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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, 29 May 2013**

**Energy and resources: energy technology innovation strategy — Dual Gas Pty Ltd**

**8091. MR BARBER** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): How much of the \$50 million in the Energy Technology Innovation Strategy has been provided to Dual Gas Pty Ltd under the amended funding deed executed on 11 August 2010.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The information in the funding agreement between the Victorian government and Dual Gas Pty Ltd, including information about the release of funding is considered to be commercial in confidence.

**Environment and climate change: Liddell's calcine sands site — remedial works**

**8731. MS BROAD** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): With regard to the remedial works at the Liddell's calcine sands site in Bendigo:

- (1) When did the independent environmental audit of the calcine sands take place.
- (2) Who was contracted to carry out the independent environmental audit.
- (3) Will the results of soil and water testing done by the independent auditor be made publicly available.
- (4) When were the soil and water tests carried out.
- (5) Has an Environmental Impact Assessment been carried out with regard to the proposed clean up and post clean up.
- (6) What measures will be put in place to protect the residents within a five kilometre radius of the calcine sands while the remediation works are underway.
- (7) What measures have been put in place to prevent the toxics present on this site from becoming toxic gasses (off gassing).
- (8) What measures have been put in place to ensure there will be no migrating of toxic soil off site and continuing to enter the environment.
- (9) What is the total cost of the remediation works.
- (10) What funding has been delivered over the past four years to contain toxics at this site and reduce the level of exposure to nearby residents.
- (11) Will there be ongoing soil and water testing of this site and surrounding properties post the remediation works.
- (12) What risk mitigation will be implemented for exposure to all persons—sightseers, bush walkers and general public — walking through the site following completion of remediation and into the future.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The audit commenced with the appointment of the auditor in October 2009 and concluded with Victoria's Environment Protection Authority acceptance of the Audit Report and Clean Up Plan in June 2012.
- (2) The independent environmental audit was conducted by Mr Nicholas Owen.
- (3) Soil and water test results that have been subject to audit are publicly available on the Parks Victoria website, along with the auditor's report.
- (4) Initial soil and water tests were carried out immediately after the February 2009 fires. Systematic testing was carried out between February 2010 and September 2010.
- (5) An assessment of the proposed clean-up arrangements was carried out through an audit under the *Environment Protection Act 1970*.
- (6) A Pollution Abatement Notice issued under the *Environment Protection Act 1970* will establish the requirements for the protection of local residents during remediation works.
- (7) Independent expert advice that is available on the Parks Victoria website has confirmed that the potential likelihood of off-gassing from the site is low.
- (8) Since March 2009, \$930 000 has been spent on works to prevent the exposure of nearby residents, including drainage realignment to reduce sediment run off from the site and hydromulching to prevent dust blowing from the site. A Pollution Abatement Notice issued under the *Environment Protection Act 1970* will establish the requirements for long term site management and protection of the environment.
- (9) The total cost of the remediation works will only be available when these works have been completed.
- (10) Since March 2009, \$930 000 has been spent on works to prevent the exposure of nearby residents, including drainage realignment to reduce sediment run off from the site and hydromulching to prevent dust blowing from the site. A Pollution Abatement Notice issued under the *Environment Protection Act 1970* will establish the requirements for long term site management and protection of the environment.
- (11) A Pollution Abatement Notice issued under the *Environment Protection Act 1970* will establish the requirements for the protection of local residents during and following site remediation works.
- (12) Once remediation has been completed, a boundary fence will be used to secure the site and allow the re-establishment of vegetation. The site will be subject to ongoing inspections in line with EPA requirements. The surrounding area of the Bendigo Regional Park will continue to be available for general public access and sightseeing.

**Ageing: seniors programs — funding**

- 8768. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to seniors and ageing programs in your portfolio, what are the programs in your portfolio and how much funding did they receive in the —
- (a) 2011–12 budget; and
  - (b) 2012–13 budget.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (a) In 2011–2012 programs in relation to seniors and ageing programs received \$1 304 000 000.
- (b) In 2012–2013 programs in relation to seniors and ageing programs received \$1 373 600 000.

**Ageing: bed numbers — Griffiths Point Lodge Hostel**

- 8798. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Ageing: With regard to the Griffiths Point Lodge Hostel:

- (1) How many high-care beds have closed in the 2011–12 financial year.
- (2) How many low-care beds have closed in the 2011–12 financial year.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) No high-care beds closed in the 2011–12 financial year.
- (2) No low-care beds closed in the 2011–12 financial year.

**Ageing: bed numbers — Kirrak House**

**8799.** **MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Ageing: With regard to Kirrak House:

- (1) How many high-care beds have closed in the 2011–12 financial year.
- (2) How many low-care beds have closed in the 2011–12 financial year.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) No high-care beds closed in the 2011–12 financial year.
- (2) No low-care beds closed in the 2011–12 financial year.

**Employment and trade: University of Ballarat — job losses**

**9212.** **MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Trade: In relation to the 70–100 job losses at the University of Ballarat TAFE due to the Baillieu government cuts to the TAFE system: what assistance will the Baillieu government provide University of Ballarat TAFE workers who will be made redundant.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

In responding to job losses, the Department of Business and Innovation has worked with the University of Ballarat and local businesses to identify potential employment opportunities to retain skills in the Ballarat region.

The Department has offered to coordinate information and support for affected employees from the relevant government agencies and service providers. This includes access to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's *Workers in Transition Program* for retraining opportunities.

**Employment and trade: Mars Australia — job losses**

**9214.** **MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Trade: In relation to the 38 job losses at the Mars factory in Ballarat: what assistance has the Baillieu government provided Mars workers in Ballarat who have recently been made redundant.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Department of Business and Innovation contacted Mars chocolate in Ballarat in March 2012 to discuss the current status of the business and the conditions and timing of voluntary redundancies, including payment of employee entitlements and the level of employer support available for affected staff, as part of the company's

'Ballarat Transformation Project'. A total of 38 employees accepted redundancies under this program which was oversubscribed.

The Department offered to coordinate information and support for affected employees from the relevant government agencies and service providers. This included the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's *Workers in Transition Program* for retraining opportunities.

**Employment and trade: Gordon Institute of TAFE — job losses**

**9220.** MS TIERNEY — To ask the Minister for Employment and Trade: In relation to the 55 job losses at the Gordon TAFE due to the Baillieu government cuts to the TAFE system: what assistance will the Baillieu government provide Gordon TAFE workers who will be made redundant.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

In responding to job losses, the Department of Business and Innovation has worked with the Gordon TAFE and local businesses to identify potential employment opportunities to retain skills in the Geelong region.

The Department offered to coordinate information and support for affected employees from the relevant government agencies and service providers. This includes access to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's *Workers in Transition Program* for retraining opportunities.

