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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

*Answers to the following questions on notice were circulated on the date shown.
 Questions have been incorporated from the notice paper of the Legislative Council.
 Answers have been incorporated in the form supplied by the departments on behalf of the appropriate ministers.
 The portfolio of the minister answering the question on notice starts each heading.*

Wednesday, 5 February 2014

Children and early childhood development: early intervention services

8484. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development: In relation to the 2011–12 budget and the government’s commitment of \$8.2 million over four years for an additional 150 early childhood intervention services places and 150 flexible support packages, how many of each of these places were allocated to —

- (a) Barwon South Western Region;
- (b) Eastern Metropolitan Region;
- (c) Gippsland Region;
- (d) Grampians Region;
- (e) Hume Region;
- (f) Loddon Mallee Region;
- (g) North Western Metropolitan Region; and
- (h) Southern Metropolitan Region.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The number of ECIS places and flexible support packages funded in the 2011–12 budget are given below:

Region	ECIS places	Flexible Support packages
Barwon South Western	-	11
Eastern	14	27
Gippsland	-	7
Grampians	-	7
Hume	-	8
Loddon Mallee	-	10
North Western	37	45
Southern	99	35
Total	150	150

Children and early childhood development: Victorian Children’s Council

8993. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development: In relation to the Victorian Children’s Council, has the minister received findings or recommendations relating to either legislative reform or budgetary measures from the council since December 2010; if so, what are they.

ANSWER:

I am informed that findings or recommendations relating to either legislative reform or budgetary measures from the council since December 2010 include in:

- October 2012, the council provided advice to the Minister for Health and me on local efforts to reduce smoking in outdoor places.
- March 2012, the council provided advice to the Premier and me on recommendation 50 (sexual assault suppression orders) of the Protecting Victoria’s Vulnerable Children Inquiry.
- November 2011, the council provided advice to the Minister for Community Services, the Minister for Education and me on the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL).

In May 2012, the government released *Victoria’s Vulnerable Children: Our Shared Responsibility* which announced that the council could support a stronger whole-of-government response to vulnerable children and families.

Housing: air conditioning

9016. MS HARTLAND — To ask the Minister for Housing: In relation to public housing, considering that this summer is projected to be hot, with a 60–75 per cent chance of exceeding the long-term median maximum temperature across Victoria and a 35–40 per cent chance of exceeding the long-term median minimum temperature:

- (1) Will the government provide air-conditioning to public housing residents over 65 years old, who suffer increased health risks on hot days.
- (2) How many public housing residents are over the age of 65.
- (3) How many public housing residents are over the age of 75.
- (4) How many public housing residents are there in Victoria.
- (5) How many public housing residents suffer from heat sensitive diseases or disabilities.
- (6) How many public housing residents with heat sensitive diseases or disabilities have opted to have an air-conditioning unit installed.
- (7) How many public housing complexes are there in Victoria.
- (8) How many public housing complexes in Victoria have an air-conditioned communal area.
- (9) Will the government ensure that every public housing complex has a communal area that is air-conditioned; if so, when.
- (10) When does the government plan to carry out its commitment, made as part of the Council of Australian government’s National Strategy on Energy Efficiency, to audit the energy efficiency of public housing.
- (11) When does the government plan to energy efficiency retrofit the various high rise public housing estates across Melbourne.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) Under the *Residential Tenancies Act 1997*, the Department of Human Services as a landlord is not required to provide air conditioning. The department’s policy is that air-conditioning can be provided where a tenant, irrespective of age, provides evidence of a medical condition or disability that requires it.
- (2&3) As at 31 December 2012 there were 22 248 residents (tenants and non-tenants) in public housing over the age of 65 years of which 10 420 were over the age of 75 years.

- (4) As at 31 December 2012 there were 125 852 residents (tenants and non-tenants) living in public housing in Victoria.
- (5) The Department of Human Services has advised me that it does not routinely collect information about residents' heat sensitive diseases or disabilities. However, where a tenant notes a health concern an appropriate response is considered such as air conditioning.
- (6) The Department of Human Services has advised me that it does not routinely collect information about how many public housing residents with heat sensitive diseases or disabilities have opted to have an air-conditioning unit installed.
- (7) The Department of Human Services has advised me that the term 'public housing complexes' is an overly general term that is not used in its policy decisions or data for this reason.
- (8) Refer to response above.
- (9) Refer to response above.
- (10) The department is undertaking a property condition review of all public housing properties, which includes collection of data in a number of environmental and energy efficiency fields. This review is expected for completion in late 2013 to early 2014.
- (11) High Rise Buildings have been progressively upgraded since the late 1990s and will continue to progress. To date around 60-70 per cent of the 7000 units have been completed. These upgrades include:
 - Energy efficient lifts, pumps and boilers.
 - Energy efficient public lighting in common walkways, lift lobbies and communal laundries.
 - Insulation to external walls of units.
 - Insulation to top floor ceilings.
 - More energy efficient external windows.
 - Water saving shower heads.
 - New dual flush cisterns.
 - Boxed pelmets to external windows.

The department is also undertaking a detailed facility studies of public housing high rise buildings to identify opportunities for greenhouse gas emission savings and to inform future improvements. Specific timeframes will depend on the outcomes and findings of this study.

Ageing: funding

- 9532. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Ageing: With regard to the seniors and ageing portfolio: Which programs and services in the portfolio received funding, and how much funding did each receive, during the following financial years —
- (a) 2011–12;
 - (b) 2012–13; and
 - (c) 2013–14.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Funding for seniors and ageing appears across the acute, ageing and small rural output groups. To disaggregate amounts across all health services for portions that go to seniors would be an unreasonable diversion of department resources.

However, in relation to points (a) and (b) above, I can advise the member that funding has increased since her government was in office. In relation to point (c), the 2013–14 year is not yet complete, but funding will increase again.

Housing: funding

9533. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Youth Affairs): With regard to the Youth Affairs portfolio: Which programs and services in the portfolio received funding, and how much funding did each receive, during the following financial years —

- (a) 2011–12;
- (b) 2012–13; and
- (c) 2013–14.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (a) Programs and service funding in the Youth Affairs portfolio in 2011–12 as reported in the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee included:

Program	2011–12 (\$m)
Advance	4.5
Be Heard! and SYN	0.1
Centre for Multicultural Youth regional offices	0.5
Engage!	4.1
FReeZA	2.4
Involve Committee ¹	0.06
Mentoring and Capacity Building Initiative	0.95
National Youth Week	0.2
Safer School leaver Week	0.05 ²
Scouts and Guides	2.0
Wakakirri Secondary School Challenge (Rock Eisteddfod Challenge)	0.2
webWise	0.9
Shape it! (Youth Action Strategy)	0.64
Youth Central	0.75
Youth Foundations Victoria	0.4
Youth Parliament	0.1
Youth Affairs Council Victoria core funding	0.417
Centre for Multicultural Youth core funding	0.147
Total	18.4

These figures are program and service allocations, may vary from actual expenditure amounts and do not include funds carried over from machinery of government changes. These figures do not include all operational and staffing costs for the Youth Affairs portfolio.

¹ Internal resourcing

² Internal resourcing with contribution from Department of Health

- (b) Programs and service funding in the Youth Affairs portfolio in 2012-13 as reported in the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee included:

Program	2012–13 (\$m)
Advance	4.38
Be Heard! and SYN	0.1
Centre for Multicultural Youth regional offices	0.45
Engage!	4.1
FReeZA	2.4
Involve Committee ¹	0.06
National Youth Week	0.2
Safer School Leaver Week	0.05
Scouts and Guides	1.4
Shape It! (Youth Action Strategy)	0.96
Wakakirri Secondary School Challenge (Rock Eisteddfod Challenge)	0.2
webWise	0.9
Youth Central	0.45
Youth Parliament	0.1
Youth Affairs Council Victoria core funding	0.32
Centre for Multicultural Youth core funding	0.147
Total	16.3

These figures are program and service allocations, may vary from actual expenditure amounts and do not include funds carried over from machinery of government changes. These figures do not include all operational and staffing costs for the Youth Affairs portfolio.

- (c) Programs and services funding in the Youth Affairs portfolio in 2013–2014 as reported in the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee are in detail on the Parliament of Victoria website. (www.parliament.vic.gov.au/paec)

Health: bed numbers

9584. MR TARLAMIS — To ask the Minister for Health: In relation to the recent announcements by the Member for Bentleigh, Elizabeth Miller, that the state government are opening 20 extra hospital beds at Monash Medical Centre and Dandenong Hospital to help with the increased flow of patients during winter:

- (1) What precise date will these beds open.
- (2) How many extra beds will be allocated to each facility.
- (3) How many extra staff will be employed to service these extra beds.
- (4) If these extra beds have been provided to assist with greater patient numbers during winter, can the minister guarantee they will remain open once the season has passed.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

¹ Internal resourcing

- (1) On the 17 June 2013 additional beds for Monash Health was announced in a media release on the Premier's website.
- (2) Monash Health allocated eight additional beds to Monash Medical Centre and 12 additional beds to Dandenong Hospital, as per the media release on 17 June 2013 on the Premier's website.
- (3) Employment of staff fluctuates and is a matter for individual health services.
- (4) Health services are responsible for managing the flow of patients and the operating capacity of their hospitals. Average available bed numbers vary month to month and day to day as a consequence of supply or demand changes, or in response to model of care changes.

Corrections: contraband and drug detection

9811. MR TEE — To ask the Minister for Corrections: In relation to Hopkins Correctional Facility: For each of the periods between 1 December 2012 and 31 December 2012, 1 January 2013 and 31 January 2013, 1 February 2013 and 28 February 2013, 1 April 2013 and 30 April 2013, 1 May 2013 and 31 May 2013, 1 June 2013 and 30 June 2013, 1 July 2013 and 31 July 2013 —

- (a) how many items of contraband have been seized from prisoners;
- (b) how many items of contraband have been seized from visitors;
- (c) in relation to prisoners, what items and how many instances of each item of contraband have been detected;
- (d) in relation to visitors, what items and how many instances of each item of contraband have been detected;
- (e) how many drug tests have been carried out on prisoners;
- (f) of these tests, how many were selected through the following categories:
 - (i) random general;
 - (ii) random identified drug users;
 - (iii) drug free incentive program;
 - (iv) reception;
 - (v) targeted;
 - (vi) through programs; and
 - (vii) voluntary testing;
- (g) of these tests, how many have been found positive;
- (h) in the case of positive tests, what illegal substances were detected;
- (i) how many cell searches for contraband have been undertaken;
- (j) for each search, how many items of contraband were seized; and
- (k) how many times have dog squads been used in contraband searches at the facility.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (a) 47.
- (b) 2.
- (c) a variety of contraband is detected and Corrections Victoria is constantly reviewing, updating and looking at new ways of detecting contraband.
- (d) a variety of contraband is detected and Corrections Victoria is constantly reviewing, updating and looking at new ways of detecting contraband.

- (e) 722.
- (f) 722.
- (g) 14.
- (h) benzodiazepines, cannabinoids, methadone, buprenorphine, non opiate analgesics.
- (i) data not available.
- (j) data not available.
- (k) data not available.

