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*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.*

**Wednesday, 27 November 2013**

**Energy and resources: brown coal export**

**8152. MR BARBER** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources):

- (3) Since 27 November 2010, has the minister or senior departmental officials held meetings with any of the following companies in relation to the export of brown coal —
  - (a) Adani;
  - (b) Tata Power;
  - (c) Reliance Power;
  - (d) Exergen;
  - (e) Itochu; and
  - (f) Leighton Holdings.
- (4) If so, in each case, on which dates did these meetings occur.

**ANSWER:**

*[Question 8152, parts 3 and 4, reinstated by order of President on 4 September 2013. Hansard reference to original answer: 3 September 2013, page 2813]*

In relation to meetings with companies regarding export of brown coal I can advise that I meet with many companies in my role as Minister for Energy and Resources.

**Health: Ambulance Victoria shifts**

**9257. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Health: What was the number of unfilled shifts at Cheltenham ambulance station during 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The number of unfilled shifts at Cheltenham ambulance station during 2012 are listed below:

<b>2012</b>
1

**Health: Ambulance Victoria shifts**

**9258. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Health: What was the number of shifts at Cheltenham ambulance station during 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The number of shifts at Cheltenham ambulance station during 2009 to 2012 are listed below:

2012	2011	2010	2009
730	728	728	728

**Health: Ambulance Victoria shifts**

**9259. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Health: What was the number of unfilled shifts at Mordialloc ambulance station during 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The number of unfilled shifts at Mordialloc ambulance station during 2009 to 2012 are listed below:

2012	2011	2010	2009
6	16	7	7

**Health: Ambulance Victoria shifts**

**9260. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Health: What was the number of shifts at Mordialloc ambulance station during 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The number of shifts at the Mordialloc ambulance station during 2009 to 2012 are listed below:

2012	2011	2010	2009
730	728	728	728

**Health: Ambulance Victoria shifts**

**9261. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Health: What was the number of unfilled shifts at Chelsea ambulance station during 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The number of unfilled shifts at the Chelsea ambulance station during 2012 are listed below:

2012
1

**Health: Ambulance Victoria shifts**

**9262. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Health: What was the number of shifts at Chelsea ambulance station during 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of shifts at the Chelsea ambulance station during 2009 to 2012 are listed below:

2012	2011	2010	2009
730	728	728	728

**Health: Ambulance Victoria shifts**

**9263. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Health: What was the number of unfilled shifts at Seaford ambulance station during 2009, 2010 and 2012.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of unfilled shifts at the Seaford ambulance station during 2009 to 2012 are listed below:

2012	2011	2010	2009
3	18	14	7

**Health: Ambulance Victoria shifts**

**9264. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Health: What was the number of shifts at Seaford ambulance station during 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of shifts at the Seaford ambulance station during 2009 to 2012 are listed below:

2012	2011	2010	2009
730	728	728	728

**Health: Ambulance Victoria shifts**

**9265. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Health: What was the number of unfilled shifts at Frankston ambulance station during 2009, 2010 and 2012.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of unfilled shifts at the Frankston ambulance station during 2009 to 2012 are listed below:

2012	2011	2010	2009
3	11	6	5

**Health: Ambulance Victoria shifts**

**9266. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Health: What was the number of shifts at Frankston ambulance station during 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The number of shifts at the Frankston ambulance station during 2009 to 2012 are listed below:

2012	2011	2010	2009
730	728	728	728

**Health: Ambulance Victoria shifts**

**9267. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Health: What was the number of unfilled shifts at Waverley ambulance station during 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The number of unfilled shifts at the Waverley ambulance station during 2012 are listed below:

2012
9

**Health: Ambulance Victoria shifts**

**9268. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Health: What was the number of shifts at Waverley ambulance station during 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The number of shifts at Waverley ambulance station during 2009 to 2012 are listed below:

2012	2011	2010	2009
730	728	728	728

**Health: Ambulance Victoria shifts**

**9269. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Health: What was the number of unfilled shifts at Skye ambulance station during 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The number of unfilled shifts at Skye ambulance station during 2012 are listed below:

2012
0

**Health: Ambulance Victoria shifts**

**9270. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Health: What was the number of shifts at Skye ambulance station during 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The number of shifts at Skye ambulance station during 2009 to 2012 are listed below:

2012	2011	2010	2009
365	364	364	364

**Health: Ambulance Victoria shifts**

**9271. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Health: What was the number of unfilled shifts at Paterson Lakes ambulance station during 2009, 2010 and 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The number of unfilled shifts at Paterson Lakes ambulance station during 2009 to 2012 are listed below:

2012	2011	2010	2009
0	5	2	2

**Health: Ambulance Victoria shifts**

**9272. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Health: What was the number of shifts at Patterson Lakes ambulance station during 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The number of shifts at Patterson Lakes ambulance station during 2009 to 2012 are listed below:

2012	2011	2010	2009
365	364	364	364

**Health: Ambulance Victoria shifts**

**9273. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Health: What was the number of unfilled shifts at MICA SR 27 (Chelsea) ambulance station during 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The number of unfilled shifts at MICA SR 27 (Chelsea) ambulance station during 2012 are listed below:

<b>2012</b>
12

**Health: Ambulance Victoria shifts**

**9274. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Health: What was the number of shifts at MICA SR 27 (Chelsea) ambulance station during 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The number of shifts at MICA SR 27 (Chelsea) ambulance station during 2009 to 2012 are listed below:

2012	2011	2010	2009
730	728	728	0

**Health: Ambulance Victoria shifts**

**9275. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Health: What was the number of unfilled shifts at Baxter ambulance station during 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The number of unfilled shifts at Baxter ambulance station during 2012 are listed below:

2012
1

**Health: Ambulance Victoria shifts**

**9276. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Health: What was the number of shifts at Baxter ambulance station during 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The number of shifts at Baxter ambulance station during 2009 to 2012 are listed below:

2012	2011	2010	2009
365	364	364	364

**Health: Ambulance Victoria shifts**

**9277. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Health: What was the number of unfilled shifts at MICA 6 (Frankston) ambulance station during 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The number of unfilled shifts at MICA 6 (Frankston) ambulance station during 2012 are listed below:

2012
7

**Health: Ambulance Victoria shifts**

**9278. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Health: What was the number of shifts at MICA 6 (Frankston) ambulance station during 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The number of shifts at MICA 6 (Frankston) ambulance station during 2009 to 2012 are listed below:

2012	2011	2010	2009
730	728	728	728

**Health: Ambulance Victoria shifts**

**9279. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Health: What was the number of unfilled shifts at Karingal (Chelsea) ambulance station during 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The number of unfilled shifts at Karingal (Chelsea) ambulance station during 2012 are listed below:

2012
6

**Health: Ambulance Victoria shifts**

**9280. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Health: What was the number of shifts at Karingal (Chelsea) ambulance station during 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The number of shifts at Karingal (Chelsea) ambulance station during 2009 to 2012 are listed below:

2012	2011	2010	2009
730	728	728	728

**Health: Ambulance Victoria shifts**

**9281. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Health: What was the number of unfilled shifts at Langwarrin ambulance station during 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The number of unfilled shifts at Langwarrin ambulance station during 2012 are listed below:

2012
1

**Health: Ambulance Victoria shifts**

**9282. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Health: What was the number of shifts at Langwarrin ambulance station during 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The number of shifts at Langwarrin ambulance station during 2009 to 2012 are listed below:

2012	2011	2010	2009
365	364	364	364

**Health: Ambulance Victoria shifts**

**9283. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Health: What was the number of unfilled shifts at Keysborough ambulance station during 2009, 2010 and 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The number of unfilled shifts at Keysborough ambulance station during 2009 to 2012 are listed below:

2012	2011	2010	2009
2	6	8	6

**Health: Ambulance Victoria shifts**

**9284. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Health: What was the number of shifts at Keysborough ambulance station during 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The number of shifts at Keysborough ambulance station during 2009 to 2012 are listed below:

2012	2011	2010	2009
365	364	364	364

**Children and early childhood development: early intervention places**

**9521. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development: With regard to early childhood intervention service (ECIS) places:

- (1) How many ECIS places were there as at 1 January 2013.
- (2) What was the number of ECIS places as at 1 January 2013 in the —
  - (a) North Eastern Victoria ECIS region;
  - (b) North Western Victoria ECIS region;
  - (c) South Eastern Victoria ECIS region; and
  - (d) South Western Victoria ECIS region.



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- (3) What was the number of ECIS places provided by each service provider in Victoria as at 1 January 2013.
- (4) How many ECIS places were there in each Victorian local government area as at 1 January 2013.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

- (1) As at 1 January 2013 there was a total of 9820 ECIS places — 5651.65 of these were delivered by community service organisations and the remainder by the department’s specialist children’s services.
- (2) The number of ECIS places delivered by community service organisations as at 1 January 2013 was:
  - (a) North Eastern Victoria region\* 1571.83
  - (b) North Western Victoria region 1468.80
  - (c) South Eastern Victoria region\* 1257.53
  - (d) South Western Victoria region 1353.49
  - Total 5651.65**

\* includes statewide places.

- (3) The number of ECIS places provided by each service provider in Victoria as at 1 January 2013 is in the table attached.
- (4) LGA level data is not available.

**Attachment to Response to Questions on Notice 9521, 9522, 9523 and 9524.**

Community service organisation	Total ECIS places as at 1 January 2013	Total ECIS places allocated March 2013	Total ECIS places as at 1 June 2013	Total funding per provider as at 30 June 2013 (\$)
<b>Alexandra District Hospital</b>	9		9	66 465
<b>Anglicare-Gippsland</b>	3		3	22 155
<b>Bendigo Community Health Services Limited</b>	82		82	601 878
<b>Biala Box Hill Incorporated</b>	64		64	472 640
<b>Biala Peninsula Incorporated</b>	117		117	864 045
<b>Castlemaine Health</b>	40	5	45	307 585
<b>Central Gippsland Health Service</b>	17		17	125 545
<b>Cerebral Palsy Education Centre Inc.</b>	53		53	391 405
<b>Child &amp; Family Care Network</b>	77		77	568 645
<b>Cobaw Community Health Services Limited</b>	40		40	298 354
<b>Dianella Community Health</b>	199		199	1 465 923
<b>EACH</b>	71		71	524 335

