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¹ Resigned 25 February 2015

² Appointed 15 April 2015

PARTY ABBREVIATIONS

ALP — Labor Party; ASP — Australian Sex Party;
DLP — Democratic Labour Party; Greens — Australian Greens;
LP — Liberal Party; Nats — The Nationals;
SFP — Shooters and Fishers Party; V1LJ — Vote 1 Local Jobs

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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.

Headings reflect the portfolio of the minister answering the question.

Tuesday, 15 September 2015

Prevention of family violence

58. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Prevention of Family Violence): To provide details of all appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees made or approved by the Minister since 4 December 2014, indicating —

- (a) the expression of interest process, and selection process that was used;
- (b) the terms of appointment;
- (c) any remuneration applicable;
- (d) when the positions became subject to remuneration; and
- (e) what changes have been made to the level of remuneration.

ANSWER:

I am informed that, as at the date the question was raised: The Government is in the process of appointing and reappointing vacancies on Boards, Commissions and Committees.

The process for recruitment is consistent with past practice. Details of vacancies and the recruitment process are available on www.getonboard.vic.gov.au.

Details of appointments and reappointments such as the terms of appointment and remuneration can be found at www.publicboards.vic or www.premier.vic.gov.au.

Agriculture

464. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Agriculture: What is the total number of department staff seconded to the Minister's private office and what are their position titles as at 23 February 2015.

ANSWER:

Recruitment for staff began upon entering government in 2014. All recruitment for staff in the Minister's private office complied with the guidelines set out in the Public Administration Act 2004.

As the Member would be aware, Departmental Liaison Officers (DLOs) are employed by Departments to assist Ministers and their offices with departmental liaison and administrative functions. Their position title is Departmental Liaison Officer.

Regional development

465. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Regional Development: What is the total number of department staff seconded to the Minister's private office and what are their position titles as at 23 February 2015.

ANSWER:

Recruitment for staff began upon entering government in 2014. All recruitment for staff in the Minister's private office complied with the guidelines set out in the Public Administration Act 2004.

As the Member would be aware, Departmental Liaison Officers (DLOs) are employed by Departments to assist Ministers and their offices with departmental liaison and administrative functions. Their position title is Departmental Liaison Officer.

Women

466. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Women): What is the total number of department staff seconded to the Minister's private office and what are their position titles as at 23 February 2015.

ANSWER:

I am informed that: Recruitment for staff began upon entering government in 2014. All recruitment for staff in the Minister's private office complied with the guidelines set out in the Public Administration Act 2004.

As the Member would be aware, Department Liaison Officers (DLO) are employed by Departments to assist Ministers and their offices with department liaison and administrative functions. Their position title is Department Liaison Officer.

Prevention of family violence

467. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence): What is the total number of department staff seconded to the Minister's private office and what are their position titles as at 23 February 2015.

ANSWER:

I am informed that: The Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Women): I am informed that: Recruitment for staff began upon entering government in 2014. All recruitment for staff in the Minister's private office complied with the guidelines set out in the Public Administration Act 2004.

As the Member would be aware, Department Liaison Officers (DLO) are employed by Departments to assist Ministers and their offices with department liaison and administrative functions. Their position title is Department Liaison Officer.

Corrections

809. MR O'DONOHUE — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Corrections): What are the weekly figures of prisoners held in the Victorian male prison system for —

- (a) 23 February–1 March 2015;
- (b) 2 March–8 March 2015; and
- (c) 9 March–15 March 2015.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

There were 6004 male prisoners on 28 February 2015.

There were 5939 male prisoners on 31 March 2015.

Corrections

810. MR O'DONOHUE — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Corrections): What are the weekly figures of prisoners held in the Victorian female prison system for —

- (a) 23 February–1 March 2015;
- (b) 2 March–8 March 2015; and
- (c) 9 March–15 March 2015.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

There were 451 female prisoners on 28 February 2015.

There were 447 female prisoners on 31 March 2015.

Corrections

811. MR O'DONOHUE — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Corrections):
What are the weekly figures of male prisoners held in police cells in Victoria at 7 am for —

- (a) 23 February–1 March 2015;
- (b) 2 March–8 March 2015; and
- (c) 9 March–15 March 2015.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

There were 77 male prisoners in police cells at 7 am on 28 February 2015.