Corrections: contraband and drug detection

9812. MR TEE — To ask the Minister for Corrections: In relation to Barwon Prison: For each of the periods between 1 December 2012 and 31 December 2012, 1 January 2013 and 31 January 2013, 1 February 2013 and 28 February 2013, 1 April 2013 and 30 April 2013, 1 May 2013 and 31 May 2013, 1 June 2013 and 30 June 2013, 1 July 2013 and 31 July 2013 —

- (a) how many items of contraband have been seized from prisoners;
- (b) how many items of contraband have been seized from visitors;
- (c) in relation to prisoners, what items and how many instances of each item of contraband have been detected;
- (d) in relation to visitors, what items and how many instances of each item of contraband have been detected;
- (e) how many drug tests have been carried out on prisoners;
- (f) of these tests, how many were selected through the following categories:
 - (i) random general;
 - (ii) random identified drug users;
 - (iii) drug free incentive program;
 - (iv) reception;
 - (v) targeted;
 - (vi) through programs; and
 - (vii) voluntary testing;
- (g) of these tests, how many have been found positive;
- (h) in the case of positive tests, what illegal substances were detected;
- (i) how many cell searches for contraband have been undertaken;
- (j) for each search, how many items of contraband were seized; and
- (k) how many times have dog squads been used in contraband searches at the facility.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (a) 110.
- (b) 2.
- (c) a variety of contraband is detected and Corrections Victoria is constantly reviewing, updating and looking at new ways of detecting contraband.

- (d) a variety of contraband is detected and Corrections Victoria is constantly reviewing, updating and looking at new ways of detecting contraband.
- (e) 1524.
- (f) 1524.
- (g) 92.
- (h) amphetamines, Opiates, Benzodiazepines, cannabinoids, methadone, buprenorphine.
- (i) data not available.
- (j) data not available.
- (k) data not available.

Corrections: contraband and drug detection

9813. MR TEE — To ask the Minister for Corrections: In relation to Beechworth Correctional Facility: For each of the periods between 1 December 2012 and 31 December 2012, 1 January 2013 and 31 January 2013, 1 February 2013 and 28 February 2013, 1 April 2013 and 30 April 2013, 1 May 2013 and 31 May 2013, 1 June 2013 and 30 June 2013, 1 July 2013 and 31 July 2013 —

- (a) how many items of contraband have been seized from prisoners;
- (b) how many items of contraband have been seized from visitors;
- (c) in relation to prisoners, what items and how many instances of each item of contraband have been detected;
- (d) in relation to visitors, what items and how many instances of each item of contraband have been detected;
- (e) how many drug tests have been carried out on prisoners;
- (f) of these tests, how many were selected through the following categories:
 - (i) random general;
 - (ii) random identified drug users;
 - (iii) drug free incentive program;
 - (iv) reception;
 - (v) targeted;
 - (vi) through programs; and
 - (vii) voluntary testing;
- (g) of these tests, how many have been found positive;
- (h) in the case of positive tests, what illegal substances were detected;
- (i) how many cell searches for contraband have been undertaken;
- (j) for each search, how many items of contraband were seized; and
- (k) how many times have dog squads been used in contraband searches at the facility.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (a) 5.
- (b) 1.

- (c) a variety of contraband is detected and Corrections Victoria is constantly reviewing, updating and looking at new ways of detecting contraband.
- (d) a variety of contraband is detected and Corrections Victoria is constantly reviewing, updating and looking at new ways of detecting contraband.
- (e) 703.
- (f) 703.
- (g) 3.
- (h) benzodiazepines, cannabinoids, buprenorphine.
- (i) data not available.
- (j) data not available.
- (k) data not available.

Corrections: contraband and drug detection

9814. MR TEE — To ask the Minister for Corrections: In relation to Dame Phyllis Frost Centre: For each of the periods between 1 December 2012 and 31 December 2012, 1 January 2013 and 31 January 2013, 1 February 2013 and 28 February 2013, 1 April 2013 and 30 April 2013, 1 May 2013 and 31 May 2013, 1 June 2013 and 30 June 2013, 1 July 2013 and 31 July 2013 —

- (a) how many items of contraband have been seized from prisoners;
- (b) how many items of contraband have been seized from visitors;
- (c) in relation to prisoners, what items and how many instances of each item of contraband have been detected;
- (d) in relation to visitors, what items and how many instances of each item of contraband have been detected;
- (e) how many drug tests have been carried out on prisoners;
- (f) of these tests, how many were selected through the following categories:
 - (i) random general;
 - (ii) random identified drug users;
 - (iii) drug free incentive program;
 - (iv) reception;
 - (v) targeted;
 - (vi) through programs; and
 - (vii) voluntary testing;
- (g) of these tests, how many have been found positive;
- (h) in the case of positive tests, what illegal substances were detected;
- (i) how many cell searches for contraband have been undertaken;
- (j) for each search, how many items of contraband were seized; and
- (k) how many times have dog squads been used in contraband searches at the facility.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (a) 36.

- (b) 5.
- (c) a variety of contraband is detected and Corrections Victoria is constantly reviewing, updating and looking at new ways of detecting contraband.
- (d) a variety of contraband is detected and Corrections Victoria is constantly reviewing, updating and looking at new ways of detecting contraband.
- (e) 1444.
- (f) 1444.
- (g) 74.
- (h) amphetamines, opiates, benzodiazepines, cannabinoids, methadone, anti psychotic medication, buprenorphine.
- (i) data not available.
- (j) data not available.
- (k) data not available.

Corrections: contraband and drug detection

- 9815. MR TEE** — To ask the Minister for Corrections: In relation to Dhurringile Prison: For each of the periods between 1 December 2012 and 31 December 2012, 1 January 2013 and 31 January 2013, 1 February 2013 and 28 February 2013, 1 April 2013 and 30 April 2013, 1 May 2013 and 31 May 2013, 1 June 2013 and 30 June 2013, 1 July 2013 and 31 July 2013 —
- (a) how many items of contraband have been seized from prisoners;
 - (b) how many items of contraband have been seized from visitors;
 - (c) in relation to prisoners, what items and how many instances of each item of contraband have been detected;
 - (d) in relation to visitors, what items and how many instances of each item of contraband have been detected;
 - (e) how many drug tests have been carried out on prisoners;
 - (f) of these tests, how many were selected through the following categories:
 - (i) random general;
 - (ii) random identified drug users;
 - (iii) drug free incentive program;
 - (iv) reception;
 - (v) targeted;
 - (vi) through programs; and
 - (vii) voluntary testing;
 - (g) of these tests, how many have been found positive;
 - (h) in the case of positive tests, what illegal substances were detected;
 - (i) how many cell searches for contraband have been undertaken;
 - (j) for each search, how many items of contraband were seized; and
 - (k) how many times have dog squads been used in contraband searches at the facility.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (a) 28.
- (b) 7.
- (c) a variety of contraband is detected and Corrections Victoria is constantly reviewing, updating and looking at new ways of detecting contraband.
- (d) a variety of contraband is detected and Corrections Victoria is constantly reviewing, updating and looking at new ways of detecting contraband.
- (e) 1320.
- (f) 1320.
- (g) 46.
- (h) amphetamines, opiates, benzodiazepines, cannabinoids, buprenorphine.
- (i) data not available.
- (j) data not available.
- (k) data not available.

Corrections: contraband and drug detection

- 9816. MR TEE** — To ask the Minister for Corrections: In relation to Fulham Correctional Centre: For each of the periods between 1 December 2012 and 31 December 2012, 1 January 2013 and 31 January 2013, 1 February 2013 and 28 February 2013, 1 April 2013 and 30 April 2013, 1 May 2013 and 31 May 2013, 1 June 2013 and 30 June 2013, 1 July 2013 and 31 July 2013 —
- (a) how many items of contraband have been seized from prisoners;
 - (b) how many items of contraband have been seized from visitors;
 - (c) in relation to prisoners, what items and how many instances of each item of contraband have been detected;
 - (d) in relation to visitors, what items and how many instances of each item of contraband have been detected;
 - (e) how many drug tests have been carried out on prisoners;
 - (f) of these tests, how many were selected through the following categories:
 - (i) random general;
 - (ii) random identified drug users;
 - (iii) drug free incentive program;
 - (iv) reception;
 - (v) targeted;
 - (vi) through programs; and
 - (vii) voluntary testing;
 - (g) of these tests, how many have been found positive;
 - (h) in the case of positive tests, what illegal substances were detected;
 - (i) how many cell searches for contraband have been undertaken;
 - (j) for each search, how many items of contraband were seized; and

- (k) how many times have dog squads been used in contraband searches at the facility.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (a) 128.
- (b) 22.
- (c) a variety of contraband is detected and Corrections Victoria is constantly reviewing, updating and looking at new ways of detecting contraband.
- (d) a variety of contraband is detected and Corrections Victoria is constantly reviewing, updating and looking at new ways of detecting contraband.
- (e) 1856.
- (f) 1856.
- (g) 186.
- (h) amphetamines, opiates, benzodiazepines, cannabinoids, ethanol, methadone, anti depressants, anti psychotic medication, buprenorphine.
- (i) data not available.
- (j) data not available.
- (k) data not available.

Corrections: contraband and drug detection

9817. MR TEE — To ask the Minister for Corrections: In relation to Judy Lazarus Transition Centre: For each of the periods between 1 December 2012 and 31 December 2012, 1 January 2013 and 31 January 2013, 1 February 2013 and 28 February 2013, 1 April 2013 and 30 April 2013, 1 May 2013 and 31 May 2013, 1 June 2013 and 30 June 2013, 1 July 2013 and 31 July 2013 —

- (a) how many items of contraband have been seized from prisoners;
- (b) how many items of contraband have been seized from visitors;
- (c) in relation to prisoners, what items and how many instances of each item of contraband have been detected;
- (d) in relation to visitors, what items and how many instances of each item of contraband have been detected;
- (e) how many drug tests have been carried out on prisoners;
- (f) of these tests, how many were selected through the following categories:
 - (i) random general;
 - (ii) random identified drug users;
 - (iii) drug free incentive program;
 - (iv) reception;
 - (v) targeted;
 - (vi) through programs; and
 - (vii) voluntary testing;
- (g) of these tests, how many have been found positive;

- (h) in the case of positive tests, what illegal substances were detected;
- (i) how many cell searches for contraband have been undertaken;
- (j) for each search, how many items of contraband were seized; and
- (k) how many times have dog squads been used in contraband searches at the facility.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (a) nil.
- (b) nil.
- (c) a variety of contraband is detected and Corrections Victoria is constantly reviewing, updating and looking at new ways of detecting contraband.
- (d) a variety of contraband is detected and Corrections Victoria is constantly reviewing, updating and looking at new ways of detecting contraband.
- (e) 330.
- (f) 330.
- (g) nil.
- (h) not applicable.
- (i) data not available.
- (j) data not available.
- (k) data not available.

Corrections: contraband and drug detection

9818. MR TARLAMIS — To ask the Minister for Corrections: In relation to Langi Kal Kal Prison: For each of the periods between 1 December 2012 and 31 December 2012, 1 January 2013 and 31 January 2013, 1 February 2013 and 28 February 2013, 1 April 2013 and 30 April 2013, 1 May 2013 and 31 May 2013, 1 June 2013 and 30 June 2013, 1 July 2013 and 31 July 2013 —

- (a) how many items of contraband have been seized from prisoners;
- (b) how many items of contraband have been seized from visitors;
- (c) in relation to prisoners, what items and how many instances of each item of contraband have been detected;
- (d) in relation to visitors, what items and how many instances of each item of contraband have been detected;
- (e) how many drug tests have been carried out on prisoners;
- (f) of these tests, how many were selected through the following categories:
 - (i) random general;
 - (ii) random identified drug users;
 - (iii) drug free incentive program;
 - (iv) reception;
 - (v) targeted;
 - (vi) through programs; and
 - (vii) voluntary testing;

- (g) of these tests, how many have been found positive;
- (h) in the case of positive tests, what illegal substances were detected;
- (i) how many cell searches for contraband have been undertaken;
- (j) for each search, how many items of contraband were seized; and
- (k) how many times have dog squads been used in contraband searches at the facility.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (a) 5.
- (b) nil.
- (c) a variety of contraband is detected and Corrections Victoria is constantly reviewing, updating and looking at new ways of detecting contraband.
- (d) a variety of contraband is detected and Corrections Victoria is constantly reviewing, updating and looking at new ways of detecting contraband.
- (e) 372.
- (f) 372.
- (g) 1.
- (h) opiates.
- (i) data is not available.
- (j) data not available.
- (k) data not available.

