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**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.*

*The portfolio of the minister answering the question on notice starts each heading.*

**Tuesday, 18 August 2015**

**Health**

**488. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Western Health’s Footscray Hospital —

- (1) How many hospital beds have been decommissioned due to facilities no longer being fit for purpose due to the aging and outdated infrastructure.
- (2) What type of patients were these decommissioned hospital beds previously used by.
- (3) In which wards are these beds being decommissioned.
- (4) When did Western Health commence decommissioning hospital beds due to facilities no longer being fit for purpose due to the aging and outdated infrastructure.
- (5) How many more beds are identified by Western Health as needing decommissioning in the next six years.
- (6) In which wards have beds been identified for decommissioning.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Western Health is in the process of reconfiguring its services following the opening of a new critical care unit and support services at Sunshine Hospital. These changes have been made in order to respond to the increasing demands placed on Sunshine Hospital due to rapid population growth in the outer western suburbs, and to improve the spread of services across the region. Beds have been transferred from Footscray Hospital to Sunshine Hospital to support this process. Overall, Western Health has increased the number of available beds through this process.
- (2) The beds were utilised by public patients.
- (3) The beds were transferred to Sunshine Hospital from wards in the Footscray South block.
- (4) Transfer of beds to Sunshine Hospital commenced on 15 February 2015 as part of the opening of critical care services and new capacity at Sunshine Hospital. This resulted in an increase in the total number of beds available, and allows residents of Melbourne’s west to access care closer to home.
- (5) The share of services between Sunshine and Footscray Hospitals will be continually reviewed to ensure an appropriate match of capacity and demand.
- (6) Western Health will determine future sharing of services.

**Agriculture**

**543. MS DUNN** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture: What forms of direct and/or indirect financial support of any kind is provided by Government to entities and/or individuals or partnerships that deliver logging and/or logging haulage services for logging coupes managed by VicForests, including, but not limited to:

- (1) Grants.
- (2) Loans.
- (3) Underwriting of leases of assets and/or loans.
- (4) Stamp duty, payroll or other tax concessions.
- (5) Debt write-offs.
- (6) Subrogation of debts or claims.

**ANSWER:**

The Victorian Auditor-General's performance audit report *Managing Victoria's Native Forest Timber Resources* was tabled in Parliament on 11 December 2013. This audit found that "VicForests does not receive any government subsidies". The Auditor-General also considered that government departments and VicForests are managing the timber resources in a productive way that delivers socio-economic benefits to regional communities, with VicForests demonstrating "its commercial decisions balance the need for long-term economic returns with the need to support a sustainable industry".

Contractors are engaged by VicForests to perform a number of services, including harvest, haulage, seed collection, regeneration surveys, and fleet management.

While I am not aware of any financial support that is or has been specifically directed to VicForests' contractors by the Victorian Government, the Government does offer a range of programs and grants to assist Victorian businesses. Details about grant recipients can be found at [www.vic.gov.au/grants](http://www.vic.gov.au/grants).

The Government operates a number of business programs generally and these are available to eligible businesses to assist those businesses to attract investment, improve innovation and productivity, secure better market access and develop employment precincts. Additionally, the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR) provides general assistance through the Business Victoria website and Victorian Government Business Offices.

It may be the case that individuals described by the Member in her question have, or may in the future, benefit from other general financial support, such as the Victorian Patient Transport Assistance Scheme for regional Victorians travelling to see a medical specialist; the first-home buyer land duty reduction; or the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF), a new initiative by the Andrews Labor Government to ensure all Victorian students can take part in school trips and sporting activities.

**Health**

**564. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): In relation to Western Health's Footscray Hospital, has the Minister accounted for the delay of redevelopment of Western Health's Footscray Hospital by five years which will result in an additional \$100 million in costs and negative impacts on patients.

**ANSWER:**

There are infrastructure and service challenges right across Victoria, following \$1 billion in cuts from Victoria's health system by the previous Liberal government and under investment in capital projects. This has had real impacts on hospitals across the State, particularly in the western suburbs.

The Andrews Labor Government is committed to the continuous development of health services in the west. This is demonstrated by a number of significant investments in the 2015-16 State Budget, including \$200 million for the Sunshine Women's and Children's Hospital, and \$85 million for expansion of acute services at Werribee Mercy Hospital.

Furthermore the Department of Health & Human Services is undertaking important planning work in partnership with Western Health to determine the priorities and future requirements of Footscray Hospital to ensure patients in the western suburbs can access the care they need closer to home.

Although the premise or purpose the question is a confused one, I accept that there are inflationary impacts associated with undertaking planned and costed capital projects in years beyond that in which the planning and costing for that project has taken place.

**Health**

**570. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): how much funding has been provided to Victorian Health Services to cover the additional cost of the 2015 Easter Sunday 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 health services for the 2014-15 financial year.

Further information about the impact of implementing the Government’s election commitment regarding both the Easter Sunday and Grand Final Friday public holidays was contained in a Regulatory Impact Statement, which was publicly released on 8 July 2015 and is available online.

**Health**

**571. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): in relation to the one-off payment to every Victorian Health Service to cover the additional cost of the 2015 Easter Sunday Public Holiday, how much funding did each Health Service receive to cover this additional cost.

**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 health services for the 2014-15 financial year.

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**Health**

**572. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): what is the Department of Health and Human Services estimation of the cost of the new AFL Grand final eve public holiday for Victorian Health Services.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The cost of the additional 2015 AFL Grand final eve public holiday will be fully funded and incorporated in the base funding provided to health services for the 2015-16 financial year.

Further information about the impact of implementing the Government’s election commitment regarding both the Easter Sunday and Grand Final Friday public holidays was contained in a Regulatory Impact Statement, which was publicly released on 8 July 2015 and is available online.

**Families and children**

**580. MS CROZIER** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: how many Category One incidents were notified to the Department of Health and Human Services by each departmental division during —

- (a) December 2014;
- (b) January 2015;
- (c) February 2015;
- (d) March 2015; and
- (e) April 2015.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

In my previous response to this question, I advised that in the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) there are eight health regions and seventeen human service areas.

Category 1 incident data is published annually on the Department of Health & Human Services website at [www.dhs.vic.gov.au](http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au).

The formation of the new Department of Health and Human Services has provided an opportunity to review the incident reporting system to create a single, consistent incident reporting system across all program areas of the Department.

The incident reporting system records incidents reported to the Department and not whether the reported incident has been substantiated.

The Department of Health and Human Services has undertaken a range of activities to improve incident reporting compliance and as a result more incidents are now reported across all program areas.

As is consistent with the current reporting framework, incident data relating to the period December 2014-April 2015 will be captured by data published on the Department's website later this year.

**Families and children**

**581. MS CROZIER** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: how many Category One incidents were notified to the Department of Health and Human Services by each Area within each departmental division during —

- (a) December 2014;
- (b) January 2015;
- (c) February 2015;
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### Agriculture

**591. MS BATH** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture: what funding allocation was made in the 2015-16 Budget to meet the Government's pre-election commitment to expand aerial baiting for wild dog control in northeast and far east Gippsland.