Information sessions for affected employees were held on 29 November and 5 December 2012.

**Employment and trade: Stawell Gold Mine — job losses**

**9223.** MS TIERNEY — To ask the Minister for Employment and Trade: In relation to the job losses at the Stawell Gold Mine: what assistance will the Baillieu government provide Stawell Gold Mine workers who have recently been made redundant, and will be made redundant due to the mines forecast closure.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Crocodile Gold Corporation, the owners of the Stawell Gold Mine, has indicated that the existing mine is nearing the end of its economic life and that underground mining operations are scheduled to finish at the end of 2013.

The Department of State Development, Business and Innovation will coordinate information and support for affected employees including from the Victorian government's *Workers in Transition Program*.

I note that a new mining project, in a different location at Stawell, is currently being considered by Crocodile Gold. A new mining project for Stawell could generate significant employment in the longer term.

The Department of State Development, Business and Innovation is engaging with Crocodile Gold, the Northern Grampians Shire Council and the relevant government agencies on the approvals process that such a project would require.

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

**9224.** MS TIERNEY — To ask the Minister for Employment and Trade: In relation to the job losses at South West TAFE due to the Baillieu government cuts to the TAFE system: what assistance will the Baillieu government provide South West TAFE workers who will be made redundant.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The government has made changes to the way TAFE institutes are funded in order to achieve a more focussed and productive vocational education and training system in Victoria.

Decisions regarding staffing are to be made by each individual TAFE institute.

In responding to changes in workforces, the Department of Business and Innovation has worked with South West TAFE and local businesses to identify potential employment opportunities to retain skills in the Warrnambool region.

The department offered to coordinate information and support for affected employees from the relevant government agencies and service providers. This includes access to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's *Workers in Transition Program* for retraining opportunities.

South West TAFE has provided affected employees with a range of support including information, advice, and access to outplacement services.

### **Employment and trade: Quiksilver — job losses**

**9226. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Trade: In relation to the 20 job losses at the Quiksilver store in Torquay: what assistance will the Baillieu government provide Quiksilver workers in Torquay who have recently been made redundant.

#### **ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Quiksilver at Torquay made 22 employees redundant in 2011–12 due to a slowdown in retail sales and implementation of an organisational restructure.

All affected employees received support and professional counselling from Quiksilver's employee assistance program and outplacement services from a private provider.

Officers of the Department of Business and Innovation met with Quiksilver in early 2013 to discuss plans for the future growth of the business, and the programs and support available from the Victorian government.

### **Health: Monash Children's — funding**

**9236. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Health:

- (1) What funding was committed to the new Monash Children's hospital by the Baillieu government on 23 November 2012.
- (2) In dollar amounts, what are the funding commitments for the Monash Children's hospital by the Baillieu government in the 2010–11, 2011–12 and 2012–13 financial years.
- (3) What is the total cost estimated to deliver the Monash Children's hospital in today's dollars.
- (4) What funding has been spent up to this point on the Monash Children's hospital by the Baillieu government.
- (5) What traffic changes would need to occur to build the Monash Children's hospital.

#### **ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) On 23 November 2012 the Victorian government committed to fully funding Monash Children's hospital at Monash Medical Centre, Clayton.
- (2) 2011–2012 — \$8.5 million was provided in the state budget for the purchase of property, 2012–2013 — \$7.3 million was allocated to further progress planning in the state budget.

- (3) It is the government's intention to fully fund the Monash Children's hospital and has made provision in the forward estimates for the funding to complete the project.
- (4) \$6 483 944.54 excluding GST.
- (5) The proposed site for the Monash Children's hospital is accessible from both the internal hospital site road and from surrounding suburban streets. Access to the whole Monash Medical Centre site would be enhanced if improved traffic conditions were ultimately achieved in what is a constrained and complex site. That is not to be considered within the scope of the Monash Children's hospital project.

**Employment and trade: National Centre for Farmer Health — job losses**

- 9253. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Trade: In relation to the five job losses at the National Centre for Farmer Health (NCFH) in Hamilton, what assistance will the Government provide to these NCFH workers.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Department of Business and Innovation has offered to respond to these job losses through co-ordinating information and support for affected employees from the relevant government agencies and service providers in the region.

This includes access to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's *Workers in Transition Program* to support affected employees with retraining opportunities.

The department will also work with the Southern Grampians Shire Council and businesses in the region to identify potential employment opportunities to retain these skills in the region.

**Corrections: youth — adult prison**

- 9255. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations (for the Minister for Corrections): In relation to young people under the age of 18 years in adult prisons:

- (1) What is the number of young people under 18 years of age who are currently held in an adult prison, including the number in solitary confinement.
- (2) How many young people under 18 years of age have been held in adult prisons for any length of time over the last five years.
- (3) What is the length of time each of these persons has spent in prison.
- (4) What circumstances led to the imprisonment of these persons.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

This question was directed to the previous Minister for Corrections, the Honourable Andrew McIntosh, MP. As I am the current Minister for Corrections, I am responding to this question.

Due to the numbers of people relevant to these questions section 30 of the Corrections Act 1986 and chapter 7 of the *Children, Youth and Families Act 2005* applies.

**Employment and trade: Corio fast-food outlet — closure**

- 9325. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Trade: In relation to the 50 staff members affected by the closure of the Hungry Jacks restaurant in Corio: what assistance will the Baillieu government provide the workers who have been affected by this closure and/or made redundant.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Department of State Development, Business and Innovation has contacted the business to determine its current status, including the redundancy conditions and the level of employer support for affected staff.

The department was advised that the independently owned and operated franchised restaurant had been placed in the hands of liquidators and that affected staff would potentially be employed by other Hungry Jacks stores or other fast-food restaurants in the Geelong region.

The department has offered access to the Government's Workers in Transition program to assist with retraining opportunities where relevant.

**Employment and trade: Air Radiators — job losses**

**9326. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Minister for Employment and Trade: In relation to the recent four job losses at the Air Radiators manufacturing plant in Lara: what assistance will the Baillieu government provide Air Radiator workers in Lara who have recently been made redundant.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Department of State Development, Business and Innovation contacted the business to determine its current status including the redundancy conditions and the level of employer support for affected staff.

The Department has offered access to the Government's *Workers in Transition Program* to assist with retraining opportunities where relevant.

The Department has also offered to assist with referrals to the appropriate government agencies and service providers such as Job Services Australia, Centrelink and local training organisations to assist with information and support programs.

**Mental health: Frankston Hospital — admissions**

**9333. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Mental Health): What percentage of mental health patients at the Frankston Hospital were noted as having pre-admission contact (in the seven days prior to admission) in 2010–11 and 2011–12.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Mental Health Performance data is available via <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/mhdr-info/reports/index.htm>.

