton to Mount Gambier Transport Connections service that has recently been cut by the Baillieu government, what arrangements will now be made to provide the vital public transport required by those living in the Mount Gambier communities.

ANSWER:

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

All trial services initiated under the Transport Connections program have been reviewed. The Hamilton to Mount Gambier trial service commenced in April 2009 and was trialled for a period of two years and eight months. The review found the trial service to be unviable due to low patronage over the trial period. Public Transport Victoria will continue to monitor the transport requirements of regional and rural Victoria and seek opportunities for future transport provision where warranted.

Public transport: Transport Connections — Bannockburn loop service

8289. MS TIERNEY — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the Bannockburn loop Transport Connections service that has recently been cut by the Baillieu

government, what arrangements will now be made to provide the vital public transport required by those living in the Bannockburn community.

ANSWER:

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

All trial services initiated under the Transport Connections program have been reviewed. The Bannockburn loop trial service commenced in October 2009 and was trialled for a period of two years and two months. The review found the trial service to be unviable due to low patronage over the trial period. Public Transport Victoria will continue to monitor the transport requirements of regional and rural Victoria and seek opportunities for future transport provision where warranted.

Public transport: Transport Connections — Hawkesdale–Warrnambool service

8290. **MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the Hawkesdale to Warrnambool school holiday Transport Connections service that has recently been cut by the Baillieu government, what arrangements will now be made to provide the vital public transport required by those living in the Hawkesdale community.

ANSWER:

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

All trial services initiated under the Transport Connections program have been reviewed. The Hawkesdale to Warrnambool school holiday trial service commenced in December 2009 and was trialled for a period of two years. The review found the trial service to be unviable due to low patronage over the trial period. Public Transport Victoria will continue to monitor the transport requirements of regional and rural Victoria and seek opportunities for future transport provision where warranted.

Public transport: Transport Connections — Lavers Hill–Colac service

8291. **MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the Lavers Hill to Colac Friday Transport Connections service that has recently been cut by the Baillieu government, what arrangements will now be made to provide the vital public transport required by those living in the Lavers Hill community.

ANSWER:

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

All trial services initiated under the Transport Connections program have been reviewed. The Lavers Hill to Colac trial service commenced in July 2010 and was trialled for a period of 18 months. The review found the trial service to be unviable due to low patronage over the trial period. Public Transport Victoria will continue to monitor the transport requirements of regional and rural Victoria and seek opportunities for future transport provision where warranted.

Public transport: Transport Connections — Lavers Hill–Colac service

8292. **MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the Lavers Hill to Colac Summer Transport Connections service that has recently been cut by the Baillieu government, what arrangements will now be made to provide the vital public transport required by those living in the Lavers Hill community.

ANSWER:

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

All trial services initiated under the Transport Connections program have been reviewed. The Lavers Hill to Colac summer trial service commenced in January 2011 and was trialled for a period of four months. The review found the trial service to be unviable due to low patronage over the trial period. Public Transport Victoria will continue to monitor the transport requirements of regional and rural Victoria and seek opportunities for future transport provision where warranted.

Public transport: Transport Connections — Macarthur–Warrnambool service

8293. **MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the Macarthur to Warrnambool Transport Connections service that has recently been cut by the Baillieu government, what arrangements will now be made to provide the vital public transport required by those living in the Macarthur region.

ANSWER:

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

All trial services initiated under the Transport Connections program have been reviewed. The Macarthur to Warrnambool trial service commenced in December 2010 and was trialled for a period of one year. The review found the trial service to be unviable due to low patronage over the trial period. Public Transport Victoria will continue to monitor the transport requirements of regional and rural Victoria and seek opportunities for future transport provision where warranted.

Public transport: Transport Connections — Moriac–Waurm Ponds and Torquay service

8294. **MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the Moriac to Waurm Ponds and Torquay Transport Connections service that has recently been cut by the Baillieu government, what arrangements will now be made to provide the vital public transport required by those living in the Moriac, Waurm Ponds and Torquay regions.

ANSWER:

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

All trial services initiated under the Transport Connections program have been reviewed. The Moriac to Waurm Ponds and Torquay trial service commenced in December 2009 and was trialled for a period of two years. The review found the trial service to be unviable due to low patronage over the trial period. Public Transport Victoria will continue to monitor the transport requirements of regional and rural Victoria and seek opportunities for future transport provision where warranted.

Public transport: Transport Connections — Mortlake–Terang service

8295. **MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the Mortlake to Terang Transport Connections service that has recently been cut by the Baillieu government, what arrangements will now be made to provide the vital public transport required by those living in the Mortlake and Terang regions.