#### ANSWER:

There is currently an operational budget of \$500 000 a year allocated to remote area baiting, including aerial baiting. This funding provides for baiting in remote areas of Gippsland and north-east Victoria to continue the management of wild dogs and reduce stock losses for rural landholders.

The next round of aerial baiting is scheduled for Spring 2015.

It is important to note that the previous government made no plans, nor did they provide any money for more than one season of aerial baiting in each financial year.

In March, the Hon. Peter Walsh MP said that "controlling wild dogs is a serious issue and should be beyond political point-scoring". In spite of this, several Nationals MPs have sought to mislead the community about the Government's aerial baiting program.

The former Minister's decision to aerial bait multiple times during the 2014 election year exhausted the 2014-15 allocation, leaving no money for any possible aerial baiting program in Autumn this year.

The Andrews Labor Government will continue to work with local communities, industry and other land managers to reduce the impact of wild dogs on stock through an integrated approach, including poison baiting, trapping, exclusion fencing, and hunting.

### Agriculture

**592. MS BATH** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture: what was the staffing profile for the Wild Dog Control Program on —

- (a) 1 December 2014;
- (b) 1 January 2015;
- (c) 1 February 2015;
- (d) 1 March 2015;
- (e) 1 April 2015;
- (f) 1 May 2015; and
- (g) 1 June 2015.

**ANSWER:**

Unlike the previous Liberal-Nationals Government which inflicted massive cuts on the former DPI and DEPI, and reduced the number of wild dog controllers (“doggers”), Labor recognises the importance of the government’s role in controlling wild dogs to our farmers.

There have been no changes in staff resource allocation for the wild dog control program in the period from 1 December 2014 to 1 June 2015.

**Agriculture**

**593. MS BATH** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture: in relation to the 2015-16 Budget:

- (1) Does the \$5 million allocation for ‘Phasing Out Puppy Farms’ supersede the \$6 million additional funding agreement which the former Government negotiated with the RSPCA in October 2014.
- (2) Does the four year \$5 million ‘Phasing Out Puppy Farms’ allocation include the historic \$1 million of base funding which the RSPCA has been receiving annually from the Government.
- (3) What are the annual Government funding allocation, actual or forecast, for the RSPCA for —
  - (a) 2014-15;
  - (b) 2015-16;
  - (c) 2016-17;
  - (d) 2017-18; and
  - (e) 2018-19.

**ANSWER:**

The Andrews Labor Government is getting on with taking action to stamp out puppy farms.

The community sent a strong message that the appalling conditions experienced by many dogs in puppy farms is not acceptable. By delivering on the policies we took to the election, the Labor Government will shut down this cruel industry.

Funding for the \$5 million ‘Phasing out Puppy Farms’ grant allocated to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) commences in the 2015-16 financial year. Allocation of funds in each of the forward years is subject to the applicable Funding Agreement being signed by the RSPCA.

The RSPCA received payment of \$2.25 million for the 2014-15 financial year. This was the full amount of funding that was allocated for the year under the previous government contract.

Under the commitment of the former Liberal-Nationals Coalition Government, \$3.75 million had been allocated for the next three years. These funds will be reallocated to contribute towards the \$5 million commitment in future years. Labor’s commitment ensures that the RSPCA will have over \$1 million more funding in coming years than was committed by the previous government.

The \$1 million funding allocation to the RSPCA for their work investigating animal cruelty under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986 is separate to the ‘Phasing out puppy farm’ funding.

**Agriculture**

**602. MR YOUNG** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture: what is the Game Management Authority’s current budget spend on compliance.

**ANSWER:**

The Game Management Authority has a total budget of \$4.8 million. The Authority will provide further details of its expenditure in its inaugural Annual Report, which will be tabled in Parliament in September.

**Agriculture**

**603. MR YOUNG** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture: what is the Game Management Authority's current budget spend on education.

**ANSWER:**

The Game Management Authority has a total budget of \$4.8 million. Operational expenditure, including education programs, are a matter for the Authority, which will provide further details in its inaugural Annual Report, which will be tabled in Parliament in September.

**Agriculture**

**604. MR YOUNG** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture: what is the Game Management Authority's budget in the 2015-16 Budget.

**ANSWER:**

The Game Management Authority has a total annual budget of \$4.8 million.

**Roads and road safety**

**606. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the Western Distributor proposal, if the proposal proceeds, will the Government prohibit container truck movements on local suburban streets including Somerville Rd, Francis Street, Hyde Street, Whitehall Street, Hopkins Street, Geelong Road and Williamstown Rd once the project is completed.

**ANSWER:**

As part of the assessment of the Transurban's proposal the Government will consider aspects of the project including value for money, its ability to deliver on the government's objectives-including reducing trucks in the inner west-and the extent to which it delivers community benefits. The Government will also consider any complementary measures which may be appropriate should the proposal proceed.

**Roads and road safety**

**607. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the Western Distributor proposal, and based on the experience from construction of the Melba Tunnel and Mullum Mullum Tunnel:

- (1) How many local truck movements (approximately) does the Government anticipate would be required for the construction process and to remove spoil from the tunnelling process.
- (2) What routes would the trucks take when removing spoil from the tunnel opening adjacent to the Maribymong River.

**ANSWER:**

At this stage of the Western Distributor assessment process, the detailed design of the project is still to be developed and, therefore, an assessment of the project construction impacts would be premature. The transportation routes for construction vehicles in relation to spoil management would be addressed during a formal planning approval process.

**Roads and road safety**

**608. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the Western Distributor proposal and any contaminated soil unsurfaced through the construction and tunnelling process:

- (1) How will the contaminated soil be handled, stored and transported to ensure the safety of workers, local residents and the environment.
- (2) Will any soil be kept onsite.
- (3) Will this soil be disposed of at the Lyndhurst waste management facility or another site and, if so, which one.
- (4) What route will trucks transporting contaminated soil take to the waste management processing site.

**ANSWER:**

Transurban has put the Western Distributor project forward as a market-led proposal, and its proposal is currently being assessed by the State Government.

If the Western Distributor proposal proceeds to the next stage, it would be subject to formal planning and environmental approvals which would include rigorous requirements around environment and construction management. The Environment Protection Authority's objective on this matter is "to ensure that all contaminated material uncovered on a construction site are excavated and disposed of in an environmentally responsible manner".

**Roads and road safety**

- 609. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the Western Distributor proposal, what is the Government's intended community consultation process and when will consultation occur.

**ANSWER:**

Transurban has put the Western Distributor project forward as a market-led proposal, and its proposal is currently being assessed by the State Government.

Should the proposal proceed to the next stage, it would be subject to formal planning and environmental approvals. Public participation is a key component of the statutory planning approval process. As such, a community engagement strategy would be implemented providing opportunities for communities to be kept informed and input into planning, including the opportunity to provide formal submissions and present to the planning panel.

**Roads and road safety**

- 610. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the Western Distributor proposal, when will traffic modelling occur, which routes will be modelled and what will be modelled.

