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¹ Resigned 25 February 2015

² Appointed 15 April 2015

PARTY ABBREVIATIONS

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

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Tuesday, 23 February 2016

Roads and road safety

- 29. MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): To provide details of all appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees made or approved by the Minister since 4 December 2014, indicating —
- (a) the expression of interest process, and selection process that was used;
 - (b) the terms of appointment;
 - (c) any remuneration applicable;
 - (d) when the positions became subject to remuneration; and
 - (e) what changes have been made to the level of remuneration.

ANSWER:

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

The Government is in the process of appointing and reappointing vacancies on Boards, Commissions and Committees.

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

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

Ports

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Public transport

1227. **MS DUNN** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture and Regional Development (for the Minister for Public Transport): In each of 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15, how many reports of non-compliance from authorised officers were received by the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources.

ANSWER:

On Friday 11 December 2015, the Andrews Labor Government announced that it would conduct a broad review into Victoria’s ticketing enforcement and compliance regime to ensure it is equitable, effective and fair. The Review is being led by the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources.

Public transport

1228. **MS DUNN** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture and Regional Development (for the Minister for Public Transport): In each of 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 —

- (1) How many public transport ticketing infringement notices were issued by or on behalf of the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources.
- (2) Of those infringements notices issued in each of those financial years, how many requests for review were received by the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources.
- (3) Of those requests for review received, how many original infringements were then withdrawn, in each of the financial years.

ANSWER:

On Friday 11 December 2015, the Andrews Labor Government announced that it would conduct a broad review into Victoria’s ticketing enforcement and compliance regime to ensure it is equitable, effective and fair. The Review is being led by the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources.

Public transport

1229. **MS DUNN** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture and Regional Development (for the Minister for Public Transport): In 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 —

- (1) How many ticket infringement matters were prosecuted at the Infringements Court.
- (2) How many matters were referred to the Infringements Court for consideration of special circumstances, and how many times were special circumstances granted.

ANSWER:

On Friday 11 December 2015, the Andrews Labor Government announced that it would conduct a broad review into Victoria’s ticketing enforcement and compliance regime to ensure it is equitable, effective and fair. The Review is being led by the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources.

Public transport

1230. **MS DUNN** — To ask the Minister for Agriculture and Regional Development (for the Minister for Public Transport): In 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15, on how many separate occasions did the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources have to appear at the Infringements Court.

ANSWER:

On Friday 11 December 2015, the Andrews Labor Government announced that it would conduct a broad review into Victoria's ticketing enforcement and compliance regime to ensure it is equitable, effective and fair. The Review is being led by the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources.

Public transport

1231. MS DUNN — To ask the Minister for Agriculture and Regional Development (for the Minister for Public Transport): In 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15, how many challenged ticket infringement notices were waived ('waived' not meaning the alleged offender was found not guilty of the offence, but that the amount due under the infringement was not enforced by the Infringement Court).

ANSWER:

On Friday 11 December 2015, the Andrews Labor Government announced that it would conduct a broad review into Victoria's ticketing enforcement regime to ensure it is equitable, effective and fair. The Review is being led by the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources and commenced in December 2015.

The Public Transport Ombudsman's recent Annual Report raises questions about the former Liberal Government's fare enforcement regime that require investigation. A comprehensive review of fare enforcement is also timely, given regulations covering many public transport offences are due to expire in around 6 months.

Public transport

1232. MS DUNN — To ask the Minister for Agriculture and Regional Development (for the Minister for Public Transport): In relation to section 228H(1) of the Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) Act 1983 —

- (1) How many infringements have been issued to accredited companies in each of the years 2011-2012, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15.
- (2) For each financial year, how many of those penalties have been issued to bus companies, how many have been issued to train companies and how many have been issued to tram companies.
- (3) Of the five gazetted categories of 'relevant incidents', how many have been reported in each category in each financial year.

ANSWER:

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Families and children

2019. MS CROZIER — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to foster carers: How many foster carers were there on record in Victoria as at 1 January 2015.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

There has been a trend over the past few years of a decreasing number of foster carers available, as a result of losing current carers faster than new ones were being recruited.

Under the former Coalition government in 2013-14, 610 foster carers left the system and the only strategy in place to recruit them was scrapped. Finding suitable foster carers for children and young people is an ongoing challenge; a challenge that the former government ignored.