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<b>Gippsland Lakes Community Health</b>	15		15	110 775
<b>Goulburn Valley Health</b>	30	10	40	236 320
<b>Inner South Community Health Service Limited</b>	15		15	110 775
<b>Irabina Childhood Autism Services</b>	151		151	1 115 135
<b>Kalparrin Early Childhood Intervention Program Inc.</b>	142		142	1 048 670
<b>Knox City Council</b>	104		104	768 040
<b>Kyabram &amp; District Health Services</b>	49		49	363 342
<b>Latrobe Community Health Services</b>	12		12	88 620
<b>Learning, Education &amp; Play Centre for Early Intervention Inc.</b>	20		20	147 700
<b>Mallee Family Care Inc.</b>	73	15	88	563 106
<b>Manningham Community Health Services Ltd</b>	55		55	406 175
<b>Melbourne Citymission</b>	98	10	108	742 193
<b>Melton City Council</b>	42		42	310 170
<b>Merri Community Health Services Limited</b>	123		123	908 355
<b>Mitchell Community Health</b>	13		13	96 005
<b>Monash University</b>	67		67	493 540
<b>Mooroolbark Early Childhood Education Centre Inc.</b>	30		30	221 550
<b>MPOWER</b>	81		81	598 185
<b>Noah's Ark Inc.</b>	1059	234	1293	8 251 113
<b>Norparrin Centre for Children with Special Needs Inc.</b>	131		131	967 435
<b>Orbost Regional Health</b>	6		6	44 310

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Community service organisation	Total ECIS places as at 1 January 2013	Total ECIS places allocated March 2013	Total ECIS places as at 1 June 2013	Total funding per provider as at 30 June 2013 (\$)
Peninsula Health	7		7	51 695
Pinarc Disability Support Inc.	221	10	231	1 646 929
Resource, Information, Support & Education Centre Inc.	2		2	12 776
Scope (Vic.) Ltd	742	90	832	5 644 356
Shire of Yarra Ranges	34		34	251 090
Sunbury Community Health Centre	50	15	65	396 944
The Advisory Council for Children with Impaired Hearing (Victoria)	162	15	177	1 224 064
The Royal Children's Hospital	132		132	974 820
Villa Maria Early Childhood Intervention Service	85	10	95	646 188
Vision Australia Limited	154	10	164	1 155 753
West Gippsland Early Intervention for Children with Additional Needs Inc.	31		31	228 935
Windermere Child & Family Services Inc.	162		162	1 196 370
Yooralla	504	52	556	3 818 045
<b>TOTAL (External)</b>	<b>5651.65</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>6151.65</b>	<b>42 660 561</b>

**Children and early childhood development: early intervention places**

**9522. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development: With regard to Early Childhood Intervention Service (ECIS) places:

- (1) How many ECIS places were there as at 1 June 2013.
- (2) What was the number of ECIS places as at 1 June 2013 in the —
  - (a) North Eastern Victoria ECIS region;
  - (b) North Western Victoria ECIS region;
  - (c) South Eastern Victoria ECIS region; and
  - (d) South Western Victoria ECIS region.
- (3) What was the number of ECIS places provided by each service provider in Victoria as at 1 June 2013.
- (4) How many ECIS places were there in each Victorian local government area as at 1 June 2013.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

- (1) As at 1 June 2013 there was a total of 10 320 ECIS places—6151.65 of these were delivered by community service organisations and the remainder by the department’s specialist children’s services.
- (2) The number of ECIS places delivered by community service organisations as at 1 June 2013 was:
  - (a) North Eastern Victoria region\* 1703.83
  - (b) North Western Victoria region 1600.80
  - (c) South Eastern Victoria region\* 1389.53
  - (d) South Western Victoria region 1457.49

**Total 6151.65**

\*includes statewide places.

- (3) The number of ECIS places provided by each service provider in Victoria as at 1 June 2013 is in the table attached.
- (4) LGA level data is not available.

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Community service organisation	Total ECIS places as at 1 January 2013	Total ECIS places allocated March 2013	Total ECIS places as at 1 June 2013	Total funding per provider as at 30 June 2013 (\$)
Alexandra District Hospital	9		9	66 465
Anglicare-Gippsland	3		3	22 155
Bendigo Community Health Services Limited	82		82	601 878
Biala Box Hill Incorporated	64		64	472 640
Biala Peninsula Incorporated	117		117	864 045
Castlemaine Health	40	5	45	307 585
Central Gippsland Health Service	17		17	125 545
Cerebral Palsy Education Centre Inc.	53		53	391 405
Child & Family Care Network	77		77	568 645
Cobaw Community Health Services Limited	40		40	298 354
Dianella Community Health	199		199	1 465 923
EACH	71		71	524 335
Early Education Program for Hearing Impaired Children Inc.	32		32	236 320
Education Program for Infants & Children Inc.	115	18	133	882 508

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**Children and early childhood development: early intervention services**

**9524. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development: With regard to Early Childhood Intervention Services (ECIS) in Victoria during the 2012–13 financial year:

- (1) Which service providers are funded by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) to provide ECIS support services.
- (2) How many places did they each offer.
- (3) How much funding did they each receive from DEECD.
- (4) What is the number of families waiting for an ECIS place at each service provider.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

- (1) Community service organisations funded during the 2012-13 financial year to provide ECIS activity are detailed in the table attached.
- (2) Please refer to the response to question 1.
- (3) Please refer to the response to question 1.

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- (4) Eligibility for ECIS is undertaken in most instances by DEECD's ECIS Intake teams across the state as regions operate a central point for entry for ECIS. This means most ECIS providers do not collect information directly from families seeking access to their service.

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**Environment and climate change: petrol station vapour recovery**

**9535. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): In respect to vapour recovery at service stations, which is designed to capture volatile organic compounds, including toxic compounds such as benzene that would otherwise be emitted to the air:

- (1) Does the government intend on regulating to make stage 1 and stage 2 vapour recovery at service stations across Victoria mandatory, and, if so, when will it be announced and by what dates would compliance be required.
- (2) When is Environment Protection Authority (EPA) research into this issue due.
- (3) Will the EPA research on this issue be made public.
- (4) How long would this technology take to be introduced across the state at service stations once the decision is made to go ahead.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Stages 1 and 2 vapour recovery (VR1 and VR2) are not currently required in Victoria.

