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**PARTY ABBREVIATIONS**

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



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*Answers to the following questions on notice were circulated on the date shown.  
Questions have been incorporated from the notice paper of the Legislative Assembly.  
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, 4 August 2015**

**Premier**

**507. MS PATTEN** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Premier): In relation to media training by Mr Marcus West for Cabinet Ministers:

- (1) What is the primary focus of Mr West's activities.
- (2) Which Ministers are participating in Mr West's classes.
- (3) What is the cost of Mr West's services broken down per participant and as a total cost.
- (4) What other expenses are being paid to Mr West.
- (5) Does the payment for this training come from the Members individual training allowance.

**ANSWER:**

Mr West provided professional communications services to a number of Ministers.

Communicating with constituents, stakeholders and the media is an important part of any Minister's job. As in any profession, training is undertaken as a matter of course.

The costs were in line with industry standards.

**Premier**

**526. MS PATTEN** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Premier):

- (1) How many staff are employed within the Premiers office to provide advice on LGBTIQ matters.
- (2) What dates were they appointed and what costs are incurred on salary and other expenses.

**ANSWER:**

We're putting equality back on the agenda.

Our Labor Government is proud to stand with LGBTI Victorians as we strive for equity, fairness and decency in our community.

Policy advisers have been employed to advise me across all areas of government responsibility. I am also advised by Victoria's first Minister for Equality.

Ministerial Office staff are employed under the Public Administration Act 2004. Policy advisers were employed upon entering government.

**Local government**

**557. MR DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Local Government): In relation to the independent Local Government Electoral Review Panel which carried out a comprehensive review of Victoria's local government electoral system and made 55 recommendations for reform, do you plan to implement all or any of the report's recommendations and, if so, will this be done in time for the 2016 local government elections.

**ANSWER:**

I acknowledge the Member for Southern Metropolitan Region's question concerning potential reforms to the local government election system prior to the forthcoming council general elections scheduled for October 2016.

As Minister for Local Government I am committed to ensuring council electoral processes are fair and transparent.

The Government has a well publicized agenda for the Local Government portfolio. That agenda received a mandate at the previous election.

The Government will bring Legislation to the house that implements that agenda at the appropriate times.

**Health**

**567. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): Does the women's hospital pilot program, which was an election commitment, require funding from a budget allocation, or is this a promise yet to be delivered.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Andrews Labour Government is in the process of delivering on the election commitment for more choices for mothers from pregnancy to birth and beyond.

**Planning**

**569. MS DUNN** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to the Building Amendment (Private Bushfire Shelter Construction) Interim Regulations 2009 how many applications for permits under the Regulations have been —

- (a) received;
- (b) granted.

**ANSWER:**

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

It is not possible to report on the number of building permit applications received, as these are submitted to individual building surveyors who are not obliged to report such information to the Victorian Building Authority.

Information regarding building permit transactions under the as the Building Act 1993 and Building Regulations 2006 must be kept by each relevant building surveyor, who is required to report to the Victorian Building Authority on matters such as payment of levies and the issuing of permits.

Regulation 322 requires that, within seven days after the end of each month, building surveyors must provide the Victorian Building Authority with details of building permits issued during that month.

Based on information from the Victorian Building Authority database of building levy returns, 112 building permits have been granted in relation to private bushfire shelters. These permits were granted during the period between September 2010 and 12 May 2015.

**Health**

**574. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): Is there any Department of Health and Human Services funding in Budget Paper No. 2, page 58, under the lines "Adjustments" or "Savings" and, if so, what health programs or initiatives are included and how much funding is allocated for each.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The “Adjustments” line reflects the net impact of creating not yet allocated contingencies, together with the release of contingencies as appropriate.

The “Savings” line incorporates Whole of Victorian Government savings and efficiencies as detailed in Budget Paper No. 3, page 105. These savings are:

- Abolish taxpayer funded political advertising
- Implementing electronic purchasing
- More efficient government car fleet arrangements
- Reduce government travel expenses
- Reduce hard copy reports tabled in Parliament
- Reduce the number of executive officers; and
- Reduce the use of labour hire firms.

These are general corporate savings and efficiencies, rather than reductions to specific programs or initiatives.

**Health**

**575. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): How many people accessed the Dental Concession in 2013-14 and 2014-15 and how many are estimated to access the Dental Concession in 2015-16 and 2016-17.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- in 2013-14, 342 428 people with concession cards or dependents of card holders were treated in public dental services.
- in 2014-15, 275 521 people with concession cards or dependents of card holders were treated in public dental services up until 31 May.
- The overall budget for public dental fell between 2013-14 and 2014-15 because of lower Commonwealth funding under the first National Partnership. The Child Dental Benefits Schedule also came into effect in 2014. These two factors resulted in a reduction in the number of people accessing dental concessions between the two years.
- Due to the lack of clarity and certainty in relation to future Commonwealth investment in public dental services, the Department of Health and Human Services is not in a position to estimate how many people with concession cards or dependents of card holders will be treated in public dental services in 2015-16 and 2016-17.

**Health**

**576. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): How many people under 12 years of age accessed the Dental Concession in 2013-14 and 2014-15 and how many are estimated to access the Dental Concession in 2015-16 and 2016-17.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- in 2013-14, 79 600 children under 12 with concession cards or dependents of card holders were treated in public dental services.
- in 2014-15, 58 278 children under 12 with concession cards or dependents of card holders were treated in public dental services up until 31 May 2015.
- The overall budget for public dental fell between 2013-14 and 2014-15 because of lower Commonwealth funding under the first National Partnership. The Child Dental Benefits Schedule also came into effect in 2014. These two factors resulted in a reduction in the number of people accessing dental concessions between the two years.
- Due to the lack of clarity and certainty in relation to future Commonwealth investment in public dental services, the Department of Health and Human Services is not in a position to estimate how many people with concession cards or dependents of card holders will be treated in public dental services in 2015-16 and 2016-17.

**Health**

**578. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): Why does Melbourne Health have a deficit budget agreed between the Minister and the Chair in its annual Statement of Priorities.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Melbourne Health’s Statement of Priorities was unsigned at the time of the Andrews Labor Government taking office, and the budget provided to Melbourne Health by the former Liberal government was insufficient to meet Melbourne Health’s expected growth in demand and costs.

Melbourne Health, along with all Victorian health services, is experiencing financial pressures following \$1 billion in cuts to health by the previous government. That is why, in its first budget, the Andrews Labor Government provided an extra \$1.38 billion for hospitals, ambulances and health programs.

The agreed deficit was considered a manageable target and the Department of Health & Human Services has worked with Melbourne Health to identify additional funding and also monitor Melbourne’s Health efforts to improve efficiency.

**Treasurer**

**579. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Treasurer): In relation to Budget Paper No. 5, page 40, Note 20(c), General Government Asset Contingencies, with the line titled “Decisions made but not yet allocated”, how much funding for health assets is included in each year in this line item and for what specific assets.

**ANSWER:**

The 2015-16 Victorian Budget funded in excess of \$700 million total estimated investment (TEI) for new assets in the health and human services portfolio. This included over \$400 million TEI for election commitments.

Funding for election commitments (including those related to health assets) not announced as part of the 2015-16 Victorian Budget is held within the ‘Decisions made but not yet allocated’ contingency. Final approval and funding for these projects will be announced in future budgets.

**Regional development**

**594. MS BATH** — To ask the Minister for Regional Development: Will the Latrobe Valley Industry and Infrastructure Fund be continued and, if so, will it be funded to the full amount as announced in the 2014-15 Budget.

**ANSWER:**

An initiative of the previous Labor Government, the Latrobe Valley Industry and Infrastructure Fund closed for applications on 30 June 2014.

41 projects with a total grant amount of \$14.9 million were approved under the fund.

The Andrews Labor Government has established the \$500 million Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund and will provide funding support to all of regional Victoria, including the Latrobe Valley.

**Agriculture**

**600. MR YOUNG** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture: How many game licences have been issued by the Game Management Authority in 2015 to date.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Between 1 January and 10 June 2015, the Game Management Authority issued 2853 new Game Licences and processed 9207 Game Licence renewals.

Game Licences have a common expiry date of 31 December each year, resulting in a large number of licences being processed in the months of November and December.

**Agriculture**

**601. MR YOUNG** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture: How many compliance officers are currently employed by the Game Management Authority.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Game Management Authority employs six compliance officers across the State.

The Game Management Authority works closely with Victoria Police members and compliance staff from Parks Victoria, the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning during significant operations, such as duck season opening weekend. This multi-agency arrangement has been in place for many years and has been very successful.

**Agriculture**

**605. MR YOUNG** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture: What is the Game Management Authority's current staffing level.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Game Management Authority currently employs 18 staff across the State in various functions, including compliance, game management, operational policy and business support. Nine staff are based in Melbourne and nine are based in regional locations.

The GMA works closely with Victoria Police members and compliance staff from Parks Victoria, the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning during significant operations, such as duck season opening weekend. This multi-agency arrangement has been in place for many years and has been very successful.

### Roads and road safety

- 611. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): With a significant projected increase in demand for freight movements over the coming years, what is the Government doing to improve and increase rail freight movements in Victoria.

#### ANSWER:

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

I topic of rail freight does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities and you should raise it with the Minister for Public Transport.

### Agriculture

- 620. MS DUNN** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture: In relation to the timber industry in each of the Central Highlands, East Gippsland, Gippsland, North-East and West Regional Forest Agreement regions of Victoria:

- (1) How many workers are employed as employees, either full-time or part-time in —
  - (a) native forest logging and transportation operations of any kind;
  - (b) native forest support services of any kind;
  - (c) timber plantations of any kind;
  - (d) saw-log mills; and
  - (e) paper manufacturing.
- (2) How many workers are employed as contractors, either full-time or part-time in —
  - (a) native forest logging and transportation operations of any kind;
  - (b) native forest support services of any kind;
  - (c) timber plantations of any kind;
  - (d) saw-log mills; and
  - (e) paper manufacturing.
- (3) How many workers are employed as sub-contractors, either full-time or part-time in —
  - (a) native forest logging and transportation operations of any kind;
  - (b) native forest support services of any kind;
  - (c) timber plantations of any kind;
  - (d) saw-log mills; and
  - (e) paper manufacturing.
- (4) How many workers are employed as owner-operators, either full-time or part-time in —
  - (a) native forest logging and transportation operations of any kind;
  - (b) native forest support services of any kind;
  - (c) timber plantations of any kind;
  - (d) saw-log mills; and
  - (e) paper manufacturing.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

As at December 2012, more than 21,200 people were employed in Victoria's forest industries.

I am advised that the department does not have the data sought by the Member. Such employment data is not collected at a Regional Forest Agreement region level.

