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Melhem, Mr Cesar	Western Metropolitan	ALP			

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.

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

Tuesday, 1 September 2015

Roads and road safety

- 613. 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 consider the proposal for a tram to run from Footscray Village, along Footscray Road, to the Docklands as part of the project.

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 Western Distributor proposal includes three sections: a tunnel and viaduct connecting the West Gate Freeway with the Port, CityLink and the CBD; widening of the West Gate Freeway from the M80 Ring Road to the West Gate Bridge; and improvements to Webb Dock access.

The Government is getting on with a number of projects that will help meet the transport system needs of our growing city. For example, the Melbourne Metro Rail Project is enabling major improvements in capacity, reliability and frequency of services across our busiest train lines in Melbourne's growth areas in the north, west and south-east. The extra capacity created by the Melbourne Metro Rail Project on opening will be equivalent to taking over 18 000 cars off the road in the busiest hour of the peak.

Roads and road safety

- 614. 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 commit to protecting the existing Federation Trail from this development if it goes ahead and, if so, will the Government build a bike and pedestrian connection from the Federation Trail to the CBD of Melbourne.

ANSWER:

The Victorian Government supports cycling through a range of projects and initiatives in metropolitan and regional Victoria. These include improvements and extensions to bike paths, new trails, installing bike cages and hoops and supporting key events and awareness campaigns. VicRoads is progressively working on the extension of Federation Trail to support the growing cycling culture by improving accessibility and reliability for cyclists travelling between Werribee, Hoppers Crossing, Laverton, Brooklyn and Yarraville.

Transurban has put the Western Distributor project forward as a market-led proposal, which is currently being assessed by the State Government. During its planning and consultation, Transurban has stated it will work with the community and walking and cycling groups to understand their ideas and travel needs. In assessing the Western Distributor proposal, the Government will consider how it integrates with overall planning for the metropolitan transport network including cycling and walking.

Roads and road safety

- 615. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the Western Distributor proposal, what consideration has been given to the impact on Stony Creek and will an environmental impact assessment be undertaken in relation to this project.

ANSWER:

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

If the Western Distributor proceeds to the next stage, it would be subject to formal planning and environmental approvals.

Veterans

655. MR DRUM — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Veterans): in relation to the review about ways to engage younger Victorians to understand the history of veterans:

- (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:

There is currently no review being undertaken about ways to engage younger Victorians to understand the history of veterans. However, the State Government of Victoria undertakes a range of initiatives to ensure that younger Victorians are aware of the service of veterans and connect with their stories:

The Premier's Spirit of Anzac Prize

The Premier's Spirit of Anzac Prize is an annual competition to engage Year 9 and Year 10 students in understanding veterans' service through what the 'Spirit of Anzac' means to them. Twelve recipients of the Prize participate in an overseas study tour to significant sites where Australians have served and sixteen regional finalists travel to Canberra to visit significant sites such as the Australian War Memorial.

ANZAC Day 2015 Commemorations at Gallipoli

The Victorian Government sent 98 Victorian students and chaperones to the Dawn Service at Gallipoli on ANZAC Day 2015. The students and chaperones joined the many Victorians and other Australians who were successful in the public ballot at the Dawn Service. Now that the students and chaperones have returned home they are engaging with their schools and the broader community to share their experiences from the trip.

Anzac Centenary Roadshow: Victoria's Journey of Remembrance

The Government has committed a further \$5 million over four years (2015-18) to support Anzac Centenary commemorations which includes the Anzac Centenary Roadshow. The highly successful Anzac Centenary Roadshow: Victoria's Journey of Remembrance, which has travelled the length and breadth of the State, and will continue to do so, educating young people and communities about the Centenary and showing them how they can get involved.

Veterans

656. MR DRUM — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Veterans): in relation to the strategic plan review for the current and future needs of the veteran's community:

- (1) When is the estimated date of completion.
- (2) What is the cost to undertake the review.
- (3) Who is undertaking the review.

ANSWER:

The Victorian Veterans Council has commissioned Grosvenor Management Consulting to undertake the Veterans Community Sector Review. It is estimated that the Review will be completed towards the end of 2015. The review is a state-wide review of the veteran community and we are seeking the participation of veterans and organisations across the state.

The first part of the review is for ex-service organisation representatives to advise on what they see as current and emerging issues for the veteran community, with the second part open for all veterans and those who care about them to have their say.

The 2008 Review resulted in the Victorian Government committing \$1.35 million toward the construction of crisis accommodation for veterans in need, currently being built in Richmond, Melbourne.

Corrections

663. MR O'DONOHUE — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Corrections): in relation to the Beechworth Correctional Centre: For each of the periods between 5 December 2014 and 31 December 2014, 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015, 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015, 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015, 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015, 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 —

- (a) how many items of contraband have been seized from prisoners;
- (b) how many items of contraband have been seized from visitors;
- (c) what items of contraband have been detected in relation to prisoners and how many instances has each item been detected;
- (d) what items of contraband have been detected in relation to visitors and how many instances has each item been detected;
- (e) how many cell searches for contraband have been undertaken and how many items of contraband have been seized in each search; and
- (f) how many times have dog squads been used in contraband searches at the facility.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

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| c) | 5 December and 31 December 2014 | The items of contraband and the number of instances of each item cannot be provided for security reasons. |
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1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 number of instances of each item
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- e) 5 December and 31 December 2014 Data relating specifically to cell
1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 searches for contraband cannot be
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1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015 search data and is therefore
1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015 unable to be provided.
1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015
- f) 5 December and 31 December 2014 Data relating specifically to the
1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 number of times dog squads have
1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015 been used in contraband searches
1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015 cannot be disaggregated from
1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015 overall data concerning the use of
1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 dog squads in searches and is
therefore unable to be provided.

Corrections

- 664. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Corrections): in relation to the Barwon Prison: For each of the periods between 5 December 2014 and 31 December 2014, 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015, 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015, 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015, 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015, 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 —
- (a) how many items of contraband have been seized from prisoners;
(b) how many items of contraband have been seized from visitors;
(c) what items of contraband have been detected in relation to prisoners and how many instances has each item been detected;
(d) what items of contraband have been detected in relation to visitors and how many instances has each item been detected;
(e) how many cell searches for contraband have been undertaken and how many items of contraband have been seized in each search; and
(f) how many times have dog squads been used in contraband searches at the facility.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- a) 5 December and 31 December 2014 42
1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 21
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Corrections

- 665. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Corrections): in relation to the Dame Phyllis Frost Centre: For each of the periods between 5 December 2014 and 31 December 2014, 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015, 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015, 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015, 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015, 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 —
- (a) how many items of contraband have been seized from prisoners;
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Corrections

666. MR O'DONOHUE — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Corrections): in relation to the Dhurringile Prison: For each of the periods between 5 December 2014 and 31 December 2014, 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015, 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015, 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015, 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015, 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 —

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| <p>1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015
1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015
1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015
1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015</p> | <p>disaggregated from overall cell search data and is therefore unable to be provided.</p> |
| <p>f) 5 December and 31 December 2014
1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015
1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015
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1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015
1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015</p> | <p>Data relating specifically to the number of times dog squads have been used in contraband searches cannot be disaggregated from overall data concerning the use of dog squads in searches and is therefore unable to be provided.</p> |

Corrections

- 667. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Corrections): in relation to the Fulham Correctional Centre: For each of the periods between 5 December 2014 and 31 December 2014, 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015, 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015, 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015, 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015, 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 —
- (a) how many items of contraband have been seized from prisoners;
 - (b) how many items of contraband have been seized from visitors;
 - (c) what items of contraband have been detected in relation to prisoners and how many instances has each item been detected;
 - (d) what items of contraband have been detected in relation to visitors and how many instances has each item been detected;
 - (e) how many cell searches for contraband have been undertaken and how many items of contraband have been seized in each search; and
 - (f) how many times have dog squads been used in contraband searches at the facility.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