**ANSWER:**

Transurban has put the Western Distributor project forward as a market-led proposal, and its proposal is currently being assessed by the State Government.

An appraisal of the transport and traffic benefits of the project to Melbourne will form an important part of the assessment process. Should the project proceed to the next phase, it would be subject to formal planning and environmental approvals.

This would include detailed traffic modelling assessing the impact of the project on wider metropolitan Melbourne, as well as the inner west.



**Roads and road safety**

**612. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the Western Distributor proposal, will the Government be considering design options that fast track bus movements along the proposed freeways, such as priority lanes and priority traffic signalling.

**ANSWER:**

Transurban has put the Western Distributor project forward as a market-led proposal, and its proposal is currently being assessed by the State Government.

The proposal presented to Government will be assessed against the State's strategic network requirements, including integration with public transport.

**Roads and road safety**

**617. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the Western Distributor proposal and the ventilation stacks required for the tunnel, where would these ventilation stacks be located and how would they be designed in order to prevent air pollutants from impacting on local air quality.

**ANSWER:**

Should the project proceed to the next phase, it would be subject to formal planning and environmental approvals.

Details about the design and location of the ventilation structures have not been finalised. However, it should be noted that tunnel ventilation systems are designed to meet stringent in-tunnel, local and regional air quality criteria.

Well-designed ventilation outlets keep the air inside and outside the tunnel safe at all times. The experience in Melbourne from CityLink and East Link shows that air quality in surrounding areas is not impacted by tunnels. These results are also reflected in studies from across Australia and the world. Generally, an EPA air quality goal is set and ongoing monitoring ensures tunnel operators meet or exceed the requirements.

**Roads and road safety**

**619. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the Western Distributor proposal, if it proceeds, will the Government support the extension of tolls on other roads owned by Transurban, or its associated entities, to fund the Western Distributor Tunnel and associated infrastructure.

**ANSWER:**

Transurban has put the Western Distributor project forward as a market-led proposal, and its proposal is currently being assessed by the State Government, including the proposed tolling structure.

Part of the proposal includes tolls for cars and light commercial vehicles using the new tunnel, tolls for heavy commercial vehicles using the upgraded West Gate Freeway, and an extension of the current CityLink Concession Deed.

**Families and children**

**632. MS CROZIER** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: in relation to the Ministerial Advisory Committee providing advice on foster care and other significant issues within the out-of-home care system:

- (1) What date is the Committee required to report by.
- (2) What is the cost to support the Committee.
- (3) Who are the members of the Committee.
- (4) Will the Committee's reports be made public.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The Ministerial Advisory Committee for Children in Out-of-Home Care (Committee) is an advisory committee to the Minister and there is no requirement for annual or formal reporting.
- (2) The costs of supporting the Committee are met from within existing Department of Health and Human Services resources.
- (3) The members of the Committee are listed in my media release announcing its establishment. Since then, Ms Karen Heap, Chief Executive of the Ballarat and District Aboriginal Co-Operative has also become a member.
- (4) There are no reports associated with this Committee.

**Families and children**

**633. MS CROZIER** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: in relation to the review of existing programs that assist vulnerable Aboriginal families:

- (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:**

I am informed that:

- (1) It is anticipated that the review will be completed before June 2016.
- (2) Funding for the review is to be sourced from within the Department's budget and the final amount will be determined by the actual costs of each activity.
- (3) Department of Health and Human Services staff will engage and support an independent consultant to undertake the Review.
- (4) Public release of the review will be considered following consultation with Aboriginal stakeholders.

**Families and children**

**634. MS CROZIER** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: in relation to the review of Aboriginal children in out-of-home care:

- (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:**

I am informed that:

The Andrews Labor Government is concerned about the over-representation of Aboriginal children and young people in Victoria's out of home care system. This is why I recently announced an Aboriginal Children's Forum to help shape policies and practices with the aim of reducing the number of Aboriginal children and young people in out of home care.

This Forum will build on the work that is currently being done by the Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People and the Department through Taskforce 1000.

Taskforce 1000 was established to review the current circumstances of approximately 1000 Aboriginal children and young people in out of home care in Victoria. It is expected that this work will be completed by December 2015.

The circumstance of each child is considered by area panels. The area panels are co-chaired by the Commissioner and the responsible Area Director in my department. The Area Panels comprise senior representatives from relevant government departments, community service organisations and Aboriginal organisations. The panels use a process of open enquiry.

Funding for Taskforce 1000 has been included over two consecutive State Budgets. Area reports will be shared with relevant area stakeholders.

**Families and children**

**636. MS CROZIER** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: how many child protection category 1 notices were reported to the Department of Human Services (now the Department of Health and Human Services) and how many were from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds during —

- (a) November 2014;
- (b) December 2014;
- (c) January 2015;
- (d) February 2015;
- (e) March 2015;
- (f) April 2015; and
- (g) May 2015.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Category 1 incident data is published annually on the Department of Health & Human Services website at [www.dhs.vic.gov.au](http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au).

The formation of the new Department of Health and Human Services has provided an opportunity to review the incident reporting system to create a single, consistent incident reporting system across all program areas of the Department.

The incident reporting system records incidents reported to the Department and not whether the reported incident has been substantiated.

The Department of Health and Human Services has undertaken a range of activities to improve incident reporting compliance and as a result more incidents are now reported across all program areas.

As is consistent with the current reporting framework, incident data relating to the period November 2014-May 2015 will be captured by data published on the Department's website later this year.

**Planning**

- 639. MR DAVIS** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Planning): in relation to the request for proposal (RFP) process for the East Werribee precinct:
- (1) When is the estimated date of completion.
  - (2) What is the cost to undertake the RFP process.
  - (3) Who is evaluating the submissions.
  - (4) Will the RFP evaluations be made public.

**ANSWER:**

- (1) The request for proposal evaluation phase of the project is expected to be completed in the second half of 2015, with an announcement expected to be made at that time. Delivery of the project is expected to take place over approximately a 20-30 year period.
- (2) The project is being carried out in accordance with the budget funding allocated to it as part of the 2013-14 State Budget for planning and environmental work.
- (3) Representatives from the Metropolitan Planning Authority and the Department of Treasury and Finance, in conjunction with a number of specialist advisers internal and external to State Government, are currently evaluating responses received to the East Werribee Major Development Parcel request for proposal process.
- (4) The request for proposal documents are commercial in confidence and it is not appropriate to make them public.

**Planning**

- 640. MR DAVIS** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Planning): in relation to the review of the Heritage Act 1995 —
- (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:**

I am informed that:

- (1) It is anticipated that the review will be completed in October 2015 and will inform amendment to the Heritage Act 1995 in 2016.
- (2) The review of the Heritage Act is being undertaken using existing budget and staffing allocations. The review is being led by two officers within Heritage Victoria, with communication and legal support provided from within the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.
- (3) Heritage Victoria in the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning is undertaking the review.
- (4) It is anticipated that a report summarising submissions and key issues raised during the consultation process will be published on the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning's website.