The Environmental Protection Authority and the Department of Environment and Primary Industries are currently reviewing the Environmental Protection (Vehicle Emissions) Regulations 2003. These regulations aim to ‘minimise the impact of motor vehicle air and noise emissions and fuel quality on Victorians and the Victorian Environment’.

To inform the review, a discussion paper was released in November 2011 seeking public feedback on potential options to tackle air and noise emissions from in-service vehicles and minimise VOC vapours from fuel.

Options canvassed included requiring the installation of VR1 and VR2.

The outcomes of this review will be made public in 2013 when a regulatory impact statement (RIS) on any proposed regulations is released

The RIS will include a rigorous cost-benefit analysis, which will be independently assessed by the Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission to determine whether it complies with the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994.

The public will have the opportunity to comment on the RIS once it is released.

Submissions will be considered in the redrafting of any proposed regulations.

**Consumer affairs: inspectors**

**9568. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs): How many inspectors were employed within Consumer Affairs Victoria as at 30 June 2013, and how many of these were employed to conduct —

- (1)
  - (a) real estate inspections;
  - (b) rooming house inspections;
  - (c) residential tenancy inspections;
  - (d) inspections to catch con men;
  - (e) motor trader inspections; and
  - (f) product safety inspections.
- (2) How many of those inspections listed in (1) were referred to Consumer Affairs Victoria by the Business Licensing Authority.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) operates an integrated compliance model with staff engaged in the full suite of functions to ensure businesses meet their obligations. Activities include, information and advice, dispute resolution, licensing, trader education, trader meetings, surveillance, compliance assistance visits, inspections, investigations and administrative and court based enforcement.

The director of CAV appoints appropriately trained and experienced staff as inspectors under section 142 of the Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Act 2012 (the act), (prior to 1 July 2012, inspectors were appointed under section 114 of the Fair Trading Act 1999). A number of the consumer acts detailed in schedule 1 of the act apply these powers to industry-specific legislation.

As at the 30 June 2013, 70 CAV and regional-based Department of Justice staff were appointed as inspectors under the act.

Table 1: Number of Inspectors appointed

Financial Year	Inspectors
2009–10	110
2010–11	99
2011–12	92
2012–13	70

- (1) (a–f)
 

No inspectors are employed exclusively to conduct specific types of compliance activity. CAV conducts compliance activities based on the demands of its compliance and enforcement priorities, including those covered by (a) to (f) above. Where required, CAV makes available the appropriate number of staff to perform the full range of compliance activities in these areas.
- (2) The Business Licensing Authority (BLA) makes decisions about licence and registration applications and in some circumstances seeks and uses information and advice from the director of CAV or Victoria Police as it sees fit. CAV investigates and assesses matters referred from the BLA; however, these do not always result in an inspection. As detailed above, CAV utilises the full range of functions to monitor compliance and carry out its compliance activities.

**Consumer affairs: inspectors**

**9569. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs): How many inspectors were employed within Consumer Affairs Victoria as at 30 June 2012, and how many of these were employed to conduct —

(1)

- (a) real estate inspections;
- (b) rooming house inspections;
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- (d) inspections to catch con men;
- (e) motor trader inspections; and
- (f) product safety inspections.

(2) How many of those inspections listed in (1) were referred to Consumer Affairs Victoria by the Business Licensing Authority.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

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As at the 30 June 2012, 92 CAV and regional-based Department of Justice staff were appointed as inspectors under the act.

Table 1: Number of Inspectors appointed

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Inspectors</b>
2009–10	110
2010–11	99
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**Consumer affairs: inspectors**

**9570. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs): How many inspectors were employed within Consumer Affairs Victoria as at 30 June 2011, and how many of these were employed to conduct —

- (1)
  - (a) real estate inspections;
  - (b) rooming house inspections;
  - (c) residential tenancy inspections;
  - (d) inspections to catch con men;
  - (e) motor trader inspections; and
  - (f) product safety inspections.
- (2) How many of those inspections listed in (1) were referred to Consumer Affairs Victoria by the Business Licensing Authority.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) operates an integrated compliance model with staff engaged in the full suite of functions to ensure businesses meet their obligations. Activities include information and advice, dispute resolution, licensing, trader education, trader meetings, surveillance, compliance assistance visits, inspections, investigations and administrative and court based enforcement.

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As at the 30 June 2011, 99 CAV and regional based Department of Justice staff were appointed as inspectors under the act.

Table 1: Number of Inspectors appointed

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Inspectors</b>
2009–10	110
2010–11	99
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**Consumer affairs: inspectors**

**9571. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs): How many inspectors were employed within Consumer Affairs Victoria as at 30 June 2010, and how many of these were employed to conduct —

(1)

- (a) real estate inspections;
- (b) rooming house inspections;
- (c) residential tenancy inspections;
- (d) inspections to catch con men;
- (e) motor trader inspections; and
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(2) How many of those inspections listed in (1) were referred to Consumer Affairs Victoria by the Business Licensing Authority.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

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As at the 30 June 2010, 110 CAV and regional based Department of Justice staff were appointed as inspectors under the Act.