There were 109 male prisoners in police cells at 7 am on 31 March 2015.

Corrections

812. MR O'DONOHUE — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Corrections):
What are the weekly figures of female prisoners held in police cells in Victoria at 7 am for —

- (a) 23 February–1 March 2015;
- (b) 2 March–8 March 2015; and
- (c) 9 March–15 March 2015.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

There were 3 female prisoners in police cells at 7 am on 28 February 2015.

There were 6 female prisoners in police cells at 7 am on 31 March 2015

Corrections

813. MR O'DONOHUE — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Corrections):
How many parole orders were current during the week of —

- (a) 26 February–4 March 2015; and
- (b) 5 March–11 March 2015

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

There were 1107 current parole orders on 28 February 2015.

There were 1105 current parole orders on 31 March 2015.

Planning

815. MR DAVIS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to the Architects Registration Board of Victoria:

- (1) What was the cost incurred due to the 5 April 2015 Easter Sunday Public Holiday.
- (2) If an answer to (1) is unavailable, what was the value of any adjustment made to base wage funding costs to reflect the 5 April 2015 Easter Sunday Public Holiday.
- (3) If an answer to (2) is unavailable, did the Architects Registration Board of Victoria use an unadjusted fund to implement the gazettal of the Easter Sunday public holiday in 2015, and if so, from which cost centre were the funds appropriated.
- (4) What is the cost to be incurred for the 2015 Grand Final Eve Public Holiday.
- (5) If an answer to (4) is unavailable, what is the projected or budgeted value of any adjustment made to base wage funding costs to reflect the 2015 Grand Final Eve Public Holiday.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The cost of the additional Easter Sunday public holiday will have no impact on the Architects Registration Board of Victoria, as Architects Registration Board of Victoria staff are salaried and not required to work Easter Sunday.

The Regulatory Impact Statement on proposed new public holidays in Victoria, released for public comment on the 8th of July this year, provides an independent estimate of the total public sector cost of declaring Grand Final Friday and Easter Sunday public holidays. The total cost estimated in the Regulatory Impact Statement includes costs to local, State and Commonwealth governments. It can be viewed at <http://economicdevelopment.vic.gov.au/corporate-governance/legislation-and-regulation/regulatory-impact-statements>

Planning

816. MR DAVIS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to Heritage Victoria:

- (1) What was the cost incurred due to the 5 April 2015 Easter Sunday Public Holiday.
- (2) If an answer to (1) is unavailable, what was the value of any adjustment made to base wage funding costs to reflect the 5 April 2015 Easter Sunday Public Holiday.
- (3) If an answer to (2) is unavailable, did Heritage Victoria use an unadjusted fund to implement the gazettal of the Easter Sunday public holiday in 2015, and if so, from which cost centre were the funds appropriated.
- (4) What is the cost to be incurred for the 2015 Grand Final Eve Public Holiday.
- (5) If an answer to (4) is unavailable, what is the projected or budgeted value of any adjustment made to base wage funding costs to reflect the 2015 Grand Final Eve Public Holiday.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The cost of the additional 2015 Easter Sunday public holiday has been fully funded as part of a total budget funding provided to Heritage Victoria for the 2014-15 financial year.

The Regulatory Impact Statement on proposed new public holidays in Victoria, released for public comment on the 8th of July this year, provides an independent estimate of the total public sector cost of declaring Grand Final Friday and Easter Sunday public holidays. The total cost estimated in the Regulatory Impact Statement includes costs to local, State and Commonwealth governments. It can be viewed at <http://economicdevelopment.vic.gov.au/corporate-governance/legislation-and-regulation/regulatory-impact-statements>

Planning

817. MR DAVIS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to Places Victoria:

- (1) What was the cost incurred due to the 5 April 2015 Easter Sunday Public Holiday.
- (2) If an answer to (1) is unavailable, what was the value of any adjustment made to base wage funding costs to reflect the 5 April 2015 Easter Sunday Public Holiday.
- (3) If an answer to (2) is unavailable, did Places Victoria use an unadjusted fund to implement the gazettal of the Easter Sunday public holiday in 2015, and if so, from which cost centre were the funds appropriated.
- (4) What is the cost to be incurred for the 2015 Grand Final Eve Public Holiday.
- (5) If an answer to (4) is unavailable, what is the projected or budgeted value of any adjustment made to base wage funding costs to reflect the 2015 Grand Final Eve Public Holiday.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The cost of the additional Easter Sunday public holiday will have no impact on Places Victoria, as Places Victoria staff are salaried and not required to work Easter Sunday.