**Training and skills**

**621. MR DAVIS** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills: In relation to the Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) that are contracted as providers of Victorian Government subsidised training to new students in 2015, what are the payments to date for 2014-15 for each individual RTO that has a union affiliation, in tabular form, and what is the purpose of those payments.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Department of Education and Training (DET) is open and transparent in relation to organisations that receive funding through the Victorian Training Guarantee (VTG). This information is publicly available at: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/training/learners/courses/pages/rtolist.aspx>

Affiliations with unions or other associations are a matter for the individual RTO.

The Department does not collect information regarding the affiliation of RTOs with trade unions, business or other associations as part of its entry to market process.

The current arrangements have been in place at least since the commencement of the Victorian Training Guarantee in 2009.

The Andrews Government at the last election committed to crack down on dodgy providers that flourished under the former Liberal government and dangerously undermined the confidence in our training system.

We are meeting our commitments to crack down on low quality training by completing the Quality Assurance Review and I have recently released our response to this Review. However, I can assure the Member that under this government, any RTO that is not delivering relevant and quality training will be dealt with strongly-regardless of their affiliations.

**Attorney-General**

**622. MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Attorney-General): In relation to the appointment of Richard Niall QC as Solicitor-General:

- (1) What declarations were required by Mr Niall in relation to conflicts of interests and matters surrounding prior work and activities and what was the nature of the declarations, if any, made by Mr Niall.
- (2) What probity checks were undertaken and what matters, if any, were disclosed.
- (3) Will Mr Niall declare any financial donations or donations in kind, such as work undertaken pro-bono for the Labor Party or other organisations including any legal work undertaken concerning the East West Link.
- (4) Has Mr Niall made or will Mr Niall make declarations to the AEC regarding any party political donations either financial or in kind, including any that are relevant to advice or support provided to the ALP in the matter of East West Link.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) Candidates for statutory appointment complete a declaration of private interests prior to their appointment being made.
- (2) The following checks were undertaken with no results received:
  - National Police Record Check
  - check of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission's register of banned/disqualified persons
  - check of the Australian Financial Services Authority National Personal Insolvency Index.
- (3) Statutory appointees provide an annual declaration of private interests and declare relevant matters at other times as they arise.
- (4) The Government expects statutory appointees to comply with all legal requirements, including in relation to political donations.

**Corrections**

- 623.** **MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Corrections): In relation to the increase in prisoner numbers in Victoria in the last 12 months, what percentage is attributable to refusal or breach of parole.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

The number of prisoners in Victoria increased by two per cent between 31 May 2014 and 31 May 2015. None of the two per cent increase is attributable to an increase in prisoners with the most serious offence of cancellation of parole. Specific data on refusal of parole is not available.

**Police**

- 626.** **MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Police) in relation to issues of sexual harassment at Victoria Police:

- (1) What sexual harassment training is provided at the Victorian Police Academy to new recruits.
- (2) Is sexual harassment training provided to all members of Victoria Police, and if so —
  - (a) is the training mandatory; and
  - (b) is a refresher training provided, and if so, how often does it occur.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) Sexual harassment training provided at the Victorian Police Academy to new recruits

All Victoria Police recruits receive training in relation to appropriate behaviours in the workplace which is focused on developing skills, capability and confidence in conflict awareness, leadership, professional relationships and resilience. The training includes recognising sexual harassment, preventing unacceptable behaviour and identifying options and support available.

- (2) Provision of sexual harassment training across Victoria Police including mandatory and refresher training



Sexual harassment is addressed specifically through a range of training programs on conflict awareness, resilience and health, wellbeing and leadership, professional relationships and management.

This training is extended to development and promotional programs for Senior Sergeants and Sergeants to develop a robust workplace culture that supports victims, organisational values, Code of Conduct, Code of Ethics and Human Rights of all employees and forms part of the assessment process for promotion.

Training can be either voluntary or specified as required on an as needs basis through local management risk assessment.

In November 2014, Victoria Police commissioned the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission to conduct an independent review into sex discrimination and sexual harassment, including predatory behaviour, among Victoria Police personnel. The review aims to identify actions to promote safety and equality in Victoria Police. Under its Terms of Reference the review will gather information about the nature and extent of sex discrimination and sexual harassment, including predatory behaviour, in Victoria Police. The Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission will use this information to develop an action plan for Victoria Police, which they will then independently monitor and report on over three years.

### Police

**627. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Police): In relation to issues of bullying at Victoria Police as reported by The Police Association of Victoria:

- (1) What bullying training is provided at the Victorian Police Academy to new recruits.
- (2) Is bullying training provided to all members of Victoria Police, and if so:
  - (a) is the training mandatory; and
  - (b) is a refresher training provided, and if so, how often does it occur.
- (3) Will the Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission conduct a review into bullying within Victoria Police.

### ANSWER:

I am advised that:

- (1) What bullying training is provided at the Victorian Police Academy to new recruits?

All Victoria Police recruits receive training in relation to appropriate behaviours in the workplace which is focused on developing skills, capability and confidence in conflict awareness, leadership, professional relationships and resilience. The training includes recognising sexual harassment, preventing unacceptable behaviour and identifying options and support available.

- (2) Provision of bullying training across Victoria Police including mandatory and refresher training

Anti-bullying training is addressed specifically through a range of programs on conflict awareness, resilience and health, well being and leadership, professional relationships and management, to illustrate appropriate behaviours in the workplace. This training is extended to development and promotional programs for Senior Sergeants and Sergeants to develop a robust workplace culture that supports victims, organisational values, Code of Conduct, Code of Ethics and Human Rights of all employees and forms part of the assessment process for promotion.

The training is mandatory for recruit foundation training, and Sergeant and Senior Sergeant promotion qualification. Outside of this, the training is voluntary or on an as needs basis through local management risk assessment.

- (3) Will the Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission (VEOHRC) conduct a review into bullying within Victoria Police?

Victoria Police has advised that they have not asked the VEOHRC to conduct an investigation into bullying.

**Attorney-General**

**628. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Attorney-General): In relation to Personal Safety Intervention Orders, what impact have they had on waiting times at the Magistrates' Court of Victoria.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Magistrates' Court

In 2013-14, Personal Safety Intervention Order (PSIO) matters comprised 2.82 per cent of the total cases finalised in the Magistrates' Court of Victoria. While the number of PSIO matters has increased over the period 2009-10 to 2013-14, the proportion of PSIO cases has remained between 2.8 per cent and 3.56 per cent of total Magistrates' Court matters (please refer to MCV Annual Report 2013/2014).

Delay can vary considerably across court locations and Court Lists. Accordingly, it is difficult to quantify the impact of changes to the number of PSIO cases on waiting times at the Magistrates' Court.

In recent years, individual Magistrates' Courts have progressively increased the number of lists, list sizes and the amount of hearing time devoted to both Family Violence & Personal Safety Intervention Orders, and these lists now represent a substantial and growing component of every court's workload.

In addition, in order to help respond to demand pressures, rules of court were made in May 2014 delegating powers to Judicial Registrars to deal with applications made under the Personal Safety Intervention Orders Act 2010 (the PSIO Act). Judicial Registrars now hear the PSIO lists at some court locations, allowing Magistrates more time to hear Family Violence Intervention Order matters. For the six-month period from October 2014 to March 2015, the eight Judicial Registrars of the Magistrates' Court finalised approximately 20 per cent of all PSIO matters.

Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria

It should also be noted that 1181 PSIO matters were resolved by the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria (DSCV) in 2013-14. This resulted in an estimated saving of 590 magistrate sitting days, based on the time required for a contested hearing.

An amendment to the PSIO Act that commenced on 1 March 2015 provides for a Registrar of the Magistrates' Court to refuse a PSIO application and divert the matter to the DSCV. Early indications are that this referral mechanism is very effective.

**Families and children**

**630. MS CROZIER** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: What is the percentage of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander children attending three and four year old kindergarten in each Victorian local government area in 2015.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Department collects data on kindergarten enrolments for three and four year old Aboriginal children at the local government area (LGA) level.

The Department does not calculate the participation rate, or percentage, of three and four year children attending kindergarten at the LGA level because the Australian Bureau of Statistics does not provide population data for age cohorts of Aboriginal children at this scale.

In 2014, Victoria achieved a state-wide kindergarten participation rate of 96.4 per cent for all eligible children and for Aboriginal children the participation rate was 79.6 per cent.

Three and four year old kindergarten is free for Aboriginal children in Victoria and the Victorian Government is working with Victorian Aboriginal peak organisations, funded kindergarten services and maternal child health centres to get this important message out to Aboriginal families.

### Families and children

**631. MS CROZIER** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to the announced \$50 000 investment to support new community playgroups, what is the breakdown list of organisations that have received funding and how much funding did each receive.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The Andrews Labor Government has provided \$50 000 to Playgroup Victoria, the peak body for Victorian Community playgroups, to administer the 'Great Start Community Playgroup Fund'.

Grants either of \$500 or \$1000 are available for new community playgroups to purchase equipment and mentoring support to assist them with set up and establishment.

Playgroup Victoria commenced taking applications from new community playgroups on 1 June 2015 with funding available from July 2015 on a rolling basis.

Application guidelines are available on the Playgroup Victoria website. I understand that seventeen applications have been received since the grant scheme commenced and these are currently being assessed by Playgroup Victoria.

### Women

**635. MS CROZIER** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Women): In relation to the review of performance measures for the Office of Women's Affairs:

- (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 new department objectives and objective indicators were established as a result of the 2014 State election, subsequent machinery of government changes and department restructure. Furthermore, changes were made to address the recommendations from the Victorian Auditor General's (VAGO) 2014 Report into Public Sector Performance Measurement and Reporting.

There is no commitment more important to the Andrews Labor Government than preventing violence against women and children. The changes to the machinery of government reflect the whole-of-government focus that is required to end this harm.

The DPC review of performance measures was an internal process and did not incur costs.

In line with VAGO recommendations, DPC have reviewed all performance measures, including for the Office for Women, to better reflect the department's objectives and performance indicators.

The new performance measures are included in the 2015-16 Budget Papers.

**Planning**

**637. MR DAVIS** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to the review of the Brunswick Terminal Station:

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

**ANSWER:**

The main hearings for the Brunswick Terminal Station Advisory Committee were held on 16 and 17 June 2015 with an additional final day to be held on 16 July 2015.

The fee for the Advisory Committee is set at the current rate for a Panel appointed under Part 8 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 (the Act).

Planning Panels Victoria nominated experienced Panel Members to the Minister for Planning for appointment to the Advisory Committee pursuant to section 151 of the Act. The members appointed were Senior Panel Member Nick Wimbush (Chair) and Sessional Member Robin Crocker.

The release of the Advisory Committee’s report is at the Minister’s discretion.

Information regarding the Brunswick Terminal Station Advisory Committee is publically available on the Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning website.

**Planning**

**638. MR DAVIS** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to the review of the residential planning schemes for the Moonee Valley Racecourse:

- (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:**

A Ministerial Advisory Committee was appointed to consider the proposed redevelopment of the Moonee Valley Racecourse by the previous Minister for Planning on 19 March 2013.