**Planning**

**641. MR DAVIS** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Planning): in relation to the review of Fishermans Bend planning scheme and controls:

- (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:**

I am informed that:

The Government has identified a comprehensive strategic planning program to ensure that Fishermans Bend will deliver best practice urban design renewal process and local engagement in the planning of the distinct neighbourhoods that make up this major inner urban renewal area.

To deliver on this commitment, a comprehensive review of the neighbourhood precincts will be undertaken and new governance arrangements will be put in place to coordinate the delivery of the major transport, community infrastructure open space, environment and water plans that will be developed.

The development of a comprehensive set of strategic plans will ensure confidence across all stakeholders (including investors, the development industry and the community) that that area will be developed with a long term vision and will not be subject to ad hoc development proposals.

- (1) It is estimated that the development (and completion) of the suite of plans will be completed by the second half of 2016.
- (2) and
- (3) The Metropolitan Planning Authority, as the identified key strategic planning body for the project, will deliver the plans in a timely and cost efficient manner. It is the clear role of government to develop and implement appropriate planning controls that support strong future investment in jobs and growth. Importantly, these will be delivered in close consultation with the Cities of Melbourne and Port Phillip, relevant stakeholders and the local community.
- (4) Following completion of the planning documentation and reports, all relevant details will be made available to the public.

**Planning**

**644. MR DAVIS** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Planning): in relation to the review of residential zones:

- (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.
- (5) What research will inform the review.

**ANSWER:**

- (1) The review is expected to commence in the second half of 2015 and take approximately 12 months to complete.
- (2) Scoping of the project is currently being developed.

- (3) The government has committed to an independent review of the previous government's process of applying new residential zones. I will appoint an independent Advisory Committee shortly.
- (4) Yes, the report will be made available to the public. We are committed to a transparent and consultative process.
- (5) The review will be informed by:
  - land analysis
  - demand, supply and capacity analysis
  - demographic analysis.

### Sport

**646. MR DRUM** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Sport): how much money has been provided to the Simonds Stadium transformation project from 1 December 2014 to date.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

A Funding Agreement for \$5 million has been executed for Simonds Stadium Stage 4 Redevelopment for the 2014–15 financial year. The financial payments released for this project have been in line with the cash flow and milestone commitments as agreed within the Funding Agreement.

### Sport

**648. MR DRUM** — To ask the Special minister of State (for the Minister for Sport): how much money has been allocated to the Junction Oval upgrade project from 1 December 2014 to date.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

This project is a key election commitment for the Victorian Government, and my Department is working closely with the key stakeholders on delivering the project, including the establishment of a funding agreement.

### Regional development

**654. MR DRUM** — To ask the Minister for Regional Development: in relation to the review of the Rural Financial Counselling Service:

- (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 Commonwealth Government asked the National Rural Advisory Council (NRAC) to review the Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS) to assess the continued need for the service, its effectiveness, the current administrative structure of the service, and the future role of the service. NRAC found the RFCS program is providing quality outcomes for primary producers, fishers and small rural businesses that are experiencing financial hardship.

The specific responses to the questions are:

- (1) NRAC provided the review to the Commonwealth Government in September 2014.
- (2) NRAC was an established body and the review was undertaken as part of the Council's on-going work program.
- (3) NRAC was a skills-based independent advisory council that advised the Commonwealth Minister for Agriculture on matters such as rural adjustment, regional issues, training, exceptional circumstances applications and other matters as requested.
- (4) The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP released the review report on 10 November 2014.

### **Environment, climate change and water**

**682. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Environment and Climate Change): which organisations, and on what date, did the Minister or her office meet with regarding cattle in the Alpine National Park between 1 December 2014 and 29 December 2014.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

My staff, the department and myself meet with a range of stakeholder on a range of issues every day.

### **Tourism and major events**

**714. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Tourism and Major Events): in relation to the Victorian Visitor Economy Review:

- (1) What is the departmental budget allocated to the reference group.
- (2) How many departmental staff are allocated to support the reference group.

**ANSWER:**

- (1) There was no departmental budget allocated to the reference group that was appointed by the Minister for Tourism and Major Events to provide input to the review of the Victorian Visitor Economy, as the members provided their services voluntarily.
- (2) Approximately 1 full time equivalent staff member was allocated to support the administrative requirements of the reference group, in addition to providing administrative support to the Review.

### **Agriculture**

**716. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture: in relation to the Agriculture and Food Networking Event held on Thursday, 12 March 2015:

- (1) What was the cost of the event.
- (2) Which Government Ministers were in attendance.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The event, which provided an opportunity for 77 key Asian buyers to experience quality Victorian produce and develop business relationships with Victorian agri-food companies, cost \$18 000, and I was the only Government Minister in attendance.

**Agriculture**

**717. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture: what is the government’s financial contribution to the Lambassador Program, announced on 7 April 2015.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources’ contribution was approximately \$21 000 or 29.6 per cent of the total cost of the April 2015 ‘Lambassador’ program.

**Agriculture**

**718. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture: on which dates since 1 December 2014 did you meet with representatives from the Almond Board of Australia.

**ANSWER:**

On 13 February 2015, I met with Mr Neale Bennett, Chair, Almond Board of Australia.

**Industry**

**735. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Industry): in relation to the 2015 Australian Automotive Supplier Showcase on 11 March 2015:

- (1) What were the names of the organisations of the 600 delegates.
- (2) How much funding was provided by the government to host delegates.
- (3) Which State Government Minister were in attendance at the showcase at the Crown Promenade Hotel.

**ANSWER:**

I refer to the matter raised by the Hon Mary Wooldridge MP, Member for Eastern Metropolitan regarding the 2015 Australian Automotive Week Supplier Showcase held on 11-12 March. The showcase was part of the wider 2015 Automotive Week program that ran from 10-15 March.

The supplier showcase was held concurrently with other Automotive Week events at the Crown Promenade such as the 18th Asia Pacific Automotive Engineers Conference, the Cars of Tomorrow Conference and the Australian Automotive Aftermarket Association Seminar.

I had pleasure in launching the successful supplier showcase on 11 March and met a significant number of local and international automotive delegates subsequently.

The Automotive Week events at the Crown Promenade attracted over 600 registrations. This included domestic and over 110 international delegates from China, South Korea, USA, Malaysia, Indonesia and Japan, who participated in the automotive showcase. It also included departmental officers, both local and overseas, who facilitated introductions and discussions between the delegates across the various industries. A list of the participating organisations is attached for your information.

A total of \$167 334 was expended during Automotive Week to facilitate business introductions for Victorian automotive businesses to global and domestic opportunities. This funding was committed during the period of the previous Victorian Government.