The Regulatory Impact Statement on proposed new public holidays in Victoria, released for public comment on the 8th of July this year, provides an independent estimate of the total public sector cost of declaring Grand Final Friday and Easter Sunday public holidays. The total cost estimated in the Regulatory Impact Statement includes costs to local, State and Commonwealth governments. It can be viewed at <http://economicdevelopment.vic.gov.au/corporate-governance/legislation-and-regulation/regulatory-impact-statements>.

Planning

818. MR DAVIS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to the Victorian Building Authority:

- (1) What was the cost incurred due to the 5 April 2015 Easter Sunday Public Holiday.
- (2) If an answer to (1) is unavailable, what was the value of any adjustment made to base wage funding costs to reflect the 5 April 2015 Easter Sunday Public Holiday.
- (3) If an answer to (2) is unavailable, did the Victorian Building Authority use an unadjusted fund to implement the gazettal of the Easter Sunday public holiday in 2015, and if so, from which cost centre were the funds appropriated.
- (4) What is the cost to be incurred for the 2015 Grand Final Eve Public Holiday.
- (5) If an answer to (4) is unavailable, what is the projected or budgeted value of any adjustment made to base wage funding costs to reflect the 2015 Grand Final Eve Public Holiday.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The cost of the additional Easter Sunday public holiday will have no impact on the Victorian Building Authority, as Victorian Building Authority staff are salaried and are not required to work Easter Sunday.

The Regulatory Impact Statement on proposed new public holidays in Victoria released for public comment on the 8th of July this year, provides an independent estimate of the total public sector cost of declaring Grand Final Friday and Easter Sunday public holidays. The total cost estimated in the Regulatory Impact Statement includes costs to local, State and Commonwealth governments. It can be viewed at <http://economicdevelopment.vic.gov.au/corporate-governance/legislation-and-regulation/regulatory-impact-statements>

Health

869. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (representing the Minister for Health): In relation to the Cancer Council Victoria:

- (1) What is the cost to be incurred for the 2015 Grand Final Eve Public Holiday.
- (2) If an answer to (1) is unavailable, what is the projected or budgeted value of any adjustment made to base wage funding costs to reflect the 2015 Grand Final Eve Public Holiday.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The cost of the additional 2015 Grand Final Eve public holiday has been fully funded as part of a total budget funding provided to service delivery agencies for the 2015-16 financial year.

The Regulatory Impact Statement on proposed new public holidays in Victoria, which was released for public comment on the 8th of July this year, provides an independent estimate of the total public sector cost of declaring the Grand Final Friday and Easter Sunday public holidays. The total cost estimated in the Regulatory Impact Statement includes costs to local, State and Commonwealth governments.

The Regulatory Impact Statement can be viewed at: <http://economicdevelopment.vic.gov.au/corporate-governance/legislation-and-regulation/regulatory-impact-statements>.

Health

870. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (representing the Minister for Health): In relation to VicHealth:

- (1) What is the cost to be incurred for the 2015 Grand Final Eve Public Holiday.
- (2) If an answer to (1) is unavailable, what is the projected or budgeted value of any adjustment made to base wage funding costs to reflect the 2015 Grand Final Eve Public Holiday.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The cost of the additional 2015 Grand Final Eve public holiday has been fully funded as part of a total budget funding provided to service delivery agencies for the 2015-16 financial year.

The Regulatory Impact Statement on proposed new public holidays in Victoria, which was released for public comment on the 8th of July this year, provides an independent estimate of the total public sector cost of declaring

the Grand Final Friday and Easter Sunday public holidays. The total cost estimated in the Regulatory Impact Statement includes costs to local, State and Commonwealth governments.

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<http://economicdevelopment.vic.gov.au/corporate-governance/legislation-and-regulation/regulatory-impact-statements>.

Premier

873. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Special Minister of State (representing the Premier): In relation to the Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission:

- (1) What is the cost to be incurred for the 2015 Grand Final Eve Public Holiday.
- (2) If an answer to (1) is unavailable, what is the projected or budgeted value of any adjustment made to base wage funding costs to reflect the 2015 Grand Final Eve Public Holiday.