Corrections: contraband and drug detection

9819. MR TEE — To ask the Minister for Corrections: In relation to Loddon Prison: For each of the periods between 1 December 2012 and 31 December 2012, 1 January 2013 and 31 January 2013, 1 February 2013 and 28 February 2013, 1 April 2013 and 30 April 2013, 1 May 2013 and 31 May 2013, 1 June 2013 and 30 June 2013, 1 July 2013 and 31 July 2013 —

- (a) how many items of contraband have been seized from prisoners;
- (b) how many items of contraband have been seized from visitors;
- (c) in relation to prisoners, what items and how many instances of each item of contraband have been detected;
- (d) in relation to visitors, what items and how many instances of each item of contraband have been detected;
- (e) how many drug tests have been carried out on prisoners;
- (f) of these tests, how many were selected through the following categories:
 - (i) random general;
 - (ii) random identified drug users;
 - (iii) drug free incentive program;
 - (iv) reception;
 - (v) targeted;
 - (vi) through programs; and

- (vii) voluntary testing;
- (g) of these tests, how many have been found positive;
- (h) in the case of positive tests, what illegal substances were detected;
- (i) how many cell searches for contraband have been undertaken;
- (j) for each search, how many items of contraband were seized; and
- (k) how many times have dog squads been used in contraband searches at the facility.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (a) 50.
- (b) 7.
- (c) a variety of contraband is detected and Corrections Victoria is constantly reviewing, updating and looking at new ways of detecting contraband.
- (d) a variety of contraband is detected and Corrections Victoria is constantly reviewing, updating and looking at new ways of detecting contraband.
- (e) 1276.
- (f) 1276.
- (g) 61.
- (h) amphetamines, benzodiazepines, cannabinoids, buprenorphine.
- (i) data not available.
- (j) data not available.
- (k) data not available.

Corrections: contraband and drug detection

9820. MR TEE — To ask the Minister for Corrections: In relation to Marngoneet Correctional Centre: For each of the periods between 1 December 2012 and 31 December 2012, 1 January 2013 and 31 January 2013, 1 February 2013 and 28 February 2013, 1 April 2013 and 30 April 2013, 1 May 2013 and 31 May 2013, 1 June 2013 and 30 June 2013, 1 July 2013 and 31 July 2013 —

- (a) how many items of contraband have been seized from prisoners;
- (b) how many items of contraband have been seized from visitors;
- (c) in relation to prisoners, what items and how many instances of each item of contraband have been detected;
- (d) in relation to visitors, what items and how many instances of each item of contraband have been detected;
- (e) how many drug tests have been carried out on prisoners;
- (f) of these tests, how many were selected through the following categories:
 - (i) random general;
 - (ii) random identified drug users;
 - (iii) drug free incentive program;
 - (iv) reception;

- (v) targeted;
- (vi) through programs; and
- (vii) voluntary testing;
- (g) of these tests, how many have been found positive;
- (h) in the case of positive tests, what illegal substances were detected;
- (i) how many cell searches for contraband have been undertaken;
- (j) for each search, how many items of contraband were seized; and
- (k) how many times have dog squads been used in contraband searches at the facility.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (a) 43.
- (b) 4.
- (c) a variety of contraband is detected and Corrections Victoria is constantly reviewing, updating and looking at new ways of detecting contraband.
- (d) a variety of contraband is detected and Corrections Victoria is constantly reviewing, updating and looking at new ways of detecting contraband.
- (e) 1300.
- (f) 1300.
- (g) 64.
- (h) amphetamines, cocaine, opiates, benzodiazepines, cannabinoids, ethanol, buprenorphine.
- (i) data not available.
- (j) data not available.
- (k) data not available.

Corrections: contraband and drug detection

9821. **MR TEE** — To ask the Minister for Corrections: In relation to Melbourne Assessment Prison: For each of the periods between 1 December 2012 and 31 December 2012, 1 January 2013 and 31 January 2013, 1 February 2013 and 28 February 2013, 1 April 2013 and 30 April 2013, 1 May 2013 and 31 May 2013, 1 June 2013 and 30 June 2013, 1 July 2013 and 31 July 2013 —

- (a) how many items of contraband have been seized from prisoners;
- (b) how many items of contraband have been seized from visitors;
- (c) in relation to prisoners, what items and how many instances of each item of contraband have been detected;
- (d) in relation to visitors, what items and how many instances of each item of contraband have been detected;
- (e) how many drug tests have been carried out on prisoners;
- (f) of these tests, how many were selected through the following categories:
 - (i) random general;
 - (ii) random identified drug users;

- (iii) drug free incentive program;
- (iv) reception;
- (v) targeted;
- (vi) through programs; and
- (vii) voluntary testing;
- (g) of these tests, how many have been found positive;
- (h) in the case of positive tests, what illegal substances were detected;
- (i) how many cell searches for contraband have been undertaken;
- (j) for each search, how many items of contraband were seized; and
- (k) how many times have dog squads been used in contraband searches at the facility.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (a) 99.
- (b) 0.
- (c) a variety of contraband is detected and Corrections Victoria is constantly reviewing, updating and looking at new ways of detecting contraband.
- (d) a variety of contraband is detected and Corrections Victoria is constantly reviewing, updating and looking at new ways of detecting contraband.
- (e) 507.
- (f) 507.
- (g) 50.
- (h) amphetamines, opiates, benzodiazepines, cannabinoids, methadone, buprenorphine.
- (i) data not available.
- (j) data not available.
- (k) data not available.

Corrections: contraband and drug detection

9822. **MR TEE** — To ask the Minister for Corrections: In relation to Metropolitan Remand Centre: For each of the periods between 1 December 2012 and 31 December 2012, 1 January 2013 and 31 January 2013, 1 February 2013 and 28 February 2013, 1 April 2013 and 30 April 2013, 1 May 2013 and 31 May 2013, 1 June 2013 and 30 June 2013, 1 July 2013 and 31 July 2013 —

- (a) how many items of contraband have been seized from prisoners;
- (b) how many items of contraband have been seized from visitors;
- (c) in relation to prisoners, what items and how many instances of each item of contraband have been detected;
- (d) in relation to visitors, what items and how many instances of each item of contraband have been detected;
- (e) how many drug tests have been carried out on prisoners;
- (f) of these tests, how many were selected through the following categories:

- (i) random general;
- (ii) random identified drug users;
- (iii) drug free incentive program;
- (iv) reception;
- (v) targeted;
- (vi) through programs; and
- (vii) voluntary testing;

- (g) of these tests, how many have been found positive;
- (h) in the case of positive tests, what illegal substances were detected;
- (i) how many cell searches for contraband have been undertaken;
- (j) for each search, how many items of contraband were seized; and
- (k) how many times have dog squads been used in contraband searches at the facility.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (a) 150.
- (b) 30.
- (c) a variety of contraband is detected and Corrections Victoria is constantly reviewing, updating and looking at new ways of detecting contraband.
- (d) a variety of contraband is detected and Corrections Victoria is constantly reviewing, updating and looking at new ways of detecting contraband.
- (e) 1906.
- (f) 1906.
- (g) 120.
- (h) amphetamines, cocaine, opiates, benzodiazepines, cannabinoids, buprenorphine.
- (i) data not available.
- (j) data not available.
- (k) data not available.

Corrections: contraband and drug detection

9823. MR TEE — To ask the Minister for Corrections: In relation to Port Phillip Prison: For each of the periods between 1 December 2012 and 31 December 2012, 1 January 2013 and 31 January 2013, 1 February 2013 and 28 February 2013, 1 April 2013 and 30 April 2013, 1 May 2013 and 31 May 2013, 1 June 2013 and 30 June 2013, 1 July 2013 and 31 July 2013 —

- (a) how many items of contraband have been seized from prisoners;
- (b) how many items of contraband have been seized from visitors;
- (c) in relation to prisoners, what items and how many instances of each item of contraband have been detected;
- (d) in relation to visitors, what items and how many instances of each item of contraband have been detected;

- (e) how many drug tests have been carried out on prisoners;
- (f) of these tests, how many were selected through the following categories:
 - (i) random general;
 - (ii) random identified drug users;
 - (iii) drug free incentive program;
 - (iv) reception;
 - (v) targeted;
 - (vi) through programs; and
 - (vii) voluntary testing;
- (g) of these tests, how many have been found positive;
- (h) in the case of positive tests, what illegal substances were detected;
- (i) how many cell searches for contraband have been undertaken;
- (j) for each search, how many items of contraband were seized; and
- (k) how many times have dog squads been used in contraband searches at the facility.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (a) 208.
- (b) 14.
- (c) a variety of contraband is detected and Corrections Victoria is constantly reviewing, updating and looking at new ways of detecting contraband.
- (d) a variety of contraband is detected and Corrections Victoria is constantly reviewing, updating and looking at new ways of detecting contraband.
- (e) 1376.
- (f) 1376.
- (g) 210.
- (h) amphetamines, cocaine, opiates, benzodiazepines, cannabinoids, methadone, anti depressants, anti psychotic medication, buprenorphine, non opiate analgesics.
- (i) data not available.
- (j) data not available.
- (k) data not available.

Corrections: contraband and drug detection

9824. MR TEE — To ask the Minister for Corrections: In relation to Tarrengower Prison: For each of the periods between 1 December 2012 and 31 December 2012, 1 January 2013 and 31 January 2013, 1 February 2013 and 28 February 2013, 1 April 2013 and 30 April 2013, 1 May 2013 and 31 May 2013, 1 June 2013 and 30 June 2013, 1 July 2013 and 31 July 2013 —

- (a) how many items of contraband have been seized from prisoners;
- (b) how many items of contraband have been seized from visitors;

- (c) in relation to prisoners, what items and how many instances of each item of contraband have been detected;
- (d) in relation to visitors, what items and how many instances of each item of contraband have been detected;
- (e) how many drug tests have been carried out on prisoners;
- (f) of these tests, how many were selected through the following categories:
 - (i) random general;
 - (ii) random identified drug users;
 - (iii) drug free incentive program;
 - (iv) reception;
 - (v) targeted;
 - (vi) through programs; and
 - (vii) voluntary testing;
- (g) of these tests, how many have been found positive;
- (h) in the case of positive tests, what illegal substances were detected;
- (i) how many cell searches for contraband have been undertaken;
- (j) for each search, how many items of contraband were seized; and
- (k) how many times have dog squads been used in contraband searches at the facility.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (a) 13.
- (b) 2.
- (c) a variety of contraband is detected and Corrections Victoria is constantly reviewing, updating and looking at new ways of detecting contraband.
- (d) a variety of contraband is detected and Corrections Victoria is constantly reviewing, updating and looking at new ways of detecting contraband.
- (e) 162.
- (f) 162.
- (g) 0.
- (h) not applicable.
- (i) data not available.
- (j) data not available.
- (k) data not available.

Corrections: contraband and drug detection

- 9825.** **MR TEE** — To ask the Minister for Corrections: How many reports or briefings has the minister received from the Commissioner for Corrections regarding major contraband seizures or events between 7 February 2012 and 16 August 2013.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Data not available.