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2015 AUSTRALIAN AUTOMOTIVE WEEK-EVENT REGISTRATIONS

11-12 MARCH 2015, CROWN PROMENADE

	<b>Organization</b>	<b>No. of Representatives</b>	<b>Country</b>
1	13CABS	1	Australia
2	42k Media	1	Australia
3	Abmarc	2	Australia
4	Abu Engineering	2	Australia
5	Accurate Profile	3	Australia
6	ACS Australia Pty Ltd (Advanced Composite Structures)	2	Australia
7	ACT Government	1	Australia
8	Advanced Composites Structures Australia	2	Australia
9	Advanced Manufacturing CRC Ltd	1	Australia
10	ADVEA Engineering Pty Ltd	1	Australia
11	Akita Prefectural University	1	Japan
12	Albins Performance Transmissions Pty Ltd	1	Australia
13	Allan Robins Consulting	1	Australia
14	Alphabetfleet / BMW Group	1	Australia
15	AME Systems	2	Australia
16	Anhui Changhui Group International Trading	1	China
17	Anstel	1	Australia
18	ANSTO Institute of Materials Engineering	1	Australia
19	ARB Corporation Ltd	2	Australia
20	ARKit	2	Australia
21	ASEA (Automotive Supplier Excellence Australia)	2	Australia
22	AUSTinther Events	1	Australia
23	Austrade	1	Australia
24	Austrade-Wuhan	1	China
25	Australian Automobile Association	1	Australia
26	Australian Automotive Aftermarket Association (AAAA)	4	Australia
27	Australian Electric Vehicle Association	1	Australia
28	Australian Future Fibres Research Innovation Centre AFFRIC-forn	2	Australia
29	Australian National Fabrication, Facility Melbourne Centre for Nan	1	Australia
30	Auto Skills Australia	6	Australia
31	Autocare Association	2	USA
32	AutoCRC	7	Australia
33	Autologic Diagnostics	1	Australia
34	Automobile Industrial Office of Industry Promotion Bureau	2	China
35	Automotive Parts Institute & Centre	1	South Korea
36	AWTA Product Testing	1	Australia
37	BAO AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	1	Australia
38	Baxters	1	Australia

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	<b>Organization</b>	<b>No. of Representatives</b>	<b>Country</b>
39	Bertocchi Group	1	Australia
40	Bitrode Corporation	1	Australia
41	Bliss & Reels	1	Australia
42	Blue Curve	1	Australia
43	Braaap Motorcycles	1	Australia
44	Brandlines	1	Australia
45	BRB Modular T/A Fleetwood	2	Australia
46	BYD Company Ltd	1	China
47	Calbah Industries Pty Ltd	1	Australia
48	Capricorn	3	Australia
49	CAP-XX	1	Australia
50	Carbon Revolution Pty Ltd	2	Australia
51	Carnegie Wave Energy Limited	1	Australia
52	Centaur Products Australia / Belmont Nominees	2	Australia
53	Central Michigan University	1	USA
54	Ceramet Pty Ltd	3	Australia
55	Chase Performance	2	Australia
56	Chin Communications	3	Australia
57	China Daily	1	Australia
58	China Development Bank	2	China
59	China VGBO	2	China
60	Choice Career Services	1	Australia
61	Chongqing Boao Industrial	2	China
62	Chongqing Chaoli Hi-Tech	2	China
63	Chongqing Endurance Science and Technology Development	1	China
64	Chongqing Guangneng Rongneng Automotive Trims	2	China
65	Chongqing New North Zone	5	China
66	Chongqing Ping Wei Science and Technology Group	1	China
67	Chongqing Sangong Automotive Components	1	China
68	CITS	1	Australia
69	City of Melbourne	2	Australia
70	Clarius	1	Australia
71	Climate Change Authority	1	Australia
72	Climate Works Australia	1	Australia
73	Coating and Industrial Technologies Pty Ltd-CIT	1	Australia
74	Commercial Vehicle CAE Team	1	South Korea
75	Composite Materials Engineering	3	Australia
76	Connexion Media Limited	4	Australia
77	Continental Automotive System	1	South Korea
78	Continental Pty Ltd	4	Australia
79	Creswick Quartz. Ltd	1	Australia

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80	CSIRO (HO)	1	Australia
81	CSIRO Materials Science and Engineering-Clayton	1	Australia
82	CURTIN UNIVERSITY (HO)	1	Australia
83	Curve. Tomorrow	1	Australia
84	Davies Craig P/L	3	Australia
85	Dayco Australia Pty Ltd	2	Australia
86	Deakin IFM	2	Australia
87	Deakin University	1	Australia
88	Delta-V Experts	3	Australia
89	DENSO Automotive Systems	2	Australia
90	Department of Industry and Science	1	Australia
91	Digatron Power Electronics GmbH	1	Australia
92	Dius Consulting	1	Australia
93	Diver Consolidated Industries	3	Australia
94	DMTC Ltd	1	Australia
95	Dolphin Products Pty Ltd	2	Australia
96	Dometic Australia	1	Australia
97	Don Kyatt Spare Parts	2	Australia
98	Doreen Mechanical	2	Australia
99	Drive Tech Australia	3	Australia
100	DSITIA	1	Australia
101	Dyno Dynamics	2	Australia
102	E & D Corporate Ltd	1	Australia
103	East House Investments	1	Australia
104	EDEN Battery Research	1	Australia
105	Elgas	1	Australia
106	Engineering Innovations Group	1	Australia
107	Entegro Group Pty Ltd	2	Australia
108	ETAS	1	Thailand
109	Eurotech (International) Pty. Ltd	2	Australia
110	EV Engineering Limited	1	Australia
111	FAPM & ZF Holdings Australia Pty. Ltd	1	Australia
112	Federation of Automotive Products Manufacturers	2	Australia
113	FIA Institute for Motor Sport, Safety & Sustainability	1	Australia
114	FMP Group (Australia)	2	Australia
115	Ford Motor Company	10	Australia
116	Ford Motor Company Asia Pacific	4	Australia
117	Frontline Australasia	3	Australia
118	Fueltrat Australia	1	Australia
119	Fulcrum Suspensions	1	Australia
120	Furnace Engineering	1	Australia

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121	Furnace Engio	1	Australia
122	Future Climate	4	United Kingdom
123	Futuris Automotive	2	Australia
124	Gates Australia	4	Australia
125	Geely Motors	1	China
126	GIAMM	1	Indonesia
127	GM Holden	7	Australia
128	GoAutoMedia	2	Australia
129	Goop Guys	1	Australia
130	Graeme McLean & Associates	1	Australia
131	Grant Thornton Australia	1	Australia
132	Great Southern Communication	2	Australia
133	Group Component Automotive	1	Malaysia
134	GUD Automotive	5	Australia
135	Habitech Systems	1	Australia
136	Harrop	2	Australia
137	Haval Motors	2	China
138	HealthXN	1	Australia
139	Hella Australia Pty Ltd	4	Australia
140	Hickory Building System	3	Australia
141	Honda Australia	1	Australia
142	Normans Service Centre	2	Australia
143	Hubei Huiyin Sales and Service	2	China
144	Hydrix	1	Australia
145	Hyundai Motor Company	23	Korea
146	ICAN Consultants	1	Australia
147	ICOA Australia Pty Ltd	2	Australia
148	IDT Australia Ltd	1	Australia
149	IFM/Deakin University	1	Australia
150	IGlass Pty Ltd	2	Australia
151	HIS Australia	3	Australia
152	HIS Automotive	2	Australia
153	Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry	1	Indonesia
154	Infineon Technologies Asia Pacific	1	Singapore
155	Inspired Automotive Marketing	1	Australia
156	International Energy Agency	1	France
157	International Frontier Material Deakin University	1	Australia
158	ISM Objects Pty Ltd	2	Australia
159	Isuzu Australia Limited	2	Australia
160	IXL Group	2	Australia
161	Jiangling Motor Import and Export Company	2	China