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| <p>a) 5 December and 31 December 2014
1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015
1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015
1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015
1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015
1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015</p> | <p>24
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| <p>b) 5 December and 31 December 2014
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1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015
1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015
1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015
1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015</p> | <p>3
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| <p>c) 5 December and 31 December 2014
1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015
1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015
1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015</p> | <p>The items of contraband and the number of instances of each item cannot be provided for security reasons.</p> |

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- 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015
1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015
- d) 5 December and 31 December 2014 The items of contraband and the
1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 number of instances of each item
1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015 cannot be provided for security
1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015 reasons.
1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015
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- e) 5 December and 31 December 2014 Data relating specifically to cell
1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 searches for contraband cannot be
1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015 disaggregated from overall cell
1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015 search data and is therefore
1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015 unable to be provided.
1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015
- f) 5 December and 31 December 2014 Data relating specifically to the
1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 number of times dog squads have
1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015 been used in contraband searches
1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015 cannot be disaggregated from
1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015 overall data concerning the use of
1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 dog squads in searches and is
therefore unable to be provided.

Corrections

- 668. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Corrections): in relation to the Hopkins Correctional Centre: For each of the periods between 5 December 2014 and 31 December 2014, 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015, 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015, 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015, 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015, 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 —
- (a) how many items of contraband have been seized from prisoners;
(b) how many items of contraband have been seized from visitors;
(c) what items of contraband have been detected in relation to prisoners and how many instances has each item been detected;
(d) what items of contraband have been detected in relation to visitors and how many instances has each item been detected;
(e) how many cell searches for contraband have been undertaken and how many items of contraband have been seized in each search; and
(f) how many times have dog squads been used in contraband searches at the facility.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- a) 5 December and 31 December 2014 14
1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 26
1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015 23
1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015 13
1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015 8
1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 3

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| b) | 5 December and 31 December 2014 | 0 |
| | 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 | 1 |
| | 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015 | 0 |
| | 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015 | 0 |
| | 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015 | 0 |
| | 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 | 0 |
| c) | 5 December and 31 December 2014 | The items of contraband and the number of instances of each item cannot be provided for security reasons. |
| | 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 | |
| | 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015 | |
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| | 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015 | |
| | 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 | |
| d) | 5 December and 31 December 2014 | The items of contraband and the number of instances of each item cannot be provided for security reasons. |
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| | 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015 | |
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| | 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 | |
| e) | 5 December and 31 December 2014 | Data relating specifically to cell searches for contraband cannot be disaggregated from overall cell search data and is therefore unable to be provided. |
| | 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 | |
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| | 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015 | |
| | 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015 | |
| | 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 | |
| f) | 5 December and 31 December 2014 | Data relating specifically to the number of times dog squads have been used in contraband searches cannot be disaggregated from overall data concerning the use of dog squads in searches and is therefore unable to be provided. |
| | 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 | |
| | 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015 | |
| | 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015 | |
| | 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015 | |
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Corrections

- 669. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Corrections): in relation to the Judy Lazarus Transition Centre: For each of the periods between 5 December 2014 and 31 December 2014, 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015, 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015, 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015, 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015, 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 —
- (a) how many items of contraband have been seized from prisoners;
 - (b) how many items of contraband have been seized from visitors;
 - (c) what items of contraband have been detected in relation to prisoners and how many instances has each item been detected;
 - (d) what items of contraband have been detected in relation to visitors and how many instances has each item been detected;
 - (e) how many cell searches for contraband have been undertaken and how many items of contraband have been seized in each search; and
 - (f) how many times have dog squads been used in contraband searches at the facility.

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ANSWER:

I am advised that:

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| a) | 5 December and 31 December 2014 | 0 |
| | 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 | 0 |
| | 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015 | 4 |
| | 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015 | 0 |
| | 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015 | 0 |
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| b) | 5 December and 31 December 2014 | 0 |
| | 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 | 0 |
| | 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015 | 0 |
| | 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015 | 0 |
| | 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015 | 0 |
| | 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 | 0 |
| c) | 5 December and 31 December 2014 | The items of contraband and the |
| | 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 | number of instances of each item |
| | 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015 | cannot be provided for security |
| | 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015 | reasons. |
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| d) | 5 December and 31 December 2014 | The items of contraband and the |
| | 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 | number of instances of each item |
| | 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015 | cannot be provided for security |
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| e) | 5 December and 31 December 2014 | Data relating specifically to cell |
| | 1 January 2015 and 31 January' 2015 | searches for contraband cannot be |
| | 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015 | disaggregated from overall cell |
| | 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015 | search data and is therefore |
| | 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015 | unable to be provided. |
| | 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 | |
| f) | 5 December and 31 December 2014 | Data relating specifically to the |
| | 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 | number of times dog squads have |
| | 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015 | been used in contraband searches |
| | 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015 | cannot be disaggregated from |
| | 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015 | overall data concerning the use of |
| | 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 | dog squads in searches and is |
| | | therefore unable to be provided. |

Corrections

- 670. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Corrections): in relation to the Langi Kal Kal Prison: For each of the periods between 5 December 2014 and 31 December 2014, 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015, 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015, 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015, 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015, 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 —
- (a) how many items of contraband have been seized from prisoners;
 - (b) how many items of contraband have been seized from visitors;
 - (c) what items of contraband have been detected in relation to prisoners and how many instances has each item been detected;
 - (d) what items of contraband have been detected in relation to visitors and how many instances has each item been detected;
 - (e) how many cell searches for contraband have been undertaken and how many items of contraband have been seized in each search; and
 - (f) how many times have dog squads been used in contraband searches at the facility.

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| a) | 5 December and 31 December 2014 | 3 |
| | 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 | 1 |
| | 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015 | 0 |
| | 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015 | 0 |
| | 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015 | 0 |
| | 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 | 2 |
| b) | 5 December and 31 December 2014 | 0 |
| | 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 | 0 |
| | 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015 | 0 |
| | 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015 | 0 |
| | 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015 | 0 |
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| c) | 5 December and 31 December 2014 | The items of contraband and the number of instances of each item cannot be provided for security reasons. |
| | 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 | |
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| e) | 5 December and 31 December 2014 | Data relating specifically to cell searches for contraband cannot be |
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| <p>1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015
1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015
1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015
1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015</p> | <p>disaggregated from overall cell search data and is therefore unable to be provided.</p> |
| <p>f) 5 December and 31 December 2014
1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015
1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015
1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015
1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015
1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015</p> | <p>Data relating specifically to the number of times dog squads have been used in contraband searches cannot be disaggregated from overall data concerning the use of dog squads in searches and is therefore unable to be provided.</p> |

Corrections

- 671. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Corrections): in relation to the Loddon Prison Precinct: For each of the periods between 5 December 2014 and 31 December 2014, 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015, 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015, 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015, 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015, 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 —
- (a) how many items of contraband have been seized from prisoners;
 - (b) how many items of contraband have been seized from visitors;
 - (c) what items of contraband have been detected in relation to prisoners and how many instances has each item been detected;
 - (d) what items of contraband have been detected in relation to visitors and how many instances has each item been detected;
 - (e) how many cell searches for contraband have been undertaken and how many items of contraband have been seized in each search; and
 - (f) how many times have dog squads been used in contraband searches at the facility.