Corrections: contraband and drug detection

9826. MR TEE — To ask the Minister for Corrections: In relation to each correctional facility, between 1 January 2012 and 31 December 2012, how many drug overdose events —

- (a) occurred; and
- (b) resulted in the death of the prisoner.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (a) No accurate data available.
- (b) Zero.

Corrections: contraband and drug detection

9827. MR TEE — To ask the Minister for Corrections: In relation to each correctional facility, between 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2013, how many matters were referred to Victoria Police.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

1175.

Corrections: Department of Justice staff

9828. MR TEE — To ask the Minister for Corrections: On the first day of each quarter (or closest relevant pay cycle date) in 2013 (1 January, 1 April and 1 July):

- (1) How many ongoing full time equivalent (FTE) staff were employed in each of the following business units of the department —
 - (a) Corrections, Health and Crime Prevention;
 - (b) Corrections Victoria (not including Community Corrections Officers (CCOs) or Custodial Officers (COs));
 - (c) Justice Health; and
 - (d) Community Crime Prevention.
- (2) How many ongoing full time (head count) employees were employed in each of the following business units of the department —
 - (a) Corrections, Health and Crime Prevention;
 - (b) Corrections Victoria (not including CCOs or COs);
 - (c) Justice Health; and
 - (d) Community Crime Prevention.
- (3) How many ongoing part time (head count) employees were employed in each of the following business units of the department —
 - (a) Corrections, Health and Crime Prevention;

- (b) Corrections Victoria (not including CCOs or COs);
 - (c) Justice Health; and
 - (d) Community Crime Prevention.
- (4) How many fixed term and casual FTE people were employed in each of the following business units of the department —
- (a) Corrections, Health and Crime Prevention;
 - (b) Corrections Victoria (not including CCOs or COs);
 - (c) Justice Health; and
 - (d) Community Crime Prevention.
- (5) For each grade of CCO (including trainees) —
- (a) how many ongoing CCOs were employed (head count);
 - (b) how many FTE CCOs were employed; and
 - (c) how many fixed term FTE CCOs were employed.
- (6) For each grade of CO —
- (a) how many ongoing COs were employed (head count);
 - (b) how many FTE COs were employed; and
 - (c) how many fixed term FTE COs were employed.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) For each quarter (excluding regional community corrections officers and custodial officers):

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3
409.2	408.7	405.2

- (2) For each quarter (excluding regional community corrections officers and custodial officers):

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3
390	391	385

- (3) For each quarter (excluding regional community corrections officers and custodial officers):

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3
29	27	31

- (4) For each quarter (excluding regional community corrections officers and custodial officers):

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3
22.7	17.6	24.9

- (5)

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3
498	508	504
558.4	559.1	559.6
73.8	63.6	69.8

(6)

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3
1582	1583	1621
1807.9	1835.5	1863.3
143.3	144.3	128.6

Assistant Treasurer: Firefighters Assessment Panel

9829. MS HARTLAND — To ask the Assistant Treasurer: In relation to the Firefighters Assessment Panel which, on 20 August 2013, the government announced will be established to assist in the management and assessment of career and volunteer firefighter cancer related claims, and will comprise expert medical, technical and claims specialists:

- (1) When will this panel be established and when will it begin to provide management and assessment of claims.
- (2) What exactly will be the role of the Country Fire Authority (CFA) in the management or otherwise of the panel, given that the government stated the Panel will be managed by the Victorian WorkCover Authority with the support of the CFA.
- (3) How will the government ensure there is no conflict of interest in respect to the CFA’s involvement in the panel and the decisions in respect to the CFA’s liability to firefighters who claim to have contracted work-related cancer.
- (4) Why did the government choose to establish a panel to be managed by the Victorian WorkCover Authority, rather than one that will provide independent expert opinion in assessments of claims.
- (5) Given the Victorian WorkCover Authority already relies on the evidence of expert and respected clinicians to interpret existing research, and would utilise claims specialists in processing claims, how will the panel lead to different outcomes in claims.
- (6) What will be the governance arrangements for the panel in respect to —
 - (a) how many people will sit on the panel;
 - (b) how many people of different types of expertise will be on the panel i.e. will there be one or more medical experts, one or more claims experts and one or more technical experts;
 - (c) whether it will include employees of the Victorian WorkCover Authority;
 - (d) the process for appointing experts to the panel;
 - (e) how members of the panel will be appointed;
 - (f) whether panel members are likely to be current employees of the Victorian WorkCover Authority or outside experts; and
 - (g) how differences of opinion between panel member in respect of claims will be resolved and how this will impact on claims.
- (7) What will be the terms of reference of the Firefighters Assessment Panel.
- (8) Will the panel report publicly on the outcomes of its work, for example on an annual basis.
- (9) Will there be additional funding required to operate this panel.
- (10) If additional funding is required, which body will fund the panel, and will increased funding be required from government consolidated revenue.
- (11) Will this panel replace the existing claims process for firefighters making a claim for work related cancer and, if so, how will it operate.
- (12) Does the Victorian WorkCover Authority’s statement on its website that ‘Existing research has not established a conclusive medical correlation between firefighting and cancer’ indicate that the Authority has a predetermined view, despite the government advising that each firefighter’s claim is considered individually on its merits, having regard to the existing scientific evidence.

- (13) How will this panel change the onus of proof and the evidence required by firefighters, which is currently prohibitive in respect to proving their cancer is work related.
- (14) What will this panel do to address the key challenge firefighters making a cancer claim face in needing to demonstrate which incident caused their illness.
- (15) Is presumptive legislation relating to firefighters who contract cancer still under consideration by the government, or does it see this panel as offering a solution.
- (16) Is the formation of this panel recognition of the evidence that states that firefighters are more susceptible to certain cancers than other members of the general public.

ANSWER:

On 20 August 2013 the Victorian government announced the establishment of the Firefighters Assessment Panel to assist in the timely and fair assessment of claims by career and volunteer firefighters.

- (1) The Firefighters Assessment Panel has been established and reviews claims as they are submitted. Management of claims will remain the responsibility of the relevant WorkCover agent in the case of career firefighters, and the Country Fire Authority (CFA) in the case of volunteers.
- (2) The CFA has worked with the VWA on establishing the Panel, however the ongoing coordination and management of the Panel is the responsibility of the VWA.

The CFA's volunteer compensation scheme is established under separate legislation and is aligned to the Accident Compensation Act 1985 (AC act).

Both the CFA and the VWA will utilise the panel and process agreed upon by the VWA and CFA in the review of volunteer claims. This is to ensure all firefighters are treated equally, respectfully and to expedite resolution of claims.

- (3) The parties associated with the panel are independent, impartial and not aligned to the CFA. In particular, the independent medical examiners (IMEs) on the panel are highly regarded specialists in their fields of expertise, and operate in accordance with the Victorian WorkCover Authority's (VWA) processes, including IME Service Standards.

The CFA will not have any role in assessing or making decisions about claims made by career firefighters it employs. These claims are received and assessed in accordance with the AC Act, through the VWA.

The CFA is required to make decisions about volunteer claims in accordance with its own legislative requirements, taking into account the opinions of the Panel. The CFA does not influence the Panel members' assessments and opinions.

- (4) The Victorian government established the Panel to ensure all Victorian firefighters, regardless of employment or volunteer status, have the same access to a specialised and consistent process for the assessment of their cancer injury claims in a manner that is prompt, compassionate and fair. The VWA's involvement is in an administrative capacity.
- (5) The VWA, and the CFA through the Panel, will continue to rely on the advice of respected clinicians to interpret the current research, which has enabled the VWA and its agents to make decisions on the claims received to date.

Clinicians will interpret the various studies available and, combined with their own professional judgement and experience, arrive at an opinion to assist in making a decision on an individual claim.

- (6) The panel consists of medical experts, technical and claims specialists. An expert from each discipline is used in the review of a claim.

The CFA has worked with the VWA on establishing the Panel, however, the ongoing coordination and management of the Panel is the responsibility of the VWA. The VWA's role is in an administrative capacity.

The process for appointing experts on the panel is in accordance with the VWA's processes and Service Standards.

Clinicians arrive at an opinion based on their own professional judgement and experience.

- (7) The Panel operates in accordance with the VWA's processes and Service Standards.
- (8) It is not standard practice to publically report on individual matters and claims; confidentiality and claimant privacy are of paramount importance.
- (9) No additional funding is required.
- (10) No additional funding is required.
- (11) The Panel will enhance the existing claims process. The Panel provides Victorian firefighters with a robust and consistent process for the efficient and fair review of cancer claims. The purpose is to assist professional and volunteer firefighter claimants by streamlining the claims process to ensure that claims decisions are made in a timely and compassionate manner.
- (12) Each occupational cancer claim is considered on its merits, and utilises current scientific research. Clinicians will interpret the various studies available and, combined with their own professional judgement and experience, arrive at an opinion to assist in making a decision on an individual claim. This includes taking into account a higher incidence of certain types of cancer in firefighters.
- (13) Claims are assessed within the legislative requirements set out in the AC Act and the CFA's compensation legislation when assessing occupational cancer claims. The AC Act requires employment to be a significant contributing factor where the disease is contracted in the course of the worker's employment or where there is a recurrence, aggravation, acceleration, exacerbation or deterioration of a pre-existing disease. A disease that is due to the nature of a worker's employment, in circumstances where it can be established that the nature of employment gave rise to a significantly greater risk of contracting the disease, is also compensable under the AC Act.

Where a clear link is established between employment and a disease, the VWA and CFA provide appropriate support and compensation, as has been the case in a number of accepted firefighter cancer claims.

- (14) The assessment process includes reviewing available work or volunteer history, including any attendance at major chemical fires, and all claimants are encouraged to provide as much detail with the claim as possible. This work history is taken into consideration by the IMEs, claims investigators and other experts in assessing each individual claim.
- (15) The Victorian government is not ruling out presumptive legislation, and will continue to consider new medical and scientific evidence as it becomes available. Around 30 000 Victorians from all walks of life are diagnosed with cancer each year. At present there is not sufficient evidence to conclusively say that when a firefighter contracts cancer it has been caused through their firefighting activities.
- (16) While some evidence from previous studies shows that work as a firefighter may be associated with an increased risk of some types of cancer, those studies have not established a causal link between firefighting and cancer that would support automatic coverage of cancer claims. The establishment of the Panel recognises that cancer related claims are predicated on environmental exposures during firefighting activities that occurred many years or decades ago. Such claims are difficult to assess and require careful consideration and management. The Panel provides a process to assess these complex individual claims on merit, drawing on expert medical opinion and current scientific evidence.

Children and early childhood development: Victorian Children's Council

- 9840.** MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development: In relation to the Victorian Children's Council:

- (1) What budget allocation was made for the council in —
 - (a) 2011–12; and
 - (b) 2012–13.
- (2) What budget allocation has been made for the 2013-14 financial year for the council.
- (3) What was the total funding allocated to members of the council for remuneration and allowances in —
 - (a) 2011–12; and
 - (b) 2012–13.
- (4) On which dates did the minister meet with members of the council in —
 - (a) 2011–12; and
 - (b) 2012–13.
- (5) On what dates will the term of appointment of each of the members of the Victorian Children’s Council expire.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

- (1) The budget allocation for the Victorian Children’s Council was \$20 000 in 2011–12 and \$20 000 in 2012–13.
- (2) The budget allocation for the 2013-14 financial year for the council is \$20 000.
- (3) The total funding allocated to members of the council for remuneration and allowances in—
 - (a) 2011–12 — \$15 635
 - (b) 2012–13 — \$15 727.
- (4) The dates the minister met with members of the council in:
 - (a) 2011–12
 - Monday 1 August 2011
 - Wednesday 21 September 2011
 - Wednesday 1 February 2012
 - Friday 10 February 2012
 - Friday 16 March 2012
 - (b) 2012–13
 - Wednesday 25 July 2012
 - Thursday 22 November 2012
 - Thursday 20 December 2012
 - Friday 1 March 2013

I am also kept informed of the work of the council regularly through briefings.