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162	Jingwen Group (Zhuhai)	2	China
163	JSAE	1	Japan
164	KATECH (Korea Automotive Technology Institute	1	South Korea
165	KATRI	1	South Korea
166	Kenmar Corporation	2	Australia
167	Kit Haselden Photography	1	Australia
168	Kookmin University	3	South Korea
169	LaTrobe University	2	Australia
170	Laing O'Rourke	1	Australia
171	Landsun Electronics Pty Ltd	1	Australia
172	Leishman Associates	2	Australia
173	Longbow Constructions	1	Australia
174	Lovitt Technologies	1	Australia
175	Lumen Australia	3	Australia
176	Magdajano	1	Australia
177	Malaysian Automotive Institute	5	Malaysia
178	Marand Precision Engineering Pty Ltd	2	Australia
179	MBS	1	Australia
180	Melbourne Materials Institute	1	Australia
181	MercuryPM	1	Australia
182	MGH Asia Pacific	4	Australia
183	MiniFab	1	Australia
184	Monash Motorsport	1	Australia
185	Monash University	3	Australia
186	MTM Pty Ltd	2	Australia
187	Multimatic	1	Australia
188	Netresult Mobility	1	Australia
189	NGK Spark Plug ( Australia)	2	Australia
190	Nihon University	1	Japan
191	Nissan Casting Australia Pty Ltd	1	Australia
192	Nitto Denko Australia	2	Australia
193	NRMA	1	Australia
194	NUPLEX INDUSTRIES (AUST) PTY LIMITED (HO)	1	Australia
195	Objective 3D	1	Australia
196	Omega Climate Systems	1	Australia
197	Optima	1	Australia
198	Outerspace Design Group	3	Australia
199	OzPress	2	Australia
200	Parish Engineering	2	Australia
201	Paul L Clark and Associates	1	Australia
202	Penrite Oil	1	Australia

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	<b>Organization</b>	<b>No. of Representatives</b>	<b>Country</b>
203	Petrol Digital	1	Australia
204	Phil Faigen Architect	1	Australia
205	Pitcher Partners	1	Australia
206	Pitt&Sherry	1	Australia
207	Polymers CRC Ltd	1	Australia
208	PolyPacific Polymers Sdn Bhd	3	Australia
209	Porta	1	Australia
210	Prebuilt	1	Australia
211	PrefabAUS	2	Australia
212	Prodrive Automotive Technology (Australia) Pty Ltd	1	Australia
213	Quickstep Holdings Ltd	2	Australia
214	RAA	1	Australia
215	RACV	5	Australia
216	Recomtec	1	Malaysia
217	Red Lion Engineering Pty Ltd	2	Australia
218	REDARC Electronics	1	Australia
219	Regina. Glass Fibre Pty Ltd	2	Australia
220	Renault Australia	1	Australia
221	RepcO	5	Australia
222	RMIT	23	Australia
223	ROBERT BOSCH (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD	1	Australia
224	ROMTECK	1	Australia
225	Royal Children's Hospital	1	Australia
226	RSP Automotive & Industrial	2	Australia
227	SAE International	2	Australia
228	Sallabank	1	Australia
229	SAMMITR Motors Manufacturing	2	Thailand
230	Sandvik Coromant	1	Australia
231	Sarana Architects	1	Australia
232	Schenker	1	Australia
233	Seginiaga	1	Malaysia
234	Self Employed	1	Australia
235	Seoul National University	1	South Korea
236	SGF Asia Pacific	1	Australia
237	Shanghai Changhui Group Investment Management	1	China
238	Shanghai Shuangji Energy Technology	4	China
239	Shenyang Battery Research Institute	1	China
240	Sinoswiss Holding	1	China
241	Small Technologies Cluster	1	Australia
242	Smartgroup Corporation	1	Australia
243	SMS Management & Technology	2	Australia

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	<b>Organization</b>	<b>No. of Representatives</b>	<b>Country</b>
244	Society of Automotive Engineers-Australasia	6	Australia
245	Society of Automotive Engineers of China	2	China
246	Society of Automotive Engineers of Japan	1	Japan
247	Society of Plastics Engineers	1	Australia
248	Socobell Automotive	2	Australia
249	Soongsi Univ.	1	South Korea
250	SRX Global	1	Australia
251	Statite Fasteners	2	Australia
252	Suncorp Group	4	Australia
253	Sunswift, UNSW Solar Racing Team	1	Australia
254	Suria Component Manufacturing	2	Malaysia
255	Swinburne University	6	Australia
256	SysTec	2	Australia
257	Tains	1	Australia
258	Technoform-Bautec	1	Australia
259	Tessellate	1	Australia
260	Test-Trak	1	Australia
261	Tewo Technology	2	Cote D'Ivoire
262	The Auto Repair Shop	1	Australia
263	The Bayside Group of Companies	1	Australia
264	The London Taxi Company (Aust) Limited	1	Australia
265	Thinc	1	Australia
266	Thread Marketing Group	1	USA
267	Tiger Custodians	1	Australia
268	Timber Building Systems	1	Australia
269	T-Mag Pty Ltd	1	Australia
270	Tokyo University of Science	3	Japan
271	Tomcar Australia	2	Australia
272	Tomcare Resources	1	Malaysia
273	Toyota Motor Corporation	4	Australia
274	Toyota Technical Center Australia	4	Australia
275	TriMotive	2	Australia
276	Trydel Research Pty. Ltd	1	Australia
277	Tsinghua University	1	China
278	Ultra Tune Australia	3	Australia
279	Unidrive Pty	3	Australia
280	Unigas	1	Australia
281	University of Applied Sciences Ravensburg-Weingarten	1	Germany
282	University of Melbourne	8	Australia
283	University of New South Wales School of Photovoltaic and Renew	1	Australia
284	University of Queensland	3	Australia

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285	University of South Australia	3	Australia
286	University of Sydney	1	Australia
287	University Of Technology, Sydney	1	Australia
288	University of Western Australia	1	Australia
289	University of Windsor	1	Canada
290	University Of Wollongong	3	Australia
291	UNSW Australia	3	Australia
292	VACC	1	Australia
293	VASA	1	Australia
294	VCAMM-Victorian Centre for Advanced Materials Manufacturing	4	Australia
295	Veem Engineering Group Pty Ltd	1	Australia
296	Venture Australia Group	1	Australia
297	Victoria Government	20	Australia
298	Victorian Automobile Chamber of Commerce	2	Australia
299	VPAC Innovations	3	Australia
300	Wainwright Masterbuilt Conveyors	2	Australia
301	Walkinshaw Automotive Group / HSV	1	Australia
302	Waseda University	2	Japan
303	Way out Evacuations	2	Australia
304	Wuhan Changda Industry	1	China
305	Wuhan Shipbuilding Industry Group	1	China
306	Wuhan Suihua Chutian Automotive & Parts	2	China
307	Wuhan-Youfin Autoparts	1	China
308	Yonsei University	1	South Korea
309	ZF Services Australia	2	Australia

**Agriculture**

**748. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture: in relation to the investigation into animal welfare and allegations of animal cruelty in the greyhound racing industry, what is the cost to undertake the review.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Fourteen (14) departmental staff from the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources were temporarily redirected from other activities either in a full time or part time capacity to complete this comprehensive review under the direction of the Chief Veterinary Officer, Dr Charles Milne.