Table 1: Number of Inspectors appointed

Financial Year	Inspectors
2009–10	110
2010–11	99
2011–12	92
2012–13	70

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**Consumer affairs: inspectors**

**9572. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs): How many inspections in total were conducted by Consumer Affairs Victoria between 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2013, and how many of these inspections were in relation to enforcing —

- (1)
  - (a) requirements of the real estate industry;
  - (b) requirements of rooming houses;
  - (c) residential tenancy requirements;
  - (d) laws against con men;
  - (e) requirements of the motor trade industry; and
  - (f) product safety.
- (2) How many of the total inspections were referred to Consumer Affairs Victoria by the Business Licensing Authority.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

(1) For 2012–13, a total of 16 342 inspections, investigations and enforcement activities, compliance assistance and assessments (residential tenancy) were conducted by Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV), broken down as follows:

5264 inspections, investigations and enforcement activities  
 4485 compliance assistance  
 6593 residential tenancy assessments

(1) (a–f)

Question	Industry	Inspections	Compliance Assistance Visits	Assessments
a	Real Estate Industry	184	962	n/a
b	Rooming Houses	499	877	n/a
c	Residential Tenancy Requirements	n/a	n/a	6593
d	Laws Against Con men*	n/a	n/a	n/a
e	Motor Car Trader Industry	462	830	n/a
f	Product Safety	924	1262	n/a

\*CAV does not conduct inspections of travelling con men. It works with Victoria Police and interstate agencies to share information to warn the community and stop con men operating.

(2) The Business Licensing Authority (BLA) makes decisions about licence and registration applications and in some circumstances seeks and uses information and advice from the director of CAV or Victoria Police as it sees fit. CAV investigates and assesses matters referred from the BLA; however, these do not always result in an inspection. As detailed above, CAV utilises the full range of functions to monitor compliance and carry out its compliance activities.

**Consumer affairs: inspectors**

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  - (f) product safety.
- (2) How many of the total inspections were referred to Consumer Affairs Victoria by the Business Licensing Authority.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

(1) For 2011–12, a total of 16 303 inspections and investigations, enforcement activities, compliance assistance visits and assessments (residential tenancy) was conducted by Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV), broken down as follows:

7962 inspections, investigations and enforcement activities  
 1455 compliance assistance visits  
 6886 residential tenancy assessments

(1) (a–f)

Question	Industry	Inspections	Compliance Assistance Visits	Assessments
a	Real Estate Industry	375	359	n/a
b	Rooming Houses	610	361	n/a
c	Residential Tenancy Requirements	n/a	n/a	6886
d	Laws Against Con men*	n/a	n/a	n/a
e	Motor Car Trader Industry	397	88	n/a
f	Product Safety	777	n/a	n/a

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**Consumer affairs: inspectors**

**9574. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs): How many inspections in total were conducted by Consumer Affairs Victoria between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2011, and how many of these inspections were in relation to enforcing —

- (1)
  - (a) requirements of the real estate industry;
  - (b) requirements of rooming houses;
  - (c) residential tenancy requirements;
  - (d) laws against con men;
  - (e) requirements of the motor trade industry; and
  - (f) product safety.
- (2) How many of the total inspections were referred to Consumer Affairs Victoria by the Business Licensing Authority.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

(1) For 2010–11, a total of 17 376 inspections, investigations, compliance and enforcement activities and assessments (residential tenancy) was conducted by Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV), broken down as follows:

9873 inspections, investigations and enforcement activities  
7503 residential tenancy assessments.

(1) (a–f)

Question	Industry	Inspections	Regional Compliance Activities	Assessments
a	Real Estate Industry	198	576	n/a
b	Rooming Houses	554	n/a	n/a
c	Residential Tenancy Requirements	n/a	n/a	7503
d	Laws Against Con men*	n/a	n/a	n/a
e	Motor Car Trader Industry	235	n/a	n/a
f	Product Safety	599	294	n/a

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  - (e) requirements of the motor trade industry; and
  - (f) product safety.
- (2) How many of the total inspections were referred to Consumer Affairs Victoria by the Business Licensing Authority.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) For 2009–10, a total of 16 280 inspections, investigations, enforcement activities and assessments (residential tenancy) was conducted by Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV), including:
- 9032 inspections, investigations and enforcement activities
  - 6734 residential tenancy assessments and 514 rooming house inspections.

(1) (a–f)

Question	Industry	Inspections	Assessments
a	Real Estate Industry	595	n/a
b	Rooming Houses	514 <sup>1</sup>	n/a
c	Residential Tenancy Requirements	n/a	6734
d	Laws Against Con men <sup>2</sup>	n/a	n/a
e	Motor Car Trader Industry	n/a	n/a
f	Product Safety	638	n/a

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**Consumer affairs: inspectors**

**9576. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs): How many full-time equivalent (FTE) inspection hours were deployed within Consumer Affairs Victoria between 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2013, and how many of these hours were employed to conduct —

- (a) real estate inspections;
- (b) rooming house inspections;
- (c) residential tenancy inspections;
- (d) inspections to catch con men;

<sup>1</sup> Under the provisions of the Residential Tenancy Act 1997, CAV conducted 514 rooming house inspections, which are separately categorised.

<sup>2</sup> CAV does not conduct inspections of travelling con men. It works with Victoria Police and interstate agencies to share information to warn the community and stop con men operating.

- (e) motor trader inspections;
- (f) product safety inspections; and
- (g) inspections referred to Consumer Affairs Victoria by the Business Licensing Authority.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) does not record data on ‘full-time equivalent inspection hours deployed within CAV’ relating to its inspectors. The allocation of fieldwork is based on priority areas and the hours worked varies depending on the nature and complexity of the compliance activity.