ANSWER:

In 2015-16 VCEC will cease to exist as a single entity. VCEC's functions are being re-configured to support the Victorian Government's commitment to best-practice regulation.

The cost of the 2015 Grand Final public holiday has been fully funded for the 2015-16 financial year. The Regulatory Impact Statement on proposed new public holidays in Victoria, released for public comment on the 8th of July this year, provides an independent estimate of the total public sector cost of declaring Grand Final Friday and Easter Sunday public holidays. The total cost estimated in the Regulatory Impact Statement includes costs to local, State and Commonwealth governments. It can be viewed at <http://economicdevelopment.vic.gov.au/corporate-governance/legislation-and-regulation/regulatory-impact-statements>

Emergency services

881. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the Inspector-General for Emergency Management, with respect to the authority's media research and public opinion polling conducted since 1 January 2015 —

- (1) What is the title of each poll or item of research.
- (2) What is the date approved and duration of the contract.
- (3) What is the cost.
- (4) Who are the personnel conducting the project.
- (5) Was the polling put to tender.
- (6) What recommendations were made.
- (7) What actions have been taken by the Department or Minister.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

NIL media research or public polling activity carried out on the authority since 1 January 2015

Emergency services

882. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the Victorian State Emergency Service, with respect to the authority's media research and public opinion polling conducted since 1 January 2015 —

- (1) What is the title of each poll or item of research.

- (2) What is the date approved and duration of the contract.
- (3) What is the cost.
- (4) Who are the personnel conducting the project.
- (5) Was the polling put to tender.
- (6) What recommendations were made.
- (7) What actions have been taken by the Department or Minister.

ANSWER:

I am advised that the project is the VICSES Social Marketing and Campaign Research-Benchmarking, Concept Validation and Annual Tracking, which was established on 28 April 2015, with a duration period of twenty two weeks.

The tender was won by New Focus which is a Melbourne based company. The results of the research will be considered when completed.

Emergency services

883. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority, with respect to the authority’s media research and public opinion polling conducted since 1 January 2015 —

- (1) What is the title of each poll or item of research.
- (2) What is the date approved and duration of the contract.
- (3) What is the cost.
- (4) Who are the personnel conducting the project.
- (5) Was the polling put to tender.
- (6) What recommendations were made.
- (7) What actions have been taken by the Department or Minister.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The Emergency Services Telecommunication Authority has conducted no media research and public opinion polling since 1 January 2015.

Corrections

884. MR DALLA-RIVA — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Corrections): In relation to the Office of the Corrections Victoria Commissioner, with respect to the authority’s media research and public opinion polling conducted since 1 January 2015 —

- (1) What is the title of each poll or item of research.
- (2) What is the date approved and duration of the contract.
- (3) What is the cost.
- (4) Who are the personnel conducting the project.
- (5) Was the polling put to tender.
- (6) What recommendations were made.
- (7) What actions have been taken by the Department or Minister.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

There has been no media research or public opinion polling conducted for the Office of the Corrections Victoria Commissioner since 1 January 2015.

Corrections

1092. MR O'DONOHUE — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Corrections): What are the weekly figures of prisoners held in the Victorian male prison system for —

- (a) 29 June 2015 to 5 July 2015;
- (b) 6 July 2015 to 12 July 2015;
- (c) 20 July 2015 to 26 July 2015;
- (d) 27 July 2015 to 2 August 2015;
- (e) 3 August 2015 to 9 August 2015; and
- (f) 10 August 2015 to 16 August 2015.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

There were 5640 male prisoners on 31 July 2015.

Corrections

1093. MR O'DONOHUE — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Corrections): What are the weekly figures of prisoners held in the Victorian female prison system for —

- (a) 29 June 2015 to 5 July 2015;
- (b) 6 July 2015 to 12 July 2015;
- (c) 20 July 2015 to 26 July 2015;
- (d) 27 July 2015 to 2 August 2015;
- (e) 3 August 2015 to 9 August 2015; and
- (f) 10 August 2015 to 16 August 2015.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

There were 433 female prisoners on 31 July 2015.