The Advisory Committee provided its report to the previous Minister for Planning on 13 September 2013, and the process has concluded.

The fee for the Advisory Committee was set at the rate for a Panel appointed under Part 8 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 (the Act). The cost of the Advisory Committee was met by the project proponent.

The Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee specified that members must have knowledge and experience in strategic planning, transport, community facilities, including open space and sport and recreational planning, social planning, environmental sustainability, geotechnical and hydrological, heritage and design and built form. Planning Panels Victoria nominated experienced Panel Members to the Minister for Planning for appointment to the Advisory Committee pursuant to section 151 of the Act. The members appointed were Chief Panel Member Kathy Mitchell (Chair) and Sessional Members Gordon Anderson, Stephen Hancock, Jim Holdsworth and Lucinda Peterson.

The Advisory Committee report was publically released on 25 September 2014.

Information regarding the Moonee Valley Racecourse Redevelopment Advisory Committee, including the Terms of Reference, is publically available on the Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning website.

**Planning**

**642. MR DAVIS** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Planning): How many times, since 12 January 2015, have the Independent Advisory Committee established to consider an application to expand the John Fawkner Private Hospital met, and on what dates did they meet.

**ANSWER:**

The Committee was appointed by the Minister for Planning on 5 March 2015.

A Directions Hearing was held on 31 March 2015.

The Committee attended a site visit on 4 May 2015.

Hearings have been held on 5, 6, 20, 22, 28, 29 May; 5, 10, 18 June; the final day of the hearing was held on 10 July 2015.

**Planning**

**643. MR DAVIS** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Planning): In relation to the review to consider an application to expand the John Fawkner Private Hospital:

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

**ANSWER:**

The hearings of the John Fawkner Hospital Advisory Committee are scheduled to finish by 10 July 2015.

The fee for the Committee is set at the current rate for a Panel appointed under Part 8 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 (the Act).

Planning Panels Victoria nominated experienced Panel Members to the Minister for Planning for appointment to the Committee pursuant to section 151 of the Act. The members appointed were Senior Panel Member Jenny Moles (Chair) and Sessional Member Bob Evans.

The release of the Committee’s report is at the Minister’s discretion.

Information regarding the John Fawkner Hospital Advisory Committee is publically available on the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website.

**Sport**

**647. MR DRUM** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Sport): In relation to the Simonds Stadium transformation project:

- (1) How many expressions of interest were received by the Government from potential project managers.
- (2) Who were they.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The Project Team for Simonds Stadium Stage 4 Redevelopment reviewed 15 Expression of Interests following a public process.
- (2) 5 organisations were provided an Invitation to Tender, with RCP being appointed as the successful Project Manager.

### Sport

**649. MR DRUM** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Sport): In relation to the financial contribution of the Andrews Government towards the Rip Curl Pro event at Bells Beach:

- (1) How much was it.
- (2) What does it fund.

### ANSWER:

As you would be aware, due to the highly competitive nature of securing and retaining major international sporting events, the funding amount that the State Government allocates to secure events is not publicly disclosed. This has been the policy and practice of successive Victorian Governments since the introduction of the Major Events strategy in 1991. It protects Victoria's interests in maintaining its title as Australia's major events capital.

Funding provided by the State Government is directed towards operational costs to stage the event, such as event infrastructure, onsite broadcast facilities and international marketing campaigns.

The Rip Curl Pro, held at Bell Beach, is the world's longest running professional surfing event and is a pre-eminent regional event on the Victorian major events calendar. It is part of the World Surf League World Championship series that is held at a number of destinations across the world. The 2015 Rip Curl Pro was held from 1-12 April and was attended by an estimated 32 000 spectators. Mick Fanning won the Men's title and Carissa Moore the Women's.

### Sport

**650. MR DRUM** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Sport): In relation to the review of funding to support programs for sporting clubs:

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

### ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Minister for Sport has requested Sport and Recreation Victoria to review how government support to clubs through club support programs can be maximised, with the aims of streamlining administration, getting improved physical activity outcomes and better supporting clubs' needs.

The review is being undertaken by Sport and Recreation Victoria and staffing, plus any ancillary costs have not been disaggregated. They have been absorbed in Sport and Recreation Victoria's administration costs. Results of the review in the form of amended program guidelines are expected to be made public in September 2015.

### Regional development

**651. MR DRUM** — To ask the Minister for Regional Development: How much money has been provided towards the Ballarat Station precinct project from 1 December 2014 to date.

**ANSWER:**

The Victorian Government has committed \$25 million towards the Ballarat Station Precinct Redevelopment Project (the Project). The Project will be delivered through the Government's Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund (RJIF), which was launched on 29 June 2015 and came into operation on 1 July 2015.

The aim of the Project is to facilitate the revitalisation and transformation of the Ballarat Station precinct into a commercial and cultural hub, improve public realm and activation, and leverage private sector investment towards an integrated hotel and convention centre (including the remediation and adaptive re-use of the Heritage Goods Shed). This is consistent with the Ballarat Station Precinct Master Plan that was released in 2014.

Regional Development Victoria is the lead agency tasked with the delivery of the Project. The Project governance arrangements have been established and the procurement process to engage the Project's key external advisors is currently underway. The market sounding, commercial feasibility analysis and the site due diligence are expected to commence later this month. These investigations will inform the market engagement phase, which will commence in late 2015 and seek commercial bids from the private sector.

The outcomes of the market, commercial and technical investigations, the subsequent formal market engagement process, as well as the agreed commercial and contractual terms between the Government and the successful private project consortia, will determine the allocation of the \$25 million. No expenditure on the Project has occurred to date.

**Corrections**

**658. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Corrections): How many prisoners were in the Victorian male prison system on —

- (a) 8 June 2015; and
- (b) 15 June 2015.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

On the morning of 30 June 2015, there were 5798 male prisoners.

**Corrections**

**659. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Corrections): How many prisoners were in the Victorian female prison system on —

- (a) 8 June 2015; and
- (b) 15 June 2015.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

On the morning of 30 June 2015, there were 421 female prisoners.

**Corrections**

**660. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Corrections): How many male prisoners were held in police cells in Victoria at 7am on —

- (a) 8 June 2015; and
- (b) 15 June 2015.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

There were 112 male prisoners in police cells at 7 am on 30 June 2015.

**Corrections**

**661. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Corrections): How many female prisoners were held in police cells in Victoria at 7am on —

- (a) 8 June 2015; and
- (b) 15 June 2015.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

There were seven female prisoners in police cells at 7am on 30 June 2015.

**Corrections**

**662. MR O'DONOHUE** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Corrections): How many current parole orders were there on —

- (a) 8 June 2015; and
- (b) 15 June 2015.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

There were 1139 current parole orders on 30 June 2015.

**Training and skills**

**677. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills: How much money has been provided to Swinburne TAFE to reopen the Lilydale Campus between 1 December 2014 and 23 June 2015.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

Swinburne University decided to disinvest its Lilydale campus site which it closed in 2013. In the interim, Swinburne University has continued to maintain the site and facilities until such time that they can be handed over to a new owner. As such, for the period between 1 December 2014 and 23 June 2015, Swinburne University has not received any government funding towards the re-opening of the Lilydale Campus.

The Andrews Government has made a firm commitment to re-open the site for the delivery of high quality TAFE and higher education services to enhance future employment and career opportunities for our kids and support the needs of local businesses in the Yarra Ranges. To this aim, we have allocated \$10 million from the \$320 million TAFE Rescue Fund to re-open the Lilydale campus, of which \$1 million will go to assist Melba Support Service in providing a permanent home on the site.

In addition, there is funding for the inclusion of a Tech School on the site, part of our \$125 million Tech School initiative-which will introduce students to the TAFE and higher education environment while they're still at school,



providing them with a window into the future world of work, and linking a broad range of pathways in science, mathematics, technology and social sciences to integrated applied learning.

On Monday 15 June, Minister Merlino and I, together with Swinburne's Vice Chancellor Professor Linda Kristjanson, were pleased to announce the start of the Request for Proposal process for the sale and re-opening of Swinburne's former Lilydale campus.

The Request for Proposal is a significant step in re-opening the campus. The RFP is a robust process designed to identify a TAFE or dual sector universities capable of delivering high quality, innovative and viable TAFE and higher education services on the site. We have been working in close collaboration with Swinburne University to reach this point and will continue to do so until the conclusion of the process later this year.

The Lilydale campus will be re-opened in the first half of 2016.

### Industrial relations

**678. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Industrial Relations): How many meetings has the Minister or her office had with the Australian Workers Union and what were the dates of those meetings.

#### ANSWER:

The Victorian Government believes that stakeholder consultation plays an important role in the development of good public policy and accordingly we meet with a broad range of stakeholders. This government believes that constructive and collaborative relationships with unions and other stakeholders, compared to an adversarial approach, are more productive and do more to encourage investment and enhance the reputation of the State. We value our relationships and we are proud of our consultative approach. We will continue to engage with relevant stakeholders and seek their perspectives regularly.

### Industrial relations

**679. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Industrial Relations): How many meetings has the Minister or her office had with the Ambulance Employees Australia and what were the dates of those meetings.

#### ANSWER:

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### Energy and resources

**680. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the Victorian Energy Efficiency Target scheme, between 1 January 2015 and 23 June 2015, how many energy efficiency certificates have been created.

#### ANSWER:

The Victorian Energy Efficiency Target (VEET) scheme helps participating households and businesses save money by improving energy efficiency. The target for the VEET scheme for 2015 is 5.4 million Victorian energy efficiency certificates. Each certificate represents a tonne of greenhouse gas emissions that will be avoided through an energy efficiency improvement.

The Essential Services Commission has recorded that 2 601 714 Victorian energy efficiency certificates were created from the week beginning 29 December 2014 to the week beginning 22 June 2015.

**Environment, climate change and water**

**683. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water): What dates did the Alpine Advisory Committee hold meetings, between 1 December 2014 and 23 June 2015, and who of the Committee has attended.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that the Alpine Advisory Committee met once in the period between 1 December 2014 and 23 June 2015, on 8 December 2014. The attendance at that meeting is detailed in the list below:

- Ewan Waller (Chair)
- Andrew Dwyer
- Christopher Commins
- David Packham
- Geoffrey Burrowes
- Mervyn McGuire
- Neville (Walter) Wright
- Peter Attiwill
- Peter Roper
- Philip Davis
- Trudy Anderson
- Louise Perrin (via teleconference)
- Stephen Dingwall
- Ronald Moon.

**Racing**

**684. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Racing): What was the attendance of the Ballarat and District Trotting Club’s Boxing Day race meeting.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Attendance at the Ballarat & District Trotting Club’s Boxing Day race meeting on 26 December 2014 was 1891.

**Racing**

**685. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Racing): What was the attendance of the Hamilton Pacing Cup race meeting on 18 January 2015.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Attendance at the Hamilton Harness Racing Club's Pacing Cup Day race meeting on 18 January 2015 was 1800.