**Mental health: Frankston Hospital — admissions**

**9334. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Mental Health): What percentage of mental health patients at the Frankston Hospital waited in the Emergency Department for longer than 8 hours before gaining access to a mental health bed.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Mental Health Performance data is available via <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/mhdr-info/reports/index.htm>.

**Mental health: Frankston Hospital — bed numbers**

**9335. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Minister for Mental Health): how many mental health beds per 10 000 population are there in the Frankston Hospital catchment area.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Mental Health Performance data is available via <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/mhdr-info/reports/index.htm>.

**Health: hospitals — admissions**

**9338. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Health: Will the government meet the target claimed by the minister in the budget media release of 1 May 2012 for hospitals to admit and treat 29 700 more patients and 40 300 more emergency patients in the 2012–13 financial year compared to the previous financial year.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

It will not be possible to comment on this until finalisation of the respective data sets later in 2013.

**Agriculture and food security: dogs — restricted breeds**

**9339. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Agriculture and Food Security): Given the number of disputed council decisions and challenges in the courts, what measures is the government taking to address problems with the implementation of the restricted breed provisions under the Domestic Animals Act 1994.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The appeal process is part of the natural justice process that is available for owners of dogs and does not represent a failure of implementation of the *Domestic Animals Act 1994* legislation.

The current legislation will continue to be reviewed to meet the purpose of protecting the community, promoting responsible pet ownership and ensuring the welfare of pets in Victoria.

**Energy and resources: household energy disconnections — Delacombe**

**9340. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In the year 2010–11, how many households in the locality of Delacombe experienced a disconnection of their —

- (a) gas; and
- (b) electricity.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

In its capacity as the independent regulator of Victorian retail electricity and gas businesses, the Essential Services Commission collects a range of disconnection data. The data is collected across the customer base of each retailer, but not by geographic area.



Aggregate information on household energy disconnection activity can be found in the Victorian Essential Services Commission's annual *'Energy Retailers' Comparative Performance Report — Customer Service'*. Please see the Commission's website [www.esc.vic.gov.au](http://www.esc.vic.gov.au).

**Energy and resources: household energy disconnections — Sebastopol**

**9341. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In the year 2010–11, how many households in the locality of Sebastopol experienced a disconnection of their —

- (a) gas; and
- (b) electricity.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Energy and resources: household energy disconnections — Ballarat**

**9342. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In the year 2010–11, how many households in the locality of Ballarat experienced a disconnection of their —

- (a) gas; and
- (b) electricity.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Energy and resources: household energy disconnections — Soldiers Hill**

**9343. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In the year 2010–11, how many households in the locality of Soldiers Hill experienced a disconnection of their —

- (a) gas; and
- (b) electricity.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Energy and resources: household energy disconnections — Wendouree**

**9344. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In the year 2010–11, how many households in the locality of Wendouree experienced a disconnection of their —

- (a) gas; and
- (b) electricity.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Energy and resources: household energy disconnections — Ballarat East**

**9345. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In the year 2010–11, how many households in the locality of Ballarat East experienced a disconnection of their —

- (a) gas; and
- (b) electricity.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Energy and resources: household energy disconnections — Brown Hill**

**9346. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In the year 2010–11, how many households in the locality of Brown Hill experienced a disconnection of their —

- (a) gas; and
- (b) electricity.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

In its capacity as the independent regulator of Victorian retail electricity and gas businesses, the Essential Services Commission collects a range of disconnection data. The data is collected across the customer base of each retailer, but not by geographic area.

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**Energy and resources: household energy disconnections — Black Hill**

**9347. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In the year 2010–11, how many households in the locality of Black Hill experienced a disconnection of their —

- (a) gas; and
- (b) electricity.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

In its capacity as the independent regulator of Victorian retail electricity and gas businesses, the Essential Services Commission collects a range of disconnection data. The data is collected across the customer base of each retailer, but not by geographic area.

Aggregate information on household energy disconnection activity can be found in the Victorian Essential Services Commission's annual *'Energy Retailers' Comparative Performance Report — Customer Service'*. Please see the Commission's website [www.esc.vic.gov.au](http://www.esc.vic.gov.au).

**Energy and resources: household energy disconnections — Invermay**

**9348. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In the year 2010–11, how many households in the locality of Invermay experienced a disconnection of their —

- (a) gas; and
- (b) electricity.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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Aggregate information on household energy disconnection activity can be found in the Victorian Essential Services Commission's annual *'Energy Retailers' Comparative Performance Report — Customer Service'*. Please see the Commission's website [www.esc.vic.gov.au](http://www.esc.vic.gov.au).

**Energy and resources: household energy disconnections — Alfredton**

- 9349. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In the year 2010–11, how many households in the locality of Alfredton experienced a disconnection of their —
- (a) gas; and
  - (b) electricity.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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Aggregate information on household energy disconnection activity can be found in the Victorian Essential Services Commission’s annual *‘Energy Retailers’ Comparative Performance Report — Customer Service’*. Please see the Commission’s website [www.esc.vic.gov.au](http://www.esc.vic.gov.au).

**Energy and resources: household energy disconnections — Newington**

- 9350. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In the year 2010–11, how many households in the locality of Newington experienced a disconnection of their —
- (a) gas; and
  - (b) electricity.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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Aggregate information on household energy disconnection activity can be found in the Victorian Essential Services Commission’s annual *‘Energy Retailers’ Comparative Performance Report — Customer Service’*. Please see the Commission’s website [www.esc.vic.gov.au](http://www.esc.vic.gov.au).

**Energy and resources: household energy disconnections — Ballarat North**

- 9351. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In the year 2010–11, how many households in the locality of Ballarat North experienced a disconnection of their —
- (a) gas; and
  - (b) electricity.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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Aggregate information on household energy disconnection activity can be found in the Victorian Essential Services Commission's annual *'Energy Retailers' Comparative Performance Report — Customer Service'*. Please see the Commission's website [www.esc.vic.gov.au](http://www.esc.vic.gov.au).

**Energy and resources: household energy disconnections — Miners Rest**

- 9352. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In the year 2010–11, how many households in the locality of Miners Rest experienced a disconnection of their —
- (a) gas; and
  - (b) electricity.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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Aggregate information on household energy disconnection activity can be found in the Victorian Essential Services Commission's annual *'Energy Retailers' Comparative Performance Report — Customer Service'*. Please see the Commission's website [www.esc.vic.gov.au](http://www.esc.vic.gov.au).

**Energy and resources: household energy disconnections — Redan**

- 9353. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In the year 2010–11, how many households in the locality of Redan experienced a disconnection of their —
- (a) gas; and
  - (b) electricity.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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Aggregate information on household energy disconnection activity can be found in the Victorian Essential Services Commission's annual *'Energy Retailers' Comparative Performance Report — Customer Service'*. Please see the Commission's website [www.esc.vic.gov.au](http://www.esc.vic.gov.au).