In stark contrast, the Andrews Labor Government is committed to attracting more suitable carers, and training and supporting those carers for the selfless work they do. In 2014-15, there were almost 4000 foster carers in Victoria. Not all foster carers are active at any one time as some only provide respite care.

As at 1 January 2015, there were 3996 foster carers on record in Victoria.

We have invested \$3.2 million towards attracting, recruiting and retaining more carers in Victoria. Our strategy also represents the first time that all 26 foster care agencies across Victoria who work with carers have united behind a single approach to attract, recruit and retain more carers.

The strategy includes a new foster care enquiry and website to make it easier for Victorians looking to become a foster carer.

Families and children

2020. **MS CROZIER** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to foster carers: How many foster carers were there on record in Victoria as at 31 March 2015.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

There has been a trend over the past few years of a decreasing number of foster carers available, as a result of losing current carers faster than new ones were being recruited.

Under the former Coalition government in 2013-14, 610 foster carers left the system and the only strategy in place to recruit them was scrapped. Finding suitable foster carers for children and young people is an ongoing challenge; a challenge that the former government ignored.

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Families and children

2021. **MS CROZIER** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children: In relation to foster carers: How many foster carers were there on record in Victoria as at 30 June 2015.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

There has been a trend over the past few years of a decreasing number of foster carers available, as a result of losing current carers faster than new ones were being recruited.

Under the former Coalition government in 2013-14, 610 foster carers left the system and the only strategy in place to recruit them was scrapped. Finding suitable foster carers for children and young people is an ongoing challenge; a challenge that the former government ignored.

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As at 30 June 2015, there were 4040 foster carers on record in Victoria.

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Agriculture

4693. MS DUNN — To ask the Minister for Agriculture: In relation to the 2014/2015 VicForests Annual Report under “Provisions—other provisions” which states “VicForests has recognised provisions for probable price adjustments and credit notes where current contract negotiations are likely to lead to some retrospective adjustments”, with a provision of \$2.26 million:

- (1) What steps have you taken to ensure that future VicForests contracts are not subject to retrospective adjustments; and
- (2) What is the nature of future problems with contracts recognised in this provision.

ANSWER:

VicForests is required to manage its arrangements in a commercially prudent manner. Like any other well run commercial enterprise, VicForests recognises the potential need for retrospective adjustments that may arise from current contract arrangements.

On page 33, note 1(v) of VicForests 2014-15 Annual Report, VicForests recognises the need for the provision for the portion of the Community Forestry grant from the Victorian Government. The payment for the transfer of responsibilities for Community Forestry from the former Department of Environment and Primary Industries to VicForests makes up almost all of “other provisions” reported.

Agriculture

4699. MS DUNN — To ask the Minister for Agriculture: In relation to the 2014/2015 VicForests Annual Report what assumptions are used in recording the value of Standing Timber and why aren't these assumptions disclosed in the annual report.

ANSWER:

VicForests disclosed the assumptions used to value the Standing Timber assets in note 1(m) on pages 30-31 of VicForests 2014-15 Annual Report.

Agriculture

4700. MS DUNN — To ask the Minister for Agriculture: In relation to the 2014/2015 VicForests Annual Report:

- (1) Why has VicForests assessed future logging operations for 80 years, when the risks of climate change are large and regeneration of coupes is problematic;
- (2) Have shorter time frames been assessed; and
- (3) If so, what was the resulting financial impact.

ANSWER:

I have been informed that:

1. The decision by VicForests to assess for an 80 year period is informed by harvest rotation lengths.
2. Yes.
3. Note 1(m) on page 31 of the VicForests' Annual Report 2014-15 outlines the discounted cash flow approach accompanying assumptions. Given this discounted cash flow approach, financial impacts in the short-term are limited.

Agriculture

4701. MS DUNN — To ask the Minister for Agriculture: In relation to the 2014/2015 VicForests Annual Report how are climate change predictions being considered in relation to the assets managed by VicForests.

ANSWER:

VicForests recognises that research into climate change plays an important role in developing successful environmental outcomes, while also taking into account the social and economic needs associated with forest management. VicForests will continue to consider climate change research to inform its forest management.

Roads and road safety

4768. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Agriculture (for the Minister for Roads and Road Safety): In response to LC QON 4263:

- 1) what page of the TAC Annual Report details this specific expenditure; and
- 2) if not detailed in the TAC Annual Report, what was the cost to deliver the books and the Victorian Government's financial contribution.