**Racing**

**686. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Racing): What was the attendance of the Stawell Harness race meeting on Australia Day 2015.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Attendance at the Stawell Harness Racing Club's Australia Day race meeting on 26 January 2015 was 498.

**Racing**

**687. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Racing): What was the attendance of the Avoca race meeting on Anzac Day 2015.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Attendance at the Avoca Shire Turf Club's Anzac Day race meeting on 25 April 2015 was 1305.

**Housing, disability and ageing**

**691. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — to ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing): How many people that were previously on the public housing waiting lists were housed at the Evo Apartments, Parkville, between 1 December 2014 and 25 December 2014.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Evo Apartments are not owned by the Secretary of the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) or by the Director of Housing. In addition, neither the Secretary of DHHS nor the Director of Housing manage the tenancies at the Evo Apartments. As such, no information is held about the residents by the Secretary of DHHS or the Director of Housing.

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**Consumer affairs, gaming and liquor regulation**

**693. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gaming and Liquor Regulation): What is the monthly hit count breakdown of the Consumer Affairs Victoria’s ‘Dob in a Scam’ page for —

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

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Monthly hit count breakdown of the Consumer Affairs Victoria’s ‘Dob in a Scam’ page for-

- (a) December 2014-488
- (b) January 2015-411
- (c) February 2015-453
- (d) March 2015-501
- (e) April 2015-590
- (f) May 2015-493

**Consumer affairs, gaming and liquor regulation**

**694. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gaming and Liquor Regulation): What has been the overall cost and the cost breakdown per advertising network since 1 December 2014 of the ‘Don’t Get Left in the Dark about Power Outage Safety’ advertising campaign.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

The question asked does not fall within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gaming and Liquor Regulation and would be better responded to by the Minister for Energy and Resources.

**Consumer affairs, gaming and liquor regulation**

**695. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gaming and Liquor Regulation): What is the monthly call breakdown of the Consumer Affairs Victoria’s ‘Travelling Con Men Hotline’ for:

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

- (f) May 2015.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Monthly call breakdown of the Consumer Affairs Victoria’s ‘Travelling Con Men Hotline’ for:

- (a) December 2014-92
- (b) January 2015-96
- (c) February 2015-36
- (d) March 2015-40
- (e) April 2015-14
- (f) May 2015-13

**Environment, climate change and water**

**696. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water): What is the breakdown per location of increased fish stocks as part of the Target One Million between 1 December 2014 and 23 June 2015.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

As the Target One Million fish stocks are the responsibilities of the Minister for Agriculture, you will need to redirect your question to the Hon Jaala Pulford MP.

**Emergency services**

**697. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Emergency Services): What is the monthly call breakdown of the ‘Victorian Emergency Recovery Information Line’ for:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

The monthly call breakdown of the ‘Victorian Emergency Recovery Information Line’ for:

Month	Call breakdown
December 2014	11
January 2015	19
February 2015	68

Month	Call breakdown
March 2015	14
April 2015	6
May 2015	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>121</b>

**Public transport**

**699. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Public Transport): What was the total funding provided to the Frankston Station precinct project between 1 December 2014 and 23 June 2015.

**ANSWER:**

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

Funding of \$1 million was allocated to the Frankston Station Precinct for the Financial Year 2014-15 which includes the above time period.

**Finance**

**702. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Finance): What is the total cost of payments and charges to WorkSafe cost centres for stationary, letterhead, signage or any other cost as a result of the name change from the Victorian WorkCover Authority between 1 December 2014 and 23 June 2015.

**ANSWER:**

This decision to restore the WorkSafe Victoria name demonstrates the Victorian Government’s commitment to health and safety.

A significant amount of existing material retained the WorkSafe brand, and remains in use including stationery, building signage and employee uniforms. Restoring the WorkSafe brand has resulted in some savings, as much of the significant costs that would have come with changing sponsorship collateral and building signage has been avoided. As such the cost has been minimal.

The Government has received positive feedback from the Victorian community about the restoration of the WorkSafe name, which has built up recognition and trust through many years of investment in powerful public safety campaigns.

**Energy and resources**

**704. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to back up diesel generators in residential care facilities, what is the breakdown per local government area of grants allocated since December 2014.

**ANSWER:**

Local Government Areas (13)	Number of facilities since December 2014	People protected since December 2014	Grants provided since December 2014
Alpine	3	111	\$276 375
Baw Baw	3	274	\$431 973.41
Benalla	4	195	\$438 724.80
Greater Bendigo	1	50	\$98 142.54

<b>Local Government Areas (13)</b>	<b>Number of facilities since December 2014</b>	<b>People protected since December 2014</b>	<b>Grants provided since December 2014</b>
Indigo	1	40	\$121 747.08
Latrobe	9	744	\$940 437.36
Mansfield	2	72	\$83 420
Murrindindi	1	50	\$92 050
South Gippsland	2	100	\$104 943
Towong	1	36	\$152 050.63
Wangaratta	1	60	\$122 731
Wellington	5	263	\$378 415
Wodonga	3	292	\$209 766
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>2287</b>	<b>\$3 450 775.82</b>

The figures above reflect the facilities that applied for a Local Infrastructure Assistance Fund Grant (LIAF) during Stage 3, and who were able to satisfy my Department's stringent eligibility criteria that has been in place since 2013.

**Roads and road safety**

**705. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the announced Safer Country Crossings Program, what is the list of the 52 regional level crossings earmarked for upgrade.

**ANSWER:**

The Safer Country Crossing Program does not fall within my portfolio responsibilities, please direct the question to the Minister for Public Transport.

**Roads and road safety**

**706. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In relation to the announced Safer Country Bridges Program, what is the list of the 48 regional bridges earmarked for upgrade.

**ANSWER:**

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

- Murray Valley Highway, Mahers Creek (Bridge Structure Number:1499)
- Kyabram-Rochester Road, Girgarre (Bridge Structure Number:7589)
- Midland Highway, Buninyong Creek (Bridge Structure Number:6423)
- Barham-Koondrook Road, Murray River, Koondrook (Bridge Structure Number:8789)
- Goulburn Valley Highway, Seven Creeks Bridge, Shepparton (Bridge Structure Number:1936)
- Goulburn Valley Highway, Broken River Bridge, Shepparton (Bridge Structure Number:1938)
- Goulburn Valley Highway, Bridge No 6, Murray River Floodplain, Moira (Bridge Structure Number:1966)
- Goulburn Valley Highway, Bridge No 5, Murray River Floodplain, Moira (Bridge Structure Number:1967)
- Goulburn Valley Highway, Bridge No 4 Murray River Floodplain, Moira (Bridge Structure Number:1968)

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- Goulburn Valley Highway, Bridge No 3, Murray River Floodplain, Moira (Bridge Structure Number:1969)
- Goulburn Valley Highway, Bridge No 2 Murray River Floodplain, Moira (Bridge Structure Number:1970)
- Hume Freeway, Rail bridge, Tallarook (Bridge Structure Number:0746)
- Hume Freeway, Rail bridge, Tallarook (Bridge Structure Number:129)
- Hume Freeway, Sunday Creek, Seymour (Bridge Structure Number:1311)
- Hume Freeway, Sunday Creek, Seymour (Bridge Structure Number:0766)
- Hume Freeway, Goulburn River, Seymour (Bridge Structure Number:1315)
- Hume Freeway, Goulburn River, Seymour (Bridge Structure Number:0770)
- Hume Freeway, Goulburn River, Floodplain (Bridge Structure Number:0771)
- Hume Freeway, Goulburn River, Floodplain (Bridge Structure Number:1316)
- Hume Freeway, Creighton's Creek, Euroa (Bridge Structure Number:1334)
- Hume Freeway, Beechworth/Chiltern Road (Bridge Structure Number:7034)
- Western Highway, Lerderderg River, West Bound Carriageway (Bridge Structure Number:0017)
- Western Highway, Lerderderg River, East Bound Carriageway (Bridge Structure Number:0126)
- Western Highway, Pentland Hills Rd, East Bound Carriageway (Bridge Structure Number:0133)
- Western Highway, Pykes Creek, East Bound Carriageway (Bridge Structure Number:0140)
- Monash Freeway Bridge over Ferntree Gully Road (East Bound), Mulgrave (Bridge Structure Number:2529)
- Monash Freeway Bridge over Ferntree Gully Road (West Bound), Mulgrave (Bridge Structure Number:2521)
- Monash Freeway Bridge over Jacksons (East Bound), Mulgrave (Bridge Structure Number:2522)
- Monash Freeway Bridge over Jacksons Road (West Bound), Mulgrave (Bridge Structure Number:2530)
- Monash Freeway Bridge over Police Road (West Bound), Dandenong North (Bridge Structure Number:2531)
- Monash Freeway Bridge over Police (East Bound ), Dandenong North (Bridge Structure Number:2523)
- Monash Freeway Bridge over Gladstone (East Bound), Dandenong North (Bridge Structure Number:2524)
- Monash Freeway Bridge over Gladstone Road (West Bound), Dandenong North (Bridge Structure Number:2532)
- Monash Freeway Bridge over Dandenong Creek (West Bound), Dandenong North (Bridge Structure Number:2533)
- Monash Freeway Bridge over Dandenong Creek (East Bound), Dandenong North (Bridge Structure Number:2525)
- Tyers Road, Latrobe River, Tyres (Bridge Structure Number:5544)
- Mortlake-Ararat Road, Hopkins River, Marana (Bridge Structure Number:4163)
- Mortlake-Ararat Road, Hopkins River, Marana (Bridge Structure Number:4162)



- Mornington Peninsula Freeway, Devil Bend Creek, Tuerong (Bridge Structure Number:8444)
- Mornington Peninsula Freeway, Tuerong Creek, Tuerong (Bridge Structure Number:8445)
- Glenelg Highway, Wennicott Creek, Carapook (Bridge Structure Number:2113)
- McIvor Highway, Grassy Flat Race, Strathdale (Bridge Structure Number:2443)
- Healesville-Yarra Glen Road, Pauls Creek, Tarrawarra (Bridge Structure Number:6026)
- Portland Casterton Road, Merino Creek, Merino (Bridge Structure Number:4357)
- Pyrenees Highway, Campbells Creek, Castlemaine (Bridge Structure Number:2259)
- Nhill-Jeparit Road, Wimmera River, Jeparit (Bridge Structure Number:4647)
- Loddon Valley Highway, Bullock Creek, Auchmore (Bridge Structure Number:1762)
- Maryborough-St Arnaud Road, Cherry Tree Creek (Bridge Structure Number:6416)

### **Mental health**

**710. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Mental Health): In relation to the ‘Ice Help Line’ announced on 5 March 2015:

- (1) When was the telephone number purchased.
- (2) What was the cost of purchasing the dedicated telephone number.
- (3) How many staff have been hired to monitor and provide advice on the ‘Ice Help Line’.
- (4) What are the main functions of the ‘Ice Help Line’.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- The 1800 ICE ADVICE telephone number was purchased on Wednesday 18 March 2015 and the phone service has been fully operational since 20 April 2015.
- Turning Point, part of Eastern Health, has established and delivered the ice advice line. This arrangement includes infrastructure, the development of protocols to support staff in answering calls and staff training. The cost of organising the connection and technical integration of the ice phone line itself was \$705.
- Turning Point have extensive experience providing drug and alcohol phone based support services including DirectLine, DrugInfo, Youth Drug and Alcohol Advice and the Family Drug Helpline. Turning Point has extended its DirectLine infrastructure and staffing to incorporate 1800 ICE ADVICE activity and is able to address the expected five per cent increase in calls to the dedicated service. This increase equates to 5000 calls per annum.
- The 1800 ICE ADVICE phone service directs users and families to the treatment and support services and can provide general information about ice and its effects. 1800 ICE ADVICE also provides important clinical advice to health professionals working with ice users. The phone line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

### **Ambulance services**

**711. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Ambulance Services): What is the number of methamphetamine related ambulance attendances in 2013-14 per Victorian Local Government Area.