**Energy and resources: household energy disconnections — Lake Wendouree**

- 9354. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In the year 2010–11, how many households in the locality of Lake Wendouree experienced a disconnection of their —
- (a) gas; and
  - (b) electricity.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Energy and resources: household energy disconnections — Invermay Park**

**9355. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In the year 2010–11, how many households in the locality of Invermay Park experienced a disconnection of their —

- (a) gas; and
- (b) electricity.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Energy and resources: household energy disconnections — Nerrina**

**9356. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In the year 2010–11, how many households in the locality of Nerrina experienced a disconnection of their —

- (a) gas; and
- (b) electricity.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Energy and resources: household energy disconnections — Delacombe**

**9357. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In the year 2011–12, how many households in the locality of Delacombe experienced a disconnection of their —

- (a) gas; and
- (b) electricity.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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Aggregate information on household energy disconnection activity can be found in the Victorian Essential Services Commission's annual *'Energy Retailers' Comparative Performance Report — Customer Service'*. Please see the Commission's website [www.esc.vic.gov.au](http://www.esc.vic.gov.au).

**Energy and resources: household energy disconnections — Sebastopol**

**9358. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In the year 2011–12, how many households in the locality of Sebastopol experienced a disconnection of their —

- (a) gas; and
- (b) electricity.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Energy and resources: household energy disconnections — Ballarat**

**9359. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In the year 2011–12, how many households in the locality of Ballarat experienced a disconnection of their —

- (a) gas; and
- (b) electricity.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Energy and resources: household energy disconnections — Soldiers Hill**

- 9360. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In the year 2011–12, how many households in the locality of Soldiers Hill experienced a disconnection of their —
- (a) gas; and
  - (b) electricity.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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Aggregate information on household energy disconnection activity can be found in the Victorian Essential Services Commission’s annual *‘Energy Retailers’ Comparative Performance Report — Customer Service’*. Please see the Commission’s website [www.esc.vic.gov.au](http://www.esc.vic.gov.au).

**Energy and resources: household energy disconnections — Wendouree**

- 9361. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In the year 2011–12, how many households in the locality of Wendouree experienced a disconnection of their —
- (a) gas; and
  - (b) electricity.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Energy and resources: household energy disconnections — Ballarat East**

- 9362. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In the year 2011–12, how many households in the locality of Ballarat East experienced a disconnection of their —
- (a) gas; and
  - (b) electricity.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Energy and resources: household energy disconnections — Brown Hill**

**9363. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In the year 2011–12, how many households in the locality of Brown Hill experienced a disconnection of their —

- (a) gas; and
- (b) electricity.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Energy and resources: household energy disconnections — Black Hill**

**9364. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In the year 2011–12, how many households in the locality of Black Hill experienced a disconnection of their —

- (a) gas; and
- (b) electricity.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

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**Energy and resources: household energy disconnections — Invermay**

**9365. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In the year 2011–12, how many households in the locality of Invermay experienced a disconnection of their —

- (a) gas; and
- (b) electricity.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

In its capacity as the independent regulator of Victorian retail electricity and gas businesses, the Essential Services Commission collects a range of disconnection data. The data is collected across the customer base of each retailer, but not by geographic area.

Aggregate information on household energy disconnection activity can be found in the Victorian Essential Services Commission's annual *'Energy Retailers' Comparative Performance Report — Customer Service'*. Please see the Commission's website [www.esc.vic.gov.au](http://www.esc.vic.gov.au).

**Energy and resources: household energy disconnections — Alfredton**

**9366. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In the year 2011–12 how many households in the locality of Alfredton experienced a disconnection of their —

- (a) gas; and
- (b) electricity.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

In its capacity as the independent regulator of Victorian retail electricity and gas businesses, the Essential Services Commission collects a range of disconnection data. The data is collected across the customer base of each retailer, but not by geographic area.

Aggregate information on household energy disconnection activity can be found in the Victorian Essential Services Commission's annual *'Energy Retailers' Comparative Performance Report — Customer Service'*. Please see the Commission's website [www.esc.vic.gov.au](http://www.esc.vic.gov.au).

**Energy and resources: household energy disconnections — Newington**

**9367. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In the year 2011–12, how many households in the locality of Newington experienced a disconnection of their —

- (a) gas; and
- (b) electricity.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

In its capacity as the independent regulator of Victorian retail electricity and gas businesses, the Essential Services Commission collects a range of disconnection data. The data is collected across the customer base of each retailer, but not by geographic area.

Aggregate information on household energy disconnection activity can be found in the Victorian Essential Services Commission's annual *'Energy Retailers' Comparative Performance Report — Customer Service'*. Please see the Commission's website [www.esc.vic.gov.au](http://www.esc.vic.gov.au).

**Energy and resources: household energy disconnections — Ballarat North**

**9368. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In the year 2011–12, how many households in the locality of Ballarat North experienced a disconnection of their —

- (a) gas; and
- (b) electricity.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

In its capacity as the independent regulator of Victorian retail electricity and gas businesses, the Essential Services Commission collects a range of disconnection data. The data is collected across the customer base of each retailer, but not by geographic area.

Aggregate information on household energy disconnection activity can be found in the Victorian Essential Services Commission's annual *'Energy Retailers' Comparative Performance Report — Customer Service'*. Please see the Commission's website [www.esc.vic.gov.au](http://www.esc.vic.gov.au).

**Energy and resources: household energy disconnections — Miners Rest**

**9369. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In the year 2011–12, how many households in the locality of Miners Rest experienced a disconnection of their —

- (a) gas; and
- (b) electricity.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

In its capacity as the independent regulator of Victorian retail electricity and gas businesses, the Essential Services Commission collects a range of disconnection data. The data is collected across the customer base of each retailer, but not by geographic area.

Aggregate information on household energy disconnection activity can be found in the Victorian Essential Services Commission's annual *'Energy Retailers' Comparative Performance Report — Customer Service'*. Please see the Commission's website [www.esc.vic.gov.au](http://www.esc.vic.gov.au).

**Energy and resources: household energy disconnections — Redan**

**9370. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In the year 2011–12, how many households in the locality of Redan experienced a disconnection of their —

- (a) gas; and
- (b) electricity.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

In its capacity as the independent regulator of Victorian retail electricity and gas businesses, the Essential Services Commission collects a range of disconnection data. The data is collected across the customer base of each retailer, but not by geographic area.

Aggregate information on household energy disconnection activity can be found in the Victorian Essential Services Commission's annual *'Energy Retailers' Comparative Performance Report — Customer Service'*. Please see the Commission's website [www.esc.vic.gov.au](http://www.esc.vic.gov.au).