- (5) The appointment expiry date for each member of the council is listed below:

– Prof. Frank Oberklaid OAM (Chair)	1 October 2014
– Sandie de Wolf AM (Deputy Chair)	21 June 2013*
– Heather Barnes	1 October 2013*
– Kerry Stubbings	1 October 2013*

– David Huggins	5 June 2015
– Steve Rogers	5 June 2015
– Muriel Bamblett AM	5 June 2015
– Sue Harper OAM	5 June 2015
– Dr Donald Edgar OAM	17 October 2015
– Robert Spence	17 October 2015
– Dr Maria Apostolopoulos	17 October 2015

*An appointments process for these positions is underway. These existing members have agreed to continue in their positions until the appointments process is completed.

Technology: Supreme Court

9845. MR SOMYUREK — To ask the Minister for Technology: In relation to the minister’s recent announcement of funding for a new web-based case management system, known as RedCrest, which will use high capacity broadband to lodge and manage Supreme Court case files electronically:

- (1) How much funding was provided towards this project.
- (2) What are the technical specifications of the project.

ANSWER:

The Supreme Court of Victoria was awarded a grant of \$675 000 to develop and pilot the RedCrest electronic case management system in the Commercial Court of the Supreme Court of Victoria.

The RedCrest pilot, supported under the Victorian government ICT Strategy, is an example of a responsible, staged approach to trialling technology. The pilot will provide evidence to support future ICT decision-making within the Court, and is expected to generate higher levels of productivity and improve government service delivery.

I am informed that the RedCrest pilot builds on an existing RedCrest proof of concept created on the Microsoft SharePoint platform, which has been in limited use within the Commercial Court since late 2011.

Technology: government policy

9853. MR SOMYUREK — To ask the Minister for Technology: In relation to the press release on 16 August 2013, ‘Vend opens Australian HQ in Victoria’, how does Vend’s investment align with the Victorian government’s overarching policy framework Victoria’s Technology Plan for the Future.

ANSWER:

Victoria’s Technology Plan for the Future—Information and Communication Technology aims to develop innovative industries within the state, particularly capabilities within the ICT sector. It states, ‘Victoria’s highly skilled workforce, culture of innovation and world-class R and D and technology infrastructure make it an attractive location for local and international companies wanting to establish regional headquarters and operations’.

Under *Victoria’s Technology plan for the Future—Information and Communication Technology* the government is committed to using its global network to build Victoria’s global profile and promote it as an attractive investment location.

The investment announced by Vend aligns with the government’s policy vision for local ICT sector and reaffirms Victoria’s position as a leading destination for ICT investment and collaboration.

Technology: Connect 2014

9854. MR SOMYUREK — To ask the Minister for Technology: What definitive steps did the Victorian government take to secure the Connect 2014 ICT exhibition for Melbourne.

ANSWER:

Connect 2014 is an ICT exhibition for business, trade, industry to be held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre in March. Connect 2014 is to be delivered by the Association and Communications Events Pty Ltd (AC Events).

The event represents an opportunity to create an exciting new ICT event in Victoria. In scope, content and experience, Connect 2014 is the only event of its kind in Australia and has the potential to grow significantly in size over a period of time.

The Victorian government is providing financial support to sponsor Connect 2014. The Department of State Development, Business and Innovation is also working with AC Events to promote the event and provide introductions to key stakeholders from the ICT industry.

Technology: Connect 2014

9855. MR SOMYUREK — To ask the Minister for Technology: Did the Victorian government provide any funding to Association and Communications Events Pty Ltd (AC Events) to secure the Connect 2014 ICT exhibition for Melbourne.

ANSWER:

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Community services: child protection

9859. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many remain unallocated in Barwon South West as at 1 September 2013.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department's systems report allocation data on a point-in-time basis, rather than utilising time-series data. As there is always someone responsible for ensuring the needs of vulnerable children and young people in the system are met, either a child protection team manager or an assigned worker, there is no business need for time series allocation data to be tracked.

Community services: child protection

9860. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many remain unallocated in the Eastern Metro Region as at 1 September 2013.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department's systems report allocation data on a point-in-time basis, rather than utilising time-series data. As there is always someone responsible for ensuring the needs of vulnerable children and young people in the system are met, either a child protection team manager or an assigned worker, there is no business need for time series allocation data to be tracked.

Community services: child protection

9861. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many remain unallocated in Gippsland as at 1 September 2013.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department's systems report allocation data on a point-in-time basis, rather than utilising time-series data. As there is always someone responsible for ensuring the needs of vulnerable children and young people in the system are met, either a child protection team manager or an assigned worker, there is no business need for time series allocation data to be tracked.

Community services: child protection

9862. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many remain unallocated in the Grampians as at 1 September 2013.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department's systems report allocation data on a point-in-time basis, rather than utilising time-series data. As there is always someone responsible for ensuring the needs of vulnerable children and young people in the system are met, either a child protection team manager or an assigned worker, there is no business need for time series allocation data to be tracked.

Community services: child protection

9863. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many remain unallocated in Hume as at 1 September 2013.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department's systems report allocation data on a point-in-time basis, rather than utilising time-series data. As there is always someone responsible for ensuring the needs of vulnerable children and young people in the system are met, either a child protection team manager or an assigned worker, there is no business need for time series allocation data to be tracked.

Community services: child protection

9864. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many remain unallocated in Loddon Mallee as at 1 September 2013.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department's systems report allocation data on a point-in-time basis, rather than utilising time-series data. As there is always someone responsible for ensuring the needs of vulnerable children and young people in the system are met, either a child protection team manager or an assigned worker, there is no business need for time series allocation data to be tracked.

Community services: child protection

9865. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many remain unallocated in the North and Western Metro Region as at 1 September 2013.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department's systems report allocation data on a point-in-time basis, rather than utilising time-series data. As there is always someone responsible for ensuring the needs of vulnerable children and young people in the system are met, either a child protection team manager or an assigned worker, there is no business need for time series allocation data to be tracked.

Community services: child protection

9866. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many remain unallocated in the Southern Metro Region as at 1 September 2013.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department's systems report allocation data on a point-in-time basis, rather than utilising time-series data. As there is always someone responsible for ensuring the needs of vulnerable children and young people in the system are met, either a child protection team manager or an assigned worker, there is no business need for time series allocation data to be tracked.

Community services: child protection

9867. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many cases received from 1 January 2013 remain unallocated in Barwon South West.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Community services: child protection

9868. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many cases received from 1 January 2013 remain unallocated in the Eastern Metro Region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department's systems report allocation data on a point-in-time basis, rather than utilising time-series data. However there is always someone responsible for ensuring the needs of vulnerable children and young people in the system are met, either a child protection team manager or an assigned worker.

Community services: child protection

9869. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many cases received from 1 January 2013 remain unallocated in Gippsland.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department's systems report allocation data on a point-in-time basis, rather than utilising time-series data. However there is always someone responsible for ensuring the needs of vulnerable children and young people in the system are met, either a child protection team manager or an assigned worker.

Community services: child protection

9870. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many cases received from 1 January 2013 remain unallocated in the Grampians.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department's systems report allocation data on a point-in-time basis, rather than utilising time-series data. However there is always someone responsible for ensuring the needs of vulnerable children and young people in the system are met, either a child protection team manager or an assigned worker.

Community services: child protection

9871. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many cases received from 1 January 2013 remain unallocated in Hume.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department's systems report allocation data on a point-in-time basis, rather than utilising time-series data. However there is always someone responsible for ensuring the needs of vulnerable children and young people in the system are met, either a child protection team manager or an assigned worker.

Community services: child protection

9872. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many cases received from 1 January 2013 remain unallocated in Loddon Mallee.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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Community services: child protection

9873. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many cases received from 1 January 2013 remain unallocated in the North and Western Metro Region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department's systems report allocation data on a point-in-time basis, rather than utilising time-series data. However there is always someone responsible for ensuring the needs of vulnerable children and young people in the system are met, either a child protection team manager or an assigned worker.

Community services: child protection

9874. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many cases received from 1 January 2013 remain unallocated in the Southern Metro Region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department's systems report allocation data on a point-in-time basis, rather than utilising time-series data. However there is always someone responsible for ensuring the needs of vulnerable children and young people in the system are met, either a child protection team manager or an assigned worker.

Community services: child protection

9875. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many cases received from 1 July 2013 remain unallocated in Barwon South West.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department's systems report allocation data on a point-in-time basis, rather than utilising time-series data. However there is always someone responsible for ensuring the needs of vulnerable children and young people in the system are met, either a child protection team manager or an assigned worker.

Community services: child protection

9876. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many cases received from 1 July 2013 remain unallocated in the Eastern Metro Region.

ANSWER:

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Community services: child protection

9877. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many cases received from 1 July 2013 remain unallocated in Gippsland.

ANSWER:

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Community services: child protection

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ANSWER:

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Community services: child protection

9879. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many cases received from 1 July 2013 remain unallocated in Hume.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department's systems report allocation data on a point-in-time basis, rather than utilising time-series data. However there is always someone responsible for ensuring the needs of vulnerable children and young people in the system are met, either a child protection team manager or an assigned worker.

Community services: child protection

9880. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many cases received from 1 July 2013 remain unallocated in Loddon Mallee.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department's systems report allocation data on a point-in-time basis, rather than utilising time-series data. However there is always someone responsible for ensuring the needs of vulnerable children and young people in the system are met, either a child protection team manager or an assigned worker.

Community services: child protection

9881. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many cases received from 1 July 2013 remain unallocated in the North and Western Metro Region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department's systems report allocation data on a point-in-time basis, rather than utilising time-series data. However there is always someone responsible for ensuring the needs of vulnerable children and young people in the system are met, either a child protection team manager or an assigned worker.

Community services: child protection

9882. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many cases received from 1 July 2013 remain unallocated in the Southern Metro Region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department's systems report allocation data on a point-in-time basis, rather than utilising time-series data. However there is always someone responsible for ensuring the needs of vulnerable children and young people in the system are met, either a child protection team manager or an assigned worker.

Community services: child protection

9883. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how long, on average, does a case remain unallocated in Barwon South West.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department's systems do not report the average length of time that cases in the system remain unallocated. However there is always someone responsible for ensuring the needs of vulnerable children and young people in the system are met, either a child protection team manager or an assigned worker.

Community services: child protection

9884. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how long, on average, does a case remain unallocated in the Eastern Metro Region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department's systems do not report the average length of time that cases in the system remain unallocated. However there is always someone responsible for ensuring the needs of vulnerable children and young people in the system are met, either a child protection team manager or an assigned worker.

Community services: child protection

9885. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how long, on average, does a case remain unallocated in Gippsland.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department's systems do not report the average length of time that cases in the system remain unallocated. However there is always someone responsible for ensuring the needs of vulnerable children and young people in the system are met, either a child protection team manager or an assigned worker.

Community services: child protection

9886. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how long, on average, does a case remain unallocated in the Grampians.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department's systems do not report the average length of time that cases in the system remain unallocated. However there is always someone responsible for ensuring the needs of vulnerable children and young people in the system are met, either a child protection team manager or an assigned worker.

Community services: child protection

9887. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how long, on average, does a case remain unallocated in Hume.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department's systems do not report the average length of time that cases in the system remain unallocated. However there is always someone responsible for ensuring the needs of vulnerable children and young people in the system are met, either a child protection team manager or an assigned worker.