Compliance activities go beyond field based inspections to include trader meetings, surveillance, compliance assistance visits, investigations and enforcement.

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**Consumer affairs: inspectors**

**9580.** **MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs): How many full-time equivalent (FTE) employees were employed within the Business Licensing Authority as at —

- (a) 30 June 2013;
- (b) 30 June 2012;
- (c) 30 June 2011; and
- (d) 30 June 2010.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

The Business Licensing Authority (BLA) does not have the power to employ staff directly. The BLA is appointed by the Governor in Council and was constituted by the following members over the previous four years:

- (a) 30 June 2013: 0.6 staff comprising the BLA chairperson plus one sessional member
- (b) 30 June 2012: 2 staff comprising the BLA chairperson and BLA deputy chairperson plus one sessional member
- (c) 30 June 2011: 2 staff comprising the BLA chairperson and BLA deputy chairperson plus one sessional member
- (d) 30 June 2010: 2 staff comprising the BLA chairperson and BLA deputy chairperson plus one sessional member

Note: The BLA is also assisted by a registrar and other staff employed under part 3 of the Public Administration Act 2004.

**Consumer affairs: inspectors**

**9581.** **MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs): How many inspectors were employed within Consumer Affairs Victoria as at 30 June 2013, and of these how many were employed to conduct inspections arising from referrals from the Business Licensing Authority.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) operates an integrated compliance model with staff engaged in the full suite of functions to ensure businesses meet their obligations. Activities include, information and advice, dispute resolution, licensing, trader education, trader meetings, surveillance, compliance assistance visits, inspections, investigations and administrative and court based enforcement.

The director of CAV appoints appropriately trained and experienced staff as inspectors under section 142 of the Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Act 2012 (the act), (prior to 1 July 2012, inspectors were appointed

under section 114 of the Fair Trading Act 1999). A number of the consumer acts detailed in schedule 1 of the act apply these powers to industry-specific legislation.

As at the 30 June 2013, 70 CAV and regional-based Department of Justice staff were appointed as inspectors under the act.

Table 1: Number of Inspectors appointed

Financial Year	Inspectors
2009–10	110
2010–11	99
2011–12	92
2012–13	70

No inspectors are employed exclusively to conduct specific types of compliance activity. CAV conducts compliance activities based on the demands of its compliance and enforcement priorities, including those covered by (a) to (f) above. Where required, CAV makes available the appropriate number of staff to perform the full range of compliance activities in these areas.

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**Police and emergency services: fire services property levy**

**9583. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to a constituent from Noble Park who was charged a fire services levy of \$165 on her 2011–12 home insurance policy, which was increased to \$235 on her 2012–13 policy and has now been informed by the City of Greater Dandenong that as of 1 July 2013 the fire services levy will be charged to her annual rates notice; and was informed by Fire Services Levy Monitor staff that she is not entitled to a refund as the levy paid in December was a financial year charge, not a December-to-December charge:

- (1) Will the minister please advise if the advice received from the Fire Services Levy Monitor is correct.
- (2) If not, will she receive a rebate on the amount charged by her insurance company.
- (3) Will the minister please advise what the role of the Fire Services Levy Monitor is in ensuring that constituents are not charged twice for the levy.
- (4) If no rebate is forthcoming, how can the Naphthine government describe this as a ‘fairer fire levy’ through their relevant website and taxpayer-funded television commercials.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

This matter does not fall within the responsibilities of the Minister for Police and Emergency Services but falls within the responsibilities of the Treasurer.

**Public transport: railway station holding cells**

**9586. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the secure office and holding cell (POD) at Mordialloc railway station, as stated in the *Mordialloc Chelsea Leader* on 17 July 2013:

- (1) What is the expected life span of this facility before it needs replacement.
- (2) How much did this POD cost including installation.
- (3) Has the government made plans for a permanent replacement.
- (4) Has the government estimated the cost of the replacement.

**ANSWER:**

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

The facility for protective services officers (PSOs) at Mordialloc railway station is a permanent fixture and the state budget includes ongoing funding for maintenance and repairs. The direct cost of constructing the facility was less than \$150 000. The government would consider any future replacement of a facility on a case-by-case basis.

**Police and emergency services: railway station holding cells**

**9587. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Police and Emergency Services): In relation to the secure office and holding cell at Mordialloc railway station, as stated in the *Mordialloc Chelsea Leader* on 17 July 2013:

- (1) How many persons can the holding cell hold safely at any one time.
- (2) How many people have been apprehended by police at Mordialloc railway station and transferred to a police station for each of the years 2010, 2011 and 2012.
- (3) Are protective services officers rostered on each night at Mordialloc railway station from 6.00 p.m. until the last train.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) The number of people who can be held in the handover room is an operational decision as circumstances require.
- (2) The information requested is not available and would require an unreasonable diversion of police resources to provide.
- (3) Protective services officers are rostered for duty at Mordialloc rail station each night from 6.00 p.m. until the last train.

**Ageing: Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Seniors Grants program**

**9589. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the 2013–14 grants round of the Participation for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Seniors Grants program:

- (1) Which groups were successful in receiving a grant, how much did each of them receive and what was the nature of each project applied for.
- (2) Which groups applied for a grant but were unsuccessful.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The 2013–2014 CALD Seniors Grants program has not commenced.