**Energy and resources: household energy disconnections — Lake Wendouree**

**9371. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In the year 2011–12, how many households in the locality of Lake Wendouree experienced a disconnection of their —

- (a) gas; and
- (b) electricity.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

In its capacity as the independent regulator of Victorian retail electricity and gas businesses, the Essential Services Commission collects a range of disconnection data. The data is collected across the customer base of each retailer, but not by geographic area.

Aggregate information on household energy disconnection activity can be found in the Victorian Essential Services Commission’s annual *‘Energy Retailers’ Comparative Performance Report — Customer Service’*. Please see the Commission’s website [www.esc.vic.gov.au](http://www.esc.vic.gov.au).

**Energy and resources: household energy disconnections — Invermay Park**

**9372. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In the year 2011–12, how many households in the locality of Invermay Park experienced a disconnection of their —

- (a) gas; and
- (b) electricity.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

In its capacity as the independent regulator of Victorian retail electricity and gas businesses, the Essential Services Commission collects a range of disconnection data. The data is collected across the customer base of each retailer, but not by geographic area.

Aggregate information on household energy disconnection activity can be found in the Victorian Essential Services Commission’s annual *‘Energy Retailers’ Comparative Performance Report — Customer Service’*. Please see the Commission’s website [www.esc.vic.gov.au](http://www.esc.vic.gov.au).

**Energy and resources: household energy disconnections — Nerrina**

**9373. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In the year 2011–12, how many households in the locality of Nerrina experienced a disconnection of their —

- (a) gas; and
- (b) electricity.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

In its capacity as the independent regulator of Victorian retail electricity and gas businesses, the Essential Services Commission collects a range of disconnection data. The data is collected across the customer base of each retailer, but not by geographic area.

Aggregate information on household energy disconnection activity can be found in the Victorian Essential Services Commission's annual *'Energy Retailers' Comparative Performance Report — Customer Service'*. Please see the Commission's website [www.esc.vic.gov.au](http://www.esc.vic.gov.au).

**Premier: Department of Premier and Cabinet — Ballarat office relocation**

**9391. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Health (for the Premier): In relation to the relocation of the Ballarat office of the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC): what were the costs to DPC of relocating from the stand-alone Sturt Street office in Ballarat to Armstrong Street, South Ballarat, in relation to —

- (1) information technology;
- (2) communications;
- (3) physical relocation of files, furniture and equipment;
- (4) physical fit-out of new offices;
- (5) printing; and
- (6) any other costs.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that the costs incurred as a result of moving the Ballarat office of the Department of Premier and Cabinet from 48 Sturt Street, Ballarat to 35 Armstrong Street South, Ballarat are:

- (1) information technology: \$7221.00
- (2) communications: \$192.50
- (3) physical relocation of files, furniture and equipment: \$77.00
- (4) physical fit-out of new office: \$610.50
- (5) printing: \$94.02
- (6) any other costs (carpet cleaning of 48 Sturt Street): \$330.00

**Finance: surplus land — city of Ballarat**

**9392. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Assistant Treasurer (for the Minister for Finance): In the period from 1 January 2012, has the Department of Treasury and Finance identified, or been advised of, land owned by the Victorian government that is surplus to requirements and located within Ballarat City Council; and if so —

- (a) what is the address of each property; and
- (b) what action has the government taken to dispose of each property.

**ANSWER:**

The Assistant Treasurer is responsible for the disposal of surplus Crown land properties and not the Minister for Finance.

The response to this question is confined to the Assistant Treasurer's portfolio responsibility in relation to property matters and does not include properties which are the responsibility of other ministers and departments.

The Department of Treasury and Finance is unaware of any properties in the Ballarat City Council that have been identified as surplus to government requirements since 1 January 2012.

**Education: surplus land — city of Ballarat**

- 9393. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister Education): In the period from 1 January 2012, has the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development identified, or been advised of, land owned by the Victorian government that is surplus to requirements and located within Ballarat City Council; and if so —
- (a) what is the address of each property; and
  - (b) what action has the government taken to dispose of each property.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

Since 1 January 2012, no parcels of land owned by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and located within the Ballarat municipality have been identified as surplus to requirements.

**Innovation, services and small business: surplus land — city of Ballarat**

- 9395. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Assistant Treasurer (for the Minister for Innovation, Services and Small Business): In the period from 1 January 2012, has the Department of Business and Innovation identified, or been advised of, land owned by the Victorian government that is surplus to requirements and located within Ballarat City Council; and if so —
- (a) what is the address of each property; and
  - (b) what action has the government taken to dispose of each property.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Department of State Development, Business and Innovation does not hold any land on behalf of the Victorian government that is surplus to requirements and located within the Ballarat area.

**Agriculture and food security: surplus land — city of Ballarat**

- 9399. MS PULFORD** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Agriculture and Food Security): In the period from 1 January 2012, has the Department of Primary Industries identified, or been advised of, land owned by the Victorian government that is surplus to requirements and located within Ballarat City Council; and if so —
- (a) what is the address of each property; and
  - (b) what action has the government taken to dispose of each property.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Department of Primary Industries has no land, surplus or otherwise, located with the Ballarat City Council.

**Public transport: rail — bicycle parking**

- 9405. MR LEANE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): What improvements to bike parking have been made in 2011–12 to railway stations at —
- (a) Box Hill;
  - (b) Laburnum;

- (c) Blackburn;
- (d) Nunawading;
- (e) Heatherdale;
- (f) Mitcham;
- (g) Ringwood;
- (h) Heathmont;
- (i) East Ringwood;
- (j) Croydon;
- (k) Mooroolbark;
- (l) Bayswater;
- (m) Boronia; and
- (n) Ferntree Gully.

**ANSWER:**

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

(a)–(n)

In 2011–12, Parkiteer cages at Nunawading, Croydon, Bayswater and Ferntree Gully stations were upgraded to provide improved signage, hinges and doors. In 2012–13, the Coalition Government committed a further \$1 million to construct an additional 10 Parkiteer cages at railway stations across the network. Further upgrades will be considered as part of station improvement works as funding becomes available.