**Emergency services**

**750. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Emergency Services): in relation to the review into performance targets for the future bushfire fuel management programs on public land:



- (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:**

I am advised that:

The review into performance targets for the future bushfire fuel management programs on public land was undertaken by the Inspector-General for Emergency Management. It was completed on 17 April 2015 and the report was made public on 21 May 2015.

**Treasurer**

**756. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Treasurer): in relation to the review of service delivery across Government:

- (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:**

This matter is best directed to the Special Minister of State as the relevant Portfolio Minister.

**Consumer affairs, gaming and liquor regulation**

**757. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gaming and Liquor Regulation): in relation to the review of the Estate Agents (Exemption) Regulations 2014:

- (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:**

I am advised that:

The review of the Estate Agents (Exemption) Regulations 2014 commenced in March 2015 and was completed in May 2015. The review was undertaken by ACIL Allen Consulting following a competitive selection process and produced a final report which at this stage has not been publicly released.

**Families and children**

**776. MS CROZIER** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: in relation to the Department of Education and Training in the North Eastern Victoria, North Western Victoria, South Eastern Victoria and South Western Victoria regions:

- (1) How many children were receiving early childhood intervention services as at 1 December 2014.
- (2) How many children were on the waiting list to receive early childhood intervention services support as at 1 December 2014.

**ANSWER:**

The 2015-16 Budget committed \$9 million over four years to continue funding for 150 Early Childhood Intervention (ECIS) places and 150 Flexible Support Packages (FSP) which would have lapsed on 30 June 2015.

These places and packages have been allocated across the state to enable continuity of service delivery so that children and families continue to get the support they need.

I am informed that:

As at 1 December 2014	North Eastern Victoria	North Western Victoria	South Eastern Victoria	South Western Victoria
Number of children receiving ECIS	2322	2644	2309	1962
Number of children on the waiting list for longer than 3 months	113	88	261	545

**Families and children**

**794. MS CROZIER** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: as at 1 December 2014, how many children were in:

- (1) Foster care.
- (2) Kinship care.
- (3) Residential care.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The daily average number of children in foster care for the 2014 December quarter is 1582.
- (2) The daily average number of children in kinship care for the 2014 December quarter is 3904.
- (3) The daily average number of children in residential care for the 2014 December quarter is 478.

**Families and children**

**795. 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 1 December 2014.
- (2) How many men were in the Parkville Youth Justice Precinct for young men as at 1 December 2014.
- (3) How many young people were in the Malmsbury Youth Justice Precinct as at 1 December 2014.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The number of females in the Parkville Youth Justice Precinct as at 1 December 2014 was 13.
- (2) The number of males in the Parkville Youth Justice Precinct as at 1 December 2014 was 72.
- (3) The number of young people aged 15 years and over, in the Malmsbury Youth Justice Precinct as at 1 December 2014 was 54.

**Families and children**

**796. MS CROZIER** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: how many family service cases were provided to Aboriginal families as at 1 December 2014.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

It is not clear what information the Member is seeking.

The number of Child FIRST & family service cases involving Aboriginal families as at 1 December 2014 was 624.

**Corrections**

**801. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Skills and Training (for the Minister for Corrections): In relation to young people under 18 years of age held in adult prisons in the last 5 years:

- (1) How many have been held for any length of time.
- (2) How many have been held in solitary confinement.
- (3) What is the length of time each person has spent in an adult prison.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) Fourteen young people under 18 have been held in adult prisons in the last five years. No young people under 18 have been held in Victorian adult prisons since 5 July 2013.
- (2) Due to the need to properly assess risks, all fourteen young people under the age of 18 who have been in adult prisons in the last five years have been in management units for a period of time whilst in adult prisons.
- (3) The length of time young people under 18 years of age have spent in Victorian adult prisons ranges from 18 days to 579 days. This may include multiple periods of custody. The average length of time young people under 18 have spent in Victorian adult prisons is 187 days.

**Special Minister of State**

**843. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Special Minister of State: In relation to the Public Records Office 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 Public Records Office 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:**

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

The Regulatory Impact Statement on proposed new public holidays in Victoria, which I 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>

**Special Minister of State**

**844. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Special Minister of State: In relation to the Victorian Public Sector Commission:

- (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 Public Sector Commission 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:**

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**Special Minister of State**

**845. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Special Minister of State: In relation to the Victorian Auditor-General's Office:

- (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 Auditor-General's Office 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.
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**ANSWER:**

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**Special Minister of State**

**846. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Special Minister of State: In relation to the Victorian Ombudsman:

- (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 Ombudsman 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.
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**Wednesday, 19 August 2015**

**Local government**

**590. MR DAVIS** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Local Government): in relation to the comments made by the Minister for Public Transport, Ms Jacinta Allan, MP, on 774 Drive with Raf Epstein on 28 April 2015 regarding local Council rates:

- (1) What evidence is available, specifically in media releases or media coverage accessible to the Victorian community, in support of the Minister for Public Transport, Ms Jacinta Allan, MP's comments that rate capping would not be implemented until 2016-17 and warning the community that rate rises in many municipalities in 2015-16 would be greatly in excess of the consumer price index.
- (2) Has there been a post-election change to the Government policy that was not reflected in the Government's election commitment or in the Premier, Mr Daniel Andrews, MP's statements to the Victorian community relating to the election commitment.

**ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for Southern Metropolitan for his question.

The Government made a pre election commitment to implement the Fair Go Rates System in its term of government and it is getting on with the job.

Examples of public statements on this commitment include my media releases dated 17 April 2015<sup>1</sup> and 2 June 2015<sup>2</sup> and the Premier's media releases dated 17 April 2015<sup>3</sup>, 2 June 2015<sup>4</sup> and 14 May 2015<sup>5</sup>.

Further, the commitment that the policy will be implemented in the 2016-17 financial year was highlighted in an email sent by myself to all Victorian council Mayors and CEOs on 14 January 2015. This email also warned against unnecessary rate rises in the 2015-16 financial year-on the basis that unnecessary rate rises may affect eligibility for future cap exemptions, as previous years' rate rises may form part of the considerations of applications for variation.