ANSWER:

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

All trial services initiated under the Transport Connections program have been reviewed. The Mortlake to Terang trial service commenced in September 2010 and was trialled for a period of one year and three months. The review found the trial service to be unviable due to low patronage over the trial period. Public Transport Victoria will continue to monitor the transport requirements of regional and rural Victoria and seek opportunities for future transport provision where warranted.

Public transport: Transport Connections — Mortlake–Warrnambool service

8296. **MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the Mortlake to Warrnambool school holiday Transport Connections service that has recently been cut by the Baillieu government, what arrangements will now be made to provide the vital public transport required by those living in the Mortlake region.

ANSWER:

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

All trial services initiated under the Transport Connections program have been reviewed. The Mortlake to Warrnambool school holiday trial service commenced in December 2010 and was trialled for a period of two years. The review found the trial service to be unviable due to low patronage over the trial period. Public Transport Victoria will continue to monitor the transport requirements of regional and rural Victoria and seek opportunities for future transport provision where warranted.

Public transport: Transport Connections — Noorat–Warrnambool service

8297. **MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the Noorat to Warrnambool Transport Connections service that has recently been cut by the Baillieu government, what arrangements will now be made to provide the vital public transport required by those living in the Noorat region.

ANSWER:

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

All trial services initiated under the Transport Connections program have been reviewed. The Noorat to Warrnambool trial service commenced in December 2010 and was trialled for a period of one year. The review found the trial service to be unviable due to low patronage over the trial period. Public Transport Victoria will continue to monitor the transport requirements of regional and rural Victoria and seek opportunities for future transport provision where warranted.

Public transport: Transport Connections — Port Campbell–Warrnambool service

8298. **MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the Port Campbell to Warrnambool summer Transport Connections service that has recently been cut by the Baillieu government, what arrangements will now be made to provide the vital public transport required by those living in the Port Campbell region.

ANSWER:

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

All trial services initiated under the Transport Connections program have been reviewed. The Port Campbell to Warrnambool summer trial service commenced in December 2010 and was trialled for a period of one year. The review found the trial service to be unviable due to low patronage over the trial period. Public Transport Victoria

will continue to monitor the transport requirements of regional and rural Victoria and seek opportunities for future transport provision where warranted.

Public transport: Transport Connections — Portland–Mount Gambier service

8299. **MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the Portland to Mount Gambier Transport Connections service that has recently been cut by the Baillieu government, what arrangements will now be made to provide the vital public transport required by those living in the Mount Gambier region.

ANSWER:

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

All trial services initiated under the Transport Connections program have been reviewed. The Portland to Mount Gambier trial service commenced in October 2008 and was trialled for a period of three years and two months. The review found the trial service to be unviable due to low patronage over the trial period. Public Transport Victoria will continue to monitor the transport requirements of regional and rural Victoria and seek opportunities for future transport provision where warranted.

Public transport: Transport Connections — Queenscliff–Jan Juc service

8300. **MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the Queenscliff to Jan Juc Transport Connections service that has recently been cut by the Baillieu government, what arrangements will now be made to provide the vital public transport required by those living in the Queenscliff region.

ANSWER:

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

All trial services initiated under the Transport Connections program have been reviewed. The Queenscliff to Jan Juc trial service commenced in December 2009 and was trialled for a period of two years. The review found the trial service to be unviable due to low patronage over the trial period. Public Transport Victoria will continue to monitor the transport requirements of regional and rural Victoria and seek opportunities for future transport provision where warranted.

Public transport: Transport Connections — Terang–Warrnambool service

8301. **MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the Terang to Warrnambool summer Transport Connections service that has recently been cut by the Baillieu government, what arrangements will now be made to provide the vital public transport required by those living in the Terang region.

ANSWER:

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

All trial services initiated under the Transport Connections program have been reviewed. The Terang to Warrnambool summer trial service commenced in December 2009 and was trialled for a period of two years. The review found the trial service to be unviable due to low patronage over the trial period. Public Transport Victoria will continue to monitor the transport requirements of regional and rural Victoria and seek opportunities for future transport provision where warranted.

Public transport: Transport Connections — Timboon–Warrnambool service

8302. **MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the Timboon to Warrnambool summer Transport Connections service that has recently been cut by the Baillieu government, what arrangements will now be made to provide the vital public transport required by those living in the Timboon region.

ANSWER:

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

All trial services initiated under the Transport Connections program have been reviewed. The Timboon to Warrnambool summer trial service commenced in December 2009 and was trialled for a period of two years. The review found the trial service to be unviable due to low patronage over the trial period. Public Transport Victoria will continue to monitor the transport requirements of regional and rural Victoria and seek opportunities for future transport provision where warranted.