**Housing: vacant properties — Ferntree Gully electorate**

**9406.** **MR LEANE** — To ask the Minister for Housing: In relation to Office of Housing properties in the electorate of Ferntree Gully: how many vacant properties did the Office of Housing pay rent on in the calendar years —

- (a) 2011; and
- (b) 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (a) My department’s reporting arrangements are based on the state’s area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

- (b) My department’s reporting arrangements are based on the state’s area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

**Housing: vacant properties — Bayswater electorate**

**9407.** **MR LEANE** — To ask the Minister for Housing: In relation to Office of Housing properties in the electorate of Bayswater: how many vacant properties did the Office of Housing pay rent on in the calendar years —

- (a) 2011; and
- (b) 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (a) My department's reporting arrangements are based on the state's area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

- (b) My department's reporting arrangements are based on the state's area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

**Housing: vacant properties — Kilsyth electorate**

**9408.** **MR LEANE** — To ask the Minister for Housing: In relation to Office of Housing properties in the electorate of Kilsyth: how many vacant properties did the Office of Housing pay rent on in the calendar years —

- (a) 2011; and
- (b) 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (a) My department's reporting arrangements are based on the state's area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

- (b) My department's reporting arrangements are based on the state's area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

**Housing: vacant properties — Mitcham electorate**

**9409.** **MR LEANE** — To ask the Minister for Housing: In relation to Office of Housing properties in the electorate of Mitcham: how many vacant properties did the Office of Housing pay rent on in the calendar years —

- (a) 2011; and
- (b) 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:



- (a) My department's reporting arrangements are based on the state's area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

- (b) My department's reporting arrangements are based on the state's area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

**Housing: vacant properties — Forest Hill electorate**

**9410.** MR LEANE — To ask the Minister for Housing: In relation to Office of Housing properties in the electorate of Forest Hill: how many vacant properties did the Office of Housing pay rent on in the calendar years —

- (a) 2011; and  
(b) 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (a) My department's reporting arrangements are based on the state's area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

- (b) My department's reporting arrangements are based on the state's area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

**Housing: vacant properties — Bulleen electorate**

**9411.** MR LEANE — To ask the Minister for Housing: In relation to Office of Housing properties in the electorate of Bulleen: how many vacant properties did the Office of Housing pay rent on in the calendar years —

- (a) 2011; and  
(b) 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (a) My department's reporting arrangements are based on the state's area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

- (b) My department's reporting arrangements are based on the state's area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

**Housing: vacant properties — Doncaster electorate**

- 9412.** MR LEANE — To ask the Minister for Housing: In relation to Office of Housing properties in the electorate of Doncaster: how many vacant properties did the Office of Housing pay rent on in the calendar years —
- (a) 2011; and
  - (b) 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (a) My department’s reporting arrangements are based on the state’s area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

- (b) My department’s reporting arrangements are based on the state’s area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

**Housing: vacant properties — Box Hill electorate**

- 9413.** MR LEANE — To ask the Minister for Housing: In relation to Office of Housing properties in the electorate of Box Hill: how many vacant properties did the Office of Housing pay rent on in the calendar years —
- (a) 2011; and
  - (b) 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (a) My department’s reporting arrangements are based on the state’s area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

- (b) My department’s reporting arrangements are based on the state’s area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

**Housing: vacant properties — Warrandyte electorate**

- 9414.** MR LEANE — To ask the Minister for Housing: In relation to Office of Housing properties in the electorate of Warrandyte: how many vacant properties did the Office of Housing pay rent on in the calendar years —

- (a) 2011; and
- (b) 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (a) My department's reporting arrangements are based on the state's area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

- (b) My department's reporting arrangements are based on the state's area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

**Housing: vacant properties — Scoresby electorate**

**9415.** MR LEANE — To ask the Minister for Housing: In relation to Office of Housing properties in the electorate of Scoresby: how many vacant properties did the Office of Housing pay rent on in the calendar years —

- (a) 2011; and
- (b) 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (a) My department's reporting arrangements are based on the state's area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

- (b) My department's reporting arrangements are based on the state's area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

**Public transport: rail — Laburnum service**

**9416.** MR LEANE — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): On how many occasions did a train that was scheduled to stop at Laburnum railway station fail to do so in the calendar years —

- (a) 2011; and
- (b) 2012.

**ANSWER:**

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

PTV advises that researching and extracting the data required to respond to the question would require significant time and resources. The resources required to extract the data cannot be justified at this time.

PTV continues to emphasise to Metro that the real measure of its success is to run the entire timetable as published, and that service alterations are only a measure of last resort.

**Public transport: rail — Mitcham service**

**9417.** **MR LEANE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): On how many occasions did a train that was scheduled to stop at Mitcham railway station fail to do so in the calendar years —

- (a) 2011; and
- (b) 2012.

**ANSWER:**

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

PTV advises that researching and extracting the data required to respond to the question would require significant time and resources. The resources required to extract the data cannot be justified at this time.

PTV continues to emphasise to Metro that the real measure of its success is to run the entire timetable as published, and that service alterations are only a measure of last resort.

**Public transport: rail — Heatherdale service**

**9418.** **MR LEANE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): On how many occasions did a train that was scheduled to stop at Heatherdale railway station fail to do so in the calendar years —

- (a) 2011; and
- (b) 2012.

**ANSWER:**

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

PTV advises that researching and extracting the data required to respond to the question would require significant time and resources. The resources required to extract the data cannot be justified at this time.

PTV continues to emphasise to Metro that the real measure of its success is to run the entire timetable as published, and that service alterations are only a measure of last resort.

**Public transport: rail — East Ringwood service**

**9419.** **MR LEANE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): On how many occasions did a train that was scheduled to stop at East Ringwood railway station fail to do so in the calendar years —

- (a) 2011; and
- (b) 2012.

**ANSWER:**

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

PTV advises that researching and extracting the data required to respond to the question would require significant time and resources. The resources required to extract the data cannot be justified at this time.

PTV continues to emphasise to Metro that the real measure of its success is to run the entire timetable as published, and that service alterations are only a measure of last resort.

**Public transport: rail — Mooroolbark service**

**9420.** **MR LEANE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): On how many occasions did a train that was scheduled to stop at Mooroolbark railway station fail to do so in the calendar years —

- (a) 2011; and
- (b) 2012.

**ANSWER:**

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

PTV advises that researching and extracting the data required to respond to the question would require significant time and resources. The resources required to extract the data cannot be justified at this time.

PTV continues to emphasise to Metro that the real measure of its success is to run the entire timetable as published, and that service alterations are only a measure of last resort.

**Public transport: rail — Croydon service**

**9421.** **MR LEANE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): On how many occasions did a train that was scheduled to stop at Croydon railway station skip or fail to do so in the calendar years —

- (a) 2011; and
- (b) 2012.

**ANSWER:**

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

PTV advises that researching and extracting the data required to respond to the question would require significant time and resources. The resources required to extract the data cannot be justified at this time.

PTV continues to emphasise to Metro that the real measure of its success is to run the entire timetable as published, and that service alterations are only a measure of last resort.

**Public transport: rail — Heathmont service**

**9422.** **MR LEANE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): On how many occasions did a train that was scheduled to stop at Heathmont railway station fail to do so in the calendar years —

- (a) 2011; and
- (b) 2012.