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| <p>a) 5 December and 31 December 2014
1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015
1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015
1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015
1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015
1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015</p> | <p>23
23
87
17
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5</p> |
| <p>b) 5 December and 31 December 2014
1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015
1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015
1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015
1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015
1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015</p> | <p>5
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| <p>c) 5 December and 31 December 2014
1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015
1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015
1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015</p> | <p>The items of contraband and the number of instances of each item cannot be provided for security reasons.</p> |

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| | 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 | |
| d) | 5 December and 31 December 2014
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1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015
1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 | The items of contraband and the number of instances of each item cannot be provided for security reasons. |
| e) | 5 December and 31 December 2014
1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015
1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015
1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015
1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015
1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 | Data relating specifically to cell searches for contraband cannot be disaggregated from overall cell search data and is therefore unable to be provided. |
| f) | 5 December and 31 December 2014
1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015
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1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015
1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015
1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 | Data relating specifically to the number of times dog squads have been used in contraband searches cannot be disaggregated from overall data concerning the use of dog squads in searches and is therefore unable to be provided. |

Corrections

- 672. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Corrections): in relation to the Marngoneet Correctional Centre: For each of the periods between 5 December 2014 and 31 December 2014, 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015, 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015, 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015, 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015, 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 —
- (a) how many items of contraband have been seized from prisoners;
 - (b) how many items of contraband have been seized from visitors;
 - (c) what items of contraband have been detected in relation to prisoners and how many instances has each item been detected;
 - (d) what items of contraband have been detected in relation to visitors and how many instances has each item been detected;
 - (e) how many cell searches for contraband have been undertaken and how many items of contraband have been seized in each search; and
 - (f) how many times have dog squads been used in contraband searches at the facility.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

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| a) | 5 December and 31 December 2014 | 16 |
| | 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 | 13 |
| | 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015 | 9 |
| | 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015 | 6 |
| | 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015 | 10 |
| | 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 | 7 |

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| b) | 5 December and 31 December 2014 | 1 |
| | 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 | 0 |
| | 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015 | 0 |
| | 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015 | 1 |
| | 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015 | 2 |
| | 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 | 1 |
| c) | 5 December and 31 December 2014 | The items of contraband and the number of instances of each item cannot be provided for security reasons. |
| | 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 | |
| | 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015 | |
| | 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015 | |
| | 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015 | |
| | 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 | |
| d) | 5 December and 31 December 2014 | The items of contraband and the number of instances of each item cannot be provided for security reasons. |
| | 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 | |
| | 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015 | |
| | 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015 | |
| | 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015 | |
| | 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 | |
| e) | 5 December and 31 December 2014 | Data relating specifically to cell searches for contraband cannot be disaggregated from overall cell search data and is therefore unable to be provided. |
| | 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 | |
| | 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015 | |
| | 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015 | |
| | 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015 | |
| | 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 | |
| f) | 5 December and 31 December 2014 | Data relating specifically to the number of times dog squads have been used in contraband searches cannot be disaggregated from overall data concerning the use of dog squads in searches and is therefore unable to be provided. |
| | 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 | |
| | 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015 | |
| | 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015 | |
| | 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015 | |
| | 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 | |

Corrections

- 673. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Corrections): in relation to the Melbourne Assessment Prison: For each of the periods between 5 December 2014 and 31 December 2014, 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015, 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015, 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015, 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015, 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 —
- (a) how many items of contraband have been seized from prisoners;
 - (b) how many items of contraband have been seized from visitors;
 - (c) what items of contraband have been detected in relation to prisoners and how many instances has each item been detected;
 - (d) what items of contraband have been detected in relation to visitors and how many instances has each item been detected;
 - (e) how many cell searches for contraband have been undertaken and how many items of contraband have been seized in each search; and
 - (f) how many times have dog squads been used in contraband searches at the facility.

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| a) | 5 December and 31 December 2014 | 15 |
| | 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 | 17 |
| | 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015 | 5 |
| | 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015 | 21 |
| | 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015 | 16 |
| | 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 | 21 |
| b) | 5 December and 31 December 2014 | 1 |
| | 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 | 0 |
| | 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015 | 0 |
| | 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015 | 0 |
| | 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015 | 0 |
| | 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 | 0 |
| c) | 5 December and 31 December 2014 | The items of contraband and the |
| | 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 | number of instances of each item |
| | 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015 | cannot be provided for security |
| | 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015 | reasons. |
| | 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015 | |
| | 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 | |
| d) | 5 December and 31 December 2014 | The items of contraband and the |
| | 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 | number of instances of each item |
| | 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015 | cannot be provided for security |
| | 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015 | reasons. |
| | 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015 | |
| | 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 | |
| e) | 5 December and 31 December 2014 | Data relating specifically to cell |
| | 1 January 2015 and 31 January' 2015 | searches for contraband cannot be |
| | 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015 | disaggregated from overall cell |
| | 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015 | search data and is therefore |
| | 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015 | unable to be provided. |
| | 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 | |
| f) | 5 December and 31 December 2014 | Data relating specifically to the |
| | 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 | number of times dog squads have |
| | 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015 | been used in contraband searches |
| | 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015 | cannot be disaggregated from |
| | 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015 | overall data concerning the use of |
| | 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 | dog squads in searches and is |
| | | therefore unable to be provided. |

Corrections

- 674. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Corrections): in relation to the Metropolitan Remand Centre: For each of the periods between 5 December 2014 and 31 December 2014, 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015, 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015, 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015, 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015, 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 —
- (a) how many items of contraband have been seized from prisoners;
 - (b) how many items of contraband have been seized from visitors;
 - (c) what items of contraband have been detected in relation to prisoners and how many instances has each item been detected;
 - (d) what items of contraband have been detected in relation to visitors and how many instances has each item been detected;
 - (e) how many cell searches for contraband have been undertaken and how many items of contraband have been seized in each search; and
 - (f) how many times have dog squads been used in contraband searches at the facility.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

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| a) | 5 December and 31 December 2014 | 21 |
| | 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 | 43 |
| | 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015 | 46 |
| | 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015 | 57 |
| | 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015 | 43 |
| | 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 | 34 |
| b) | 5 December and 31 December 2014 | 4 |
| | 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 | 9 |
| | 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015 | 2 |
| | 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015 | 0 |
| | 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015 | 11 |
| | 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 | 10 |
| c) | 5 December and 31 December 2014 | The items of contraband and the number of instances of each item cannot be provided for security reasons. |
| | 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 | |
| | 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015 | |
| | 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015 | |
| | 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015 | |
| | 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 | |
| d) | 5 December and 31 December 2014 | The items of contraband and the number of instances of each item cannot be provided for security reasons. |
| | 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 | |
| | 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015 | |
| | 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015 | |
| | 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015 | |
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| e) | 5 December and 31 December 2014 | Data relating specifically to cell searches for contraband cannot be |
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| <p>1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015
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 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015
 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015</p> | <p>disaggregated from overall cell search data and is therefore unable to be provided.</p> |
| <p>f) 5 December and 31 December 2014
 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015
 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015
 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015
 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015
 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015</p> | <p>Data relating specifically to the number of times dog squads have been used in contraband searches cannot be disaggregated from overall data concerning the use of dog squads in searches and is therefore unable to be provided.</p> |

Corrections

- 675. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Corrections): in relation to the Port Phillip Prison: For each of the periods between 5 December 2014 and 31 December 2014, 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015, 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015, 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015, 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015, 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 —
- (a) how many items of contraband have been seized from prisoners;
 - (b) how many items of contraband have been seized from visitors;
 - (c) what items of contraband have been detected in relation to prisoners and how many instances has each item been detected;
 - (d) what items of contraband have been detected in relation to visitors and how many instances has each item been detected;
 - (e) how many cell searches for contraband have been undertaken and how many items of contraband have been seized in each search; and
 - (f) how many times have dog squads been used in contraband searches at the facility.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