Public transport: Transport Connections — Winchelsea and Moriac–Waurnd Ponds and Torquay service

8303. **MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the Winchelsea and Moriac to Waurnd Ponds and Torquay Transport Connections service that has recently been cut by the Baillieu government, what arrangements will now be made to provide the vital public transport required by those living in the Winchelsea, Moriac, Waurnd Ponds and Torquay communities.

ANSWER:

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

All trial services initiated under the Transport Connections program have been reviewed. The Winchelsea and Moriac to Waurnd Ponds and Torquay trial service commenced in December 2009 and was trialled for a period of two years. The review found the trial service to be unviable due to low patronage over the trial period. Public Transport Victoria will continue to monitor the transport requirements of regional and rural Victoria and seek opportunities for future transport provision where warranted.

Public transport: Transport Connections — Snake Valley–Ballarat service

8304. **MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the Snake Valley Transport Connections Service, will the minister guarantee that this service will not be cut or reduced as a result of the Baillieu government’s review of Transport Connections routes.

ANSWER:

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

The Snake Valley to Ballarat trial service commenced in July 2010 and the trial period has been extended to allow for further review of the service. The review will assess the patronage of the service over the trial period and a recommendation will be made in regards to the long-term viability of the service.

Public transport: Transport Connections — Peshurst–Hamilton service

8305. **MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the Peshurst to Hamilton Transport Connections service, will the minister guarantee that this service

will not be cut or reduced as a result of the Baillieu government's review of Transport Connections routes.

ANSWER:

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

The Penshurst to Hamilton trial service commenced in September 2009 and the trial period has been extended to allow for further review of the service. The review will assess the patronage of the service over the trial period and a recommendation will be made in regards to the long-term viability of the service.

Public transport: Transport Connections — Colac–Lorne service

8306. **MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the Colac to Lorne Transport Connections service, will the minister guarantee that this service will not be cut or reduced as a result of the Baillieu government's review of Transport Connections routes.

ANSWER:

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

The Colac to Lorne trial service commenced in December 2009 and the trial period has been extended to allow for further review of the service. The review will assess the patronage of the service over the trial period and a recommendation will be made in regards to the long-term viability of the service.

Public transport: V/Line — Southern Cross–Ballarat services

8321. **MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to V/Line train services between Southern Cross and Ballarat stations in March 2012:

- (1) Which services operated at a reduced capacity.
- (2) What was the originally planned capacity of each of these services.
- (3) What was the actually delivered capacity for each of these services.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) The following service operated at a reduced capacity in March 2012:
 - 4.04 p.m. to Wendouree.
- (2) The original planned capacity of the service was:
 - 4.04 p.m. to Wendouree: 6 carriages.
- (3) Actual delivered capacity was the same as scheduled capacity except in the following instances:
 - 13 March 2012: 4.04 p.m. ran as 5 carriages
 - 19 March 2012: 4.04 p.m. ran as 3 carriages.

Please note this information relates to Monday to Friday p.m. peak services only. Obtaining the data required to provide information in relation to off-peak and counter-peak services would require significant time and resources. The resources required to obtain the data cannot be justified at this time.

Public transport: V/Line — Southern Cross–Ballarat services

8322. MS PULFORD — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to V/Line train services between Southern Cross and Ballarat stations in January 2012:

- (1) Which services operated at a reduced capacity.
- (2) What was the originally planned capacity of each of these services.
- (3) What was the actually delivered capacity for each of these services.

ANSWER:

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

(1) The following services operated at a reduced capacity in January 2012:

- 4.04 p.m. to Wendouree
- 4.36 p.m. to Wendouree
- 5.03 p.m. to Wendouree
- 5.44 p.m. to Wendouree.

(2) The original planned capacity of those services was as follows:

- 4.04 p.m. to Wendouree: 6 carriages
- 4.36 p.m. to Wendouree: 4 carriages
- 5.03 p.m. to Wendouree: 4 carriages
- 5.44 p.m. to Wendouree: 6 carriages.

(3) Actual delivered capacity was the same as scheduled capacity except in the following instances:

- 3 January 2012: 4.36 p.m. ran as 2 carriages
- 24 January 2012: 4.04 p.m. ran as 3 carriages, 5.44 p.m. ran as 4 carriages
- 25 January 2012: 5.03 p.m. ran as 2 carriages
- 30 January 2012: 5.44 p.m. ran as 4 carriages
- 31 January 2012: 5.44 p.m. ran as 5 carriages.

Please note this information relates to Monday to Friday p.m. peak services only. Obtaining the data required to provide information in relation to off-peak and counter-peak services would require significant time and resources. The resources required to obtain the data cannot be justified at this time.