**Agriculture and food security: abattoir licences**

**9786.** **MR LENDERS** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Agriculture and Food Security): What was the number of abattoirs in operation in Victoria as at —

- (1) 30 June 2010;
- (2) 30 June 2011;
- (3) 30 June 2012; and
- (4) 30 June 2013.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The number of abattoirs in operation in Victoria, taken from the number of abattoirs licensed to PrimeSafe under the Meat Industry Act 1993 is as listed below:

- (1) 43
- (2) 44
- (3) 41
- (4) 40.

**Agriculture and food security: abattoir licences**

**9787.** **MR LENDERS** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Agriculture and Food Security): How many businesses regulated by PrimeSafe have had their licences revoked by PrimeSafe since 1 January 2011 and what are the names of those businesses.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Since 1 January 2011 there have been three businesses who have had their licences revoked (cancelled) by PrimeSafe.

I am advised that PrimeSafe is unable to provide me with the names of those businesses for confidentiality reasons.

**Agriculture and food security: abattoir licences**

**9788.** **MR LENDERS** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Agriculture and Food Security): How many businesses regulated by PrimeSafe have surrendered their licenses on advice of PrimeSafe since 1 January 2011 and what are the names of those businesses.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

There are no businesses regulated by PrimeSafe who have surrendered their licences on advice of PrimeSafe since 1 January 2011.

**Water: Goulburn-Murray Water Connections Project**

**9799.** **MR LENDERS** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Water): Regarding stage 2 of the Goulburn-Murray Water Connections Project —

- (1) What are the expenditure and savings targets for each year of the project’s life.
- (2) What commitments have been made to the Australian government for savings targets for each year for which they have agreed to provide finance.
- (3) What are the annual financial contributions to be made by the Australian government and in which years.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The Goulburn-Murray Water Connections Project stage 2 annual expenditure can be accessed in the G-MW Corporate Plan, which is accessible here:  
<http://www.g-mwater.com.au/about/reports-and-publications/corporateplans>. The water savings targets for each year of the project life are outlined in the Northern Victorian Irrigation Renewal Project Stage 2 Project Schedule. The project schedule can be accessed at:  
<http://www.environment.gov.au/water/publications/action/agreements/pubs/nvirp2-project-schedule.pdf>.
- (2) The commitments made to the Australian government for water savings for each year of the project are available in the project schedule noted above.
- (3) The annual financial contributions to be made by the Australian government are available in the project schedule noted above.

**Agriculture and food security: forest produce licences**

**9833. MR BARBER** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Agriculture and Food Security): What rates of royalties, stumpages or other fees are payable to the state on native forest wood contained in the following Wood Utilisation Plans (specifying separate amounts for each forest produce type, for each year and for each forest area where these differ) —

- (a) Bendigo 2013–14 to 2015–16;
- (b) Horsham 2013–14 to 2015–16;
- (c) Portland 2013–14 to 2015–16;
- (d) Midlands 2013–14 to 2015–16;
- (e) Mid-Murray 2013–14 to 2015–16; and
- (f) Otway 2013–14 to 2015–16.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Forest produce licences have been or will be issued for the following products in 2013–14.

Forest Management Area	Product	Licensed Volume 2013-14	unit	Price / unit
Bendigo	Firewood — Common Species	1500	m3	\$14.00
	Firewood — Durable Species	2550	m3	\$21.00
	Box/Ironbark Sawlog — Grade 1	365	m3	\$109.00
	Box/Ironbark Sawlog — Grade 2	2220	m3	\$60.00
	Common Species Sawlog — Grade 1	150	m3	\$70.00
	Common Species Sawlog — Grade 2	430	m3	\$32.00
	Sugar Gum Sawlog — Grade 1	50	m3	\$151.00



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Forest Management Area	Product	Licensed Volume 2013-14	unit	Price / unit
	Sugar Gum Sawlog — Grade 2	10	m3	\$57.00
Horsham	Firewood — Durable Species	377	m3	\$16.40
	Red Gum Sawlogs	300	m3	\$55.00
	Red Gum Residual Logs	100	m3	\$27.00
Portland	Firewood — Common Species	240	m3	\$10.70
Midlands	Firewood — Common Species	5390	m3	\$10.70
	Wood Chops Logs	1800	lineal metre	\$4.00
	Mixed Species Sawlogs	1000	m3	tbd
	Residual Log — Mixed Species	600	m3	\$15.00
Mid-Murray	Red Gum Sawlogs	1158	m3	\$60.00
	Red Gum Standard	900	m3	\$45.00
	Red Gum Residual Logs	800	m3	\$15.36
	Red Gum Residual Logs — Thinnings	8511	tonnes	\$13.36
Otways	Firewood — Common Species	3300	m3	\$10.70
	Sawlog — Blackwood	30	m3	\$117.00

Notes to table:

- Price for the Mount Cole (Midlands) sawlog resource has not been included as this has yet to be put to market.
- Additional licences may be issued during the course of the year, but the volumes are not expected to change dramatically.
- Licensed volumes for 2014–15 and 2015–16 are expected to be similar to the volumes allocated in 2013–14.
- Royalties paid in Bendigo and Mid-Murray Forest Management Areas were determined by tender and are commercial-in-confidence. The figures quoted are the reserve prices set in the 2013 (for Bendigo) and 2009 (for Mid-Murray) tenders.
- Royalties for the Horsham and Mid-Murray sawlog resources may increase when these are put to the market later in 2013.
- Royalties for the Midlands (Mount Cole) sawlog resource will be determined when this resource is put to the market later in 2013.
- Where sawlog royalties vary with the size of the log, the figures provided are for a mid-range size class.
- The timber to meet these licence commitments will be drawn from coupes in the published Wood Utilisation Plans.
- All royalties are increased by the consumer price index (CPI) on 1 July each year.