**ANSWER:**

This information is publically available in the Turning Point publication “Trends in Alcohol and Drug-related Ambulance Attendances in Victoria 2013/14.”

**Consumer affairs, gaming and liquor regulation**

**719. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gaming and Liquor Regulation): How many false billing scams have been reported to Consumer Affairs since 1 December 2014.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

From 1 December 2014-29 June 2015, Consumer Affairs Victoria recorded 112 contacts as “unauthorised advertising/false billing”.

**Consumer affairs, gaming and liquor regulation**

**720. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gaming and Liquor Regulation): How many downloads of the RentRight app been recorded since 1 December 2014.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Between 1/12/14 and 26/6/15 there were 14 677 downloads of the RentRight app.

**Emergency services**

**722. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to CFA reimbursements:

- (1) How many claims were lodged in —
  - (a) December 2014;
  - (b) January 2015;
  - (c) February 2015;
  - (d) March 2015;
  - (e) April 2015; and
  - (f) May 2015.
  
- (2) What was the average time to process claims lodged in —
  - (a) December 2014;
  - (b) January 2015;
  - (c) February 2015;
  - (d) March 2015;
  - (e) April 2015; and
  - (f) May 2015.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

As the CFA makes a number of different reimbursements, clarification is required as to which specific reimbursements are referred to in this question to enable me to respond.

**Emergency services**

**723. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Emergency Services): With regards to incoming calls to the ‘Triple 0’ service managed by the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority, what was the breakdown per Local Government Area of calls in December 2014.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Unless a call made to Triple Zero is from a fixed line telephone, the location of the caller cannot be identified unless provided verbally by the caller. I am advised by the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority that over 50 per cent of calls to Triple Zero come from mobile phones. As such I am unable to provide a breakdown of Triple Zero calls per Local Government Area.

**Emergency services**

**725. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to incoming calls to the ‘Triple 0’ service managed by the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority, what was the breakdown per Local Government Authority of calls in February 2015.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Unless a call made to Triple Zero is from a fixed line telephone, the location of the caller cannot be identified unless provided verbally by the caller. I am advised by the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority that over 50 per cent of calls to Triple Zero come from mobile phones. As such I am unable to provide a breakdown of Triple Zero calls per Local Government Area.

**Emergency services**

**726. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to incoming calls to the ‘Triple 0’ service managed by the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority, what was the breakdown per Local Government Authority of calls in March 2015.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Unless a call made to Triple Zero is from a fixed line telephone, the location of the caller cannot be identified unless provided verbally by the caller. I am advised by the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority that over 50 per cent of calls to Triple Zero come from mobile phones. As such I am unable to provide a breakdown of Triple Zero calls per Local Government Area.

**Emergency services**

**727. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to incoming calls to the ‘Triple 0’ service managed by the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority, what was the breakdown per Local Government Authority of calls in April 2015.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Unless a call made to Triple Zero is from a fixed line telephone, the location of the caller cannot be identified unless provided verbally by the caller. I am advised by the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority that over 50 per cent of calls to Triple Zero come from mobile phones. As such I am unable to provide a breakdown of Triple Zero calls per Local Government Area.

**Emergency services**

**728. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to incoming calls to the ‘Triple 0’ service managed by the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority, what was the breakdown per Local Government Authority of calls in May 2015.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Unless a call made to Triple Zero is from a fixed line telephone, the location of the caller cannot be identified unless provided verbally by the caller. I am advised by the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority that over 50 per cent of calls to Triple Zero come from mobile phones. As such I am unable to provide a breakdown of Triple Zero calls per Local Government Area.

**Environment, climate change and water**

**729. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water): How many hectares have been subjected to planned burning operations between 1 December 2014 and 23 June 2015.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

191 069 hectares of public land was treated by planned burning across Victoria between 1 December 2014 and 23 June 2015. This compares to 37 822 hectares for the same period the previous year.

**Environment, climate change and water**

**730. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water): How many downloads of the Parks Discovery app occurred between 1 December 2014 and 23 June 2015.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Parks Discovery App was launched on 17 March 2015. From launch to 23 June, there have been 4151 downloads. The directory is designed to encourage people who are less familiar with parks to get out and get exploring by listing the basic information about where to go and what to do. The guide and magazine, developed by Parks Victoria, is available for free download from the App Store on iTunes or the Google Play store.

**Environment, climate change and water**

**731. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water): In relation to the 2015 Healthy Waterways Community Grants announced on 22 March 2015, what were the names of the organisations and the breakdown of funds that were granted.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The 2015 Healthy Waterways Community Grants, worth a total of \$633 500, were issued to 160 community groups across Melbourne. Details about the recipients and the breakdown of funds can be obtained from the River Health Incentives Program team, Melbourne Water on (03) 9679 7431.

**Health**

**732. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): How many complaints of workplace bullying and harassment have been lodged at each Victorian hospital and health service network between 1 December 2014 and 23 June 2015.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Bullying is unacceptable in any workplace, including in health services.

As workplace bullying and harassment complaints are managed by health services in their role as employer, historically, the Department of Health and Human Services has not routinely or systematically collected information on the number of complaints of workplace bullying and harassment lodged across individual Victorian health services.

In March, I wrote to the Victorian Auditor General asking him to inquire into this issue including the nature and extent of bullying and harassment, and other workplace related complaints.

In addition, the Department of Health and Human Services has recently started a comprehensive technical and policy review of Victoria's adverse events framework. This review includes the creation of a stand-alone occupational health and safety module to support improved reporting and analysis of incidents.

**Public transport**

**738. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Public Transport): How many people have been provided access to subsidised transport as part of the Arts Access Project in Bendigo and surrounding areas between 1 December 2014 and 23 June 2015.

**ANSWER:**

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

The Arts Access project was announced on 17th April 2015 at the opening of the Ulumbarra Theatre in Bendigo.

The Arts Access project will commence in July 2015 and continue until July 2017.

The project is primarily aimed at rural students, disadvantaged groups and young people in rural areas that don't currently have access to the Bendigo Arts Precinct through existing programs.

The City of Greater Bendigo, together with key partners in neighbouring communities are developing a detailed program plan and will commence pilot projects shortly.

**Training and skills**

**740. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills: In relation to TAFE enrolments in plumbing related courses:

- (1) How many total enrolments have been recorded for —
  - (a) 2011;
  - (b) 2012;
  - (c) 2013;
  - (d) 2014; and
  - (e) 2015.
  
- (2) How many enrolments have been recorded for mature aged students, 25 years and older —
  - (a) 2011;
  - (b) 2012;
  - (c) 2013;
  - (d) 2014; and
  - (e) 2015.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed by the Department of Education and Training that:

- (1) The total numbers of government subsidised and domestic fee-for service enrolments in plumbing courses in TAFEs were:

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
5772	5991	5954	6484	Not available

- (2) The numbers of government subsidised and domestic fee-for service enrolments in plumbing courses in TAFEs for mature aged students aged 25 years and older were:

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
1425	1408	1522	1826	Not available

The 2015 calendar year data are not available as the 2015 training activity is still in progress.

The above figures were sourced from the training activity database referred to as Skills Victoria Training System.

**Training and skills**

**741. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills: In relation to the TAFE Back to Work Fund announced in March 2015:

- (1) Which organisations have applied for funding and what was their requested funding amount.
- (2) Of the above applications, as of 23 June 2015, which have been funded.
- (3) What is the current status of each application.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

Despite years of neglect under the former government, it is refreshing to see the Member seeking information about the Andrews Labor Government’s plan to rebuild our broken TAFEs.

Under the former Liberal Government, Victoria's economy was facing a number of key challenges, including a high youth unemployment crisis. Victoria held the highest rate of youth unemployment of all mainland states, with regional areas hardest hit.

This is why the Andrews Labor Government established the \$50 million TAFE Back to Work Fund, to support the Victorian Government's Back to Work Plan to grow jobs and get people back to work, while improving the financial viability of TAFE Institutes and supporting the skills needs of local communities.

The Government's \$50 million TAFE Back to Work Fund will support the Government's Back to Work Plan to create 100 000 jobs and get people back to work.

The Fund will support TAFEs and dual sector universities to build capability and partnerships with businesses and industry including those in the six growth sectors of the economy identified in the Back to Work Plan.

All TAFEs and some dual sector universities applied for funding from the \$50 million TAFE Rescue Fund. All TAFEs and universities who applied to the TAFE Rescue Fund received funding through this program.

In total 41 high calibre applications were received totalling more than \$100 million. Unfortunately funds available through this initiative were limited and projects therefore needed to be prioritised. I am delighted that Liberal Members Steph Ryan, Wendy Lovell and Sharma Stone all supported applications made by TAFEs in their local area and I welcome their endorsement of the Andrews Labor Government's program.

I am however, pleased to inform you that \$48.51 million in funding for 12 TAFE institutes and 2 dual sector universities have been announced as at 1 August 2015.

### Emergency services

**742. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the review of 'call taking and dispatch procedures' at the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority:

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

#### ANSWER:

I am advised that:

As the Emergency Services Telecommunication Authority constantly reviews its call-taking and dispatch procedures to identify improvements and efficiency initiatives, clarification is required as to which review your question refers.

### Emergency services

**743. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Emergency Services): In relation to the audit of Harness Racing Victoria:

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

#### ANSWER:

I am advised that:

The question asked does not fall within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Emergency Services and would be better responded to by the Minister for Racing.

**Health**

**744. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Health): In relation to the review undertaken by the Ambulance Performance and Policy Consultative Committee.