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| <p>a) 5 December and 31 December 2014
 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015
 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015
 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015
 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015
 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015</p> | <p>48
 31
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 51
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 60</p> |
| <p>b) 5 December and 31 December 2014
 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015
 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015
 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015
 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015
 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015</p> | <p>2
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| <p>c) 5 December and 31 December 2014
 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015
 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015
 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015</p> | <p>The items of contraband and the number of instances of each item cannot be provided for security reasons.</p> |

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1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015
- d) 5 December and 31 December 2014 The items of contraband and the
1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 number of instances of each item
1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015 cannot be provided for security
1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015 reasons.
1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015
1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015
- e) 5 December and 31 December 2014 Data relating specifically to cell
1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 searches for contraband cannot be
1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015 disaggregated from overall cell
1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015 search data and is therefore
1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015 unable to be provided.
1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015
- f) 5 December and 31 December 2014 Data relating specifically to the
1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 number of times dog squads have
1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015 been used in contraband searches
1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015 cannot be disaggregated from
1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015 overall data concerning the use of
1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 dog squads in searches and is
therefore unable to be provided.

Corrections

- 676. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Corrections): in relation to the Tarrengower Prison: For each of the periods between 5 December 2014 and 31 December 2014, 1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015, 1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015, 1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015, 1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015, 1 May 2015 and 31 May 2015 —
- (a) how many items of contraband have been seized from prisoners;
(b) how many items of contraband have been seized from visitors;
(c) what items of contraband have been detected in relation to prisoners and how many instances has each item been detected;
(d) what items of contraband have been detected in relation to visitors and how many instances has each item been detected;
(e) how many cell searches for contraband have been undertaken and how many items of contraband have been seized in each search; and
(f) how many times have dog squads been used in contraband searches at the facility.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- a) 5 December and 31 December 2014 0
1 January 2015 and 31 January 2015 2
1 February 2015 and 28 February 2015 0
1 March 2015 and 31 March 2015 1
1 April 2015 and 30 April 2015 0
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| f) | 5 December and 31 December 2014 | Data relating specifically to the number of times dog squads have been used in contraband searches cannot be disaggregated from overall data concerning the use of dog squads in searches and is therefore unable to be provided. |
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Health

700. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): what is the overall cost and breakdown per advertising network of the ‘Dark Side of Tanning’ advertising campaign since 1 December 2014.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- The Victorian Government has committed funds to skin cancer prevention initiatives, including the SunSmart public education campaigns and shade grants.
- In addition, Cancer Council Victoria was funded to run a SunSmart campaign over the 2014-15 summer, featuring the Dark Side of Tanning and Wes Bonny creatives.

- I am advised by our contracted agency that investment in television advertising is based on maximising reach within key target groups.
- I am advised that cost breakdowns are subject to commercial contracting arrangements.
- The summer campaign was also promoted through a range of other social marketing channels such a cinema, radio, tram, digital and print.

Health

701. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): what is the overall cost and breakdown per advertising network of the ‘Wes Bonny’ advertising campaign since 1 December 2014.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- The Victorian Government has committed funding for skin cancer prevention initiatives, including the SunSmart public education campaigns and shade grants.
- In addition, Cancer Council Victoria was funded to run a SunSmart campaign over the 2014-15 summer, featuring the Dark Side of Tanning and Wes Bonny creatives.
- I am advised by our contracted agency that investment in television advertising is based on maximising reach within key target groups.
- I am advised that cost breakdowns are subject to commercial contracting arrangements.
- The summer campaign was also promoted through a range of other social marketing channels such as cinema, radio, tram, digital and print.

Public transport

737. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Public Transport): what is the breakdown of expenses claimed by the Chair of VicTrack since 1 April 2015.

ANSWER:

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

No expenses have been claimed by the current Chair of Victorian Rail Track (VicTrack), Mr John Lenders.

Health

751. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): in relation to the Victorian hospital bed audit, what was the cost to undertake the review.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

- This information has been made publicly available in accordance with the Victorian Government Purchasing Board’s Contract Management and Contract Disclosure Policy.
- The Travis Review was supported by a small secretariat within the Department of Health and Human Services.

The Travis Review was the most comprehensive review ever undertaken into the capacity of Victoria’s hospitals, and identified that there is currently a mismatch between demand for and supply of beds and points of care across the State.

The Final Report indicated a need to rethink the concept of capacity and look at new, innovative ways of delivering care. The Andrews Labor Government has accepted all of the recommendations of the Travis Review.

In line with these recommendations, the Government will establish Better Care Victoria to drive improvements in patient care and treatment. With the support of the Better Care Victoria: Innovation Fund, Better Care Victoria, will assess initiatives, scale up proven innovations, and facilitate the sharing of ideas to increase hospital capacity across the entire Victorian health system.

In order to meet immediate demand for addition capacity the 2015-16 State Budget delivered \$200 million for the Hospital Beds Rescue Fund, to open new hospital beds and points of care and enable hospitals to admit more than 19 800 extra patients every year.

To address future demand, the Government will develop a State-wide Strategic Services and Infrastructure Plan to be published in 2017.

Public transport

755. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Public Transport): in relation to the Community Consultative Taskforce’s review of the introduction of Bendigo Metro Rail:

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

ANSWER:

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

The project received over 600 pieces of feedback through the online survey, community drop-in sessions and post. Due to the large number of submissions, the need to integrate findings from the Bendigo Bus Review, and additional work needed to provide comprehensive data to support the recommendations, the Minister granted an extension on the due date of the report until Friday 7 August 2015.

The taskforce has met at meeting rooms donated by Bendigo Bank, as was its lunch.

Membership of the taskforce:

Member name	Organisation
Maree Edwards MP CHAIR	Member for Bendigo West
Cr Peter Cox	Mayor-City of Greater Bendigo
Scott Elkington	Bendigo Bank-Community Solutions and Partnering
Yvonne Wrigglesworth	Director Governance-Bendigo Health
Rob Stephenson	Head of Campus— ’ La Trobe University
Trevor Budge	Manager Strategy, City of Greater Bendigo
Chris Corr	Vice President, Bendigo Sustainability Group
Rob Velthuis	Vice President, Bike Bendigo Group
Lachlan McDonald	Executive Director, Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources

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Member name	Organisation
Stephen McIvor-Smith SECRETARIAT	Director, Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources
Huw Millichip	General Manager, Service Planning, Public Transport Victoria (PTV)
Glenn Christian	Christian's Bus Company
David Cameron	V/Line Executive General Manager Asset Management
Damien Tangey	Managing Director Birchgrove Property President Bendigo Chapter and National Vice President UDIA
Matthew Nichol	Economist and business person
Michael Waters	Adviser to Jacinta Allan MP
Maureen Smith	U3A Bendigo (University of the Third Age)
Clare Flanagan-Smith	Senior consultant RMCG
Margaret O'Rourke	MO'R Consulting, Goulburn Murray Water, Bendigo TAFE, Bendigo Health
Dale Pearce	Principal, Bendigo Senior Secondary School
Caleb Ellis	Year 10 Girton Grammar

The report was submitted to the Minister for Public Transport on Friday 7 August 2015, the Minister will consider the recommendations for the project. Following this, the report will be made available.

Education

758. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Training and Skills (for the Minister for Education): in relation to the review of education school funding:

- (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 as follows:

The Review of Government Schools Funding will be completed by December 2015.