**ANSWER:**

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

PTV advises that researching and extracting the data required to respond to the question would require significant time and resources. The resources required to extract the data cannot be justified at this time.

PTV continues to emphasise to Metro that the real measure of its success is to run the entire timetable as published, and that service alterations are only a measure of last resort.

**Public transport: rail — Bayswater service**

**9423.** **MR LEANE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): On how many occasions did a train that was scheduled to stop at Bayswater railway station fail to do so in the calendar years —

- (a) 2011; and
- (b) 2012.

**ANSWER:**

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

PTV advises that researching and extracting the data required to respond to the question would require significant time and resources. The resources required to extract the data cannot be justified at this time.

PTV continues to emphasise to Metro that the real measure of its success is to run the entire timetable as published, and that service alterations are only a measure of last resort.

**Public transport: rail — Boronia service**

**9424.** **MR LEANE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): On how many occasions did a train that was scheduled to stop at Boronia railway station fail to do so in the calendar years —

- (a) 2011; and
- (b) 2012.

**ANSWER:**

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

PTV advises that researching and extracting the data required to respond to the question would require significant time and resources. The resources required to extract the data cannot be justified at this time.

PTV continues to emphasise to Metro that the real measure of its success is to run the entire timetable as published, and that service alterations are only a measure of last resort.

**Public transport: rail — Ferntree Gully service**

**9425.** **MR LEANE** — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): On how many occasions did a train that was scheduled to stop at Ferntree Gully railway station fail to do so in the calendar years —

- (a) 2011; and
- (b) 2012.

**ANSWER:**

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

PTV advises that researching and extracting the data required to respond to the question would require significant time and resources. The resources required to extract the data cannot be justified at this time.

PTV continues to emphasise to Metro that the real measure of its success is to run the entire timetable as published, and that service alterations are only a measure of last resort.

**Education: autism spectrum disorder — diagnosis**

**9438. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In reference to the potential changes to the diagnostic criteria for autism, DSM-IV-TR, due in May this year, can the minister —

- (a) confirm he has received a brief on the potential changes to DSM-IV-TR; and
- (b) rule out that any changes to DSM-IV-TR that will lead to Victorian autistic students losing funding through the program for students with disabilities.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

As Minister for Education I am constantly briefed on all matters relating to my portfolio.

The eligibility guidelines for the ASD category of the Program for Students with Disabilities (PSD) do not specify the diagnostic criteria professionals use to diagnose students with ASD; this is determined by the relevant professionals. There is no plan to change to the eligibility criteria for the PSD, and the ASD eligibility criteria in the 2014 guidelines will be the same as previous years. When the DSM-5 is released it will be considered, as a part of the department’s ongoing commitment to remain informed about professional issues in the area of disability.

**Employment and trade: Department of Primary Industries — job losses**

**9440. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Assistant Treasurer (for the Minister for Employment and Trade): In relation to the 13 research jobs in the biosciences division affected by the funding cuts to the Department of Primary Industries recently reported in the *Weekly Times*, what assistance will the Napthine government provide the department’s workers who have recently been made redundant.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Sustainable Government Initiative (SGI) has resulted in job reductions across the Victorian public service, with each government department responsible for providing support and advice to affected employees.

**Employment and trade: Colac Area Health — job losses**

**9441. MS TIERNEY** — To ask the Assistant Treasurer (for the Minister for Employment and Trade): In relation to the nine job losses due to government budget cuts at Colac Area Health recently reported in the *Colac Herald*, what assistance will the Napthine government provide those workers who have recently been made redundant.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Department of State Development, Business and Innovation has contacted Colac Area Health and been advised that employment was reduced by eleven positions over the past year.

The department has offered access to the Government’s Workers in Transition program for retraining opportunities. However it was advised that the affected employees had either found alternative employment or had retired.

**Housing: vacant properties — Mount Waverley electorate**

**9442.** MR TARLAMIS — To ask the Minister for Housing: In relation to Office of Housing properties in the electorate of Mount Waverley: how many vacant properties did the Office of Housing pay rent on in the calendar years —

- (a) 2011; and
- (b) 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (a) My department's reporting arrangements are based on the state's area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

- (b) My department's reporting arrangements are based on the state's area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

**Housing: vacant properties — Mulgrave electorate**

**9443.** MR TARLAMIS — To ask the Minister for Housing: In relation to Office of Housing properties in the electorate of Mulgrave: how many vacant properties did the Office of Housing pay rent on in the calendar years —

- (a) 2011; and
- (b) 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (a) My department's reporting arrangements are based on the state's area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

- (b) My department's reporting arrangements are based on the state's area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

**Housing: vacant properties — Lyndhurst electorate**

**9444.** MR TARLAMIS — To ask the Minister for Housing: In relation to Office of Housing properties in the electorate of Lyndhurst: how many vacant properties did the Office of Housing pay rent on in the calendar years —

- (a) 2011; and
- (b) 2012.



**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (a) My department's reporting arrangements are based on the state's area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

- (b) My department's reporting arrangements are based on the state's area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

**Housing: vacant properties — Dandenong electorate**

**9445.** **MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Housing: In relation to Office of Housing properties in the electorate of Dandenong: how many vacant properties did the Office of Housing pay rent on in the calendar years —

- (a) 2011; and
- (b) 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (a) My department's reporting arrangements are based on the state's area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

- (b) My department's reporting arrangements are based on the state's area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

**Housing: vacant properties — Clayton electorate**

**9446.** **MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Housing: In relation to Office of Housing properties in the electorate of Clayton: how many vacant properties did the Office of Housing pay rent on in the calendar years —

- (a) 2011; and
- (b) 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (a) My department's reporting arrangements are based on the state's area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

- (b) My department's reporting arrangements are based on the state's area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

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**Housing: vacant properties — Narre Warren North electorate**

**9447.** **MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Housing: In relation to Office of Housing properties in the electorate of Narre Warren North: how many vacant properties did the Office of Housing pay rent on in the calendar years —

- (a) 2011; and  
(b) 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (a) My department's reporting arrangements are based on the state's area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

- (b) My department's reporting arrangements are based on the state's area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

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**Housing: vacant properties — Narre Warren South electorate**

**9448.** **MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Housing: In relation to Office of Housing properties in the electorate of Narre Warren South: how many vacant properties did the Office of Housing pay rent on in the calendar years —

- (a) 2011; and  
(b) 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (a) My department's reporting arrangements are based on the state's area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

- (b) My department's reporting arrangements are based on the state's area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

**Housing: vacant properties — Cranbourne electorate**

**9449. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Housing: In relation to Office of Housing properties in the electorate of Cranbourne: how many vacant properties did the Office of Housing pay rent on in the calendar years —