- (1) When is the estimated date of further and/or final reporting by the committee.
- (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:

- (1) The interim report of the Ambulance Performance and Policy Consultative Committee was released on 14 March 2015 and the Committee’s final report will be made available before the end of 2015, in line with the Government’s election commitment.
- (2) Committee members do not receive remuneration for their involvement in the work of the Committee. The Committee is supported by a small Secretariat (drawn from existing staff) within the Department of Health and Human Services.
- (3) The Minister for Ambulance Services chairs the Committee and its membership includes:
  - Ms Mary-Anne Thomas MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Health
  - Mr Colin Jones, Mobile Intensive Ambulance Care Paramedic and Clinical Support Officer, Ambulance Victoria
  - Ms Morgyn Mccarthy Harding, Advanced Life Support Paramedic, Ambulance Victoria
  - Ms Jan Einsiedel, Mobile Intensive Ambulance Care Paramedic, Ambulance Victoria
  - Mr Luke Baird, Advanced Life Support Paramedic, Ambulance Victoria
  - Associate Professor Tony Walker, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Ambulance Victoria
  - Mr Howard Ronaldson, Administrator, Ambulance Victoria
  - Associate Professor Alex Cockram, Chief Executive Officer, Western Health
  - Mr Steve McGhie, General Secretary, Ambulance Employees Australia of Victoria
  - Mr Danny Hill, Assistant Secretary, Ambulance Employees Australia of Victoria
  - Mr Peter Fitzgerald, Deputy Secretary, Department of Health & Human Services.
- (4) The Committee’s interim report is public and available from the Department of Health and Human Services website. The Committee’s final report will also be made public.

**Attorney-General**

**745. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Attorney-General): In relation to the Victorian Law Reform Commission’s review into the use of medicinal cannabis.



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

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) Under the terms of reference for the Victorian Law Reform Commission's review of the laws relating to medicinal cannabis, the Commission is required to report by 31 August 2015.
- (2) The expenditure of funds by the Commission on its work program is a matter for the Commission. The Commission's budgetary objectives and performance including its total output cost is detailed each year in its annual report.
- (3) The Commission's final report will be tabled in each House of Parliament within 14 sitting days of its receipt, as required under the Victorian Law Reform Commission Act 2000. The report will be made available to the public by the Commission once the report is tabled in the Parliament.

**Training and skills**

**746. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills: In relation to the VET Funding review:

- (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 review be made public.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

The previous Government's funding policy led to major concerns about the quality of training, low employer and student satisfaction ratings, low completion rates and instability in the market due to constantly and rapidly changing subsidy rates.

The Andrews Government seeks to reform the system to improve quality, meet industry and student expectations and provide a stable funding system to meet our economy's workforce needs.

Consequently, the Government is conducting a major review into the VET system.

The cost of the Review is not able to be determined at this stage, as it is ongoing. It is being funded by DET through existing resources.

The VET Funding Review is being conducted by Mr Bruce Mackenzie as Chair and Mr Neil Coulson. The Review includes an extensive consultation process to ensure it receives contributions from a wide range of stakeholders.

An interim Issues Paper, developed in response to extensive industry, training providers (including TAFEs and private providers), peak bodies and the community will be released for further consultation in July, prior to the final report. The Premier and I will determine whether the report is to be made public once the government has had the opportunity to consider it.

**Environment, climate change and water**

**747. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water): In relation to the independent review of Bellarine Bayside Committee of Management:

- (1) What is the cost to undertake the review.
- (2) Who is undertaking the review.
- (3) Will the report from the review be made public.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) The independent review of Bellarine Bayside Committee of Management is underway.
- (2) Melbourne based firm PPB Advisory is undertaking the review.
- (3) Once complete, the government will consider the review and provision of advice to the community about the outcomes and next steps.

**Racing**

**749. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Racing): In relation to the independent investigation into racing industry conducted by Racing Integrity Commissioner, what is the cost to undertake the review.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

The operations of the Office of the Racing Integrity Commissioner are funded from Department of Justice & Regulation budget appropriations.

There are no additional funds allocated by government for individual investigations.

**Consumer affairs, gaming and liquor regulation**

**753. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gaming and Liquor Regulation): In relation to the independent panel to address issues with short stay accommodation:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) The panel's terms of reference required it to report by the end of May 2015.
- (2) The secretariat function for the panel was provided by officers of Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), as part of their normal duties. The panel's meetings were held in rooms within the Department of Justice & Regulation and DELWP, any cost of which was absorbed within those departments' budgets.

- (3) The panel members were:
- Mr Simon Libbis Of Subdivision Lawyers (Chair)
  - Mr Michael Nugent of Bencorp OCM Pty Ltd (an owners corporation management company) and nominee of Strata Community Australia-Victoria
  - Ms Kristina Burke, Policy Manager, Victoria Tourism Industry Council
  - Mr Paul Salter, President, Victorian Accommodation Industry Association
  - Ms Angela Meinke, Manager, Planning And Building, City Of Melbourne
  - Mr Justin Butterworth, Director, Holiday Rental Industry Association, and
  - Mr Roger Gardner, President, Owners Corporation Network Victoria and Docklands Community Association Inc.
- (4) Yes (the report was posted on CAV’s website on 27 July 2015).

**Training and skills**

**754. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills: In relation to the review into low quality vocational education and training providers:

- (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 previous Government’s funding policy led to major concerns about the quality of training, low employer and student satisfaction ratings, low completion rates and an instability in the market due to constantly and rapidly changing subsidy rates.

The Andrews Government seeks to reform the system to improve quality, meet industry and student expectations and provide a stable funding system to meet our economy’s workforce needs.

Consequently, the Government is conducting a major funding review into the VET system and has recently completed a Review of Quality Assurance in Victoria’s VET system.

The Review of Quality Assurance in Victoria’s VET System (the Review) was completed in May 2015 and the report of the Review transmitted to Government on 2 June 2015.

The Department engaged Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu (Deloitte) to lead the Review. Deloitte was supported by two dedicated officers from the Department, and also received information, data and similar in-kind support from the Department to undertake its work. The value of Deloitte’s contract for the Review was \$348 329.

I released the Review report, alongside a Government Response, on 29 June 2015. Both documents are available on the Department of Education and Training’s website, at the following address:  
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/training/learners/vet/Pages/qareview.aspx>.

**Finance**

**759. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Finance): In relation to the development of a major strategy to improve the health of all Victorian workers:

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

**ANSWER:**

The Government is committed to preventative health in the workplace, and was a strong supporter of the previously successful WorkHealth program.

At the election the Government committed to support programs to improve workplace safety and the health of the Victorian workforce, using surplus accumulated from the WorkSafe scheme.

The WorkHealth Ministerial Advisory Group has been established to develop a strategy to improve the health of Victorian workers, building on the success of the previous WorkHealth program.

The Advisory Group members have a range of expertise and are drawn from a range of sectors including employer and employee groups and the health sector. The Group is chaired by Todd Harper, CEO of the Cancer Council of Victoria and comprises:

- Tim Piper, Victorian Director, Ai Group
- Jerril Rechter, CEO, VicHealth
- Mark Stone, CEO, VECCI
- Mary-Anne Thomas, Parliamentary Secretary for Health
- Anna Peeters, public health researcher
- Diana Taylor, lawyer and director
- Luke Hilakari, Secretary, Victorian Trades Hall Council.

The Advisory Group will make recommendations to the Government by the end of 2015, and these will be considered in a future program of work to improve worker health in Victoria.

**Education**

**760. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Training and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to the review of the student resource package:

- (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.

### Education

**761. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Training and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to the review of programs for students with disabilities, in particular the transition from primary to secondary school:

- (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:

I have requested that the Department of Education and Training provides a report to me detailing the findings from the review and advice on how best to maximise the learning of students with disability by end of November 2015.

Funding for the review is to be sourced from within the Department's budget and the final amount will be determined by the actual costs of each activity.

The Department is managing the review with a team of experts and organisations who are passionate about providing the best support for Victorian students with disabilities. Face-to-face consultations with parents, academics, practitioners, principals and teachers are being led by Australia's former Disability Commissioner, Dr Graeme Innes.

When I receive the review, the Government will undertake a thorough consideration of the report and any advice and recommendations it makes, and provide a detailed response.

### Education

**762. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Training and Skills (for the Minister for Education): In relation to the review of education provision needs in Preston and the Docklands:

- (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:

Docklands Feasibility Study

We are conscious of the impact of student enrolment growth on schools in inner city areas and are committed to developing solutions for meeting current and future enrolment demand. As part of this we have released the 2012 Docklands Feasibility study and have restarted the planning process for school provision in the Docklands and broader North Melbourne area.

The new Docklands feasibility study is expected to be completed by the end of the 2015. The study will assess the suitability of potential sites and examine the long-term impact of the Fishermans Bend development on school demand. The local community, City of Melbourne, developers and Metropolitan Planning Authority (MPA) will be consulted as part of the study's development. The initial scoping is being undertaken internally and the final cost will be determined once this is completed.

#### Preston Feasibility Study

We have committed \$100 000 to undertake a demographic feasibility study into re-establishing a future high school on the former Preston Girls' Secondary College site. The review is expected to be completed in late 2015 and will inform future decisions regarding the site in the context of school provision needs in the local area.

### Finance

**763. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Finance): In relation to the review of the Financial Management Act 1994:

- (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:

Financial management is about using public resources efficiently and effectively to achieve what is best for the community.

High standards of financial management rely on having clear accountabilities, appropriate governance arrangements and sound practices.

At the recent PAEC hearings, I announced that the Government intends to conduct a targeted review of the Financial Management Act (FMA) to strengthen financial management accountabilities and improve the efficiency of public resource administration.

The Government is still considering the scope and timing of the FMA review.

However, the review will be undertaken by the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF), and is likely to include a consultation process. DTF will conduct the review within the course of its usual business. The review will also have regard to the work being done as part of the broader good government public sector reform agenda.

### Public transport

**764. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to the review of changes to tram timetables to better correlate with trains and buses:

- (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 at the date the question was raised:

Tram timetables (along with other timetables) were updated on Sunday 21 June 2015. This provided adjusted run times and operational improvements to better cater from the anticipated increase in patronage at Southern Cross Station from the Regional Rail Link.

The cost of these reviews are part of Public Transport Victoria's regular and ongoing operational expense of running public transport services and are reviewed regularly with the franchisee.

**Environment, climate change and water**

**767. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water): In relation to the review Victoria's Environment Protection Authority:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Information on the EPA Inquiry, including terms of reference, membership of the Ministerial Advisory Committee and date of completion, is publicly available at <http://www.delwp.vic.gov.au/news-and-announcements/epa-inquiry>.

**Special Minister of State**

**769. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State: In relation to the review of CenITex and Project Atlas:

- (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:**

On Tuesday 30 June I jointly released the report of the Business Support Shared Services Review with the Minister for Finance, Robin Scott MP.

The review was commissioned by the Department of Premier and Cabinet to examine government business operations and whether ICT outsourcing projects initiated by the Napthine Government would deliver improved outcomes and value for money. Funding for the review was sourced from within the Department's budget and engaged independent experts from outside the Government.