The Review is being led by the Hon Steve Bracks AC and supported by a Secretariat comprised of senior policy officers from Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC), Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) and the Department of Education and Training (DET).

Mr Bracks is providing his services on a pro bono basis and the Secretariat is staffed by the allocation of existing resources from within DPC, DTF and DET. Given the complexity of the work, the Secretariat has a budget that includes a small amount of funding for the use of expert advisers as required. Tendering for any advisory work will be competitive therefore I cannot provide details of the allocation.

The Review includes an extensive engagement process to ensure we receive contributions from a wide range of stakeholders.

I will receive a Report from Mr Bracks in December 2015 and will then consider the advice.

Families and children

768. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: in relation to the review of the Aboriginal kinship program:

- (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:

As an evaluation of the Aboriginal Kinship Care Support Services review was completed in 2013 under the previous Government, the Member would be well aware of the costs involved, who undertook the review and the fact that the report has not been publicly released.

Families and children

777. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: how many children in child protection were not allocated to a child protection worker in the Mallee area as at 1 December 2014.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of children in child protection not allocated to a child protection worker increased between June 2011 and 1 December 2014 across Victoria.

Whilst the previous Government failed to adequately respond to this, the Andrews Government's first budget resources an additional 148.8 FTE workers in child protection to meet the impact of the 10 000 additional reports forecast for 2015-16 — the largest ever single increase to the number of child protection positions.

These significant improvements will give the Department a greater capacity to respond to the increasing number of children being reported to child protection, to investigate reports where required and to provide longer term intervention and support where necessary.

As has been the case for many years, the figures for unallocated cases in 2014-15 will be published in this year's Department of Health & Human Services annual report.

Families and children

778. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: how many children in child protection were not allocated to a child protection worker in the Loddon area as at 1 December 2014.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of children in child protection not allocated to a child protection worker increased between June 2011 and 1 December 2014 across Victoria.

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Families and children

779. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: how many children in child protection were not allocated to a child protection worker in the Hume Moreland area as at 1 December 2014.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of children in child protection not allocated to a child protection worker increased between June 2011 and 1 December 2014 across Victoria.

Whilst the previous Government failed to adequately respond to this, the Andrews Government's first budget resources an additional 148.8 FTE workers in child protection to meet the impact of the 10 000 additional reports forecast for 2015-16 — the largest ever single increase to the number of child protection positions.

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Families and children

780. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: how many children in child protection were not allocated to a child protection worker in the North Eastern Melbourne area as at 1 December 2014.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of children in child protection not allocated to a child protection worker increased between June 2011 and 1 December 2014 across Victoria.

Whilst the previous Government failed to adequately respond to this, the Andrews Government's first budget resources an additional 148.8 FTE workers in child protection to meet the impact of the 10 000 additional reports forecast for 2015-16 — the largest ever single increase to the number of child protection positions.

These significant improvements will give the Department a greater capacity to respond to the increasing number of children being reported to child protection, to investigate reports where required and to provide longer term intervention and support where necessary.

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Families and children

781. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: how many children in child protection were not allocated to a child protection worker in the Ovens Murray area as at 1 December 2014.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of children in child protection not allocated to a child protection worker increased between June 2011 and 1 December 2014 across Victoria.

Whilst the previous Government failed to adequately respond to this, the Andrews Government's first budget resources an additional 148.8 FTE workers in child protection to meet the impact of the 10 000 additional reports forecast for 2015-16 — the largest ever single increase to the number of child protection positions.

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Families and children

782. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: how many children in child protection were not allocated to a child protection worker in the Goulburn area as at 1 December 2014.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of children in child protection not allocated to a child protection worker increased between June 2011 and 1 December 2014 across Victoria.

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Families and children

783. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: how many children in child protection were not allocated to a child protection worker in the Outer Eastern Melbourne area as at 1 December 2014.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of children in child protection not allocated to a child protection worker increased between June 2011 and 1 December 2014 across Victoria.

Whilst the previous Government failed to adequately respond to this, the Andrews Government's first budget resources an additional 148.8 FTE workers in child protection to meet the impact of the 10 000 additional reports forecast for 2015-16 — the largest ever single increase to the number of child protection positions.

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Families and children

784. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: how many children in child protection were not allocated to a child protection worker in the Inner Eastern Melbourne area as at 1 December 2014.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of children in child protection not allocated to a child protection worker increased between June 2011 and 1 December 2014 across Victoria.

Whilst the previous Government failed to adequately respond to this, the Andrews Government's first budget resources an additional 148.8 FTE workers in child protection to meet the impact of the 10 000 additional reports forecast for 2015-16 — the largest ever single increase to the number of child protection positions.

These significant improvements will give the Department a greater capacity to respond to the increasing number of children being reported to child protection, to investigate reports where required and to provide longer term intervention and support where necessary.

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Families and children

785. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: how many children in child protection were not allocated to a child protection worker in the Outer Gippsland area as at 1 December 2014.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of children in child protection not allocated to a child protection worker increased between June 2011 and 1 December 2014 across Victoria.

Whilst the previous Government failed to adequately respond to this, the Andrews Government's first budget resources an additional 148.8 FTE workers in child protection to meet the impact of the 10 000 additional reports forecast for 2015-16 — the largest ever single increase to the number of child protection positions.

These significant improvements will give the Department a greater capacity to respond to the increasing number of children being reported to child protection, to investigate reports where required and to provide longer term intervention and support where necessary.

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Families and children

786. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: how many children in child protection were not allocated to a child protection worker in the Inner Gippsland area as at 1 December 2014.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of children in child protection not allocated to a child protection worker increased between June 2011 and 1 December 2014 across Victoria.

Whilst the previous Government failed to adequately respond to this, the Andrews Government's first budget resources an additional 148.8 FTE workers in child protection to meet the impact of the 10 000 additional reports forecast for 2015-16 — the largest ever single increase to the number of child protection positions.

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Families and children

787. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: How many children in child protection were not allocated to a child protection worker in the Southern Melbourne area as at 1 December 2014.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of children in child protection not allocated to a child protection worker increased between June 2011 and 1 December 2014 across Victoria.

Whilst the previous Government failed to adequately respond to this, the Andrews Government's first budget resources an additional 148.8 FTE workers in child protection to meet the impact of the 10 000 additional reports forecast for 2015-16 — the largest ever single increase to the number of child protection positions.

These significant improvements will give the Department a greater capacity to respond to the increasing number of children being reported to child protection, to investigate reports where required and to provide longer term intervention and support where necessary.

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Families and children

788. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: how many children in child protection were not allocated to a child protection worker in the Bayside Peninsula area as at 1 December 2014.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of children in child protection not allocated to a child protection worker increased between June 2011 and 1 December 2014 across Victoria.

Whilst the previous Government failed to adequately respond to this, the Andrews Government's first budget resources an additional 148.8 FTE workers in child protection to meet the impact of the 10 000 additional reports forecast for 2015-16 — the largest ever single increase to the number of child protection positions.

These significant improvements will give the Department a greater capacity to respond to the increasing number of children being reported to child protection, to investigate reports where required and to provide longer term intervention and support where necessary.

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Families and children

789. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: how many children in child protection were not allocated to a child protection worker in the Western District area as at 1 December 2014.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of children in child protection not allocated to a child protection worker increased between June 2011 and 1 December 2014 across Victoria.

Whilst the previous Government failed to adequately respond to this, the Andrews Government's first budget resources an additional 148.8 FTE workers in child protection to meet the impact of the 10 000 additional reports forecast for 2015-16 — the largest ever single increase to the number of child protection positions.