Corrections

1094. MR O'DONOHUE — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Corrections): What are the weekly figures of male prisoners held in police cells in Victoria at 7 am for —

- (a) 29 June 2015 to 5 July 2015;
- (b) 6 July 2015 to 12 July 2015;
- (c) 20 July 2015 to 26 July 2015;
- (d) 27 July 2015 to 2 August 2015;
- (e) 3 August 2015 to 9 August 2015; and
- (f) 10 August 2015 to 16 August 2015.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

There were 253 male prisoners in police cells at 7 am on 31 July 2015.

Corrections

1095. MR O'DONOHUE — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Corrections):
What are the weekly figures of female prisoners held in police cells in Victoria at 7 am for —

- (a) 29 June 2015 to 5 July 2015;
- (b) 6 July 2015 to 12 July 2015;
- (c) 20 July 2015 to 26 July 2015;
- (d) 27 July 2015 to 2 August 2015;
- (e) 3 August 2015 to 9 August 2015; and
- (f) 10 August 2015 to 16 August 2015.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

There were 11 female prisoners in police cells at 7 am on 31 July 2015.

Corrections

1096. MR O'DONOHUE — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Corrections):
How many parole orders were current during the week of —

- (a) 29 June 2015 to 5 July 2015;
- (b) 6 July 2015 to 12 July 2015;
- (c) 20 July 2015 to 26 July 2015;
- (d) 27 July 2015 to 2 August 2015;
- (e) 3 August 2015 to 9 August 2015; and
- (f) 10 August 2015 to 16 August 2015.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

There were 1121 current parole orders on 31 July 2015.

Families and children

1099. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children:

- (1) During the March quarter 2015 how many children were in —
 - (a) foster care;
 - (b) kinship care; and
 - (c) residential care.
- (2) During the June quarter 2015 how many children were in —
 - (a) foster care;
 - (b) kinship care; and

- (c) residential care.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) During the March quarter 2015 the average daily number of children in —
- (a) foster care was 1584;
 - (b) kinship care was 4023; and
 - (c) residential care was 463.
- (2) During the June quarter 2015 the average daily number of children in —
- (a) foster care was 1588;
 - (b) kinship care was 4069; and
 - (c) residential care was 441.

Families and children

1100. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to youth justice custodial services:

- (1) How many women were in the Parkville Youth Justice Precinct for young women as at 31 March 2015.
- (2) How many men were in the Parkville Youth Justice Precinct for young men as at 31 March 2015.
- (3) How many young people were in the Malmsbury Youth Justice Precinct as at 31 March 2015.
- (4) How many women were in the Parkville Youth Justice Precinct for young women as at 30 June 2015.
- (5) How many men were in the Parkville Youth Justice Precinct for young men as at 30 June 2015.
- (6) How many young people were in the Malmsbury Youth Justice Precinct as at 30 June 2015.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- (1) The number of females in the Parkville Youth Justice Precinct as at 31 March 2015 was 11.
- (2) The number of males in the Parkville Youth Justice Precinct as at 31 March 2015 was 74.
- (3) The number of young people aged 15 years and over, in the Malmsbury Youth Justice Precinct as at 31 March 2015 was 62.
- (4) The number of females in the Parkville Youth Justice Precinct as at 30 June 2015 was 11.
- (5) The number of males in the Parkville Youth Justice Precinct as at 30 June 2015 was 88.
- (6) The number of young people aged 15 years and over, in the Malmsbury Youth Justice, Precinct as at 30 June 2015 was 59.

Families and children

1101. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: How many Child FIRST and family service cases have been provided to Aboriginal families between 1 January 2015 and 30 June 2015.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of Child FIRST and family service cases involving Aboriginal families between 1 January 2015 and 30 June 2015 is 1145.

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Wednesday, 16 September 2015

Families and children

457. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: What is the total number of department staff seconded to the Minister's private office and what are their position titles as at 23 February 2015.

ANSWER:

I am informed as follows:

Recruitment for staff began upon entering government in 2014. All recruitment for staff in the Minister's private office complied with the guidelines set out in the Public Administration Act 2004.

As the Member would be aware, Departmental Liaison Officers (DLO) are employed by Departments to assist Ministers and their offices with departmental liaison and administrative functions. Their position title is Department Liaison Officer.

Regional development

652. MR DRUM — To ask the Minister for Regional Development: in relation to the review of Regional Development Victoria's strategic priorities:

- (1) When is the estimated date of completion.
- (2) What is the cost to undertake the review.
- (3) Who is undertaking the review.
- (4) Will the report from the review be made public.