ANSWER:

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

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Premier

4769. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Special Minister of State (for the Premier):

- 1) between May 2015 and December 2015, what was the value of the counselling services provided to former Ministerial staff employed by the former Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade;
- 2) can the Premier confirm whether that service is still provided as of January 2016.

ANSWER:

I am informed that:

All Ministerial staff are employed under the guidelines set out in the Public Administration Act 2004.

Any staff member who accesses employee support services has the right to do so confidentially. This is consistent across the public service and with past practice.

Consumer affairs, gaming and liquor regulation

4792. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gaming and Liquor Regulation): For the period between 4 December 2014 and 30 June 2015, what was the cost for the following:

- (a) charter flights taken in your capacity as Minister;
- (b) charter flights taken by your Ministerial staff;
- (c) domestic commercial flights taken in your capacity as Minister; and
- (d) domestic commercial flights taken by your Ministerial staff.

ANSWER:

I am advised that:

Flights required to perform ministerial responsibilities are factored into the budget allocated to Departments. Department expenditure is published in their Annual Report. Guidelines for the use of flights are outlined in the Victorian Public Sector Principles, which is available online.

Consumer affairs, gaming and liquor regulation

4793. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gaming and Liquor Regulation): For the period between 1 July 2015 and 31 December 2015, what was the cost for the following:

- (a) charter flights taken in your capacity as Minister;
- (b) charter flights taken by your Ministerial staff;
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- (d) domestic commercial flights taken by your Ministerial staff.

ANSWER:

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Emergency services

4814. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Small Business, Innovation and Trade (for the Minister for Emergency Services): For the period between 4 December 2014 and 30 June 2015, what was the cost for the following:

- (a) charter flights taken in your capacity as Minister;
- (b) charter flights taken by your Ministerial staff;
- (c) domestic commercial flights taken in your capacity as Minister; and
- (d) domestic commercial flights taken by your Ministerial staff.

ANSWER:

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Emergency services

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- (a) charter flights taken in your capacity as Minister;
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Thursday, 25 February 2016

Prevention of family violence

4774. **MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence): For the period between 4 December 2014 and 30 June 2015, what was the cost for the following:

- (a) charter flights taken in your capacity as Minister;
- (b) charter flights taken by your Ministerial staff;
- (c) domestic commercial flights taken in your capacity as Minister; and
- (d) domestic commercial flights taken by your Ministerial staff.

ANSWER:

I am informed that: Flights required to perform ministerial responsibilities are factored into the budget allocation to Departments. Department expenditure is published in their Annual Report. Guidelines for the use of flights are outlined in the Victorian Public Sector Travel Principles, which is available online.

Prevention of family violence

4775. **MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for the Prevention of Family Violence): For the period between 1 July 2015 and 31 December 2015, what was the cost for the following:

- (a) charter flights taken in your capacity as Minister;
- (b) charter flights taken by your Ministerial staff;
- (c) domestic commercial flights taken in your capacity as Minister; and
- (d) domestic commercial flights taken by your Ministerial staff.

ANSWER:

I am informed that: Flights required to perform ministerial responsibilities are factored into the budget allocation to Departments. Department expenditure is published in their Annual Report. Guidelines for the use of flights are outlined in the Victorian Public Sector Travel Principles, which is available online.

Women

4852. **MRS PEULICH** — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Women): For the period between 4 December 2014 and 30 June 2015, what was the cost for the following:

- (a) charter flights taken in your capacity as Minister;
- (b) charter flights taken by your Ministerial staff;
- (c) domestic commercial flights taken in your capacity as Minister; and
- (d) domestic commercial flights taken by your Ministerial staff.

ANSWER:

I am informed that: Flights required to perform ministerial responsibilities are factored into the budget allocation to Departments. Department expenditure is published in their Annual Report. Guidelines for the use of flights are outlined in the Victorian Public Sector Travel Principles, which is available online.

Women

4853. MRS PEULICH — To ask the Minister for Families and Children (for the Minister for Women): For the period between 1 July 2015 and 31 December 2015, what was the cost for the following:

- (a) charter flights taken in your capacity as Minister;
- (b) charter flights taken by your Ministerial staff;
- (c) domestic commercial flights taken in your capacity as Minister; and
- (d) domestic commercial flights taken by your Ministerial staff.

ANSWER:

I am informed that: Flights required to perform ministerial responsibilities are factored into the budget allocation to Departments. Department expenditure is published in their Annual Report. Guidelines for the use of flights are outlined in the Victorian Public Sector Travel Principles, which is available online.