These significant improvements will give the Department a greater capacity to respond to the increasing number of children being reported to child protection, to investigate reports where required and to provide longer term intervention and support where necessary.

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Families and children

790. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: how many children in child protection were not allocated to a child protection worker in the Barwon area as at 1 December 2014.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of children in child protection not allocated to a child protection worker increased between June 2011 and 1 December 2014 across Victoria.

Whilst the previous Government failed to adequately respond to this, the Andrews Government's first budget resources an additional 148.8 FTE workers in child protection to meet the impact of the 10 000 additional reports forecast for 2015-16 — the largest ever single increase to the number of child protection positions.

These significant improvements will give the Department a greater capacity to respond to the increasing number of children being reported to child protection, to investigate reports where required and to provide longer term intervention and support where necessary.

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Families and children

791. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: how many children in child protection were not allocated to a child protection worker in the Central Highlands area as at 1 December 2014.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of children in child protection not allocated to a child protection worker increased between June 2011 and 1 December 2014 across Victoria.

Whilst the previous Government failed to adequately respond to this, the Andrews Government's first budget resources an additional 148.8 FTE workers in child protection to meet the impact of the 10 000 additional reports forecast for 2015-16 — the largest ever single increase to the number of child protection positions.

These significant improvements will give the Department a greater capacity to respond to the increasing number of children being reported to child protection, to investigate reports where required and to provide longer term intervention and support where necessary.

As has been the case for many years, the figures for unallocated cases in 2014-15 will be published in this year's Department of Health & Human Services annual report.

Families and children

792. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: how many children in child protection were not allocated to a child protection worker in the Western Melbourne area as at 1 December 2014.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of children in child protection not allocated to a child protection worker increased between June 2011 and 1 December 2014 across Victoria.

Whilst the previous Government failed to adequately respond to this, the Andrews Government's first budget resources an additional 148.8 FTE workers in child protection to meet the impact of the 10 000 additional reports forecast for 2015-16 — the largest ever single increase to the number of child protection positions.

These significant improvements will give the Department a greater capacity to respond to the increasing number of children being reported to child protection, to investigate reports where required and to provide longer term intervention and support where necessary.

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Families and children

793. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: how many children in child protection were not allocated to a child protection worker in the Brimbank Melton area as at 1 December 2014.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The number of children in child protection not allocated to a child protection worker increased between June 2011 and 1 December 2014 across Victoria.

Whilst the previous Government failed to adequately respond to this, the Andrews Government's first budget resources an additional 148.8 FTE workers in child protection to meet the impact of the 10 000 additional reports forecast for 2015-16 — the largest ever single increase to the number of child protection positions.

These significant improvements will give the Department a greater capacity to respond to the increasing number of children being reported to child protection, to investigate reports where required and to provide longer term intervention and support where necessary.

As has been the case for many years, the figures for unallocated cases in 2014-15 will be published in this year's Department of Health & Human Services annual report.

Small business, innovation and trade

803. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Acting Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade): How many new Victorian Government free Wi-Fi network access points have been launched in Melbourne since the Minister assumed office on 3 December 2014.

ANSWER:

The budget and timeline for the roll out of Wi-Fi network access points were set by the former Government and have not changed.

Training and skills

824. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills: In relation to the Centre for Adult Education:

- (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 Centre for Adult Education 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 as follows:

The cost of the additional 2015 Easter Sunday and AFL Grand Final public holidays have been fully funded as part of a total budget funding provided to CAE 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>

Training and skills

825. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills: In relation to the Department of Education and Training:

- (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 Department of Education and Training 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 as follows:

The cost of the additional 2015 Easter Sunday and AFL Grand Final public holidays have been fully funded as part of a total budget funding provided to the Department of Education and Training 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:

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Education

826. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment 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 Curriculum and Assessment 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 as follows:

In relation to the 5 April 2015 Easter Sunday Public Holiday, there were no additional costs incurred by the Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority as a result of this public holiday.

In relation to the 2015 Grand Final Eve Public Holiday (Friday 2 October 2015), no additional costs are expected to be incurred by the Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority as a result of this public holiday.

Education

827. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to the Victorian Institute of Teaching:

- (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 Institute of Teaching 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 as follows:

The Victorian Institute of Teaching incurred no costs associated with 5 April 2015 Easter Sunday Public Holiday, as this was not a business day for the Institute.

The 2015 Grand Final Eve Public Holiday would be treated as all public holidays that occur on a business day and therefore salaries would be processed accordingly and not incur any additional costs such as penalty rates for the Institute or adjustment to salary costs.

Multicultural affairs

829. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): In relation to the Victorian Multicultural 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 Multicultural 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:

I am informed that:

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

The Regulatory Impact Statement on proposed new public holidays in Victoria, released for public comment on the 8 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:

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Multicultural affairs

830. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Multicultural Affairs): In relation to the Victorian Interpreting & Translating Service:

- (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 Interpreting & Translating Service 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 total budget funding provided to the Victorian Interpreting and Translating Service for the 2014-15 financial year.

The Regulatory Impact Statement on proposed new public holidays in Victoria, released for public comment on the 8 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:

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Finance

847. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Finance): In relation to the Accident Compensation Conciliation Service:

- (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 Accident Compensation Conciliation Service 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 total budget funding provided to the Accident Compensation Conciliation Service for the 2014-15 financial year.

The Regulatory Impact Statement on proposed new public holidays in Victoria, released for public comment on the 8 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:

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Finance

848. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Finance): In relation to CenITex:

- (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 CenITex 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 total budget funding provided to the Victorian Government departments and agencies that are customers of CenITex for the 2014-15 financial year.

The Regulatory Impact Statement on proposed new public holidays in Victoria, released for public comment on the 8 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:

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Finance

849. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Finance): In relation to the Essential Services 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 Essential Services 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:

I am informed that:

The cost of the additional 2015 Easter Sunday public holiday has been fully funded as part of total budget funding provided to the Essential Services Commission 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:

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Finance

850. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Finance): In relation to the Transport Accident 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 Transport Accident 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:

I am informed that:

any costs (if any) to the Transport Accident Commission arising from the additional 2015 Easter Sunday public holiday have been fully met from their operating budget 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:

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Finance

851. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Finance): In relation to the Victorian Government Purchasing Board:

- (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 Government Purchasing Board 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 total budget funding provided to the Victorian Government Purchasing Board 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:

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Finance

852. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Finance): In relation to the Victorian Managed Insurance 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 Managed Insurance 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 costs (if any) to the Victorian Managed Insurance Authority arising from the additional 2015 Easter Sunday public holiday have been fully met from their operating budget for the 2014-15 financial year.

The Regulatory Impact Statement on proposed new public holidays in Victoria, released for public comment on the 8 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:

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Finance

853. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Finance): In relation to WorkSafe 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 WorkSafe 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 WorkSafe Victoria's 2014–15 operating budget, and is negligible given that only a small number of incident response staff are impacted.