After I sent this letter, the information that the cap would be implemented in the 2016-17 financial year was reiterated numerous times in articles published by different newspapers.

A recent analysis by the MAV put the average rate increase at 3.8%, the lowest in a decade. This demonstrates that most councils are lowering their rate rises ahead of the Fair Go Rates System start date.

To ensure a quality and well-designed framework, I have also established the Local Government Sector Reference Group to give councils, communities and stakeholders more opportunity to have their say on the Fair Go Rates System. The Reference Group will also assist the Essential Services Commission to work through the issues raised by the submissions and advise on a system that will ensure fairer rates.

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.nataliehutchins.com.au/media-releases/consultation-begins-on-fair-go-rates/>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.nataliehutchins.com.au/media-releases/reference-group-to-provide-advice-on-fair-go-rates/>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.premier.vic.gov.au/consultation-begins-on-fair-go-rates>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.premier.vic.gov.au/reference-group-to-provide-advice-on-fair-go-rates>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.premier.vic.gov.au/rural-and-regional-voices-will-be-heard-on-fair-go-rates-cap>

**Local government**

**645. MR DAVIS** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Local Government): in relation to the review of the Local Government Act 1989:

- (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:**

I am informed that:

The Government will deliver on its election commitment to undertake a comprehensive review of the Local Government Act 1989, the principal legislation governing the role of Victoria’s 79 councils.

The sector has been calling for a review of the Act for a number of years to address perceived weaknesses, for example, ambiguous, inconsistent, unclear and outdated provisions.

The review aims to create a more contemporary, accessible Act that meets current and future needs of the community and the local government sector.

The review will involve extensive consultation with councils, peak bodies and the broader community.

With the exception of forcing councils to amalgamate and abolishing rates as the primary source of income for councils, all issues raised by the sector and community about the effective operation of the Act will be considered, for instance:

- How prescriptive the Act should be given the need to balance council autonomy with the need to protect the integrity of the sector.
- The need to remove onerous requirements that impose an unnecessary burden on councils.
- How to ensure that all of the obligations imposed on councils in relation to planning and reporting, revenue raising and financial activities reflect modern and effective management practices.

Further details on the terms of reference for, and timing of the review, and how the consultation process will occur, will be announced in due course.

**Creative industries**

**681. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Creative Industries): in relation to Film Victoria’s Assigned Production Investment in December 2014, what is the breakdown of funding for the seven Victorian television and film projects announced.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Film Victoria reports on funding provided to individual projects on completion of milestones and through its disclosure of payments report provided at the end of each financial year.

**Creative industries**

**703. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Creative Industries): in relation to the Artists in Schools program, what is the breakdown funding for each of the sixteen participating schools.



**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Each of the schools will receive \$10 000. The participating schools are listed on the Creative Victoria website-[www.creative.vic.gov.au](http://www.creative.vic.gov.au)

**Creative industries**

**708. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Creative Industries): in relation to the Game Developers Conference in March 2015:

- (1) What are the names of the organisations of the Victorian participants that attended the conference.
- (2) What was the State Government contribution to the conference.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that

- (1) The Victorian Government supported a total of 28 Victorian digital games organisations to attend the Game Developers' Conference (GDC) in March 2015. Participating companies must be given an opportunity to conduct commercial arrangements in confidence.
- (2) The State Government contributed a total of \$62 000 in grants to support organisations attending GDC 2015. Successive Governments have supported Victorian organisations to attend the GDC for the past 9 years.

**Creative industries**

**709. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Creative Industries): in relation to the 'Shifting Gear: Design, Innovation and the Australian Car' exhibition, how many attendees have been recorded during —

- (a) March 2015;
- (b) April 2015; and
- (c) May 2015.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that the number of attendees at the National Gallery of Victoria's Shifting Gear: Design, Innovation and the Australian Car exhibition over the period in question was 29 764.

**Creative industries**

**721. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Creative Industries): in relation to the Creative Industries Taskforce announced on 16 April:

- (1) What is the cost of that taskforce.
- (2) What departmental resources have been allocated to the taskforce.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Creative Victoria is supporting the taskforce using existing resources. No additional departmental resources have been allocated to the taskforce.

**Energy and resources**

**770. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): in relation to the review of the Victorian energy efficiency scheme:

- (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 review of the Victorian Energy Efficiency Target (VEET) scheme focuses on strengthening the scheme to maximise the benefits to Victorian households and businesses. The review is being conducted in 2015, led by the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR). The reports that contribute to the review of the VEET scheme have, and will continue to be published on the DEDJTR website. Funding to support the review and enhancement of this energy saving, job creating initiative is set out in the 2015-16 State Budget.

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**Thursday, 20 August 2015**

**Roads and road safety**

**616. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the Western Distributor proposal, will the Government guarantee that the Yarraville Gardens will not be encroached upon by the tunnel, the ventilation stacks or the elevated freeway, and will there be effective sound barriers incorporated into the design if the project goes ahead.

**ANSWER:**

Transurban has put the Western Distributor project forward as a market-led proposal, which is currently being assessed by the State Government. The Transurban proposal has no direct impact on the Yarraville Gardens. Design details, about the location of the ventilation structures or the type and extent of sound barriers that would be required, have not been finalised.

Social and environmental impacts are an important part of the Government's assessment of the Western Distributor proposal. Should the project proceed to the next phase, it would be subject to formal planning and environmental approvals and would consider the effects on local residents and public open space.

**Roads and road safety**

**618. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): Given that the Western Distributor proposal, if it proceeds, will take a number of years to complete and, in the interim, there will be an increase in truck movements in the area associated with the construction, will the Government undertake updated traffic modelling, beginning this year, on traffic movements along local streets in the inner western suburbs in order to better manage traffic flow and minimise impacts on the local community during this time.

**ANSWER:**

Transurban has put the Western Distributor project forward as a market-led proposal, and its proposal is currently being assessed by the State Government.

As part of its assessment, the Government is considering the operation of our transport network both now and into the future using time frames well beyond the construction period.

If the proposal proceeds it would be subject to formal planning and environmental approvals, which would include traffic and construction management plans. These plans would include comprehensive community engagement to find the best ways for minimising impacts on the local community.

**Finance**

**807. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Finance): In relation to Victorian Government land sales, since 3 December 2014:

- (1) What is the total revenue from sale of surplus Government land, including Crown Land.
- (2) Have any sales of surplus Government land, including Crown Land, achieved a sale price of greater than \$1 million.
- (3) How many sales of surplus Government land, including Crown Land, have achieved a sale price of greater than \$100 000.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The total revenue from the sale of surplus Government land, including Crown land between 3 December 2014 and 25 June 2015 (including properties that settled during this period, but were sold outside of this period) is \$26,305,790.
- (2) Information on sales of surplus Government land, including Crown land, can be found at:  
<http://www.dtf.vic.gov.au/Infrastructure-Delivery/Victorian-Government-land-sales/Recent-sales-history>
- (3) Information on sales of surplus Government land, including Crown land, can be found at:  
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