**Agriculture and food security: forest produce licences**

**9834. MR BARBER** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Agriculture and Food Security): In relation to the Mount Cole area in 2012–13:

- (1) What was the total amount of forest produce extracted.
- (2) What was the total amount of royalty, stumpage or other fee paid for each type of forest produce extracted.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that the following products were harvested under forest produce licences in the Mount Cole and nearby Mount Lonarch state forests in 2012–13.

Product	Volume	Royalty	Payment received
Mixed species poles (samples)	6.71 m <sup>3</sup>	\$40.72/m <sup>3</sup>	\$273.23
Wood chop logs	156 lineal m	\$3.80/lineal m	\$592.80
Firewood — common species	95 m <sup>3</sup>	\$12.20/m <sup>3</sup>	\$1159.00

**Agriculture and food security: sustainable land management funding**

**9842. MR BARBER** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Agriculture and Food Security): In relation to the federal coalition government’s intention to dismantle funding programs for federal clean energy projects, has the full amount of federal funding been secured and how much of the funding has been expended to date for the —

- (a) Carbon Farming Futures — Filling the Research Gap administered by the former Victorian Department of Primary Industries with federal funding of \$2 782 312;
- (b) Carbon Farming Futures — Filling the Research Gap administered by the former Victorian Department of Primary Industries with federal funding of \$1 970 000;
- (c) Carbon Farming Futures — Filling the Research Gap administered by the former Victorian Department of Primary Industries with federal funding of \$1 415 000;
- (d) Carbon Farming Futures — Filling the Research Gap administered by the former Victorian Department of Primary Industries with federal funding of \$700 000; and
- (e) Biodiversity Fund administered by the former Victorian Department of Primary Industries with federal funding of \$674 000.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Federal funding for all of these projects has been secured by contract with the Australian government and the federal coalition government has confirmed it will honour those contracts. In the cases of projects (a), (b), (c) and (d), it is through the Department of Agriculture (formerly the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry). In the case of project (e) it is through the Department of Environment, (formerly the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Community).

Each project has been receiving and expending funds according to their respective contracts:

- (a) Increasing Soil Carbon in Eastern Australia is examining the effect of different farm management practices on farm productivity and soil carbon. The project is conducted in collaboration with scientists from the Queensland Department of Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts (DSITIA), the New South Wales Department of Primary Industries (NSWDPI) and the University of New England (UNE), which are subcontracted by DEPI under the federal contract.
- (b) Enteric Mitigation Strategies through Manipulation of Feeding Systems in Southern Australia is testing a variety of fodder and forages for dairy cows aiming to divert rumen methane production into increased milk production. The project is conducted in collaboration with the University of Melbourne (UoM) and the Grape and Wine Research Institute (GWRI) and has industry support through Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA) and Dairy Australia (DA).
- (c) Improving Nitrous Oxide Utilisation in High Rainfall Cropping Systems is examining the relationships between management practices, soil carbon, crop productivity and the nitrogen cycle. The project is working

with farmer groups to develop more effective fertiliser strategies that will reduce costs, increase profit and reduce nitrous oxide emissions.

- (d) The Use of Inhibitors to Improve Nitrogen Cycling and Reduce Nitrous Oxide Losses from Intensive Grazing Systems is examining options for increasing nitrogen use efficiency of dairy systems through the use of inhibitor technologies. The project has support from the dairy industry through DA.
- (e) Revegetation and Restoration Works across the Loddon Campaspe Region. This project, in collaboration with local farmers, to establish biodiverse plantings and protection of native vegetation on irrigation channels being decommissioned under the irrigation modernisation in the northern irrigation region.

**Employment and trade: South West Institute of TAFE job losses**

- 9915. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Assistant Treasurer (for the Minister for Employment and Trade): In relation to the seven job losses due to the South West TAFE’s decision to close its Glenormiston campus, what assistance will the Napthine government provide workers affected by these job cuts.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Regional Development Victoria (RDV) has met with South West TAFE in regards to the closure of the Glenormiston campus to discuss redundancy conditions and the level of support for affected staff.

South West TAFE has advised that the redundancies will be occurring at various times over the next few months and that all employee entitlements will be paid.

RDV will facilitate access to the relevant government agencies and service providers to provide affected employees with information, employment advice and access to programs that may be of assistance. This includes access to the state government’s Workers in Transition program, which assists affected employees with retraining opportunities.

RDV is also working with local businesses in south-west Victoria to identify potential employment opportunities to retain the skills of affected employees within the region.

**Employment and trade: MAPAL Australia job losses**

- 9916. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Assistant Treasurer (for the Minister for Employment and Trade): In relation to the seven job losses as a result of MAPAL Australia’s decision to cease production at its Ballarat factory, what assistance will the Napthine government provide workers affected by these job cuts.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

MAPAL Australia (MAPAL) has advised the government that the closure of manufacturing operations in Ballarat is part of business restructuring which will result in the loss of seven skilled jobs.

MAPAL has confirmed that affected employees will receive full redundancy payments and an employee assistance program including out-placement services.

As part of responding to these job losses, my department has discussed with MAPAL the coordination of information sessions for affected employees with the relevant government agencies and service providers.

This includes information regarding access to retraining opportunities under the Victorian Training Guarantee, potential job matching with businesses that may be seeking additional skilled employees in Ballarat, or information on planning or starting a small business or franchise.

MAPAL has advised that they will continue to operate a distribution centre in Ballarat following this restructuring.