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

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Treasurer

854. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Treasurer): In relation to the Department of Treasury and Finance:

- (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 Department of Treasury and Finance 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 Department of Treasury and Finance 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

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Treasurer

855. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Treasurer): In relation to the State Revenue 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 State Revenue 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.
- (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 State Revenue Office 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

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Treasurer

856. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Treasurer): In relation to State Trustees Limited:

- (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 State Trustees Limited 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 State Trustees Limited 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

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Treasurer

857. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Treasurer): In relation to the Treasury Corporation 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 Treasury Corporation 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:

The cost of the additional 2015 Easter Sunday public holiday has been fully funded as part of a total budget funding provided to the Treasury Corporation of 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

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Treasurer

858. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Treasurer): In relation to the Victorian Funds Management Corporation:

- (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 Funds Management Corporation 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 Victorian Funds Management Corporation 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

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Small business, innovation and trade

859. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Acting Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade): In relation to the Acting Minister's portfolio responsibilities for the Grand Final Eve public holiday:

- (1) How many private sector stakeholders has the Acting Minister met with regarding the Grand Final Eve public holiday between 23 May 2015 and 31 July 2015.
- (2) How many public sector stakeholders has the Acting Minister met with regarding the Grand Final Eve public holiday between 23 May 2015 and 31 July 2015.
- (3) How many briefs did the Acting Minister's office receive from the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources regarding the Grand Final Eve public holiday between 23 May 2015 and 31 July 2015.
- (4) How many of these briefs did the Acting Minister sign off and return to the department between 23 May 2015 and 31 July 2015.

ANSWER:

The Minister met with a number of people and consulted on a range of matters whilst discharging his responsibilities as Acting Minister.

Small business, innovation and trade

861. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Acting Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade): In relation to the Acting Minister's specific portfolio responsibilities for small business, innovation and trade:

- (1) How many portfolio related stakeholder meetings did the Acting Minister attend between 23 May 2015 and 31 July 2015.
- (2) How many departmental meeting briefs did the Acting Minister's office receive from the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources regarding events attended between 23 May 2015 and 31 July 2015.
- (3) How many meeting briefs did the Acting Minister sign off and return to the department regarding meetings attended between 23 May 2015 and 31 July 2015.

ANSWER:

The Minister met with a number of people and consulted on a range of matters whilst discharging his responsibilities as Acting Minister.

Small business, innovation and trade

866. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Acting Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade): In relation to the Acting Minister's specific portfolio responsibilities for small business, innovation and trade:

- (1) How many applications have been made to Government under each of the following programs since 4 December 2014 —
 - (a) Victorian Government Technology Innovation Fund;
 - (b) Technology Trade and International Partnering Program (TRIP)–ICT Program;
 - (c) Technology Trade and International Partnering Program (TRIP)–Biotechnology and Small Technology program;
 - (d) Innovation Voucher Program; and
 - (e) Technology Voucher Program.
- (2) How many grants have been awarded between 23 May 2015 and 31 July 2015 under each of the following programs-
 - (a) Victorian Government Technology Innovation Fund;
 - (b) Technology Trade and International Partnering Program (TRIP)-ICT Program;

- (c) Technology Trade and International Partnering Program (TRIP)-Biotechnology and Small Technology program;
- (d) Innovation Voucher Program; and
- (e) Technology Voucher Program.

ANSWER:

The number of grant applications and approvals fluctuate over time depending on the program guidelines and various timelines associated.

Premier

871. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Special Minister of State (representing the Premier): In relation to the Department of Premier and Cabinet:

- (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 Premier and Cabinet 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 public holidays have been fully funded as part of the total budget funding provided to Department of Premier and Cabinet for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 financial years.

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

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Premier

874. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Special Minister of State (representing the Premier): In relation to the Victorian Electoral 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:

The cost of the 2015 Grand Final public holiday has been fully funded as part of the total budget funding provided to the Victorian Electoral Commission 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

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Premier

875. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Special Minister of State (representing the Premier): In relation to the Victorian Inspectorate:

- (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:

The cost of the 2015 Grand Final public holiday has been fully funded as part of the total budget funding provided to the Victorian Inspectorate 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

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Treasurer

876. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Special Minister of State (representing the Treasurer): In relation to the nine efficiency and expenditure reduction measures detailed in Budget Paper No. 3 page 105, Table 1.24:

Please provide a table detailing for each of the nine savings areas in 2015–16, the value of savings allocated to the —

- (a) Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources;
- (b) Department of Education and Training;
- (c) Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning;
- (d) Department of Health and Human Services;
- (e) Department of Justice and Regulation;
- (f) Department of Premier and Cabinet;
- (g) Department of Treasury and Finance;
- (h) Parliament (including Victorian Auditor-General’s office); and
- (i) Courts.

ANSWER:

Implementation of Labor’s Financial Statement 2014 savings and efficiencies will provide funding capacity to support the delivery of the Government’s election commitments while ensuring practical and sustainable improvements to the operation of the public sector.

The final implementation plan and allocation of savings across government has not yet been finalised.

Treasurer

877. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Special Minister of State (representing the Treasurer): In relation to the nine efficiency and expenditure reduction measures detailed in Budget Paper No. 3 page 105,

Table 1.24: Please provide a table detailing for each of the nine savings areas in 2016–17, the value of savings allocated to the:—

- (a) Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources;
- (b) Department of Education and Training;
- (c) Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning;
- (d) Department of Health and Human Services;
- (e) Department of Justice and Regulation;
- (f) Department of Premier and Cabinet;
- (g) Department of Treasury and Finance;
- (h) Parliament (including Victorian Auditor-General’s office); and
- (i) Courts.

ANSWER:

Implementation of Labor’s Financial Statement 2014 savings and efficiencies will provide funding capacity to support the delivery of the Government’s election commitments while ensuring practical and sustainable improvements to the operation of the public sector.

The final implementation plan and allocation of savings across government has not yet been finalised.

Treasurer

878. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Special Minister of State (representing the Treasurer): In relation to the nine efficiency and expenditure reduction measures detailed in Budget Paper No. 3 page 105, Table 1.24: Please provide a table detailing for each of the nine savings areas in 2017–18, the value of savings allocated to the:—

- (a) Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources;
- (b) Department of Education and Training;
- (c) Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning;
- (d) Department of Health and Human Services;
- (e) Department of Justice and Regulation;
- (f) Department of Premier and Cabinet;
- (g) Department of Treasury and Finance;
- (h) Parliament (including Victorian Auditor-General’s office); and
- (i) Courts.

ANSWER:

Implementation of Labor’s Financial Statement 2014 savings and efficiencies will provide funding capacity to support the delivery of the Government’s election commitments while ensuring practical and sustainable improvements to the operation of the public sector.

The final implementation plan and allocation of savings across government has not yet been finalised.

Treasurer

879. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Special Minister of State (representing the Treasurer): In relation to the Regarding the nine efficiency and expenditure reduction measures detailed in Budget Paper No. 3 page 105, Table 1.24: Please provide a table detailing for each of the nine savings areas in 2018–19, the value of savings allocated to the:—

- (a) Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources;

- (b) Department of Education and Training;
- (c) Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning;
- (d) Department of Health and Human Services;
- (e) Department of Justice and Regulation;
- (f) Department of Premier and Cabinet;
- (g) Department of Treasury and Finance;
- (h) Parliament (including Victorian Auditor-General's office); and
- (i) Courts.

ANSWER:

Implementation of Labor's Financial Statement 2014 savings and efficiencies will provide funding capacity to support the delivery of the Government's election commitments while ensuring practical and sustainable improvements to the operation of the public sector.

The final implementation plan and allocation of savings across government has not yet been finalised.

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.*

Thursday, 3 September 2015

Health

733. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): what were the dates of meetings with any representative from the board of the Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation between 1 December 2014 and 23 June 2015.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In 2009, the previous Victorian Labor Government secured \$1 billion to build a world-leading comprehensive cancer centre in Parkville.

The Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre will be the engine room of the new Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre. Housed in an architecturally stunning and ambitious new building, it will be a larger hospital delivering more care to more patients and delivering world-class research to develop the next wave of cancer breakthroughs.