Public transport: V/Line — Southern Cross–Ballarat services

8323. MS PULFORD — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to V/Line train services between Southern Cross and Ballarat stations in February 2012:

- (1) Which services operated at a reduced capacity.
- (2) What was the originally planned capacity of each of these services.
- (3) What was the actually delivered capacity for each of these services.

ANSWER:

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

(1) The following services operated at a reduced capacity in February 2012:

- 4.36 p.m. to Wendouree
- 5.44 p.m. to Wendouree.

(2) The original capacity of these services was as follows:

- 4.36 p.m. to Wendouree: 4 carriages
- 5.44 p.m. to Wendouree: 6 carriages.

(3) Actual delivered capacity was the same as scheduled capacity except in the following instances:

- 1 February 2012: 5.44 p.m. ran as 5 carriages
- 6 February 2012: 5.44 p.m. ran as 4 carriages
- 8 February 2012: 5.44 p.m. ran as 4 carriages
- 9 February 2012: 5.44 p.m. ran as 4 carriages
- 13 February 2012: 5.44 p.m. ran as 4 carriages
- 16 February 2012: 4.36 p.m. ran as 3 carriages
- 29 February 2012: 4.36 p.m. ran as 3 carriages.

Please note this information relates to Monday to Friday p.m. peak services only. Obtaining the data required to provide information in relation to off-peak and counter-peak services would require significant time and resources. The resources required to obtain the data cannot be justified at this time.

Public transport: V/Line — Ballarat–Southern Cross services

8324. **MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to V/Line train services between Ballarat and Southern Cross stations in March 2012:

- (1) Which services operated at a reduced capacity.
- (2) What was the originally planned capacity of each of these services.
- (3) What was the actually delivered capacity for each of these services.

ANSWER:

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

(1) The following service ran at a reduced capacity in March 2012:

- 6.54 a.m. to Southern Cross.

(2) The original planned capacity of the service was:

- 6.54 a.m. to Southern Cross: 6 carriages.

(3) Actual delivered capacity was the same as scheduled capacity except in the following instance:

- 1 March 2012: 6.54 a.m. ran as 5 carriages.

Please note this information relates to Monday to Friday a.m. peak services only. Obtaining the data required to provide information in relation to off-peak and counter-peak services would require significant time and resources. The resources required to obtain the data cannot be justified at this time.

Public transport: V/Line — Ballarat–Southern Cross services

8325. **MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to V/Line train services between Ballarat and Southern Cross stations in January 2012:

- (1) Which services operated at a reduced capacity.
- (2) What was the originally planned capacity of each of these services.
- (3) What was the actually delivered capacity for each of these services.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) The following service operated at a reduced capacity in January 2012:
 - 6.54 a.m. to Southern Cross.
- (2) The original planned capacity of the service was:
 - 6.54 a.m. to Southern Cross: 6 carriages.
- (3) Actual delivered capacity was the same as scheduled capacity except in the following instances:
 - 16 January 2012: 6.54 a.m. ran as 5 carriages
 - 25 January 2012: 6.54 a.m. ran as 5 carriages.

Please note this information relates to Monday to Friday a.m. peak services only. Obtaining the data required to provide information in relation to off-peak and counter-peak services would require significant time and resources. The resources required to obtain the data cannot be justified at this time.

Public transport: V/Line — Ballarat–Southern Cross services

8326. MS PULFORD — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to V/Line train services between Ballarat and Southern Cross stations in February 2012:

- (1) Which services operated at a reduced capacity.
- (2) What was the originally planned capacity of each of these services.
- (3) What was the actually delivered capacity for each of these

ANSWER:

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

- (1) The following services operated at a reduced capacity in February 2012:
 - 6.54 a.m. to Southern Cross
 - 7.33 a.m. to Southern Cross.
- (2) The original planned capacity of these services was as follows:
 - 6.54 a.m. to Southern Cross: 6 carriages
 - 7.33 a.m. to Southern Cross: 5 carriages.
- (3) Actual delivered capacity was the same as scheduled capacity except in the following instances:
 - 7 February 2012: 6.54 a.m. ran as 5 carriages
 - 9 February 2012: 6.54 a.m. ran as 5 carriages
 - 10 February 2012: 6.54 a.m. ran as 5 carriages
 - 14 February 2012: 7.33 a.m. ran as 4 carriages.

Please note this information relates to Monday to Friday a.m. peak services only. Obtaining the data required to provide information in relation to off-peak and counter-peak services would require significant time and resources. The resources required to obtain the data cannot be justified at this time.

Public transport: buses — Mordialloc–Waterways route

8380. MR SOMYUREK — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): When will the Mordialloc to Waterways bus route be extended to include Parkmore shopping centre and a bus stop at Isik College for students attending the school.

ANSWER:

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

There are currently no plans to extend the Waterways bus route.