ANSWER:

The Chair of the External Advisory Board undertaking the Regional Economic Development and Services Review, former Premier the Hon John Brumby delivered his Board's report to me on Wednesday 1 July 2015.

The Review was undertaken by an independent External Advisory Board comprising regional business and community leaders from across Victoria, including:

- a. The Hon John Brumby, Chair, External Advisory Board
- b. Dr Bronte Adams, Principal, Dandolo Partners
- c. Mr Craig Niemann, Chief Executive Officer, City of Greater Bendigo
- d. Mr David McKenzie, Chair, Committee for Greater Shepparton
- e. Mr Ross Brown, Executive Director, Brown Brothers
- f. Mr Richard Elkington, Chair, Gippsland Regional Development Committee
- g. Ms Jo Bourke, Executive Director, Wimmera Development Association
- h. Prof Jane den Hollander, Vice-Chancellor, Deakin University.

Funding for the review was sourced from within the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources' budget. All External Advisory Board members, including the Chair, volunteered their time and expertise.

On receiving the Board's report on Wednesday 1 July 2015 I committed to release it in full as part of a comprehensive, whole-of-government response to be delivered by October.

Regional development

653. MR DRUM — To ask the Minister for Regional Development: in relation to the Stawell Jobs Taskforce:

- (1) When is the estimated reporting date by the Taskforce.
- (2) What is the cost to support the Taskforce.
- (3) Who are the members of the Taskforce.
- (4) Will the report from the Taskforce be made public.

ANSWER:

The Stawell Jobs Taskforce first met on 30 April 2015 and will meet again before the end of 2015.

Members of the Stawell Jobs Taskforce include:

- Mr James Skene, Executive Officer, Central Grampians LLEN
- Mr Troy Cole, General Manager, Crocodile Gold
- Ms Lynn Jenz, Director, Crowe Horwath Stawell
- Mr Simon Jones, Director, David O Jones Mitre 10
- Mr Peter Horrocks, Assistant Operations and Export Manager, Frewstal
- Cr Murray Emerson, Mayor, Northern Grampians Shire Council
- Ms Justine Linley, Chief Executive Officer, Northern Grampians Shire Council
- Ms Liz McCourt, Chief Executive Officer, Stawell Regional Health
- Mr Chris Waack, Director, Waack's Bakery
- Mr Mick White, Chief Executive Officer, Western District Employment Access

There is no cost to support the Taskforce. Members volunteer their time and outcomes are progressed by Regional Development Victoria officers in conjunction with relevant stakeholders in line with existing departmental objectives.

The Taskforce's role is to provide advice to government to inform ongoing work to create employment opportunities for people in Stawell. A formal report will not be produced.

Treasurer

1234. **MS DUNN** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Treasurer): In relation to the “avoided deforestation” provisions and related provisions associated with the Commonwealth Emissions Reductions Fund (the ERF)-

- (1) Has the Government undertaken any assessments of the income from the ERF that may be generated by avoided deforestation in Victoria’s state forests.
- (2) What process will be followed in considering whether to submit an avoided deforestation project to the ERF.
- (3) What public consultation process will precede the decision to submit, or not submit an avoided deforestation project to the ERF.

ANSWER:

The matter you have raised falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Hon Lisa Neville MP as the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water.

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Roads and road safety

808. MS HARTLAND — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety):
In relation to Stage 1 of the West Gate Distributor project:

- (1) Will bike signalling be incorporated into the new traffic signals at the Parker Street and Moreland Street intersection in both east-west and north-south directions.
- (2) Will the bike lane along Moreland Road be retained or will an alternate bike or shared user path be built along Moreland Road.

ANSWER:

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

- (1) VicRoads is currently considering the incorporation of bike signalling into the new traffic signals at the intersection of Parker Street and Moreland Street in the east-west and north-south directions.
- (2) The existing off-road shared user path on Moreland Street will be retained between Footscray Road and Parker Street. The existing on-road and off-road bike lane for southbound cyclists from Parker Street through to Somerville Road will be retained.

Roads and road safety

819. MS HARTLAND — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety):
Will Stage 1 of the West Gate Distributor proposal allow High Productivity Freight Vehicles last mile access to the Port of Melbourne.