Community services: child protection

9888. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how long, on average, does a case remain unallocated in Loddon Mallee.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department's systems do not report the average length of time that cases in the system remain unallocated. However there is always someone responsible for ensuring the needs of vulnerable children and young people in the system are met, either a child protection team manager or an assigned worker.

Community services: child protection

9889. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how long, on average, does a case remain unallocated in the North and Western Metro Region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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Community services: child protection

9890. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how long, on average, does a case remain unallocated in the Southern Metro Region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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Community services: child protection

9891. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many cases have been allocated to a DHS staff member on sick or annual leave in Barwon South West from 1 January 2013.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department now reports using the new divisions established in December 2012. The former Barwon South West Region forms part of west division.

The child protection team manager is responsible for allocating cases to practitioners within a team, based on the assessed risk to the child and the caseload capacity of the team. The team manager is responsible for monitoring the safety and wellbeing of any child who cannot be allocated to a practitioner.

Cases are generally allocated during supervision between the team manager and practitioner, and not when the practitioner is on leave. There are times when a case is allocated to a practitioner whose return from leave is imminent, based on the anticipated case activity.

Cases generally remain allocated to a practitioner when a worker takes leave for a short period. During this time, cases are monitored by the team manager who ensures all required tasks are completed, including visits being undertaken by another practitioner. If leave is protracted, or case activity is high, the team manager may reassign the case, or continue to provide oversight and ensure required tasks continue to be completed within the team.

Community services: child protection

9892. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many cases have been allocated to a DHS staff member on sick or annual leave in the Eastern Metro Region from 1 January 2013.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department now reports using the new divisions established in December 2012. The former Eastern Metropolitan Region forms part of east division.

The child protection team manager is responsible for allocating cases to practitioners within a team, based on the assessed risk to the child and the caseload capacity of the team. The team manager is responsible for monitoring the safety and wellbeing of any child who cannot be allocated to a practitioner.

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Community services: child protection

9893. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many cases have been allocated to a DHS staff member on sick or annual leave in Gippsland from 1 January 2013.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department now reports using the new divisions established in December 2012. The former Gippsland Region forms part of south division.

The child protection team manager is responsible for allocating cases to practitioners within a team, based on the assessed risk to the child and the caseload capacity of the team. The team manager is responsible for monitoring the safety and wellbeing of any child who cannot be allocated to a practitioner.

Cases are generally allocated during supervision between the team manager and practitioner, and not when the practitioner is on leave. There are times when a case is allocated to a practitioner whose return from leave is imminent, based on the anticipated case activity.

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Community services: child protection

9894. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many cases have been allocated to a DHS staff member on sick or annual leave in the Grampians from 1 January 2013.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department now reports using the new divisions established in December 2012. The former Grampians Region forms part of West division.

The child protection team manager is responsible for allocating cases to practitioners within a team, based on the assessed risk to the child and the caseload capacity of the team. The team manager is responsible for monitoring the safety and wellbeing of any child who cannot be allocated to a practitioner.

Cases are generally allocated during supervision between the team manager and practitioner, and not when the practitioner is on leave. There are times when a case is allocated to a practitioner whose return from leave is imminent, based on the anticipated case activity.

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Community services: child protection

9895. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many cases have been allocated to a DHS staff member on sick or annual leave in Hume from 1 January 2013.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department now reports using the new divisions established in December 2012. The former Hume Region forms part of south division.

The child protection team manager is responsible for allocating cases to practitioners within a team, based on the assessed risk to the child and the caseload capacity of the team. The team manager is responsible for monitoring the safety and wellbeing of any child who cannot be allocated to a practitioner.

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Community services: child protection

9896. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many cases have been allocated to a DHS staff member on sick or annual leave in Loddon Mallee from 1 January 2013.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department now reports using the new divisions established in December 2012. The former Loddon Mallee Region forms part of north division.

The child protection team manager is responsible for allocating cases to practitioners within a team, based on the assessed risk to the child and the caseload capacity of the team. The team manager is responsible for monitoring the safety and wellbeing of any child who cannot be allocated to a practitioner.

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Community services: child protection

9897. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many cases have been allocated to a DHS staff member on sick or annual leave in the North and Western Metro Region from 1 January 2013.

ANSWER:

The department now reports using the new divisions established in December 2012. The former North and West Metropolitan Region was divided, and forms part of north division and West division.

The child protection team manager is responsible for allocating cases to practitioners within a team, based on the assessed risk to the child and the caseload capacity of the team. The team manager is responsible for monitoring the safety and wellbeing of any child who cannot be allocated to a practitioner.

Cases are generally allocated during supervision between the team manager and practitioner, and not when the practitioner is on leave. There are times when a case is allocated to a practitioner whose return from leave is imminent, based on the anticipated case activity.

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Community services: child protection

9898. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many cases have been allocated to a DHS staff member on sick or annual leave in the Southern Metro Region from 1 January 2013.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department now reports using the new divisions established in December 2012. The former Southern Metropolitan Region forms part of south division.

The child protection team manager is responsible for allocating cases to practitioners within a team, based on the assessed risk to the child and the caseload capacity of the team. The team manager is responsible for monitoring the safety and wellbeing of any child who cannot be allocated to a practitioner.

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Community services: child protection

9899. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many cases allocated to a DHS staff member on sick or annual leave from 1 January 2013 have yet to be acted on in Barwon South West.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department's systems report allocation data on a point-in-time basis, rather than utilising time-series data. However there is always someone responsible for ensuring the needs of vulnerable children and young people in the system are met, either a child protection team manager or an assigned worker.

Community services: child protection

9900. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many cases allocated to a DHS staff member on sick or annual leave from 1 January 2013 have yet to be acted on in the Eastern Metro Region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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Community services: child protection

9901. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many cases allocated to a DHS staff member on sick or annual leave from 1 January 2013 have yet to be acted on in Gippsland.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department's systems report allocation data on a point-in-time basis, rather than utilising time-series data. However there is always someone responsible for ensuring the needs of vulnerable children and young people in the system are met, either a child protection team manager or an assigned worker.

Community services: child protection

9902. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many cases

allocated to a DHS staff member on sick or annual leave from 1 January 2013 have yet to be acted on in the Grampians.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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Community services: child protection

9903. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many cases allocated to a DHS staff member on sick or annual leave from 1 January 2013 have yet to be acted on in Hume.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department's systems report allocation data on a point-in-time basis, rather than utilising time-series data. However there is always someone responsible for ensuring the needs of vulnerable children and young people in the system are met, either a child protection team manager or an assigned worker.

Community services: child protection

9904. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many cases allocated to a DHS staff member on sick or annual leave from 1 January 2013 have yet to be acted on in Loddon Mallee.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department's systems report allocation data on a point-in-time basis, rather than utilising time-series data. However there is always someone responsible for ensuring the needs of vulnerable children and young people in the system are met, either a child protection team manager or an assigned worker.

Community services: child protection

9905. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many cases allocated to a DHS staff member on sick or annual leave from 1 January 2013 have yet to be acted on in the North and Western Metro Region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department's systems report allocation data on a point-in-time basis, rather than utilising time-series data. However there is always someone responsible for ensuring the needs of vulnerable children and young people in the system are met, either a child protection team manager or an assigned worker.

Community services: child protection

9906. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): With regard to child protection cases received by the Department of Human Services, how many cases allocated to a DHS staff member on sick or annual leave from 1 January 2013 have yet to be acted on in the Southern Metro Region.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The department's systems report allocation data on a point-in-time basis, rather than utilising time-series data. However there is always someone responsible for ensuring the needs of vulnerable children and young people in the system are met, either a child protection team manager or an assigned worker.

Agriculture and food security: genetically modified wheat

9907. MR BARBER — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Agriculture and Food Security): In relation to the planned open air trial of GM wheat in November 2013 in Horsham:

- (1) What responsibility will the Department of Environment and Primary Industries take if GM wheat contamination affects neighbouring farmers.
- (2) Which countries does Victoria export wheat to.
- (3) Has the minister contacted the relevant authorities in those countries to discuss whether the planned trial could impact on wheat sales to those countries and, if so, have any authorities responded with concerns and what is the nature of those concerns.
- (4) Is the minister aware that in May this year Japanese authorities cancelled a tender offer to buy wheat from the US after unapproved GM wheat patented by Monsanto was found in an Oregon field.
- (5) What measures have been taken to ensure that Victorian markets are protected from GM wheat contamination.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) No spread or persistence of GM wheat beyond the trials sites is expected. The Department of Environment and Primary Industries has been conducting GM wheat trials in Victoria since 2007 without incident. All of the department's GM trials are authorised and licensed by the commonwealth Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR) and follow strict licence conditions to prevent any spread or persistence of the GM wheat beyond the trial sites. The licence conditions require containment of plants at the trial site, secure transport and storage of the GM plant materials, and post-harvest monitoring at the trial site to ensure all GM wheat plants are destroyed. Full details of the licence conditions are available on the OGTR website: www.ogtr.gov.au.
- (2) Victoria's top export markets for wheat in 2012–13 were:
 - Indonesia.
 - China.
 - Malaysia.
 - Sudan.
 - Vietnam.

There are numerous smaller markets.

- (3) No. There are no expected impacts under the licence conditions.
- (4) Yes. This event was reported by the United States Department of Agriculture as a single isolated incident in a single field on a single farm. Japan has since resumed imports of wheat from the United States without restriction.
- (5) The department's GM wheat research is undertaken in accordance with OGTR licence conditions to prevent any spread or persistence of the GM wheat beyond the trial sites.

Education: school construction

9938. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): Which Victorian government schools have buildings of light timber construction with celestial windows.

ANSWER:

I am advised as follows:

Many hundreds of Light Timber Construction (LTC) school buildings were built throughout Victoria, all using clerestory windows.

In recent years, many LTC buildings have been altered by raising the passage ceilings to combine the original classroom with the passage space to suit contemporary teaching methods. In these cases, clerestory windows no longer exist.

It would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to prepare a list of schools that currently have LTC buildings and clerestory windows from the 27 000 buildings at over 1750 government school campuses across Victoria.

Education: school maintenance

9939. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): What are the requirements for Victorian government schools to maintain their fire hydrant systems.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Fire hydrant systems are considered an Essential Service, as defined in the *Building Code of Australia*. They must be kept in an operational condition and are subject to a specific maintenance and test regime in accordance with *AS2419 Fire Hydrant Installations* and *AS1851.4, 1992 Maintenance of Fire Protection Equipment, Fire Hydrant Installations*.

In the *School Policy and Advisory Guide*, accessible via the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's website, the *School Maintenance* section provides details on the requirements of what schools need to do to maintain their essential services.

Schools are advised that they need to comply with the *Guidelines for Essential Services Maintenance in Schools* and ensure that they:

- identify the essential services present in the school and maintain them to required standards;
- keep hard copy records of maintenance for possible review by council or fire brigade;
- at the end of each year, complete an Annual Essential Services Report (form 15) and display this in an approved location within the school; and
- display current occupancy permits in an approved location.

Education: school maintenance

9940. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills (for the Minister for Education): How many Victorian government schools are currently compliant with their maintenance obligations for their fire hydrant systems.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not maintain a central record of schools' compliance with maintenance obligations for fire hydrant systems, as these records are kept at a school level.

In line with Victorian government's commitment to school autonomy, it is each principal's responsibility to ensure that their school's maintenance obligations for all fire hydrant systems are met. The department supports principals to comply with their maintenance obligations through the provision of:

- funding for the inspection and maintenance of fire hydrants;
- an annual program for the upgrade of existing hydrant systems;
- advice on requirements for maintaining essential services; and
- an electronic system to assist with the scheduling and completion of regular inspections and maintenance.