The review made a number of recommendations relating to the operation of shared services across government, CenITex, and two ICT outsourcing projects. A copy of the review can be accessed from the Department of Premier and Cabinet website.

**Energy and resources**

**771. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Energy and Resources): In relation to the review of emissions reductions in Victoria:

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

**ANSWER:**

This question does not fall under my portfolio responsibilities as Minister for Energy and Resources. This matter falls under the portfolio of the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water.

**Industry**

**772. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Industry): In relation to the review of the Geelong Region Innovation and Investment Fund:

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

**ANSWER:**

The Geelong Region Innovation and Investment Fund (GRIIF) was established by the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments in response to Ford's announcement that it would close its local vehicle manufacturing operations in 2016.

GRIIF is a competitive, merit-based grants program that focusses on driving new investment that creates new and sustainable jobs. As you know, the Commonwealth Government partnered with the Victorian Government on GRIIF since its establishment.

I have engaged with the Commonwealth Minister for Industry and Science regarding the future of GRIIF. The Commonwealth Government has declined to contribute additional funds and only seem interested in closing GRIIF as soon as possible. I encourage you to contact your Federal colleagues and urge them to reconsider their position, which will sadly have a negative impact on the people of Geelong.

As you know, the Victorian Government is taking a different approach to the Commonwealth Government. The 2014-15 State Budget allocated an additional \$7.5 million to GRIIF. This funding will invest in job creating projects that will help retrenched automotive and Alcoa workers.

In addition, the Victorian Government will review the guidelines. This will include consultation with the community, workers and businesses in the region.

We want to ensure that the Fund best meets the needs of retrenched automotive and Alcoa workers and supports economic activity in the Geelong region.

**Environment, climate change and water**

**774. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water): In relation to the review of the Hanging Rock Precinct:

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



**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The review of the Hanging Rock Precinct is underway. Information about the review is publicly available on the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning's website.

**Environment, climate change and water**

**775. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water): In relation to the review of the Climate Change Act 2010:

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

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Climate Change Act Review, which is the fulfilment of a commitment made before the election, was announced on 7 July 2015. Details of the review and the review panel are publicly available on the DELWP website ([www.delwp.vic.gov.au](http://www.delwp.vic.gov.au)).

**Corrections**

**800. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Skills and Training (for the Minister for Corrections): In relation to the recommendations in the Review of the Parole System in Victoria in 2013 by former High Court Justice Ian Callinan, AC, have the recommendations regarding the number of male and female parole officers and the ratio of offenders to parole officers been implemented, and if so, by how much.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Measure 19 of the Callinan Review refers to the need to reduce the ratio of offenders to Parole Officers and for Principal Practitioners to oversee, train and mentor staff. On 1 April 2015, Community Correctional Services introduced a specialist approach to managing prisoners on parole, to better assess the risk of reoffending and implementing appropriate treatment and supervision. This includes 24 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Principal Practitioner roles, 90 FTE Senior Parole Officer, Aboriginal Parole Officer and Specialist Case Manager roles and 35.5 FTE Parole Officer roles. There are now lower case loads for staff managing the highest risk prisoners on parole.

The Callinan Review makes no recommendations regarding the number of male and female parole officers.

**Small business, innovation and trade**

**802. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Acting Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade): What consultation has been undertaken by the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources with the Local Councils of Casey, Dandenong, Frankston, Kingston, Knox and Monash regarding the additional cost to council budgets of the Easter Sunday and Grand Final Eve public holidays in 2015.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

In accordance with the Subordinate Legislation Act 1994, the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources has undertaken a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) to analyse the benefits and costs to business and the community of the proposed two new public holidays in Victoria.

As part of the RIS process, the document was published online on 8 July 2015 for a 28 day period of public consultation, during which time Councils may provide feedback on the information provided.

**Special Minister of State**

**806. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Special Minister of State: In relation to the Andrews Government’s funding for the Office of the Public Access Counsellor in the 2015-16 Budget:

- (1) What will the \$4 million allocated funding deliver.
- (2) Will all of the promised reforms to the Office of the Freedom of Information Commissioner be in place and operational before the end of 2015.

**ANSWER:**

I can advise that:

- (1) The \$4 million allocated funding will support the Freedom of Information Commissioner (FOI Commissioner) and assist with the transition to the Office of the Public Access Counsellor (OPAC) and its expanded role.

OPAC will maintain all of the existing powers, and expand on the current role, of the FOI Commissioner. For example, OPAC will:

- have the ability to review ministerial and departmental decisions to not release documents under the Cabinet-in-Confidence exemption;
- set freedom of information standards; and
- have a broader mandate to help Victorians understand how to access government information.

- (2) The Office of the Public Access Counsellor will be established in 2016. Work has commenced to prepare the legislation required to establish the Office of the Public Access Counsellor.

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**Wednesday, 5 August 2015**

**Corrections**

**624. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Corrections): In relation to the Victorian Ombudsman’s report on the *Investigation into Deaths and Harm in Custody*, March 2014:

- (1) Have all hanging points been removed from every prison cell and all associated areas in Victoria, including the Thomas Embling Hospital, and if not —
  - (a) how many remain; and
  - (b) when will the Government remove them.
- (2) Has the Department of Justice and Regulation engaged a consultant to conduct an immediate review of all prison cells which do not comply with the current Victorian cell and fire safety guidelines, if so, what was the outcome of the review, and if not, when will a consultant be engaged.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) (a) The Department of Justice & Regulation is committed to providing safe environments for prisoners but has not made a commitment to refurbish all existing cellular accommodation to ensure that it is Building Design Review Project (BDRP) compliant. It has, however, undertaken to ensure that all new cellular accommodation would be built to conform with the Cell and Fire Safety Guidelines and hence be BDRP compliant.

Prisoners who are assessed as being at immediate or significant risk of suicide or self-harm should always be accommodated in a BDRP compliant cell. Prisoners at the Melbourne Assessment Prison (MAP) who have a lesser but potential risk must also be placed in a BDRP compliant cell. For prisoners with a potential risk and accommodated at any other secure prison, consideration is to be given to accommodating him or her in a BDRP compliant cell, taking into account other at risk management and protective factors, such as placing the prisoner in a supportive unit environment.

In the August 2014 audit, 62.1% of cellular accommodation in Victorian prisons met BDRP standards. Since this audit, two new units have opened at the Metropolitan Remand Centre and with the refurbishment of three units at the MAP, 65.2% of cells are now BDRP compliant. Further BDRP works have commenced at the MAP to refurbish the remaining three units, the first of which is scheduled for completion the week of 3 August 2015.

BDRP guidelines do not extend to non-cell accommodation (such as cottages), as not all hanging points can be removed. At risk prisoners are not placed in such accommodation.

I cannot comment on the Thomas Embling Hospital. This is a matter for the Department of Health and Human Services.

- (b) The redevelopment or retrofitting of existing cellular accommodation is a complex process and the costs are significant (estimated at up to \$129 000 per cell). Work on existing accommodation is dependent on available funding.

As indicated earlier, the refurbishment of existing cells at the MAP will be undertaken when cells are available and all new cellular accommodation will continue to be built to BDRP standards.

- (2) The engagement of a consultant is not considered necessary, as the department understands where the risks remain in cells that are not BDRP compliant, given its ongoing work with infrastructure partners in retrofit and new prison building programs. These risks are considered in the placement of prisoners across the prison system, and in the prioritisation of future prison infrastructure works.

**Police**

**625. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Training and Skills (for the Minister for Police): Given the crime statistics show that reports of family violence are increasing in our community:

- (1) What family violence training, if any, is provided at the Victorian Police Academy to new recruits.
- (2) What family violence training is provided to police officers and do all officers receive this training.
- (3) What family violence training is provided to the specialist family violence unit within Victoria Police.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

- (1) The Victoria Police People Development Command delivers a number of training programs relating to both Foundation Training (recruit programs) and internal diploma courses and programs in relation to investigations, forensics, prosecutions and promotional programs. Family violence is included in varying ways in programs from recruit training and throughout promotional courses.

As part of the introduction of the Family Violence Protection Act 2008 (the Act), Victoria Police implemented a force-wide training program. The package includes modules on understanding the dynamics of family violence, risk assessment and risk management, the definitions and criteria within the Act, Family Violence Safety Notices and miscellaneous legislative provisions. This package was delivered during training sessions, with the commencement of the Act, in 2008 and 2009 and is still available to be delivered by Victoria Police's Regional Training Officers and Family Violence Advisers where required.

- (2) Police officers across the organisation with family violence responsibilities received the training introduced in response to the Act. This is in addition to the family violence-related training packages provided to all Victoria Police recruits, and the family violence training which is required for promotion.

The Family Violence Command is developing two e-learning modules for supervisors to assist in improving responses to family violence. The project, commencing in July 2015, includes risk assessment and risk management practices.

Victoria Police also brought together a cross section of external stakeholders, for an important two day Family Violence Education Workshop in July 2015, directed around education and training requirements for police officers, to enable Victoria Police to improve police responses to family and domestic violence.

- (3) Specialist family violence units receive the training outlined above. Further guidance is provided by the Statewide Standard Operating Procedures for Family Violence Teams which is an accompaniment to the Code of Practice for the Investigation of Family Violence and the Victoria Police Manual.

**Special Minister of State**

**769. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State: in relation to the review of CenITex and Project Atlas:

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

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- (4) Will the report from the review be made public.

**ANSWER:**

On Tuesday 30 June I jointly released the report of the Business Support Shared Services Review with the Minister for Finance, Robin Scott MP.

The review was commissioned by the Department of Premier and Cabinet to examine government business operations and whether ICT outsourcing projects initiated by the Napthine Government would deliver improved outcomes and value for money. Funding for the review was sourced from within the Department's budget and engaged independent experts from outside the Government.

The review made a number of recommendations relating to the operation of shared services across government, CenITex, and two ICT outsourcing projects. A copy of the review can be accessed from the Department of Premier and Cabinet website.

**Education**

**799. MS PENNICUIK** — To ask the Minister for Skills and Training (for the Minister for Education): In relation to the recent launch of the Arrowsmith Program for students with learning disabilities at two Victorian Catholic schools, what advice has the Minister for Education received from the Department of Education and Training about this program.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed as follows:

I received advice from the Department of Education and Training that the Department is aware of the Arrowsmith Program, and that the Program was being trialled across a small number of Catholic schools. The Department provided advice about the operation of the program in the Catholic schools where it is being trialled.

I was advised that the Arrowsmith Program is delivered by trained teachers with training taking place over three weeks at the Arrowsmith School in Toronto, and two teachers from St Peter's Primary School and one from St Catherine's Primary School have completed this course. Thirty students are participating in the program across three classes of ten students. I received advice that the program includes a suite of intensive and graduated cognitive tasks of computerised, auditory and pen and paper exercises. Students are a part of a mainstream class and move out into the Arrowsmith Classroom for four 40 minute sessions each day and re-join with their class for the remainder of the day.