ANSWER:

I am advised that, at the date the question was raised:

While the completion of Stage 1 of the West Gate Distributor will increase the capacity of Shepherd Bridge above the current limit of 77.5 tonnes, any increase in allowable mass will be restricted to the capacity of other bridges on roads that are used to access Shepherd Bridge.

Roads and road safety

820. MS HARTLAND — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety):
Which roads in Melbourne's inner western suburbs have been the subject of High Productivity Vehicle last mile access applications to the Port of Melbourne.

ANSWER:

I am advised that, at the date the question was raised:

The table below provides a list of inner west roads that have been the subject of High Productivity Freight Vehicle (HPFV) access applications to VicRoads, or, from 10 February 2014, the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator, since the announcement of the 'Moving More with Less' Policy in April 2013.

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Road	Suburb	Road Manager	Date of Approval
Footscray Rd	West Melb	VicRoads	08/08/2013
Wurundjeri Way	Melb	VicRoads	08/08/2013
Montague St	Sth Melb	VicRoads	08/08/2003
Westgate Freeway	Port Melb – Altona Nth	VicRoads	08/08/2013
Grieve Parade	Altona- Altona Nth	VicRoads	08/08/2013
Dohertys Rd	Laverton Nth	VicRoads	04/08/2015
Kororoit Creek Rd	Altona	VicRoads	07/02/2014
Princes Highway	West Footscray – Altona Nth	VicRoads	08/08/2013
Princes Freeway	Altona Nth – Altona	VicRoads	07/02/2014
Leakes Rd	Laverton Nth	Wyndham	21/01/2014
Fitzgerald Rd	Laverton Nth	VicRoads	21/01/2014
Mount Derrimut Rd	Derrimut	VicRoads	03/08/2015
Palmers Rd	Truganina	VicRoads	07/2015
Boundary Rd	Laverton Nth	VicRoads	08/08/2013
Little Boundary Rd	Laverton Nth	VicRoads	08/08/2013
Fairbairn Rd	Sunshine West	VicRoads	28/10/2013
Somerville Rd West of Princess Highway West	Sunshine West – Footscray	VicRoads	08/08/2013
McDonald Rd	Brooklyn	VicRoads	08/08/2013
Market Rd	Brooklyn	VicRoads	28/10/2013
Sunshine Rd	Tottenham – West Footscray	VicRoads	28/10/2013
Geelong St	West Footscray	VicRoads	28/10/2013
Millers Rd	Brooklyn	VicRoads	03/2015
Francis St between Millers Rd and Stooke St	Yarraville	VicRoads	28/10/2013
Moreland St	Footscray	VicRoads	28/10/2013
Whitehall St between Moreland St and Somerville Rd	Footscray	VicRoads	28/10/2013
Blackshaws Rd	Altona Nth	VicRoads	08/08/2013
Westgate Freeway	Pt Melb – Altona Nth	VicRoads	08/08/2013
Western Ring Rd	Laverton Nth	VicRoads	28/10/2014
Lorimer St	Port Melbourne	VicRoads	21/06/2014
Todd Rd	Port Melbourne	VicRoads	21/06/2014
Williamstown Rd	Port Melbourne	VicRoads	21/06/2014
Francis St – Geelong Rd Link Rd	Yarraville	VicRoads	28/10/2013

Roads and road safety

822. MS HARTLAND — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to stage 1 of the West Gate Distributor Project, what are the projected increases in truck traffic associated with completing this stage of the project alone (without completing the remainder of the project, including the truck off-ramps) on:

- (a) Francis Street, Yarraville;
- (b) Williamstown Rd, Yarraville;

- (c) Somerville Rd, Yarraville;
- (d) Buckley Street, Seddon; and
- (e) Whitehall St, Footscray.

ANSWER:

I am advised that, at the date the question was raised:

While the completion of Stage 1 of the West Gate Distributor proposal will increase the capacity of Shepherd Bridge above the current limit of 77.5 tonnes, any increase in allowable mass will be restricted to the capacity of other bridges on roads that are used to access Shepherd Bridge.

Accordingly, Stage 1 of the West Gate Distributor proposal will not result in any change to existing restrictions, where High Productivity Freight Vehicle access to the Port of Melbourne via Shepherd Bridge is limited to combinations up to 30 metres long and 77.5 tonnes mass.