Health: Frankston Hospital

9944. MR TARLAMIS — To ask the Minister for Health: How many additional beds were opened to transfer patients waiting longer than 24 hours on a trolley for admission at Frankston Hospital Emergency department in the months of —

- (a) September 2012;
- (b) October 2012;
- (c) November 2012;
- (d) December 2012;
- (e) January 2013;
- (f) February 2013;
- (g) March 2013;
- (h) April 2013;
- (i) May 2013; and
- (j) June 2013.

ANSWER:

Daily bed numbers in hospitals fluctuate according to hospital activity and clinical demand. Health Services make their own operational decisions relating to bed availability based on their own set of unique circumstances. Also, hospital bed counts alone do not take account of efficient use of bed stock, the additional capacity associated with alternate care models or the shift from traditional inpatient treatment models to non-inpatient care.

Key capital project commitments with extra bed capacity have commenced at Frankston Hospital that will more than double the size of the existing emergency department. There is \$81 million worth of funding to expand the intensive care unit, and construct a new four-level building on site, which includes:

- 2 new 32 bed wards to increase surgical and medical multi-day inpatient bed capacity on site;
- 24 additional short stay beds

- 2 additional intensive care unit beds
- 2 additional special care nursery cots
- a refurbished emergency department to provide for expanded ambulatory services.

Health: Frankston Hospital

9945. MR TARLAMIS — To ask the Minister for Health: How many beds did the government open at Frankston Hospital to meet its performance target of zero patients waiting longer than 24 hours for admission in the months of —

- (a) August 2012;
- (b) September 2012;
- (c) October 2012;
- (d) November 2012;
- (e) December 2012;
- (f) January 2013;
- (g) February 2013;
- (h) March 2013;
- (i) April 2013;
- (j) May 2013; and
- (k) June 2013.

ANSWER:

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Health: Frankston Hospital

9946. MR TARLAMIS — To ask the Minister for Health: How many extra beds is the government opening to address the summer demand at Frankston Hospital Emergency Department in the months of —

- (a) December 2013;
- (b) January 2014;
- (c) February 2014; and
- (d) March 2014.

ANSWER:

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Ageing: residential care

9948. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to public sector residential aged care facilities in Victoria:

- (1) What is the number of breaches of the Aged Care Act 1997 (Cth) for each facility between:
 - (a) 1 July 2011 and 30 June 2012; and
 - (b) 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2013.
- (2) What is the number of the breaches of the Health Services Act 1988 for each facility between —
 - (a) 1 July 2011 and 30 June 2012; and
 - (b) 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2013.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1a) Between 1 July 2011 and 30 June 2012, there were 13 breaches of the commonwealth’s Aged Care Act identified in 13 public sector residential aged care facilities.
- (1b) Between 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2013, there were 5 breaches of the commonwealth’s Aged Care Act identified in 5 public sector residential aged care facilities.

All these breaches in public sector residential aged care facilities were remedied within the timeframes set by the commonwealth.

All facilities are currently operating with a full three year accreditation period granted by the commonwealth.

There were 22 breaches during Labour’s last year in office, for the same period i.e. 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010.

There has been a change in commonwealth practice for issuing notices relating to breaches of the Aged Care Act since 2011.

- (2a) There were no breaches of the Health Services Act for any public sector residential aged care facility between 1 July 2011 and 30 June 2012.

- (2b) There were no breaches of the Health Services Act for any public sector residential aged care facility between 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2013.

Ageing: home and community care

9949. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Alpine Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013-14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
 - (a) 1 January 2011;
 - (b) 1 July 2011;
 - (c) 1 January 2012; and
 - (d) 1 July 2012.
- (5) What has been the growth in the target population of this local government area in —
 - (a) 2011–12; and
 - (b) 2012–13.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Work is underway to prepare a response required for this question and the numerous and complex related questions.

The Department of Health are reviewing the data required to answer this question and I will respond more fully in due course.

Ageing: home and community care

9950. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Ararat Rural City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012-13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012-13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013-14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
 - (a) 1 January 2011;
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- (5) What has been the growth in the target population of this local government area in —
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ANSWER:

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Ageing: home and community care

9951. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Ballarat City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012-13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012-13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013-14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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Ageing: home and community care

9952. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Banyule City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
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Ageing: home and community care

9953. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government's funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Bass Coast Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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Ageing: home and community care

9954. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government's funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Baw Baw Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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Ageing: home and community care

9955. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Bayside City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
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Ageing: home and community care

9956. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Benalla Rural City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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Ageing: home and community care

9957. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Boroondara City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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Ageing: home and community care

9958. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Brimbank City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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Ageing: home and community care

9959. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Buloke Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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Ageing: home and community care

9960. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Campaspe Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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Ageing: home and community care

9961. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Cardinia Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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Ageing: home and community care

9962. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Casey City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.

- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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Ageing: home and community care

9963. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Central Goldfields Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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Ageing: home and community care

9964. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Colac Otway Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.

- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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Ageing: home and community care

9965. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Corangamite Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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Ageing: home and community care

9966. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Darebin City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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Ageing: home and community care

9967. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the East Gippsland Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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Ageing: home and community care

9968. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Frankston City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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Ageing: home and community care

9969. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Gannawarra Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
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Ageing: home and community care

9970. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Glen Eira City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
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Ageing: home and community care

9971. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Glenelg Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
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Ageing: home and community care

9972. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Golden Plains Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
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Ageing: home and community care

9973. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Greater Bendigo City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
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Ageing: home and community care

9974. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Greater Dandenong City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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Ageing: home and community care

9975. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Greater Geelong City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
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Ageing: home and community care

9976. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Greater Shepparton City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
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Ageing: home and community care

9977. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Hepburn Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
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Ageing: home and community care

9978. **MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Hindmarsh Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
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Ageing: home and community care

9979. **MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Hobsons Bay City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
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Ageing: home and community care

9980. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Horsham Rural City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
 - (a) 1 January 2011;
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 - (c) 1 January 2012; and
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- (5) What has been the growth in the target population of this local government area in —
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Ageing: home and community care

9981. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Hume City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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 - (d) 1 July 2012.
- (5) What has been the growth in the target population of this local government area in —
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Ageing: home and community care

9982. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Indigo Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
 - (a) 1 January 2011;
 - (b) 1 July 2011;
 - (c) 1 January 2012; and
 - (d) 1 July 2012.
- (5) What has been the growth in the target population of this local government area in —
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Ageing: home and community care

9983. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Kingston City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.

- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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Ageing: home and community care

9984. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Knox City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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Ageing: home and community care

9985. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Latrobe City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.

- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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Ageing: home and community care

9986. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Loddon Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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Ageing: home and community care

9987. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Macedon Ranges Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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Ageing: home and community care

9988. **MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Manningham City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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Ageing: home and community care

9989. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Mansfield Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
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Ageing: home and community care

9990. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Maribyrnong City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
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Ageing: home and community care

9991. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Maroondah City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
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Ageing: home and community care

9992. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Melbourne City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
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Ageing: home and community care

9993. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Melton Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
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Ageing: home and community care

9994. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Mildura Rural City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
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Ageing: home and community care

9995. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government's funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Mitchell Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
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Ageing: home and community care

9996. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government's funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Moira Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012-13.
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Ageing: home and community care

9997. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Monash City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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Ageing: home and community care

9998. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Moonee Valley City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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Ageing: home and community care

9999. **MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Moorabool City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
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Ageing: home and community care

10 000. **MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Moreland City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
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Ageing: home and community care

10 001. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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Ageing: home and community care

10 002. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Mount Alexander Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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Ageing: home and community care

10 003. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Moyne Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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Ageing: home and community care

10 004. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Murrindindi Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.

- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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Ageing: home and community care

10 005. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Nillumbik Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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Ageing: home and community care

10 006. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Northern Grampians Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.

- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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Ageing: home and community care

10 007. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Port Phillip City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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Ageing: home and community care

10 008. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Pyrenees Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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Ageing: home and community care

10 009. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Borough of Queenscliffe:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
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- (5) What has been the growth in the target population of this local government area in —
 - (a) 2011–12; and
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ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Work is underway to prepare a response required for this question and the numerous and complex related questions.

The Department of Health are reviewing the data required to answer this question and I will respond more fully in due course.

Ageing: home and community care

10 010. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the South Gippsland Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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- (5) What has been the growth in the target population of this local government area in —
 - (a) 2011–12; and
 - (b) 2012–13.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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The Department of Health are reviewing the data required to answer this question and I will respond more fully in due course.

Ageing: home and community care

10 011. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Southern Grampians Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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- (5) What has been the growth in the target population of this local government area in —
 - (a) 2011–12; and
 - (b) 2012–13.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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The Department of Health are reviewing the data required to answer this question and I will respond more fully in due course.

Ageing: home and community care

10 012. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Stonnington City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
 - (a) 1 January 2011;
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- (5) What has been the growth in the target population of this local government area in —
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ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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Ageing: home and community care

10 013. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Strathbogie Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
 - (a) 1 January 2011;
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 - (d) 1 July 2012.
- (5) What has been the growth in the target population of this local government area in —
 - (a) 2011–12; and
 - (b) 2012–13.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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The Department of Health are reviewing the data required to answer this question and I will respond more fully in due course.

Ageing: home and community care

10 014. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Surf Coast Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
 - (a) 1 January 2011;
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 - (d) 1 July 2012.
- (5) What has been the growth in the target population of this local government area in —
 - (a) 2011–12; and
 - (b) 2012–13.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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The Department of Health are reviewing the data required to answer this question and I will respond more fully in due course.

Ageing: home and community care

10 015. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Swan Hill Rural City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
 - (a) 1 January 2011;
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 - (d) 1 July 2012.
- (5) What has been the growth in the target population of this local government area in —
 - (a) 2011–12; and
 - (b) 2012–13.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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The Department of Health are reviewing the data required to answer this question and I will respond more fully in due course.

Ageing: home and community care

10 016. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Towong Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
 - (a) 1 January 2011;
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 - (c) 1 January 2012; and
 - (d) 1 July 2012.
- (5) What has been the growth in the target population of this local government area in —
 - (a) 2011–12; and
 - (b) 2012–13.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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The Department of Health are reviewing the data required to answer this question and I will respond more fully in due course.

Ageing: home and community care

10 017. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Wangaratta Rural City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
 - (a) 1 January 2011;
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 - (d) 1 July 2012.
- (5) What has been the growth in the target population of this local government area in —
 - (a) 2011–12; and

- (b) 2012–13.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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The Department of Health are reviewing the data required to answer this question and I will respond more fully in due course.

Ageing: home and community care

10 018. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Warrnambool City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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- (5) What has been the growth in the target population of this local government area in —
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 - (b) 2012–13.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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The Department of Health are reviewing the data required to answer this question and I will respond more fully in due course.

Ageing: home and community care

10 019. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Wellington Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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- (5) What has been the growth in the target population of this local government area in —
- (a) 2011–12; and
 - (b) 2012–13.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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Ageing: home and community care

10 020. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the West Wimmera Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
 - (a) 1 January 2011;
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 - (d) 1 July 2012.
- (5) What has been the growth in the target population of this local government area in —
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ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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The Department of Health are reviewing the data required to answer this question and I will respond more fully in due course.

Ageing: home and community care

10 021. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Whitehorse City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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- (5) What has been the growth in the target population of this local government area in —
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ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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Ageing: home and community care

10 022. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Whittlesea City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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 - (d) 1 July 2012.
- (5) What has been the growth in the target population of this local government area in —
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ANSWER:

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Ageing: home and community care

10 023. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Wodonga City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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ANSWER:

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Ageing: home and community care

10 024. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Wyndham City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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- (5) What has been the growth in the target population of this local government area in —
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ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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Ageing: home and community care

10 025. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Yarra City Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.

- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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- (5) What has been the growth in the target population of this local government area in —
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ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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Ageing: home and community care

10 026. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Yarra Ranges Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.
- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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Ageing: home and community care

10 027. MS MIKAKOS — To ask the Minister for Ageing: In relation to the Victorian government’s funding for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services for the Yarriambiack Shire Council:

- (1) What was the funding contribution in 2012–13.
- (2) What was the total number of HACC service hours funded in 2012–13.

- (3) What will be the funding contribution in 2013–14.
- (4) What was the total number of individuals waiting for HACC services as at —
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- (5) What has been the growth in the target population of this local government area in —
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ANSWER:

I am informed that:

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The Department of Health are reviewing the data required to answer this question and I will respond more fully in due course.

Children and early childhood development: kindergartens

- 10 028. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development: In relation to the minister’s announcement on 21 June 2012 of a new round of kindergarten capital grants: Who were the successful grant recipients under this grant round and what amount did they receive for —
- (a) Integrated Children’s Centres;
 - (b) New Early Learning Facilities; and
 - (c) Early Learning Facility Upgrades.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

A full list of successful recipients for the Children’s Facilities Capital Program 2012/13 grants round (announced on 21 June 2012) was published in November 2012 on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development’s website and is still accessible.

Children and early childhood development: kindergartens

- 10 029. MS MIKAKOS** — To ask the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development: In relation to the minister’s announcement on 9 November 2012 of the 92 services who had received grants in the previous funding round of kindergarten capital grants: Who were the successful grant recipients under this grant round and what amount did they receive for —
- (a) Integrated Children’s Centres;
 - (b) New Early Learning Facilities; and
 - (c) Early Learning Facility Upgrades.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

A full list of successful recipients for the Children's Facilities Capital Program 2012–13 grants round (announced on 21 June 2012) was published in November 2012 on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's website and is still accessible.

Community services: child protection

10 033. MS PENNICUIK — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to Koori children in child protection:

- (1) How many Koori children have cultural care plans, as required under the Children Youth and Families Act 2005.
- (2) Why is it that in Victoria kinship carers are only eligible for a base rate for remuneration, unlike foster carers who are eligible for the base rate or a rate for an intensive level of care and then a higher rate for a complex level of care.
- (3) Why do foster carers have access to training that kinship carers do not, such as training on trauma, where such training would be useful for kinship carers of Koori children.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) As of 7 November 2013, 197 Aboriginal children have a cultural plan that is in place or currently being finalised as required under the Children, Youth and Families Act 2005.
- (2) Victorian kinship carers may be eligible for an adjustment to the rate of reimbursement, by request, in exceptional circumstances.

To make such a request, the kinship carer must have a child/ children in their care who are subject to statutory orders during a period of active child protection involvement. There is no limit to the number of adjustment requests that can be lodged for a single care arrangement.

- (3) Kinship carers are a unique cohort of carers with different training and support requirements to that of foster carers.

In 2012 the Department of Human Services developed and implemented a three year calendar of training sessions specifically targeting both kinship carers and kinship care staff. This training commenced in November 2012 and is underpinned by a therapeutic approach designed to assist kinship carers in providing children in their care with support and stability. It is available to carers with children in both statutory and non-statutory kinship arrangements.

The training providers are required to work with Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) to deliver a cultural component in the sessions where carers of Aboriginal children are involved.

Higher education and skills: Bendigo TAFE

10 036. MS BROAD — To ask the Minister for Higher Education and Skills: In relation to discussions between Bendigo TAFE and any other party that seek an outcome where Bendigo TAFE no longer controls the Bendigo campus in McCrae Street or any part of that campus:

- (1) Who are the parties to these discussions.
- (2) What was sought from these discussions.
- (3) Has the minister or his department had discussions with Bendigo TAFE regarding the Bendigo McCrae Street campus.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

(1), (2) and (3):

TAFE institutes regularly assess their delivery locations in line with student demand, the need to ensure financial viability, and to be competitive in the training market.

Regarding the suggested closure of the Bendigo TAFE City Campus, Bendigo TAFE has said publicly that this is not an option it is currently considering.

Treasurer: fire services levy

10 038. MR TARLAMIS — To ask the Assistant Treasurer (for the Treasurer): In relation to a constituent from Noble Park who was charged a fire services levy of \$165 in her December 2011 to 2012 home insurance policy, which was increased to \$235 in her next policy, who has now been informed by the City of Greater Dandenong that as of 1 July 2013, a fire services levy will be charged to her annual rates notice and has been advised by Fire Services Levy Monitor staff that she will not be entitled to a refund as the levy paid in December was a financial year charge, not a December to December charge:

- (1) Is the advice received from the Fire Services Levy Monitor correct; if not, will she receive a rebate on the amount charged by her insurance company.
- (2) What is the role of the Fire Services Levy Monitor in ensuring constituents are not charged twice for the levy.
- (3) 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:

The government has established an independent Fire Services Levy Monitor (the Monitor) headed by Professor Allan Fels to oversee the transition to the new property-based levy and ensure that insurers genuinely pass on savings to their customers. The levy on insurers has ceased and insurers are no longer entitled to collect a fire services levy from policyholders for policies taken out or renewed from 1 July 2013.

The advice provided by the Monitor is correct. The change in the levy arrangements from 1 July 2013 does not mean that insurance policy holders are paying to fund the fire services twice for the same year. A levy component paid in an insurance premium prior to 1 July 2013 went to fund the fire services for the 2012–13 financial year, even though the period of insurance extends beyond 1 July 2013.

The fire services property levy to be paid with local council rates from 30 September 2013 goes to fund the fire services for the 2013–14 financial year.

If a person is concerned that their insurer is double charging them by continuing to charge a fire services levy after 1 July 2013, this would be price exploitation. Insurers face penalties of up to \$10 million in fines for exploiting customers.

The Monitor also enforces new consumer protection laws in relation to insurance premiums and the levy that protect consumers against false representation and misleading and deceptive conduct. For example, if an insurer claimed that it had removed the levy from its premiums when in reality it had not done so, it would be liable under the consumer protection laws referred to above for a fine of up to \$10 million.

The impact of the Fire Services Property Levy on each property owner will vary depending on the value of their property, the classification of their property, their eligibility for a concession, and what they paid under the insurance-based fire services levy.

However, the Fire Services Property Levy rates have been set such that the Fire Services Property Levy payable by the average insured property in each sector is less than under the insurance-based system.

We are confident that in introducing this significant reform, and meeting our commitment to implementing the recommendations made by the Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission, Victorians will benefit from a fairer system.

Public transport: school buses

10 042. MS PULFORD — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the Lavers Hill Primary School bus route, why is the Department of Transport bussing children to Colac when the nearest primary school to Gellibrand is Carlisle River.

ANSWER:

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

No school bus service operates to Carlisle River. Students from Gellibrand can access the bus service that travels between Gellibrand and Colac to attend the next nearest government primary school in Elliminyt.

Public Transport Victoria is aware that there are no government primary students from Gellibrand travelling all the way to Colac.

There are some non-government school students making this journey that are eligible for free travel as they are attending the nearest school of their chosen denomination.

Public transport: school buses

10 043. MS PULFORD — To ask the Minister for Planning (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the Lavers Hill Primary School bus route, why is the Department of Transport continuing to transport children to Timboon P-12 when the closest school to the township of Princetown is Lavers Hill.

ANSWER:

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

Public Transport Victoria conducted a review of the Lavers Hill school bus network in term 3 of 2013. The review identified that the service to Lavers Hill that operated out of Princetown was not conveying any passengers.

This service was deemed as surplus to the needs of travellers under the school bus program and was therefore terminated.

The termination of this service meant that, under the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's policy, primary students from Princetown could now access free travel to Simpson Primary School as their next closest school and secondary students could travel to Timboon P-12 School as their next closest school because there is no longer a service available that could convey them to Lavers Hill P-12 College.

A minimum of 15 students is required to seek approval to implement a new service.

Corrections: prisoner numbers

10 044. MS PENNICUIK — To ask the Minister for Corrections: In relation to the increase in prisoner numbers in Victoria in the last twelve months:

- (1) What is the number and percentage increase of all prisoners.
- (2) What is the number and percentage increase of male and female prisoners.
- (3) What proportion of the increase in male and female prisoners is due to the abolition of suspended sentences and home detention.
- (4) What proportion of the increase in male and female prison numbers is due to denied bail applications.

- (5) What proportion of the increase in male and female prison numbers is due to refusal of parole or breaches of parole.
- (6) What proportion of the prisoners referred to in (3), (4) and (5) are in minimum security prisons or correctional centres.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

	No.	%
(1)	727	14
(2)	644	14
	83	25

- (3) Specific data not available.
- (4) Specific data not available.
- (5) 47 per cent breach of parole.
- (6) specific data not available.

Employment and trade: job losses

10 045. MS TIERNEY — To ask the Assistant Treasurer (for the Minister for Employment and Trade): In relation to the 20 job losses due to the redundancies made at Brockman Engineering in Geelong, what assistance will the Napthine government provide these workers who have been affected by these job cuts just weeks before Christmas.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

Brockman Engineering has advised the government that these redundancies are due to a decline in work from key clients, completed interstate project work, future projects being placed on hold or delayed, and strong competition for work.

As part of responding to these job losses, my department has discussed with Brockman Engineering 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 Geelong, or information on planning or starting a small business or franchise.

The government continues to work closely with business and local stakeholders in Geelong to attract new investment and create jobs.

A recent example is government support for Sky Software to attract a Global Software Support Centre to Geelong that will create 40 new jobs, servicing sites in 60 countries around the world.

The government is supporting major job creation projects in Geelong including the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) headquarters and relocation of the Victorian WorkCover Authority head office to Geelong.

Community services: household energy concessions

10 047. MS HARTLAND — To ask the Minister for Housing (for the Minister for Community Services): In relation to the Excess Energy Concession, where concession card households with annual electricity bills of more than \$2763, and gas bills of more than \$1462 during the winter period, will need to apply for the Excess Energy Concession to continue to receive the 17.5 per cent concession on energy consumed above this amount:

- (1) When a household accessing the annual electricity concession exceeds the \$2763 threshold for electricity costs, will they be notified in writing of the opportunity to apply for the Excess Energy Concession.
- (2) When a household accessing the winter gas concession exceeds the \$1462 threshold for gas costs, will they be notified in writing of the opportunity to apply for the Excess Energy Concession.
- (3) What energy efficiency support will be provided to households who exceed the \$2763 threshold for electricity costs and the \$1462 threshold for gas costs.
- (4) What is the government doing to help overcome barriers to people accessing the Excess Energy Concession.
- (5) Given costs of energy vary in different distribution areas and between retailers, what is the government doing to make the threshold for the Excess Energy Concession fairer.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) When a household accessing the annual electricity concession exceeds the threshold for electricity costs they will be notified in writing of the opportunity to apply for the Excess Energy Concession.
- (2) When a household accessing the winter gas concession exceeds the threshold for gas costs they will be notified in writing of the opportunity to apply for the Excess Energy Concession.
- (3) Households who exceed the threshold for electricity and gas costs will be provided with information designed to assist them reduce their energy consumption.
- (4) The government will write to concession cardholders with a history of high energy consumption to provide them with information about the initiative. Information about the new concession is also available on the Concessions website and publications.
- (5) All eligible households are able to receive the full concession above the threshold by submitting an application form.