The Victorian Government has a strong commitment to supporting all children with their learning and ensuring that children with additional learning needs are provided with the same opportunities as their peers. The Government's Special Needs Plan has a focus on supporting students with learning difficulties and dyslexia.



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**Families and children**

**629. MS CROZIER** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to the Ministerial Advisory Committee on out-of-home care services in Victoria, what dates have the Committee met.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

The Ministerial Advisory Committee for Children in Out-of-Home Care met on 27 February 2015 and 17 April 2015 and a further meeting is scheduled for 29 July 2015.

**Public transport**

**657. MS HARTLAND** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to train services operating between Geelong and Melbourne and the new Regional Rail Link:

- (1) How many train services were operating each weekday before the Regional Rail Link opened.
- (2) How many carriages did a standard train have on the Geelong to Melbourne line before the Regional Rail Link opened.
- (3) How many customers in total could be carried on the train line each weekday before the Regional Rail Link opened.
- (4) How many train services are now operating each weekday after the Regional Rail Link has opened.
- (5) How many carriages did a standard train have on the Geelong to Melbourne line now that the Regional Rail Link has opened.
- (6) How many customers in total can be carried on the train line each weekday now that the Regional Rail Link has opened.

**ANSWER:**

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

- (1) Geelong to Melbourne-27 services ran each weekday (not including long distance services) Melbourne to Geelong-28 services ran each weekday (not including long distance services)
- (2) Trains ranged from 3-6 carriages depending on average loading and operational requirements
- (3) Scheduled capacity on the Geelong line: 19 548 weekday (not including capacity of long distance services). Please note that capacity figures referred to are for seats available on the service. It does not include the available standing room on the service
- (4) Geelong to Melbourne-52 services run each weekday (not including long distance services) Melbourne to Geelong-50 services run each weekday (not including long distance services)
- (5) Trains ranged from 3-6 carriages depending on time of day and operational requirements

- (6) Scheduled capacity on the Geelong line: 33 246 (not including capacity of long distance services) seats available. It does not include the available standing room on the service.

**Public transport**

- 698. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Public Transport): What was the cost of the full page PTV advertisement in *MX* on 12 June 2015.

**ANSWER:**

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

The PTV advertisement in *MX* on 12 June 2015, was paid for by funds from Public Transport Victoria’s 2014-15 advertising budget, which can be found in 2014-15 State Budget (BP3 pg 244).

**Youth affairs**

- 707. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Youth Affairs: In relation to the announced National Youth Week 2015 grants, what is the list of the 92 organisations, schools, local governments that received funding.

**ANSWER:**

On 3 March 2015, I announced funding to support 92 organisations across Victoria to stage National Youth Week events — 48 in metropolitan areas and 44 in regional Victoria.

Applications for the National Youth Week grants were assessed by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Grants of up to \$2,000 were provided to a range of organisations, including local governments, community organisations and schools to run projects, activities and events that showcase the talents and demonstrate the contribution of young people to our community.

The list of these organisations is attached for your information.

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Afro Australian Student Organisation	\$2000
Banyule City Council	\$2000
Bass Coast Shire Council	\$2000
Bayside City Council	\$2000
Bendigo TAFE	\$2000
Boroondara City Council	\$2000
Borough of Queenscliffe	\$2000
Brimbank City Council	\$2000
Budja Budja Aboriginal Cooperative	\$1445
Cardinia Shire Council	\$2000
Casey City Council	\$2000
Caulfield Park Community School	\$2000
Central Goldfields Shire Council	\$2000
Central Grampians LLEN Ararat	\$2000
Central Grampians LLEN Stawell	\$2000
City of Grater Bendigo	\$2000
City of Greater Dandenong	\$2000



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<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Funding</b>
City of Greater Geelong	\$2000
City of Monash	\$2000
City of Port Phillip	\$2000
City of Whitehorse-Youth Services	\$2000
City of Whittlesea-Baseline For Young People	\$2000
City of Yarra	\$2000
Corangamite Shire Council	\$2000
Corryong Neighbourhood Centre	\$2000
Cultural Infusion	\$2000
Dandenong Ranges Music Council	\$2000
Darebin Community Health	\$2000
Dimboola Memorial Secondary College	\$2000
East Gippsland Shire Council	\$2000
FCJ College Benalla	\$2000
Gippsland Lakes Community Health	\$2000
Glastonbury Community Services	\$2000
Glenelg Shire Council	\$2000
Golden Plains Shire Council	\$2000
Grampians Community Health-NEXUS	\$2000
Headspace Ballarat	\$1500
Headspace Hawthorn	\$2000
Healesville Indigenous Community Services Association	\$2000
Hindmarsh Shire Council	\$2000
Hobsons Bay City Council	\$2000
Hume City Council	\$2000
Indigo Shire Council	\$2000
Interchange Outer East	\$2000
JOY 94.9	\$2000
Kids Like Us Australia	\$2000
Knox City Council Youth Services	\$2000
La Trobe University-Bundoora Campus	\$2000
Latrobe City Council	\$2000
Life Saving Victoria	\$2000
Manningham YMCA	\$2000
Maribyrnong City Council	\$2000
Maroondah City Council	\$2000
Melton City Council	\$2000
Mildura Rural City Council	\$2000
Minus18	\$2000
Minus18	\$2000
Mitchell Shire Council	\$2000
Moira Shire Council	\$2000

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<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Moorabool Shire Council	\$2000
Moreland City Council	\$2000
Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Youth Services	\$2000
Nillumbik Shire Council	\$2000
North Geelong Secondary School	\$2000
Northern District Community Health	\$2000
Northern Grampians Shire Council	\$2000
Ocean Grove Neighbourhood Centre	\$2000
Orygen-The National Centre of Excellence in Youth Mental Health	\$2000
Patterson River Secondary College	\$2000
Rural City of Wangaratta	\$2000
Sale College-Guthridge Campus	\$2000
Southern Ethnic Advisory and Advocacy Council	\$2000
St Kilda Youth Services (SKYS)	\$2000
Stawell Neighbourhood House	\$2000
Stonnington City Council Youth Services	\$2000
Strathbogie Shire Council	\$2000
Surf Coast Shire Council	\$2000
Swan Hill Rural City Council	\$2000
Swinburne University of Technology	\$2000
Towong Shire Council	\$2000
Victorian College for the Deaf	\$2000
West Wimmera Shire Council	\$2000
Western District Health Service	\$2000
Western Edge Youth Arts	\$2000
Western Port Secondary College	\$2000
Wodonga City Council	\$2000
Word and Mouth	\$2000
Wyndham City Council Youth Services	\$2000
Yarra Ranges Shire Council Youth Services	\$2000
Yarriambiack Shire Council	\$2000
YMCA Victoria	\$2000
Youth Unleashed	\$2000
	<b>\$182 945</b>

**Emergency services**

**724. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Minister for Emergency Services): in relation to incoming calls to the ‘Triple 0’ service managed by the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority, what was the breakdown per Local Government Authority of calls in January 2015.

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that:

Unless a call made to Triple Zero is from a fixed line telephone, the location of the caller cannot be identified unless provided verbally by the caller. I am advised by the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority that over 50 per cent of calls to Triple Zero come from mobile phones. As such I am unable to provide a breakdown of Triple Zero calls per Local Government Area.

### Health

**752. 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 of hardship practices of energy companies:

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

#### ANSWER:

I am informed that:

The Department of Health & Human Services is not conducting and has not conducted a review of hardship practices of energy companies.

Upon entering office the Andrews Labor Government commissioned surgeon and former AMA Victoria President Dr Doug Travis to undertake a review into the capacity of Victoria's hospitals and to explore opportunities to enhance their capacity through innovation, infrastructure and planning.

This included a survey of all 86 Victorian public health services to identify the number of beds and theatres at each health service, and how many of those are currently operational and how many are 'closed'.

The review identified that there is currently a mismatch between demand for and supply of beds and points of care across the State. Based on these findings, and taking into account the need to reduce waiting times and improve equity of access, 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.

### Housing, disability and ageing

**766. MS WOOLDRIDGE** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing): in relation to the review the 371 new housing acquisitions planned for 2015-16:

- (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 formal review of the type described in your question.

### Families and children

**797. MS CROZIER** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: what percentage of cultural support plans were completed as at 1 December 2014.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

Meeting the cultural support needs of children in out of home care is critical to progressing the goal that every Aboriginal child leaves the care system with a better sense of their cultural identity and heritage, connected to their culture and community.

The percentage of cultural support plans recorded in the system as at 1 December 2014 was 84.2 per cent.

On 18 June 2015, I announced a regular Aboriginal Children's Forum to help shape policies and practices to reduce the number of Aboriginal children in out of home care.

Members of the Forum will include Aboriginal community leaders, chiefs of community services organisations that provide services for Aboriginal children and government representatives.

The Commissioner for Aboriginal Children and Young People has welcomed this initiative and is actively engaged in the work my Department is doing to provide better cultural support for Aboriginal children in out of home care.

**Special Minister of State**

**804. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Special Minister of State: In relation to the \$10 million funding allocated in the 2014-15 Budget Update for the establishment of Infrastructure Victoria, can the Minister advise:

- (1) How much of the allocated funding has been spent by the Government on the establishment of Infrastructure Victoria during 2014-15.
- (2) What are the major spending activities undertaken with the allocated funding in 2014-15.
- (3) In what month and year will Infrastructure Victoria be established.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Total 2014-15 expenditure on the establishment of Infrastructure Victoria and Projects Victoria was within the funding allocated in the 2014-15 Budget Update.
- (2) The major spending activities in 2014-15 were staff costs incurred in policy, legislation, planning and establishment work for Infrastructure Victoria and Projects Victoria.
- (3) Infrastructure Victoria's enabling legislation, the Infrastructure Victoria Bill 2015, was introduced to Parliament on 23 June 2015. The Bill is scheduled for debate in the Spring session. It is intended that Infrastructure Victoria will be operational before the end of 2015. This is consistent with the Government's stated timeframe of the 2015-16 financial year (*2015-16 State Capital Program*, page 2).

**Special Minister of State**

**805. MR RICH-PHILLIPS** — To ask the Special Minister of State: In relation to the \$2.5 million funding allocated in the 2015-16 Budget Update for Projects Victoria over the coming year, can the Minister advise:

- (1) What key Whole of Victorian Government responsibilities, other than setting and/or auditing departmental targets for apprentices on Victorian Government sites, will be delegated to Projects Victoria.
- (2) In what month and year will Projects Victoria be established.

**ANSWER:**

I am informed that:

- (1) Projects Victoria will oversee the delivery of all major projects, research and develop appropriate project delivery methods, and review and improve capability in project development and delivery (*2015-16 Service Delivery*, page 93).
- (2) Projects Victoria will be established in the 2015-16 financial year (*2015-16 State Capital Program*, page 2).