As Minister for Health I meet and speak with representatives from across the health sector on a regular basis, in both formal and less formal settings

Health

734. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): what were the dates of meetings with any representative from the board of the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre between 1 December 2014 and 23 June 2015.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

In 2009, the previous Victorian Labor Government secured \$1 billion to build a world leading comprehensive cancer centre in Parkville.

The Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre will be the engine room of the new Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre. Housed in an architecturally stunning and ambitious new building, it will be a larger hospital delivering more care to more patients and delivering world class research to develop the next wave of cancer breakthroughs.

As Minister for Health I meet and speak with representatives from across the health sector on a regular basis, in both formal and less formal settings. It would not be reasonable, or in some cases fair, to outline the occasion or circumstances in which I have met or spoken with members or representative of any particular organisation.

Mental health

765. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Mental Health): in relation to the review of the \$5.88 million funding for mental health programs:

- (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:

There is no plan for a review such as is described in the question.

Families and children

798. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: what was the turnover rate for child protection practitioners by employment level between 1 July 2014 and 31 December 2014.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The turnover rate for child protection practitioners by employment level between 1 July 2014 and 31 December 2014 is broken down as follows:

Classification	Turnover Rate
CPP-2	17.90%
CPP-3	25.70%
CPP-4	10.80%
CPP-5	8.30%
CPP-6	3.80%
Total CPP	13.80%

The 2015-16 State Budget resources an additional 148.8 FTE workers in child protection to meet the impact of 10 000 additional reports forecast for 2015-16—the largest ever single increase to the number of child protection positions.

These significant improvements will give the Department of Health and Human Services a greater capacity to respond to the increasing number of children being reported to child protection, to investigate reports where required and to provide longer term intervention and support where necessary.

Treasurer

814. MS DUNN — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Treasurer): In relation to the method of calculation of the reduction in value of regenerated forest, given that —

- (a) in 2011-12 and 2012-13 VicForests reported that 3824 hectares of forests had been submitted for planned logging, and would be expected to reduce the biological timber assets by \$6.3 million, implying a value of \$1647 per hectare of regenerated forest; and
- (b) the VicForests annual report of 2013-14 reported that a reduction of 23 546.8 hectares of standing timber would result in a reduction in value of \$2 455 000 of regenerated forest, which equates to a value of \$104 per hectare —

there appears to have been a change in the method of calculation of the reduced value of regenerated forest, please provide detail on:

- (1) the current method for calculating the reduction in value of regenerated forest.
- (2) the previous method for calculating the reduction in value of regenerated forest.
- (3) the reason or rationale for the change in the calculation method.

ANSWER:

The timber available for harvest by VicForests is on its balance sheet as biological assets. This includes capitalised regeneration costs. The method for calculating biological assets is listed in note 1 (I) of the VicForests annual report.

There have been two relevant changes to the method for calculating biological assets. Firstly, from 1 July 2009, VicForests started capitalising regeneration costs onto its balance sheet. Prior to this, VicForests expensed regeneration costs in its operating statement in the year they occurred. The capitalised regeneration costs do not include costs incurred before 1 July 2009. This change reflects the fact that regeneration costs generate an asset (timber that will be available for harvest in the future) and is consistent with accounting standard AASB 141 Agriculture. Secondly, since and including the 2013-14 Annual Report, all timber resources available for harvesting are reported on VicForests' balance sheet. Prior to this, the timber estate was split between VicForests and the then Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI). Regenerated coupes were transferred from VicForests to DEPI, once DEPI accepted the coupes. There is no longer transfer of regenerated coupes from VicForests to a department. This change was required by the 2013 changes to the Sustainable Forests (Timber) Act 2004.

In relation to comment (a), page 13 of the VicForests 2010-11 Annual Report refers to 3824 hectares of regenerated coupes submitted by VicForests for acceptance by DSE. The \$6.3 million was an estimate of associated regeneration costs. A portion of these costs were expensed prior to 1 July 2009.

In relation to comment (b), page 57 of the VicForests 2012-13 Annual Report refers to DEPI accepting 23 546.8 hectares of forest from VicForests. Only a portion of this forest was the return of regenerated forest. It also included other coupes returned to the Department, such as thinned coupes and road line coupes. And of the regenerated forest returned to the Department, only a portion of the regeneration costs occurred after 1 July 2009. The \$2 454 869 refers to the capitalised regeneration costs that were incurred after 1 July 2009 and transferred to DEPI with the return of the forest.

Education

828. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to the Victorian Registration and Qualifications 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 Registration and Qualifications 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 as follows:

The Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority incurred no costs associated with 5 April 2015 Easter Sunday Public Holiday, as this was not a business day for the Authority.

The 2015 Grand Final Eve Public Holiday would be treated as all public holidays that occur on a business day and therefore salaries would be processed accordingly and not incur any additional costs such as penalty rates for the Authority or adjustment to salary costs.

Small business, innovation and trade

860. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Acting Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade): In relation to the Acting Minister’s specific portfolio responsibilities for small business, innovation and trade:

- (1) How many portfolio related stakeholder events did the Acting Minister attend between 23 May 2015 and 31 July 2015.
- (2) How many departmental event briefs did the Acting Minister’s office receive from the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources regarding events attended between 23 May 2015 and 31 July 2015.
- (3) How many event briefs did the Acting Minister sign off and return to the department between 23 May 2015 and 31 July 2015.

ANSWER:

The Government does not release diary information, nor comment on the ordinary course of government business.

Small business, innovation and trade

862. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Acting Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade): In relation to the Acting Minister’s specific portfolio responsibilities for small business, innovation and trade:

- (1) How many departmental briefs for noting did the Acting Minister’s office receive from the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources between 23 May 2015 and 31 July 2015.
- (2) How many of the above briefs for noting were signed off and returned to the department by the Acting Minister between 23 May 2015 and 31 July 2015.

ANSWER:

The Government does not comment on the ordinary course of government business.

Small business, innovation and trade

863. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Acting Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade): In relation to the Acting Minister’s specific portfolio responsibilities for small business, innovation and trade:

- (1) How many departmental briefs requiring Ministerial decision or approval did the Acting Minister’s office receive from the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources between 23 May 2015 and 31 July 2015.
- (2) How many of the above briefs for Ministerial decision or approval were signed off and returned to the department by the Acting Minister between 23 May 2015 and 31 July 2015.

ANSWER:

The government does not comment on the ordinary course of government business.

Small business, innovation and trade

864. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Acting Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade): In relation to the Acting Minister’s specific portfolio responsibilities for small business, innovation and trade:

- (1) How many media announcements did the Acting Minister make with the assistance of the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources between 23 May 2015 and 31 July 2015.
- (2) How many portfolio related media releases were prepared for the Acting Minister by the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources between 23 May 2015 and 31 July 2015.

ANSWER:

The media portal is available at www.premier.vic.gov.au.

Small business, innovation and trade

865. MR RICH-PHILLIPS — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Acting Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade): In relation to the Acting Minister’s specific portfolio responsibilities for small business, innovation and trade:

- (1) How many technology or innovation related government grants were approved by the Acting Minister between 23 May 2015 and 31 July 2015.
- (2) How many small business related government grants were approved by the Acting Minister between 23 May 2015 and 31 July 2015.

ANSWER:

The Government provides grants for companies that qualify and are eligible through existing programs.

Ambulance services

868. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (representing the Minister for Ambulance Services): In relation to Ambulance 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 Ambulance 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 Ambulance Victoria for the 2014-15 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

872. MS WOOLDRIDGE — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (representing the Minister for Health as the lead Minister for Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)): In relation to the DHHS:

- (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 DHHS 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 the Department of Health and Human Services for the 2014-15 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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