- (a) 2011; and
- (b) 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (a) My department's reporting arrangements are based on the state's area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

- (b) My department's reporting arrangements are based on the state's area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

**Housing: vacant properties — Frankston electorate**

**9450. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Housing: In relation to Office of Housing properties in the electorate of Frankston: how many vacant properties did the Office of Housing pay rent on in the calendar years —

- (a) 2011; and
- (b) 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (a) My department's reporting arrangements are based on the state's area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

- (b) My department's reporting arrangements are based on the state's area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

**Housing: vacant properties — Carrum electorate**

**9451. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Housing: In relation to Office of Housing properties in the electorate of Carrum: how many vacant properties did the Office of Housing pay rent on in the calendar years —

- (a) 2011; and
- (b) 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (a) My department's reporting arrangements are based on the state's area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

- (b) My department's reporting arrangements are based on the state's area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

**Housing: vacant properties — Mordialloc electorate**

**9452. MR TARLAMIS** — To ask the Minister for Housing: In relation to Office of Housing properties in the electorate of Mordialloc: how many vacant properties did the Office of Housing pay rent on in the calendar years —

- (a) 2011; and
- (b) 2012.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (a) My department's reporting arrangements are based on the state's area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

- (b) My department's reporting arrangements are based on the state's area offices and are reported at a point in time, rather than throughout a calendar year.

I therefore refer you to the *Report on Government Services* that contains jurisdictional comparative vacancy statistics.

**Housing: energy and water efficiency — upgrades**

**9457. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Housing: In relation to the 2010–11 annual report to COAG on the National Partnership Agreement on Energy Efficiency and the National Strategy on Energy Efficiency, where the Victorian government reported that approximately 21 900 Victorian public housing properties have been upgraded with energy and water saving features since April 2003: since 2003 how many public housing residences have received —

- (a) exhaust fans;
- (b) energy efficient lighting;
- (c) improved insulation in buildings;
- (d) lagged hot-water pipes;
- (e) draught excluders and weather sealing systems; and
- (f) solar hot-water installations.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The department has undertaken 23 800 upgrade works which include energy and water-saving measures since 2003. Current data on the specific items are not available.

**Housing: policy framework — consultation**

**9459. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Housing: In relation to the ‘Pathways to a new Victorian social housing framework’ consultation and policy development:

- (1) Will the government be publishing submissions to the consultation on the Department of Human Services website.
- (2) Have consultants been involved in reviewing submissions and reporting; if so, which firm/s.
- (3) Given the high volume of submissions, what is the process for reviewing submissions and how will the government prioritise what information or advice is considered closely and given weight in subsequent reporting or policy development.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The government undertook significant consultation with tenants, the housing sector and peak bodies and all submissions are being received as a part of the development of the Victorian Social Housing Framework. The framework will be released later this year.

**Children and early childhood development: kindergarten inclusion support service — four-year-old program**

**9462. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development: how many kindergarten inclusion support service (KISS) recipients are accessing 15 hours of four-year-old kindergarten as at 1 January 2013.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

Funding has been allocated to provide all children supported through a kindergarten inclusion support package to access 15 hours of a funded kindergarten program in 2013.

The data is not yet available for the number of kindergarten inclusion support package recipients accessing a funded kindergarten program of 15 hours in 2013.

**Children and early childhood development: kindergarten — four-year-old program**

**9463. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development: What is the number of children:

- (1) completing a second year of four-year-old kindergarten in 2011;
- (2) completing a second year of four-year-old kindergarten in 2012; and
- (3) enrolled in a second year of four-year-old kindergarten in 2013.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

- (1) A total of 2674 children were funded for a second year in a funded kindergarten program in 2011.
- (2) A total of 2853 children were funded for a second year in a funded kindergarten program in 2012.
- (3) Data is not yet available for the number of children enrolled for a second year in a funded kindergarten program in 2013.

**Community services: youth justice facilities — intellectual disability**

**9465. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Melbourne Youth Justice Facility, the Malmsbury Youth Justice Centre and the Parkville Youth Residential Centre:

- (1) Are there any plans for the department to collect data on clients with an intellectual disability within these facilities.
- (2) When would such data begin to be collected.
- (3) How does the government allocate resources to assist clients living with an intellectual disability.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The Department of Human Services uses a client information and case management system to collect client information, including where a young person has an intellectual disability. This system is used by Child Protection, Youth Justice, Disability Client Services, Early Childhood Intervention Services, and the Refugee Minor Program.
- (2) Information about a young person’s disability is collected on admission to youth justice custodial centres and as part of the client assessment and planning process.
- (3) The Department of Human Services provides a range of responsive and effective supports to young people in youth justice custody. The Senior Disability Advisor assists in the coordination of case planning and the interventions focused on reducing the risk of reoffending. Individual Support Packages may also be allocated to a person to meet their disability related support needs and assist them to achieve their goals.

**Community services: youth justice facilities — mental illness**

**9466. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Melbourne Youth Justice Facility, the Malmsbury Youth Justice Centre and the Parkville Youth Residential Centre:

- (1) Are there any plans for the department to collect data on clients who entered these facilities with a pre-existing mental illness.
- (2) When would such data begin to be collected.
- (3) How does the government allocate resources to assist clients who entered these facilities with a pre-existing mental illness.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The Department of Human Services uses a client information and case management system to collect client information, including where there are concerns about a young person’s mental health. This system is used by Child Protection, Youth Justice, Disability Services, Early Childhood Intervention Services, and the Refugee Minor Program.

- (2) Information about young person's mental health is collected on admission to youth justice custodial centres and as part of the client case management process for youth justice clients.
- (3) The Department of Human Services provides comprehensive health and offence specific programs to young people in youth justice custodial centres, including mental health assessment and treatment. Ongoing case management identifies pre-existing and emerging mental health issues, with communication, referral and consultation occurring between youth justice staff and youth justice health services where required.

**Community services: youth justice facilities — preferred language**

**9467. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Melbourne Youth Justice Facility, the Malmsbury Youth Justice Centre and the Parkville Youth Residential Centre:

- (1) Are there any plans for the department to collect data on clients with a primary language other than English within these facilities.
- (2) When would such data begin to be collected.
- (3) How does the government allocate resources to assist clients with a primary language other than English.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The Department of Human Services client information and case management system collects client demographic information including preferred language. This system is used by Child Protection, Youth Justice, Disability Services, Early Childhood Intervention Services, and the Refugee Minor Program.
- (2) This information is collected on admission to custody and as part of the client assessment and planning process.
- (3) The Department of Human Services funds comprehensive education services for young people in sentenced detention. Educational support is tailored to level of need, and may include language tuition where young people require support in learning English. Interpreting services are also widely used in youth justice custodial centres to help staff communicate with young people and their families where English is a second language.